



**City of Tacoma  
Environmental Services Department/Solid Waste Management  
Solar Powered Trash Compactor and Recycling Stations  
RFB Specification No. ES20-0359F**

**QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Doreen Klaaskate, Sr. Buyer. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://www.TacomaPurchasing.org): Navigate to *Current Contracting Opportunities / Supplies* 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: Section 2 (B) (A) (e) requires that the dimensions must allow for the use of the City's automated 32-35 gallon carts. We have found that there are significant drawbacks to using standard carts and have an alternative design that is compatible with an automated lift arm truck (more information attached). Would this be acceptable as an alternative to the city?**

**Answer 1:** No attachment included so we were unable to review and provide an answer.

**Question 2: Section 5 E of the safety feature states that users cannot deposit waste during the cycle. Because of a physical barrier that prevents the user from accessing the compaction ram at any time the unit will allow for a pedestrian to throw out waste while the unit is compacting. Is that acceptable to the City?**

**Answer 2:** Yes, this will be considered acceptable as long as a physical barrier is present and a safety system is engineered in the trash compactor to prevent a user from being injured during operation.

**Question 3: Section 9(4)(ix) lists GPRS wireless data ratio for online monitoring. As of January 2021 the 2G and 3G networks will no longer be supported by the wireless carriers. Will proposals with 4G capabilities be acceptable?**

**Answer 3:** Yes, proposals including 4G are acceptable.

**Question 4: The Price Proposal Form states that 2 full days are required for both installation and training. In order to be thorough, would training remotely (i.e. Zoom online or another approved online platform) be acceptable by the City**

**Answer 4:** Yes, remote training will be considered acceptable.