



City of Tacoma
Environmental Services Department / Solid Waste Management
Solar Powered Trash Compactor and Recycling Station
RFB Specification No. ES20-0080F

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Samol Hefley by March 23, 2020. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org: Navigate to *Current Contracting Opportunities / Services*, and then click *Questions and Answers* for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: Wi-Fi Capability using only solar-power is not sustainable because of the high power consumption. If you would like to add the Wi-Fi router option, you would need to keep the bins connected to a power outlet 24/7. Could you confirm if the units would be powered only by solar energy or would you actually keep them plugged in a power outlet?

Answer 1: The solar powered trash compactors will only be powered by solar energy. The Wi-Fi hotspot capability is an optional item and not required.

Question 2: Do you require that each solar-powered trash compactor comes with a WiFi router and a remote hopper door locking system?

Answer 2: No, a WiFi router and a remote hopper door locking system is not required as part of the specification. As an option, we would like for the units to be WiFi hotspot capable.

Question 3: Solar-Powered Trash Compactor Installation: Does the City of Tacoma provide a liftgate truck and a driver, or should we rent our own truck for the installations of the compactors and removals of the old street bins?

Answer 3: All equipment and resources for the installation of the solar powered trash compactors and removal of the old litter cans must be provided by the contractor.

Question 4: Single Bin Volume: Can you clarify the meaning of this item, please? Do you mean a wheeled trash cart with a lid (a wheelie bin)?

Answer 4: The specification is intended to refer to the volume of the wheeled trash cart that will be inside the solar powered trash compactor.

Question 5: Companion Recycle Station: Could you please confirm the desired size of the companion recycle station? The detailed specification sheet requires a 50-gallon minimum, but my understanding is that the solar-powered compactors should be the 35-gallon size. Please clarify if both should be of the same size.

Answer 5: Yes, the companion recycle station should be the same size as the solar powered compactor.

Question 6: Extended Warranty Coverage - Monthly (Single Station): Should I include the 7-year warranty to the Item No. 1. and then add the extended monthly warranty under Item No. 9.?

Answer 6: Addendum will be issued

Question 7: Spare Parts Kit: As per Detailed Specifications, the only item required in the Spare Parts Kit is an ashtray. Please confirm that this is true.

Answer 7: Addendum will be issued.

Question 8: Service Pack Extended Coverage - Monthly (Single Station): Please clarify what should be included in the service pack.

Answer 8: Addendum will be issued.

Question 9: The specifications require that concrete pads be included in the pricing, where applicable. The map provided looks like most stations would be able to be placed on existing sidewalk or concrete. In an effort to keep costs accurate, are you able to provide an estimated number of stations that would need concrete pads provided by the selected vendor?

Answer 9: No concrete pads are required for the current purchase, however it is possible that it could be required over the entire contract period.

Question 10: Could you please clarify the desired warranty and software terms? It appears that there was some conflicting information on the warranty and software period that should be included in the Bid proposal.

Answer 10: Addendum will be issued.

Question 11: We typically don't include bag replacements for the term of the contract, if it is the City's intention to have bags included in the bid price, could you please provide the desired term the bags would be covered for, as well as the number of bags currently being used in this area on a monthly basis?

Answer 11: The City would like to have the bags included in the initial purchase with the solar powered trash compactors. The City is requiring 1 box of bags per trash compactor with a minimum of 50 bags per box.

Question 12: The solar compactor contract will primarily consist of equipment to be built and delivered to the City's specifications. Could you please confirm that the Retainage Bond and Performance Bond would be applicable for this contract?

Answer 12: Retainage Bond and Performance Bond is applicable to this contract because of the installation requirements.

Question 13: Our solution would not comply with detailed specification e) dimensions must allow for the use of the City's automated 32-35 gallon carts to be inserted inside the trash receptacle. That being said, we do offer a bin option, that we feel will provide a more substantial benefit to the City in the compaction ratio, ergonomic

design and use with the City's trucks called a lift bin. Would this solution be acceptable? I have attached some additional information below for you reference.

Answer 13: Does the lift bin have a cross bar on the front of the bin to secure it in place when using a cart tipper?

Question 14: Is a bid bond required for the bid?

Answer 14: Bid Bond is not required as part of this bid.