



Parish of Ascension

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ADDENDUM #1 **RFP – Household Hazardous Materials Collection**

Date: November 14, 2023

PURPOSE: Responses to written inquiries

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Can you please clarify the different cells in the price schedule and what each requires us to submit? Solid Yellow vs. Blank vs. dashed lines through? Industry standard is to package and ship Latex paint in Cubic Yard Boxes and/or Roll offs, if the volume warrants it, for Solidification/Landfill and Oil Based paint only in Cubic Yard Boxes for Flammable Processing and Fuels Blend. Please advise if this is acceptable way to handle the paints as processing facilities for flammables are not equipped to handle roll offs, typically. Please list the car counts on the most recent 5 events you have completed. In 2018 you listed 375 cars that averaged 115 pounds of material each. Would you say that is typical and what we should expect in 2024?

Ascension Parish Government is seeking a contractor to collect, transport, and dispose of household hazardous materials in accordance with all industry standards, rules, and regulations. The RFP price schedule was intended to indicate the method by which hazardous materials will be packaged and transported by the successful candidate at the most cost-effective price and does not necessarily dictate appropriate industry standards. Our current contractor does not transport anything by roll off, but rather, items are palletized or placed in appropriate containers for shipping by Semi. Keep in mind that there are other entities involved here. For example, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality collects latex paint that can be mixed in 5-gallon buckets, which is then handled by Habitat for Humanity. My understanding has always been that dried Latex paint can be sent to a landfill. Roll off dumpsters accommodate allowable items. The current contractor has always contacted American Oil to collect motor oil and I assume cooking oil for transport and disposal. Scrap metal is handled by our Scrap Metal Contractor. Tires are collected at the event but are transported and disposed of by Environmental Industries. We cannot give any assurances of what to expect at each event. Below are the dates of the last five events

and please keep in mind the quantities collected include tires and scrap metal, which this contactor isn't responsible for. Also, we didn't have any events in 2020 due to COVID:

COLLECTION DATES / CARS / POUNDS COLLECTED

- 10/7/2023 / 306 / 50,298 lbs.
- 4/1/2023 / 555 / 119,833 lbs.
- 10/1/2022 / 595 / 77,168 lbs.
- 5/14/2022 / 470 / 81,504 lbs.
- 4/3/2021 / 861 / 132,239 lbs.

2. Please confirm that HHW vendor will not be collecting or responsible for Tires or Scrap Metal or Appliances?

Scrap Metal and Tires are handled by other parties and not the responsibility of the Contractor.

3. Please distinguish on the price sheet between the following.
 - a. Blank cells
 - b. Dashed cells
 - c. Cells highlighted in Yellow

How is each priced?

The spreadsheet serves as an example. It covers the different types of materials and different methods of packaging for transportation the applicant will be using. Consider that some methods of packaging may not pertain to that material. Highlighting is typically used to make something stand out, like a \$ amount.

4. Please provide the 3 most recent invoices, with accompanying manifests from the most recent events

Our most recent event is still in process of payment.

5. Who is your current or most recent vendor for these services?

CleanEarth.

6. The pricing spreadsheet that was included is outdated.

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7. The contractor must pay to recycle the tires. I added that to the price sheet.

Noted. While the contractor doesn't handle the collection or recycling of tires, the Contractor is invoiced. The invoice is submitted to the Parish and the Contractor is reimbursed. This is due to the budgeted dollar amount specific to the event(s).

8. The local battery recycler went out of business and now the contractor must recycle the batteries.

Noted. The local battery recycler only handled lead acid batteries. All other types of batteries were collected and handled by the Contractor.

9. The events are much larger than back in 2018. It requires 24 to 30 staff. I made that change.

Noted. Attendance numbers appear to be growing for HHMC events across the country and that organizers of these events utilize volunteers, just as we do with our events.

10. There are two events annually and I noted that on the pricing sheet.

Noted. Unless the bid includes a discount rate for multiple events during a contract year, the number of events annually should not be a factor.