

NOTICE TO BID

(RFP # 2026-002)

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The City of Mercedes is requesting sealed proposals (RFP) from qualified individuals/firms interested in providing **MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES**. Qualified applicants are invited to submit qualifications and proposals for the provision of these services. In order to be considered, proposals must address each of the requests for information included in this document.

All addenda, notices, additional information, etc. will be posted on the City of Mercedes website at www.cityofmercedes.com.

One (1) original one (1) electronic copy must be sealed and returned to the City of Mercedes, City Hall, no later than **3:00 P.M. CST on Wednesday, August 19, 2026**, to the attention of:

City Secretary
Mercedes City Hall
400 S. Ohio Ave.
Mercedes, TX 78570

All proposals must be clearly marked with “**RFP 2026-002 – SOLID WASTE.**” Proposer is responsible for delivery of response by the date and time set for the closing of the proposal acceptance. Responses received after the date and time set for the closing will not be considered. Proposals will be publicly opened and acknowledged after the submission deadline. The contract award is anticipated to be made on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, during the regular meeting of the Mercedes City Commission.

All bidders **must be bonded** in accordance with state and local requirements.

All questions regarding the specifications or scope of work must be submitted in writing no later than August 14, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. to the City of Mercedes at:

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
400 S. Ohio Ave.
Mercedes, TX 78570
Phone: (956) 565-3114
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The City of Mercedes reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive informalities in proposals received.

Joselynn Castillo
City Secretary

Proposal Packet to Provide Municipal Solid Waste Services

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1) INTRODUCTION AND SEQUENCE OF PROPOSAL

The City of Mercedes (“CITY”) seeks Proposals from qualified proponents interested in providing municipal solid waste services as described in this Request for Proposals (RFP). The successful proposer will be granted an exclusive franchise, license and privilege within the territorial jurisdiction of the CITY and shall furnish all personnel, labor, equipment, trucks, and all other items necessary to collect waste materials during the term of this Contract. This includes waste containers no greater than 10 cubic yards for construction debris removal.

Municipal solid waste services include refuse collection, disposal and bulk pick up services for the City of Mercedes. Selection shall be made on the basis of the proposals most advantageous to the CITY, as determined by the CITY based on evaluation of proposal requirements. This solicitation process is governed by law and rules pertaining to “discretionary contracts.” It is not a statutory competitive solicitation. The CITY reserves the right not to award the contract and to amend or negotiate terms of the contract after reviewing proposals that were submitted or at any time thereafter while proposals are pending. CONTRACTORS (Proponents) interested in performing these services must submit a proposal in accordance with the following minimum requirements contained in this document.

Responses must follow the order and sequence of this Request.

The area of the CITY to be serviced by this Agreement is that area commonly known as the City of Mercedes. It is detailed in the map, Attachment B, which attachment is incorporated herein verbatim for all purposes. The attached map represents the approximate boundaries of the service area. This contract expects growth through additional development and monthly increases in service units as noted below. The CITY reserves the option to extend the physical boundaries of the City of Mercedes shown on the attached map at any time during the contract period.

2) GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in this Request the following terms shall have (unless otherwise expressly indicated) the meaning defined and obligations attendant as follows:

- a. **Bulky Items and White Goods:** Household items consisting of large appliances, commonly referred to as white goods, along with discarded bathroom fixtures, such as sinks and toilets, furniture, and mattresses shall be picked up. The items have no size or weight limitations but are limited to residential items. Before Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners are picked up, the owner shall provide documentation to substantiate the Freon has been properly removed by a certified Freon Remover Technician.
- b. **CITY:** THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS.

- c. **Commercial Units:** A commercial unit is a non-residential unit receiving CITY services. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to service such participating commercial units generating waste that qualifies as municipal solid waste. Commercial units, shall receive service from the CONTRACTOR on a predetermined scheduled based on number of days of service and each such commercial location (unit) shall count as one house for purposes of payment from the CITY to the CONTRACTOR.
- d. **Construction Debris:** Waste building materials resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition operations at a Residential Unit, Municipal Facility or Large Commercial and Industrial Unit.
- e. **CONTRACTOR:** The person, corporation, partnership, or legal entity performing municipal solid waste collection and disposal service and the recycling/marketing program under this proposal and the resulting contract.
- f. **Director:** The Public Works Director
- g. **DISPOSAL SITE AND TONNAGE OBLIGATIONS:** The disposal site must be a legally permitted municipal solid waste depository including, but not limited to, sanitary landfills permitted or approved by all appropriate governmental agencies having jurisdiction and requiring such licenses, franchises, permits or approvals to receive for processing or final disposal municipal solid waste and dead animals. Committed proposal prices are to include the disposal cost utilizing a legally permitted disposal facility. Under this contract, waste delivered to CONTRACTOR's landfill or any legally permissible landfill approved by the CITY shall be credited toward the CITY's guaranteed tonnage requirement under respective current disposal contracts, if any such contract is already held by the successful Proponent.
- h. **Hazardous Waste and Industrial Waste:** Hazardous Waste shall mean any liquid or solid waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 and as may be identified by any state or federal agency as hazardous or toxic and requiring special handling or special disposal treatment. Industrial waste is waste so defined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and is not included in the definition of municipal solid waste. In keeping with the CITY'S long-established policies and practices of servicing only the needs of customers and citizens whose generation and disposal needs fall within the regulatory definition of municipal solid waste, this **contract does not include curbside service for any class of industrial waste. Only benign volumes of household hazardous waste meeting the regulatory definition of municipal solid waste, shall be serviced under this contract.**
- i. **Monthly Solid Waste Fees:** Monthly fees charged by the CITY to all single-family residential units receiving solid waste services authorized by CITY Council.

