

RFI for Tire and Wood Material Collection and Disposal - Solicitation # N40192-15-R-9019

AMENDMENT 0004

- A. This amendment is issued to provide further clarification of this requirement.
- B. The following questions and answers are provided:

QUESTION 1:

Reference Spec Item 3.2.2.1 Wood Products and Vegetative Waste Disposal, Non-Recyclable,

QUESTION 1a) What is the definition of non-recyclable material?

ANSWER 1a) Non-recyclable material is defined as waste material that is infested or contaminated with chemicals, paints, stains, and preservatives.

QUESTION 1b) Based on section 3.2.2.2, non-recyclable wood would be wood other than clean and treated wood. If so, please provide examples of commonly found non-recyclable materials collected and disposed of in the Contract.

ANSWER 1b) Examples of non-recyclable materials collected and disposed of include painted/ press/ laminated wood/ branches/ shrubs/ leaves.

QUESTION 1c) Would transportation and receipt at an approved and EPA permitted green waste facility constitute “disposal” in compliance with applicable Local, State and Federal Laws and Regulations?

ANSWER 1c) No

QUESTION 1d) If delivery to an approved green waste facility alone is not sufficient, what other measures must be taken in order to comply with these provisions?

ANSWER 1d) Refer to Spec Item 2.3.2 under Annex 1503030.

QUESTION 1e) What percentage of wood waste collected is anticipated to be considered “non-recyclable”?

ANSWER 1e) 10%

QUESTION 2:

Reference Spec Item 3.2.2.2 Wood products and Vegetative Waste Disposal, Recyclable,

QUESTION 2a) What is the definition of recyclable material?

ANSWER 2a) Recyclable material is defined as waste material which can be transformed into new useful products in such a manner that the original product may lose its identity.

QUESTION 2b) Please confirm that an example of recyclable material is “clean” wood which includes “solid wood, lumber, and pallets that are unpainted, unstained, untreated, and free of glue” as well as “treated” wood which are identified by color or indentations.

ANSWER 2b) Confirmed

QUESTION 2c) Will “treated” wood be segregated at the point of collection prior to the contractor receiving the wood waste?

ANSWER 2c) No

QUESTION 2d) Will the contractor be required to sort through wood waste and separate treated wood prior to the collection and disposal of the wood waste?

ANSWER 2d) Yes

QUESTION 2e) What would constitute recycling in compliance with applicable local, State and Federal laws and Regulations?

ANSWER 2e) When waste materials to be recycled are collected, sorted out and sent to the recycling unit, and processed into new, useful materials. Recycling also uses less energy and helps protect the environment. Pollution of the air, land, water and soil is reduced.

QUESTION 2f) Will chipping or mulching of wood with a grinder to be reused as mulch or compost constitute recycling in accordance with the Contract?

ANSWER 2f) Yes

QUESTION 2g) Will burning of wood through an air curtain burner constitute recycling in accordance with the Contract, since the ash can be amended with soil as pot ash or mixed with asphalt to strengthen pavement or concrete?

ANSWER 2g) No

QUESTION 2h) What percentage of wood waste collected is anticipated to be considered “recyclable”?

ANSWER 2h) 90%

QUESTION 3:

RFP Reference Section B, Item 0001 through Item 0010 and Attachment J-0200000-06; Page 2 of 60 through 6 of 60 Tab 1 of J-0200000-06:

In Section B, the Government provides a breakdown of the maximum quantity and unit of measure for each item listed. For instance, Item 0001 shows the Maximum Quantity to be “1,293,914.31” and a Unit of Measure of “Each.” It is assumed “Each” equates to pounds (lbs).

QUESTION 3a) Will the Government confirm whether or not “Each” = “pounds”?

ANSWER 3a) “Each” equates to “Ton” as a unit of measure.

QUESTION 4:

RFP Reference Section B, Item 0001 through Item 0010 and Attachment J-0200000-06; 2 of 60 through 6 of 60 Tab 1 through of J-0200000-06:

In Section B/Item 0001, the Government provides a maximum quantity of “1,293,914.31” and a Unit of Measure of “Each.” It is assumed “Each” equates to “pounds” (lbs).

