

1. **Question:** The Description of Service indicates the Contractor will “maintain” the VA-owned compactor (Sec. 1). While “preventative maintenance” is addressed in Section 4.1, will the VA pay for repairs that it calls for through the Contractor? Please address “repair” of the VA-owned compactor in the solicitation.

**Answer:** The Contractor is responsible for all repairs. Contractor shall provide a proposal for completion of all repair services. Proposals must include an action plan and proposed cost. Proposals must be approved by the VA in advance of completion of the repair. Payment for repairs will be treated as an amendment to the original contract. See revised Statement of Work in section 3; Repairs.

2. **Question:** The site visit revealed that a 30 CY roll-off is permanently on-site at the Manchester VA as part of the current contract, and that it is expected to remain under the new contract which does not include it in the Description of Service. Will the Description of Service be amended to include a 30 CY roll-off? What is/will be the pick-up frequency? Is the weight of this refuse included in the MSW category of Waste Stream Report provided? If not, please provide it. Will the Price/Cost Schedule be amended to include this category?

**Answer:** It is stated in the statement of work that there are three containers that need to be managed for the Manchester location. The 30 CY roll-off is now included in the MSW category (see attached) and is also referenced as “bulk waste” in the SOW which needs to be sorted offsite to maximize recycling. Currently the pickup frequency is on an as needed basis at the request of the VA. Based on last year, 2016, it was picked up six times with a total weight of 34,340 pounds. See revised pricing schedule.

3. **Question:** The site visit host, Mr. Brown, indicated the solid waste compactor is dumped weekly and the single stream compactor is dumped every other week. This is inconsistent with Section 4.1 under Collection Requirements. Please clarify the pick-up frequency of the MSW and Single Stream Compactors.

**Answer:** Frequency for Manchester is stated in the SOW “At the VA Manchester location the contractor shall plan on weekly pickups of the solid waste, and bimonthly pickups for the recyclable materials for purpose of this bid. SOW has been revised to add (twice a month).

4. **Question:** Do you want the Past Performance references to be attached to the Standard Form 1449, as indicated on Page 31 of the solicitation, or do you want surveys to be completed and sent to you directly from the respondents, as indicated in Attachment A?

**Answer:** As stated on page 32, “References can be attached to the Standard Form SF1149” or they can be emailed directly to me from the respondent, as long as they are received by the due date.

5. **Question:** Will you be asking for affirmation that the Limitations on Subcontracting provisions (Sec. B.2) will be met on the current solicitation?

**Answer:** A determination of responsibility is required for all proposed contracts with prospective contractors.

6. **Question:** Regarding the Manchester location, does the VAMC own the single stream compactor and the container, or just the container?

**Answer:** Manchester owns the solid waste container only.