

Questions & Responses for ITB# 2025-01 Residential, Commercial Collection, Disposal of Solid Waste (MARCH 12, 2025)

(Responses highlighted in **yellow**, **bolded** and underlined)

Question: Would the city please consider an extension of the ITB due date for 2 weeks with the new due date being on Thursday April 3, 2025? **NO.**

Question: When would be the new Contract Start Date? **JUNE 1, 2025**

Question: The ITB document seems to be unclear if the Contractor can submit a response that is a deviation/exception for the proposed collection specifications in the ITB and still be considered responsive? Can the Contractor only submit a bid response that is a deviation/exception from the original ITB collection specifications? **NO**

Question: Could a Contractor submit a residential collection response that utilizes Automated Sideloaded Vehicles to collect Contractor provided garbage carts? **YES**

Question: Whether residential garbage is collected in customer provided receptacles or Contractor provided carts, would this collection service only be for the Contents in the receptacle/carts and not for material outside the receptacle/cart? **IT WOULD BE FOR THE CONTENTS IN THE RECEPTACLE AS WELL AS YARD DEBRIS THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: LIMBS CUT INTO 4FT LENGTH, BAGGED LEAVES/YARD TRIMMINGS.**

Question: Can the city provide a list of the current Commercial service frequency per location or a recent invoice that includes service details and rate? **YES, IT WILL BE ATTACHED.**

Question: Can the city provide the current residential unit collection rate? **YES, IT WILL BE ATTACHED.**

Question: Are there Commercial Customers requiring Saturday service? **NO**

Question: Who is responsible for paying for the Disposal of the collected MSW for both residential and commercial? **THE CONTRACTOR WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE COLLECTED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FOR RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL.**

Question: Residential garbage shall be at curbside or in-ground receptacles. Could the city please give some clarity or description for "in-ground receptacles?" **THIS WOULD BE 96-GALLON TRASH CANS WITH WHEELS FOR ROLLING CAN OUT TO CURB FOR SERVICE.**

Question: On Page 23, Paragraph 2, refers to special single axle collection trucks for Non-City or County maintained private roads for Commercial and Residential collection to minimize damage. How many private roads are there and what is the count of homes or businesses located on these private roads? **THERE ARE 2 PRIVATE ROADS, SE 3RD STREET & SW 8TH PLACE, 4 HOMES ON SE 3RD STREET, AND 5 HOMES ON SW 8TH PLACE.**

Question: The Rate Schedule is fixed for the first 12-months of the contract and then open to negotiations. Would the city consider utilizing a Consumer Price Index for Garbage and Trash Collection (CPI-G&T) for a percentage increase in the collection rates? **NO**

Question: Curbside is defined as 10-feet from roadway. Can this be reduced to 6-feet if Contractor is utilizing an automated side loading truck for collection of Contractor provided carts? **NO**

Question: On Page 26, Definitions for Solid Waste and Trash includes yard trash, white goods, special waste, ashes, chairs, tables, sofas, and mattresses, etc. Are these expected to be collected by the chosen collection contractor or just merely descriptive definitions? **THESE ARE DESCRIPTIVE DEFINITIONS.**

Question: A schedule of Liquidated Damages was suggested to be listed in the ITB document, but none were actually listed. Can the city provide a list of liquidated damages? **THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE A LIST OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES OR FINES.**

Question: Are the listing of City Dumpsters and Roll-offs to be collected by the Contractor to be considered as “free of Charge?” **YES.**

Question from 3/7/2025: The notice states that there is a pre-proposal meeting on 3/20 at 2pm but it also states that this is the due date. Please clarify. **The pre-bid meeting will take place at the time in which the bids are due, and was the process for the last RFP for Solid Waste services.**

Question from 3/7/2025: So bid is due March 20th? Is there a mandatory pre-bid? **Correct. Bids will be received on or before March 20th by 2:00pm, at which times bid will be opened and read aloud. Requirements for submission are listed in the invitation to bid.**

Question on 3/7/2025: Who do I submit questions about the bid document? Specifically, I would like to ask if the deadline can be extended for the bid. When is the pre-bid meeting? And is the bid packet due at 2pm on the due date, or 3pm? The ITB says both. **Unfortunately, the bid deadline is unable to be extended. All bid submission requirements are listed in the invitation to bid.**

Question on 3/7/2025: And just to confirm, no mandatory pre-bid correct? **If the invitation to bid does not list it, then correct, yes.**

Question on 3/7/2025: And what is the cutoff date for questions pertaining to bid? **Until March 20, 2025 at 2pm.**

Question on 3/10/2025: Is the contractor required to provide the curbside collection carts? **Yes, the contractor would be required to provide the curbside collection carts.**

Question on 3/11/2025: Due to the short turn around time for the subject ITB, will the City allow for the signature documents to be signed via electronic signature from our Regional Vice President? **Yes, the city will allow for signature documents to be signed via electronic signature.**

Question on 3/11/2025: As a follow-up, will the City allow for proposals to be submitted via email opposed to seven (7) hard copies? **I'm sorry, the answer is no. (7) hard copies are required.**

CLARIFICATION OF BID REQUIREMENTS: MARCH 12, 2025

1. The Residential & Commercial rate schedule for the 3-year term is **required** to remain the same during the 3-year period.
2. On March 11, 2025, the City of Lake Butler published an advertisement which **EXTENDED** the bid submission deadline from March 20, 2025 at 2:00pm to March 27, 2025 at 2:00pm at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at Lake Butler City Hall located at 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, FL 32054.