

**Invitation to Bid:  
2024 Single Stream & Institutional Recycling Services  
Questions, Answers and Addendums  
Updated 4/1/24**

Question 1: Does the district currently own the containers or do we need to provide them?

Answer 1: The Single Stream containers are owned by Ohio Valley Waste, our current service provider. The Institutional Recycling program is new, so therefore no containers are owned or in use for this program.

Question 2: What is the current rate per lift?

Answer 2: Currently \$24.60/lift

Question 3: Can we get a copy of the last two invoices?

Answer 3: See attached

Question 4: Is the performance bond 100% of the 1st year or is it the total contract value? If it is the total contract value and it be reduced each year?

Answer 4: The performance bond required at the time the contract is signed is for the 1st year contract value only. A new performance bond for the contract value of the upcoming year only will be required annually for the life of the contract.

Question 5: Can you provide a picture of the proposed camera to be mounted on the container?

Answer 5: See attached

Question 6: Pg 10 states contractor to show evidence of capacity 42 months. This should be 36?

Answer 6: Yes, this is a typo. This should be 36 months.

Question 7: Pg13 MRF again list 42 months ?

Answer 7: Yes, this is a typo. This should be 36 months.

Question 8: Would the district accept the Abitibi style 7yd recycling containers that are at many of the Geauga sites but painted solid green?



Answer 8: Yes, the District would accept that style container with 2 caveats. 1.) Because the containers are slightly smaller than the current bins, the contractor understands and accepts that additional changes might be necessary to the service schedule or additions to the number of containers per site to accommodate the reduction in containment volume. 2.) A 7-yd. bin may be too large for the Institutional Recycling Program. It is the understanding of the District that the weight of a 7-yd. container full of paper may exceed a truck's ability to lift/service it. This information was provided the Mahoning County SWMD, which operates a similar program. The

Contractor must check the lifting capabilities of the truck intended to service the Institutional Program containers to ensure they are capable of lifting a full bin. The Ohio EPA estimates that 1 cu. yd of mixed paper weighs approximately 420 lbs., therefore a full 7-yd container could weigh approximately 2,940 lbs.

Question 9: Can you provide the excel file for the institutional program?

Answer 9: See attached

Question 10: We noticed a slight discrepancy in the year 2022 with an additional 3,000 lifts annually, with roughly 1,000 tons less collected from the previous year 2021 and the following year 2023. Can you provide any potential reasons for this disparity?

Answer 10: We asked the same question of our current service provider, Ohio Valley Waste, while it was happening. We had increased our lift schedule in 2022 because of increased demand and complaints of overflowing bins, yet the monthly tonnages went down. Ohio Valley had no documented reason for the 30% drop-off in tonnage. They suggested perhaps it was due to an increase in plastics, which weigh less, but couldn't offer any evidence of that. The list of materials we accepted during 2022 was the same from 2020 through today, so that was not a factor.

We tweaked our drop-off schedule in 2023, reducing the number of lifts overall. Despite the reduction in lifts, the tonnage trend reversed itself in 2023, bringing us back to historical tonnage levels, so we still have no quantifiable idea what happened.

Question 11: Pg12 Hours of operation 7am to 9pm. This will not be possible, our routes start at 4am or 5am

Answer 11: Starting routes prior to 7 am is acceptable, as long as scheduling takes into consideration any areas with a high density of residential dwellings. The District will expect these areas to be scheduled on and after 7 am to minimize disruption to residents in a particular area, provided however, there is one location that cannot be serviced before 7am - Chardon Township- 9949 Mentor Rd., Chardon, OH 44024. The District will expect a collaborative process with all contract providers to balance effective scheduling with the nature and characteristic of each collection site.

Question 12: Pg13 Damage, this needs to be for negligence or fault not ANY. Additionally contractor cant not be responsible for parking lot damage.

Answer 12: The damage referenced in H: Damage to Property is only referring to damage due to the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its employees or agents beyond normal wear and tear. The Contractor will not be responsible for site conditions that are minimally constructed to support the foreseeable activities as contemplated by the bid specifications (e.g. Contractor not responsible for tire ruts due to inadequate surface conditions).

Question 13: Pg 14 list contractor is responsible to clean up what they spill, pg. 21 states contractor is to remove all material around the container?

Answer 13: Each Contractor is expected to remove all debris located around collection containers at the time of service leaving a debris-free collection site. If a Contractor intends not on leaving a debris-free site following each service event, the Contractor should expressly set forth that intention in its bid. The foregoing will be utilized by the District to determine the lowest and best bid.

Question 14: Will you accept Water Swear Trash index or Garbage Trash index for annual adjustments instead of CPI. CPI is not relevant to our industry.

Answer 14: The District is committed to working with each Contractor in a collaborative process to ensure the success of the Single Stream and Institutional Recycling Programs, including but not limited to, considering a more market driven adjustment process. However, the CPI Index is the basis for any adjustments and should be used by any prospective Contractor in formulating its proposal.

Question 15: The institutional bid needs to have an on call price page.

Answer 15: See attached bid sheets (Attachments C.5 and D.5).

Question 16: For all services there needs to be a contamination charge per lift. If a container is loaded with 50% contaminates there should be a charge. Additionally if there is illegal dumping and a container is loaded with drywall a separate trash truck would have to be dispatched and there should be a charge for that.

Answer 16: See attached bid sheets (Attachments C.6 and D.6).

Question 17: Where can the copy of the last two invoices be found? I am not seeing them on the website or attached to the Questions and Answers PDF.

Answer 17: I apologize. I thought I had uploaded the invoices on the website but I must have missed that. They are up on the website now.

Question 18: Should we use the entire corrected ITB when submitting our bid and not the original ITB?

Answer 18: Use the entire corrected ITB when submitting your bid.