- j. **Out-Of-Cycle Service:** Request there is no limitation on the number of yards of bulky items and white goods the customer request and pays for the removal. Is available outside of the three (3) times a year bulky item collection schedule. A free estimate on the cost is provided to residents. A fee is charged based on the size of the load and prices fixed in an ordinance passed by the CITY Council (See Attachment A for Out-of-Cycle fee schedule summary). Charges shall be collected directly by the CONTRACTOR. Within 48 hours of payment, the CONTRACTOR shall collect the Out-of-Cycle request. There is no limit on the number of yards of bulky and white goods the customer requests and pays to remove.
- k. **Producer – (Generator):** A producer is an occupant of a residential unit who generates municipal solid waste, primarily waste commonly regarded as residential to dispose of municipal solid waste.
- l. **Request for Proposal and Contract Documents:** Request for Proposal refers to this request for proposal document and all attachments and amendments that may be made hereto. Also, it is the Agreement and Contract, when supplemented with a fully executed Agreement form.
- m. **Residential Garbage and Refuse:** All cans, bottles, rags, dry trash, paper, kitchen and household wastes, food containers, lawn trimmings, leaves and other materials typically generated by a residential dwelling unit, which material is regulated as domestic municipal solid waste.
- n. **Residential Unit:** Garbage collection and recyclable material collection services to single-family, residential units will be billed directly by the CITY. These types of residences include, but may not be limited to, single family residences on one electric meter or duplex dwelling units on one or more meters.

3) SCOPE OF SERVICES NARRATIVE

The CONTRACTOR agrees to perform at least the following basic services and such other optional services as CONTRACTOR may tender in the enhanced proposal opportunity presented under Attachment L, provided such proposed optional services are found to be acceptable by the CITY for the public benefit, if any. CONTRACTOR will be providing proposals for once-a-week residential pickup.

Solid waste services shall be equivalent to the service level provided to other CITY residents of Mercedes. Such service levels to which the CONTRACTOR must perform are described in detail below and are summarized in the schedule in the Table I (Attachment C). Costs of all services and disposal are the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR and are to be included in the CONTRACTOR'S proposed price.

- a. CONTRACTOR shall provide one curbside residential garbage collection and disposal service per week for each of the residential units located in the City of Mercedes. The CITY prefers that the CONTRACTOR retain the current day of garbage collection (Thursday). These services are more thoroughly detailed in the Table contained in Attachment C-1 and C-2 attached and incorporated herein verbatim for all purposes.

- b. CONTRACTOR shall provide commercial services on a pre-determined schedule as per attachment C-2.
- c. CONTRACTOR will provide new, and replacement Carts to residents at no cost to the CITY within a reasonable timeframe following notice from CITY of the need for Cart(s). The CONTRACTOR will charge a \$75.00 replacement fee per Cart if a replacement Cart is needed more than once every 12 months per home, unless the CONTRACTOR is negligent. The CONTRACTOR will bill the CITY on the monthly statement and the CITY may pass the fee on to the resident at its discretion.
- d. CONTRACTOR will provide the following containers and service at no charge to the CITY each year: If any haul or service is not utilized within the year they will not carry over to the next.
 - i. 120 hauls per year (10 hauls per month) for 40-yard roll-off containers
 - ii. (10) 40-yard roll-off containers for CITY use at the Citizen Collection Station. 1 Container will be specifically for tires. Other containers will be for brush and bulky items.
 - iii. 12 Hauls per year for (3) 40-yard roll-off containers the City-Wide Clean-up events held quarterly.
- e. The CONTRACTOR shall render the following solid waste services pertaining to scheduled bulky items curbside pickups and illegal dump conditions:
 - i. The City of Mercedes will provide a yearly calendar of the dates that bulk and white goods will be picked up based on the current sectional map. This will be available on the CITY Webpage and at CITY Hall. Bulky and White Goods will be collected three (3) times per year in March, July, and November. Up to ten (10) yards per household.
 - ii. The CONTRACTOR shall organize and divide the area for bulky and white goods pickup so that the area targeted is collected in a one-week period. CONTRACTOR shall notify the CITY of any modification to White Goods and Bulky Item Collection and notification schedules at least a week in advance of such modifications to notice and performance. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the CITY, if CONTRACTOR is unable to complete collection in the targeted area within a one-week period. If a second delay occurs so that the CONTRACTOR is unable to finish the area within a second one-week period, the CITY reserves the right to use CITY personnel and equipment to complete collection within the target area and shall charge the CONTRACTOR for the CITY'S cost to address this lapse in service. The CITY will take into consideration delays due to inclement weather conditions.
- f. CONTRACTOR must abate violations of CITY's Solid Waste Ordinance, within a 48-hour period. Cost of this service is to be included in CONTRACTOR's proposal price. This requirement is underscored in Section 18 (y).

