

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
RFP – COMPOST PROCESSING SERVICES (Solicitation #202370730)

ADDENDUM NO. 1
November 22, 2023

Firms are hereby instructed that the RFQ documents are modified, corrected, supplemented and/or superseded for the above-mentioned project as hereinafter described:

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

- Q1. Per the discussion at the Pre-Proposal meeting, please explain the Prevailing Wage requirements for this project.
- A1. **Pursuit to Section 20-76 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC), “every worker, mechanic, or other laborer employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the work of drayage or of construction, alteration, improvement, repair, maintenance or demolition on any city-owned or leased building or on any city-owned land, pursuant to a contract by or on behalf of the City” is required to pay its employees working on those city projects not less than the appropriate prevailing wage.**
For this RFP, if the proposer’s compost processing facility is located on city-owned or leased land, prevailing wage will be required (please see Exhibit D of the RFP Sample Agreement for prevailing wage rates).
- Q2. Section A7 permits Proponents to propose alternative considerations that would offer additional benefits. With this allowance, would the City consider a technical solution that involves anaerobic digestion (AD) of the organic material followed by composting or storage and land application of the nutrient-rich digestate as a replacement to commercial synthetic fertilizer? This approach would provide the additional benefit of unlocking renewable energy for the City and County in the form of renewable electricity or natural gas to decarbonize, while also producing a nutrient-rich soil amendment stream high quality compost.
- A2. **The City will consider alternate technical solutions, given that they meet the needs of the program and meet all permitting and certification requirements (or relevant equivalent).**
- Q3. If it is proven to be practical and sensible, would the City consider a solution where equipment is installed at its transfer station to pre-process the organic waste to separate contaminants and collect the organic portion? The organic material can then be transferred, by tractor trailer, to a separate site for processing via anaerobic digestion and subsequent composting of the digestate.
- A3. **The City will consider this solution given it is operationally feasible with the transfer station and meets the need of the collection service.**
- Q4. Does DOTI grant solid waste permits that allow for anaerobic digestion as an acceptable solution for solid waste processing?
- A4. **DOTI does not grant solid waste permits. City permitting is generally through Community Planning and Development and relevant statewide permitting is generally through Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.**
- Q5. Can the Proponents supplement the organic waste intake with streams from institutional, commercial, and industrial (ICI) sources?

- A5. The processor may mix City loads with other streams as long as the finished product meets all agreed upon terms.**
- Q6. We understand that private haulers pickup non-residential waste from a variety of locations. What is the current framework for processing organic waste from institutional, commercial, and industrial (ICI) sources in the City and County?
- A6. Management and processing of commercial organic waste varies by hauler. DOTI does not manage how private haulers manage commercial waste.**