We received the following questions regarding the bid listed above:

**Question # 1:** County Office Building Quantity of trash cans: Please confirm the quantity and the size of the trash cans at this location. Garbage service 4-yc 6 x week is what is in the description. Is that 1-4yarder or 4 of another size?

**Answer # 1:** Garbage Service: 1 4-yc 6x a week.

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**County Office Building**
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
Garbage Service: 1 4-yc 6x a week
Recycling Service: 3 2-yc 3x a week
Landscape Service: 1.96-gal cart on-call
Bill: Will County Office Building

**Question # 2:** Will County Warehouse-Do you own the compactor and receiver box for the shredded paper?

**Answer #2:** regarding ownership of the Warehouse Compactor:

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**Will County Warehouse**
806 Nicholson St
Joliet, IL 60433
Garbage Service: 1 2-yc 2x a week
Recycling Service: 1 2-yc 1x a week
Shredded Paper Compactor: On Call
Bill: Will County Office Building

**Question # 3:** River Valley Justice Center- Do you own the compactor and receiver box for trash

**Answer #3:** regarding compactor at River Valley. The County does not currently utilize a compactor at River Valley

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**River Valley Justice Center**
3200 McDonough St
Joliet, IL 60431
Garbage Service: 2 8-yc 1x a week
Recycling Service: 1 4-yc 1x a week
Bill: Will County Office Building
Question #5: Route optimization involves changing services to provide our customers with the best service at the best price. Will you allow us to make changes to the current levels and sizes to realize these savings?

Answer #5: The County is always open to increasing efficiency. Like all commercial sites, we do have some buildings that have dumpster size constraints. We look forward to working with the successful contractor to improve services but ask that for the purposes of the bid, please adhere to the service levels currently provided. Any suggestions you have for savings may be included on a separate sheet for our alternative consideration.

Question #6: How are the addendums handled? Is there a site or link for us to view the addendums as they occur?

Answer #6: Addenda are issued via email to potential bidders on file as well as posted on www.demandstar.com and https://www.willcountyillinois.com/County-Offices/Administration/Purchasing

Question #7: Will this be awarded on an individual site basis or would it be all or nothing for each disposal category?

Answer #7: Please see instructions on page 6 of bid document regarding “Split Awards”.

Question #8: In reviewing the 2019 Refuse/Recycling bid a question came up due to changes in the recycling arena from that last awarded date. Recently there has been a change in acceptable recycling items as well as push back from local and foreign consumers for contamination, not to mention the very public trade wars. In addition, there are items listed on the Co-Mingled recycling materials section that we cannot accept as recycling. With this said, there is no mention of contamination charges for recycling. We would want to add verbiage that would state what this is and what our charge would be for recycling contamination. One container of contaminated recycling, garbage bags, pop plastic rings, food waste, etc. can contaminate an entire recycling truck load and would need to be redirected to a landfill. Will this be allowed to be added in and/or must bid only as is?

Answer #8: Fee for Recycling Contamination Question: Will County recognizes the recycling contamination issue and is currently participating on a Statewide Task-Force to address this issue. It has been acknowledged that some of this contamination was tolerated by markets in the past and that has allowed some recyclers to avoid improving their sorting equipment. It has also brought to light the issue of some materials being accepted and placed in bales with other materials that should have always been kept separate if added to a list of items a MRF could sort. Neither of these issues is the fault of the commercial account.

Further, contamination can be nebulous. One plastic bag is technically a contaminate, yet nearly every commercial program uses plastic bags to put paper and containers into commercial bins. Unless the rules for placing materials in recycling dumpster are drastically changed, it will be difficult to get every cleaning crew to cease using plastic bags. This stated, if a contractor asked the County to adopt this practice, we would work with our staff and contracted custodians to change and adapt. We would want time to make the change and we would prefer that a driver be worried that a dumpster was “too” contaminated to empty, that we be notified and the recycling dumpster left unemptied.
Rather than allowing marketable recyclables to be sent to the landfill for an additional fee (one that is actually discounted due to our owning the landfill) we would prefer to educate our employees and contractors on what was not accepted so our future set-outs are done properly.

Should we determine that we want an extra service call, the department requiring it will be notified of the additional fees that are listed in the bid response.

List of Acceptable Recyclables:
Under Definitions Recyclables are defined as

CO-MINGLED RECYCLING—shall include all paper (office paper, calculator tape, computer paper, letterhead, envelopes, facsimile paper, photocopy paper, file folders, corrugated boxes, chipboard/paperboard, Kraft paper, envelopes (with or without windows), discarded mail, colored paper, magazines, newspaper, paper ream wrap and shredded paper), glass bottles and jars, all plastic containers except #6 PS (polystyrene), aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum trays, steel/bi-metal containers, empty aerosol cans, empty dried paint cans, plastic carrier straps (six-pack rings), and aseptic packaging (milk/juice cartons). This is also referred to as TRADITIONAL RECYCLING

This list has been the accepted list based on several area MRFs serving the Will County area. There was one company that raised an issue with Glass bottles a few years ago and this issue was rejected in Northern Illinois as there are several markets in the area for glass and it is a product that requires broken glass to produce. A study done indicated that while glass may cause addition wear on MRF sorting equipment, it was still more economical to recycle it than to send it to local landfills. The County building do not generate a large quantity of glass bottles. The Traditional Recycling Drop-Off sites have also never been noted as generating large amounts of glass bottles.

Shredded paper has recently been identified as a problem in the MRF in as much as sorting equipment fluffs it and makes it difficult to capture, therefore it often is not recovered, but becomes part of debris that is sent to disposal. The County is open to removing it from our general list for employees, if the vendor agrees to continue to deliver our a “paper” compactor at our Warehouse that is filled with shredded paper directly to a paper recycler, avoiding a MRF. Given this remains a higher grade of paper, it should remain a service without a fee associated with it.

The pop-rings (plastic carrier straps) have never been mentioned as a problem. When it comes to reducing our list of items, we require the Contractor to specifically tell us in their response to the bid which items they will NOT accept. We will alter our evaluation to include the list in our criteria so it is more balanced that simply checking off “adherence to specifications.”

In addition, if the Contractor wishes to exclude some items from the commercial buildings recycling stream but has a different intent for the public Traditional Recycling Dumpsters, they must note that on the bid response.
Based on new information that was provided, please see the site subtracted and the sites added

This site was demolished – please disregard pricing it

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Sheriff’s Department
2402 Laraway Rd
Joliet, IL 60433

Garbage Service: 5 2-yd 2x a week
Recycling Service: 1 2-yd 1x a week
Bill: Will County Office Building

Please price these additional County sites on the additional bid form below and include with your bid:

**Specialty Courts (BEACH)**
62 W. Washington St
Joliet, IL (Drug Court)
2yd 1x/wk for trash
2yd 1x/wk for recycle

**Sheriff Maintenance Facility**
16907 E. Laraway Rd
Joliet, IL
4yd 1x/wk for trash
2yd 1x/wk for recycle

**Sheriff Range/Training Facilities**
16905 E. Laraway Rd
Joliet, IL
2yd 2x/wk for trash
2yd on-call for recycle

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**Sheriff Maintenance Facility**
16907 E. Laraway Rd
Joliet, IL
4yd 1x/wk for trash
2yd 1x/wk for recycle

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