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## **Request for Clarification No. 1**

### **Solid Waste Collection Services**

**Bid Opening Date: March 15, 2017 // 11:00 am**

Q1: As we prepare for a possible bid submission I have a question please regarding the Bid Bond and Consent of Surety Form:

There's a field on the bid bond form for a Bid Project Number and a place on the Consent of Surety form for Bid Number. I went through the bid specs multiple times and couldn't find a number referenced. How would you like this completed?

**A1: insert 'n/a' into these fields**

Q2: As the incumbent we know that the quote needs to include ALL disposal costs, the Borough will not reimburse the hauler for any disposal costs. I do not see that requirement in the bid specs

**A2: The bid specifications contemplate that any submission will take into account all costs and other factors relevant to the bidder.**

Q3: Is the service being provided today the same as being sought in this bid specification?

**A3: Yes**

Q4. Who is the current contractor, and what is the current rate(s)?

**A4: This information is not being given out.**



Q5. This appears to be a lump sum, annual price, inclusive of all collection and disposal costs, and cart/container provision. However, on the bid proposal sheet, you are asking for the disposal site and rate, and on in 11.0, A.2, Page TS-4, it indicates that the contractor is to “pass through” the disposal charges?

**A5: This is an inclusive bid. All costs should be included.**

Q6. Given the small number of units, and the fact that this should only occupy a portion of a truck load of waste, it would seem that the most efficient and cost effective pricing for the Borough would be obtained by the Contractor “owning” disposal, and not being forced to “isolate” it for the purposes of billing, thus using the complete capacity of the truck and reducing trips and travel time to the disposal site? With #3 and #4, we are unsure as to exactly what the format is in this bid specification.

**A6: This bid is as noted in the specifications**

Q7. On Page TS-1, under 1.0, it mentions a potential new 90 units, plus the required affordable housing component. What is the mechanism for adjusting the contract price should these units be built and require waste services?

**A7: The current overall price is for 170 units, plus Borough Hall and Ann Street Park. If additional units are added then prices should be adjusted per household as proportional to individual units.**

Q8. 4.0, BASIC SERVICE, Page TS-2 – indicates 90 Tons of solid waste per month. We presume this is an annual number rather than a monthly number in that this number would require each of the 172 locations to produce 241.5# of waste each week? While 90 tons per year may be half the norm we see in these situations, we are wondering if this is an estimate or a number based on scale weights that the Borough has experienced?

**A8: The numbers provided are based on an estimate**

Q9. Is the contractor, other than during the bulk week, only required to empty the 96-gallon provided container? What is the contractor’s obligation for excess trash, that does not fit in the cart/container?

**A9: The residents are aware that they are not allowed to overfill or leave extra bags outside of the cans. If they do, they should not be picked up unless they have made special arrangements at an additional cost to themselves.**