The Government also references Exhibit A, Section J (ELINs A001 - A012). The unit of issue for A001 – A012 is “TN (ton)”. The total recurring tonnage on row 43 for the base period is 1,290.25. When the total tonnage is multiplied by 2000 lbs/ton, the total pounds equate to 2,580,500 pounds. This is nearly twice as much as the maximum quantity allowed for the base period in Section B.

The same inconsistencies between Section B Item 0001 through Item 0010 and Attachment J-0200000-06 exist throughout.

QUESTION 4a) Will the Government, please rectify the quantities and units of measure presented in Section B and Attachment J-0200000-06 so they balance?

ANSWER 4a) The quantities presented in Section B have been rectified to match attachment J-0200000-06.

QUESTION 4b) Will the Government please use tons or pounds (not both) throughout the RFP to allow for consistency?

ANSWER 4b) Use “ton” as a unit of measure to allow for consistency.

QUESTION 5:

RFP Reference Section L, Page 51 of 60:

In the paragraph labeled “PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT” the Government refers to:

Volume I – Signed Proposal, Representations and Certifications and Price Proposals
Volume II – Technical Proposal

Then the Government states “Proposals shall be submitted in two volumes.”

Volume 1. Price

Volume 2. Technical

QUESTION 5a) Will the Government please clarify which method the Offeror should use to identify the volumes? Roman Numeral I and II or the numbers 1 and 2 when referring to the volume?

ANSWER 5a) Roman Numerals I and II will be used to reference the volumes.

QUESTION 6:

RFP Reference Section L, Page 52 of 60:

In the outline, the Government calls for....

I. Introduction

II. Price. Volume I.

III. Technical Factors. Volume II.

QUESTION 6a) Since the Price and Technical Proposal must be presented in separate Volumes, why has the Government dictated this numbering format be used?

ANSWER 6a) Please follow format as provided in Section L in the Solicitation.

QUESTION 6b) Does the Government want the 3 page maximum introduction at the beginning of Volume I and Volume II? Please clarify.

ANSWER 6b) The introduction will be at the beginning of each volume.

QUESTION 7:

Redundancies exist between the citations presented below.

QUESTION 7a) Will the Government clarify which of the referenced annexes apply to this requirement?

ANSWER 7a) All annexes apply to the Tire and Wood Material Collection and Disposal Services requirements.

QUESTION 7b) Reference RFP Annex 1503030, Page 1 of 9 thru 9 of 9: The Government provides Annex 1503030 with Spec Items 1 thru 1.1; 2 thru 2.4; 3 thru 3.2.3; and 4 thru 4.3.2.

ANSWER 7b) Annex 1503030 contains the technical information and requirements.

QUESTION 7c) Reference RFP Annex 0100000, Page 1 of 5 thru 5 of 5: The Government provides Annex 0100000 with Spec Items 1 thru 1.11.

ANSWER 7c) Annex 0100000 contains information that is relevant to the entire scope of the contract.

QUESTION 7d) Reference Annex 0200000, Page 15/41 thru 41/41: The Government provides Annex 0200000 with Spec Items 2 thru 2.15.3.

ANSWER 7d) Annex 0200000 contains the on-site project management and administration requirements that are relevant to the entire scope of the contract.

QUESTION 8:

RFP Reference Attachment J-0200000-04, Page 49 of 180:

The minimum Quality Control Plan Components listed in the subject table apply to Construction Quality Management (CQM). The performance requirements set forth under this RFP have absolutely nothing to do with CQM. If the Government makes the Offeror use the CQM components, the government would effectively force the Offeror to put an inadequate quality program in place that could lead to substandard performance.

QUESTION 8) Will the government remove any reference to the CQM components and require the Offeror to provide a Quality Management Plan that conforms to Annex 0200000, Spec Item 2.6.7 through Spec Item 2.6.7.3?

ANSWER 8) The Quality Control Plan components minimum requirements pertaining to Construction Quality Management (CQM) has been deleted. The offeror is required to provide a Quality Management Plan that conforms to Annex 0200000 Spec Items 2.6.7 through 2.6.7.3.

QUESTION 9:

RFP Reference Annex 0200000, Spec Item 2.9, Page 28/41:

The Government requires the Contractor to establish a safety program that complies with all safety standards identified in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Safety and Health Requirements Manual, EM 385-1-1 and Public Law 91-596, Occupational Safety and Health Act.

