

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Bid 025-KK03
RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS Posting #1-First Edition (as of March 4, 2010)**

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- 1) What is the current rate on the contract if different from the original proposal submitted in 2005?

ANSWER 1: The information on the current contract in effect through June 30, 2010 is listed under the bid 092-EE02 on the M-DCPS Procurement Website. Further information on this question will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 2) The current bid requests rates for total yards at the schools. Is there a preference on size of container?

ANSWER 2: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 3) What is the current inventory of containers on site at each school?

ANSWER 3: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 4) The new bid for trash has a 20% reduction in volume over historical service, how will this be accomplished? Are there new systems in place that will reduce the volume this much?

ANSWER 4: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 5) The current contract does not detail recycling, where is the contract or the amendment that specifies the recycling service?

ANSWER 5: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 6) How many Schools have compactors in place? This is asking about in school units where the trash is compacted prior to being placed in the container, not compaction containers.

ANSWER 6: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

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7) What is the School Boards intent as to adding additional in school compaction units at other schools?

ANSWER 7: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

8) What is the average weight of the full bags after compaction?

ANSWER 8: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

9) Last year, the schools were on break for 12 weeks of the year and this company discovered that the service to these sites was decreased to 1 service per week versus the standard 5 times a week. Should our bid plan on the same reduction of service or does the district plan on expanding the amount of breaks in the coming year?

ANSWER 9: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

10) Currently there are 120 Somat machines in use; do you plan on expanding the use of them? Is it correct that the purpose of them is to increase the amount of waste that goes into the container?

ANSWER 10: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

11) The new bid for recycling has a 75% reduction in volume over historical service, how will this be accomplished? Will the excess be mixed in with the trash volume?

ANSWER 11: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

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12) The bid shows that the recycling rebate tonnage is estimated to be 68 tons. Is the rebate paid on actual tons or the estimate in the bid?

ANSWER 12: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

13) If a hauler is only awarded the recycling portion of the contract how do they handle excessive contamination?

ANSWER 13: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

14) Please provide the addresses of the schools.

ANSWER 14: The addresses for district sites are listed via the M-DCPS Website. Below are the links to most of the district locations:

SCHOOL SITES: <http://www.dadeschools.net/schools/schoolinformation/>

OTHER SITES (as listed on the M-DCPS Directory)

http://www.dadeschools.net/directories/district_offices_list/default.asp

15) What are the reporting requirements for the recycling program? I have been told that currently a report is provided that details out how much each school is recycling each month.

ANSWER 15: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

16) Are there recycling coordinators being provided to the district currently and will recycling coordinators be required for the district either by awarding all regions to one vendor or by each region, if the contract is to be awarded separately by region?

ANSWER 16: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

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17) Can we pass on to the school board any other increases in fees, etc.? If a city increases their franchise fees, will the awarded vendor be able to increase the rates to reflect accordingly?

ANSWER 17: “No” to both the first and second questions above. Please read in the bid solicitation documents Section #10 in the Special Conditions regarding this topic.

18) If the contractor confirms with a city that the school board is exempt from franchise fees and bids accordingly, will the school board adjust the rate anyway?

ANSWER 18: Answer will be posted via an update to this section on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

19) Is there a provision for CPI (Consumer Price Index)? Is it correct that there are no increases for CPI's etc. for the term of the contract and any extensions that may be issued?

ANSWER 19: This bid does not have a provision for the CPI during the time frame of the bid, including any extensions, if applicable.

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