

Question: Can you please advise as to whether there is an incumbent contractor for Solicitation # VA26313R0108? If so, could you please provide the contractor name and the contract number that was awarded?

Answer: Waste Management. The contract number was VA263-P-0661.

Question: Could we identify the incumbent contractor?

Answer: Waste Management.

Question: Could we identify the current contract value?

Answer: Our contract VA263-P-0661 was a three (3) year IDIQ with a three year estimated value of \$302,490.00.

Question: Could we identify the current contract term corresponding to that value?

Answer: Our VA263-P-0661 expired on September 30, 2012. The Government is currently on a month-to-month purchase order until a new contract can be put into place.

Question: Is the procurement strategy a Set Aside Opportunity?

Answer: No.

Question: For Building #70, please confirm the service level for 3-yd (or equivalent) for recycle is only required for 1X/week pick-up as our records indicate there are two pickups per week.

Answer: Once a week pick up is sufficient if we maintain six 3 yard containers within building 70. If quantities change, we may have need to switch to a twice a week schedule. Notice of change will come from COR if necessary.

Question: For Bldg #89, the VA lists 96-gallon or equivalent for recycle. Will this container need to be mobile so VA staff can move it inside the building to the point(s) of collection? Currently, there is a dumpster at this location used for the collection of recyclables so the assumption is that this will be replaced with mobile 96-gallon containers on wheels.

Answer: Dumpster will remain outside and will be picked up once a week. 96 gallon was estimated size container needed for the job.

Question: In the document VA26313R0108-008[1] titled *Refuse Disposal and Glass/Plastic Recycling*, under Section X., **Removal of Refuse and Recyclable Items**, it states the following:

The Contractor shall remove recyclables in accordance with their proposed service schedule. Removal shall take place during normal operating hours of the buildings from which the waste is being removed, unless otherwise specified herein, except on Saturday, Sunday or legal Federal holidays.

Is this to be interpreted as the contractor entering the building to retrieve the recyclables or will the VA janitorial staff collect the recyclables and deliver them to an outside container where the contractor will then dump the recyclables into their collection vehicle. If the contractor is expected to enter the VA building to empty/retrieve the recyclables at the point of collection, more detail will be needed to determine the labor hours required to perform this collection.

Answer: Building 89 recyclables can be collected at any time outside of the facility. Recyclables will be pre-collected by VA staff and transferred to the outside container, awaiting final pick up by vendor. Building 70 recyclables require the contractor to gain access to the inside of the facility in order to pick up recyclables. Like Building 89, the materials will be pre-collected and awaiting final pick up, but the material is stored inside. Building 70 pick-up must occur during normal business operating hours 8AM-4:30PM.

Question: In the document VA26313R0108-008[1] titled *Refuse Disposal and Glass/Plastic Recycling*, under Section XI., **Documentation and Reports**, it states the following:

Documentation by the Contractor shall consist of individual weight slips for all waste materials hauled and monthly reports.

Weight slips are easily provided for compactor and open-top roll off hauls as the container holds only VA material upon arrival at the landfill scales. For the smaller 3-yd dumpsters, the material is mixed with other customer material as the truck makes pick-ups before and after the VA site. This efficiency allows the lowest price to be charged to the VA. Will weight ticket exceptions be made by the VA for materials that will be part of a mixed load?

Answer: No. The Department of Veterans Affairs requires individual weights slips in order to track solid waste disposal for reporting purposes. Weights are essential in order to comply with headquarters mandates.

Question: I had some confusion on a few of the line items of the Price-Cost Sheet listed in the solicitation.

0001AA Bldg 70, 30 yard closed unit connected to 12 MO
compactor

I am using this line items as an example as I feel it contains all the information needed. The above line item clearly communicates that there will be hauls 3X/week or 156-hauls/year. Because the hauling quantity is known, the contractor can calculate the hauling, disposal and container rental for the year and provide the average monthly price. No issues or concerns with this line item.

0001AB

12 MO

Bldg 70, 20 yard roll off

This line item is on demand service so there is no hauling quantity on which to calculate the annual price, or the average monthly price. Is this line intended for monthly rental only? It is to be assumed the hauling and disposal will be covered in 0001AN under the **On Demand Services** section. Please confirm if this line is for rental only or should the estimated 60-hauls/year listed under the **On Demand Services** be used here?

Answer: This container is to remain in place throughout the duration of the contract. The pricing structure should reflect pricing of “on demand” roll offs, but it should be known this container will always stay on campus. The Schedule was adjusted to correctly identify that this dumpster is for “On Demand” services.

0001AM Bldg 222, 30 yard roll off (Trash to go to HERC) 12 MO

This line item is on demand service so there is no hauling quantity on which to calculate the annual price, or the average monthly price. Is this line intended for monthly rental only? It is assumed the hauling and disposal will be covered in 0001AP under the **On Demand Services** section. Please confirm if this line is for rental only or should the estimated 13-hauls/year listed under the **On Demand Services** be used here?

If the **On Demand Services** quantities are used in lines 0001AB and 0001AM, then they will be counted double in the total yearly amount?

Answer: This container is to remain in place throughout the duration of the contract. The pricing structure should reflect pricing of “on demand” roll offs, but it should be known this container will always stay on campus. The Schedule was adjusted to correctly identify that this dumpster is for “On Demand” services.