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RE: RFI #1 for RFP #19-039

The below are to address inquiries to RFP #19-039: Solid Waste Rate and Fee Study.

- 1) Is it possible to provide us with a copy of the “current cost projection statement” noted in #1 on page 2 of the RFP?
The “current cost projection statement” is not an existing document. This will be something that is prepared and provided as a part of the fee study and after a consultant is retained.
- 2) Please clarify the alternative types of garbage service you are interested in, as noted in #3 on page 2 of the RFP. That is, you mention a larger solid waste cart and a two-cart system, but the City currently has a three-cart system (32-, 68-, and 96-gallon, plus a 96-gallon for garden refuse). Does this mean you are considering reducing the cart options as a means of improving diversion?
Correct, the City is open to exploring various cart systems (two-cart, three-cart, etc...) in an attempt to improve diversion.
- 3) What level of detail should we presume that Turlock Scavenger will provide for their “financial information and costs for service” noted in Task 2, page 4 of the RFP? For example, can we assume they will break out total costs and tonnages by residential vs. commercial, labor vs. non-labor, separate rolling stock costs of residential vs. commercial collection, etc.?
All attempts possible will be made to provide as much financial and cost for service information as possible; however, it would be best to assume and plan on being provided with minimal information.
- 4) Who does the customer billing for solid waste (the City or Turlock Scavenger)?
The City bills for solid waste on a monthly basis.
- 5) Will you be able to provide a summary of rate revenue by customer type (residential vs. commercial) and service level (residential cart size, commercial services by container size and pickups per week)?
Yes, between the City and Turlock Scavenger, this information will be available to the consultant.
- 6) Has the City implemented an organics collection program yet, or do you plan to?
The City does not have a food waste program; however, a commercial and multi-family mandatory organics recycling program has been implemented.
The City does not have a food waste program; however, a commercial and multi-residential mandatory recycling and mandatory organic recycling program in place.

- 7) It sounds like there are about three meetings involved (kick-off, presentation to Council, and public hearing). Is that a good estimate to use for budgeting purposes?

This would be a minimal amount of meetings required. The City will leave it to each firm to propose the amount of meetings needed to complete the study accurately and efficiently.

- 8) Please clarify the preferred number of similar project references you would like. (On page 3 of the RFP mentions 3 but not more than 5, and on page 6 it mentions a minimum of 5.)

The preferred number of similar project references is three.

- 9) Could you provide the sample agreement mentioned in the RFP?

See the addenda titled "Sample Agreement."