



City of Tacoma
Department

Plastic Containers with RFID Tags
RFB Specification No. ES21-0556F

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tisha Rico Trico@cityoftacoma.org by 3:00 pm on **September 27, 2021**. 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/Supplies/Public Works*, 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.

Directions: Use Tab to turn Question to Answer and Shift-Tab to move Answer to Question

Question 1: Item 7, DELIVERY – requires to “deliver and stage all trash stations”. Is this perhaps a typographical error?

Answer 1: The City staff is equipped and able to unload and stage containers.

Question 2: Detailed Specifications – Item K, b, 1-4, require markings to be molded on the lid. Will the City also allow these markings to be hot stamped in white, as in past contracts with the City?

Answer 2: The City will consider container options that include hot stamped lid markings in white.

Question 3: Detailed Specifications – Item M, requires minimum 12” wheels for 90-gallon containers. Industry standard for wheels for larger sized carts has been 10” and 12” for over 30 years, and we respectfully request that the City allow minimum 10” wheels for 90 gallon carts.

Answer 3: The City maintains the standard of 12” wheels for the 90-gallon containers.

Question 4: Bid Proposal Sheet – requires “Assembled”. Please confirm the City will assemble carts after delivery to City delivery destination, as has been City practice in past orders.

Answer 4: The City is willing to assemble carts to include lids and wheels

Question 5: To what degree of specifications can you accept the change for the stated sizes?

Answer 5: Technical Specification under container dimensions specifically identifies accepted variations with stated sizes. Letter I (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e).

Question 6: At what time of day of required submittal, are the documents required?

Answer 6: Please see the specification for submittal details

Question 7: In Section D Fabrication It states "The containers shall be manufactured from first quality 100% virgin medium or high-density polyethylene from a nationally-recognized supplier (e.g. Phillips, Dow, Dupont, etc." Will you accept Post-Consumer Recycled (PCR) containers?

Answer 7: The City will consider containers manufactured from Post-Consumer Recycled (PCR) products. Containers must meet product quality specifications and warranty standards. Suppliers must disclose the percentage of (PCR) material by weight used to manufacture containers.

Question 8: Please confirm that you would like one original and one copy submitted electronically. If not, can you confirm the mailing address?

Answer 8: Electronic submittal and only one document is required

Question 9: Will you take electronic signature?

Answer 9: Yes