However, a major portion of the safety issues are not addressed in EM 385-1-1. This requirement involves the use of specialized truck to collect and transport the tires and wood material over public highways for subsequent disposal. These vehicles are subject to regulation under the US Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration which requires specific driver training and licensing as well as vehicular safety features.

It is recommended that the government require the contractor to include compliance with all applicable FMCSA regulations and licensing requirements.

ANSWER 9) The contractor is required to include Driver Training and Licensing as well as Vehicular Safety Features in compliance with all applicable US Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

QUESTION 10:

RFP Reference Annex 0200000, Spec Item 2.13, Page 39/41:
Warranty Management does not apply to this requirement.

QUESTION 10a) Will the Government cite the requirement as **N/A**?

ANSWER 10a) Warranty Management does not apply to tire and wood material collection and disposal services requirements.

QUESTION 11:

RFP Reference Annex 1503030, Spec Item 3.2 thru 3.2.2, Page 6 of 9 and 7 of 9:

Attachment J-1503030-02 is the Federal Register publication of EO-13112 governing Invasive Species and establishes Federal agency duties for preventing the introduction of invasive species in the ecosystem as well as other administrative responsibilities.

EO-13112, in no way, establishes compliance criteria that the contractor is required to meet under this RFP.

QUESTION 11a) Will the Government explicitly identify all of the Contractor's compliance responsibilities under EO-13112?

ANSWER 11a) The contractor shall report to the Government any invasive species found during collection and disposal of tires, wood and vegetative waste.

QUESTION 11b) Is the Government currently in possession of wood or green waste that is infested with invasive species?

ANSWER 11b) No

QUESTION 11c) Is the government or the contractor responsible for identifying potential infestations?

ANSWER 11c) The contractor is responsible for identifying potential infestations.

QUESTION 11d) If an infestation is discovered, which party (government or contractor) is responsible for eliminating the infestation?

ANSWER 11d) The contractor is responsible for eliminating the infestation.

QUESTION 12:

The SF 30 Block 2 had Amendment 0001 instead of 0002. Please clarify.

ANSWER 12) Please see Amendment 0003 posted in NECO on 14 Sep 2015 that clarifies all previous amendments.

QUESTION 13:

Please clarify if "UNIT" under Section B should be "Tons" instead of "Each".

ANSWER 13) Section B under UNIT remains as "Each". Our system will only allow "Each" listed in Section B, and the Maximum Quantity should match the total for each CLIN in your worksheet.

QUESTION 14:

The NECO website indicates that this solicitation is a total HUBZone set-aside, however there is not a clause (52.219-3) included in the solicitation. Will this clause be added?

ANSWER 14) The HUBZone clause under FAR 52.219-3 can be found in Section I (page 34) of the Solicitation.

QUESTION 15: In Section B – Supplies or Services and Prices, the unit of issue is "each". Should the unit of issue be tons as per the contractor worksheets in Attachment J-0200000-06_KTR's Worksheet?

ANSWER 15) Section B under "Unit" remains as "Each". Our system will only allow "Each" listed in Section B, and the Maximum Quantity should match the total for each CLIN in your worksheet. Please refer to Amendment 0002 posted in NECO on 13 Sep 2015.

QUESTION 16: Please consider removing the requirement for other than certified cost or pricing data. In accordance with FAR Part 15.403 this information should not be necessary to determine a fair and reasonable price since several competitive offers should be expected by the Government. Also, the services being requested by the Government to remove tire and wood materials is a common service for the marketplace of Guam which should be considered a

commercial service thus meeting the purpose of 41 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and 10 U.S.C. 2306a for truth in negotiations.

ANSWER 16) (Section L Para (a)(3)(vii) Page 53) Price Information Rating Criteria shall remain in solicitation. The detailed cost breakdown for prices is required to support the basis, rationale, and justification for each CLIN on Section B.

QUESTION 17: Please include the SF30 for Amendment 0001. In NECO the link for Amendment 0001 only has the corrected page of the SF33/solicitation.

ANSWER 17) This Amendment 0004 has attachment Amendment 0001 (SF33 page 1).

C. End of Amendment 0004.