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2023-72 Waste Characterization Study

Addendum #1 – January 27, 2023

We received the following questions regarding this RFP:

Question #1: Because this project is essentially a sampling exercise, the County would presumably seek to purchase the most samples for the lowest cost. However, the RFP specifies neither the desired sample size, nor the desired duration of field work, nor the available budget. With none of these constraints defined, proposers have no basis to optimize the project approach, or to budget the project on an apples-to-apples basis. Please either provide (i) the budget for this work, or (ii) specify the number of samples to be captured, or (iii) specify the number of workdays or work weeks for field data collection that the County is seeking to purchase. This will enable proposers to either (i) fit the technical approach to the available budget, or (ii) provide their budget for the desired level of effort. As a result, the County will be able select the best technical approach and budget on an apples-to-apples basis.

Answer #1: The County has provided a detailed list of categories to potential vendors. We recognize that several samples on different days may be necessary to provide the weight and percentage of waste types in the Prairie View Landfill disposal stream in these categories. However, we also recognize that this effort will cause some disruption to the operation at the landfill. Therefore, we expect the vendor to share in their response the minimum number of days they will require to provide the information we seek. We do not presume to have the vendor's experience in performing this work. We encourage potential vendors to provide not only the hours and number of samples but an explanation of such in their response.

Should the County and selected vendor secure additional private transfer station sites to complete similar work, we expect those sites to only allow disruption for one working day. The response to of potential vendors should recognize the limitations of time when determining the number of samples and hours needed for sorting the materials into the categories requested.

Question #2: The Timeline indicates that field data collection must be completed within six weeks of contract execution, with a report due as soon as two weeks after completion of the field data collection. The timeline also indicates that the County will accommodate a delay under certain circumstances. What is the maximum delay (or the very latest acceptable



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completion date) the County would accommodate for this project? (Please note that there are many large waste characterization projects already being serviced in the market in Q1 and Q2 2023. If the May 15 completion date is firm, it will preclude our firm from proposing because we would not have availability of staff due to ongoing work. We respectfully request the end date be extended to June 30.)

Answer #2: The County recognizes that Spring weather conditions can impact the ability of the vendor to do the work requested. However, we prefer to have the work completed as quickly as possible from the time of the award, keeping in mind that making arrangements with our own landfill operator may require a few weeks. If additional private sites are added, they could also require similar time frames. However, it is our intention to have all work completed related to this project by June 30. Should this cause the price to be impacted for additional staff or travel time and accommodation, the proposal should reflect the cost required.