- g. The CONTRACTOR shall support four (4) Citywide clean-up events per year (scheduled quarterly by the CITY.) The CONTRACTOR shall deliver three (3) 40-yard roll-off containers per event to designated locations upon 30 days' advance notice.
- h. CONTRACTOR shall provide a customer service office to facilitate service to the contracted service area. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the CITY with an emergency telephone number available for response on a 7 day, 24-hour basis.
- i. **Material and Equipment:** CONTRACTOR shall furnish all material and equipment necessary, at its own cost and at no cost to the CITY, to effectively serve the contracted area with solid waste collection and disposal. Such materials and equipment shall include, but are not limited to:
 - i. collection vehicles for residential garbage and refuse pick up;
 - ii. bulky item collection vehicles.
- j. **Natural Disasters & Emergency Response:** In the event of a declared local, state, or federal disaster, tropical storm, hurricane, flood, or severe weather event, CONTRACTOR shall provide emergency solid waste and disaster generated debris collection, haulage, and disposal services.
 - i. **Baseline Allocation:** CONTRACTOR shall provide 15 emergency containers as part of disaster relief support free of charge or billed at a fixed per-haul rental rate listed in *Attachment M (Proposed Rates)*

Within twelve (12) hours of an official storm warning or emergency notice issued by the CITY, CONTRACTOR shall activate its Emergency Management Plan and initiate pre-event mobilization:

- i. **Temporary Debris Staging and Processing Sites:** CONTRACTOR shall assist the CITY in placing, servicing, and transporting waste from designated municipal temporary debris staging areas or transfer sites.
 - ii. **Priority Route Clearance:** Immediately following a disaster event (or once winds subside below tropical storm force), CONTRACTOR shall prioritize collection along designated **CITY Priority Routes**, including arterial roadways, emergency access corridors, hospitals, fire stations, police facilities, water/wastewater plants, and critical public utility infrastructure, prior to resuming standard residential routes.
 - iii. **Dedicated Emergency Liaison:** CONTRACTOR shall appoint an **Emergency Operations Coordinator** available 24/7/365 to serve as the direct operational point-of-contact for the CITY's Emergency Management Director or Solid Waste Manager.
 - iv. **Daily Incident Reporting:** During an emergency operational period, CONTRACTOR shall participate in daily operational briefings at the CITY's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and provide daily status logs detailing fleet availability, route completion percentages, truck counts, and daily tonnage/yardage hauled.
- k. **Labor:** In addition to the materials and equipment set out in Sec. 2(n) above, CONTRACTOR shall supply all labor for all solid waste services required under this contract.
- l. **Transportation and Storage:** CONTRACTOR shall supply all necessary transportation and storage facilities for all materials and equipment necessary to perform all services described in this contract.

- m. **Taxes and Governmental Fees and Charges:** The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to pay all applicable local, state and federal taxes and charges, including the state solid waste levy fee in effect, and as such state fee may be modified during the life of this contract. In the event of the creation of a new tax subsequent to the date of commencement of service, the CONTRACTOR and CITY shall mutually agree upon compensation or adjustment for any new tax.
 - n. **Deliverables to Accompany Proposal Response:** The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to submit to the CITY, with its proposal response an Operation Plan for Service Delivery that consists of the following:
 - i. A description of methodology that will be used for all solid waste services, i.e., garbage and white goods and bulky collection services. The proponent should outline how each service will be accomplished and performed by providing information, such as:
 - 1. Proposed days of service;
 - 2. Times and hours of daily operation;
 - 3. Collection equipment capacity dedicated to the Contract area;
 - 4. Number of crews dedicated to service the contract area;
 - 5. Crew size.
 - ii. A customer service operation and telephone numbers to facilitate service to the contract area.
 - a. CONTRACTOR must outline their customer complaint resolution procedures.
 - b. CONTRACTOR must provide evidence of the ability to respond to service calls by the end of the business day of initial call. Proponent's past performance, if under an existing contract with the CITY, will provide some evidence of ability to respond.
 - iii. Emergency telephone numbers and contacts for response on a 7-day, 24-hour basis.
 - o. **Landfill Approval and Tonnage Obligations, if any:** The CONTRACTOR shall identify which landfills and disposal sites that the CONTRACTOR intends to utilize prior to commencement of service. The CITY shall provide written approval of the landfill and disposal sites selected prior to the Commencement of Services. The contract price is to include the cost of disposal. Under this contract, waste delivered to CONTRACTOR'S landfill shall be credited toward the CITY's guaranteed tonnage requirement under existing current disposal contracts, if such a contract is held by the CONTRACTOR.
- Failure to comply with all requisites of this section may result in the Proponent failing to qualify as a responsible proponent. A number of Attachments to facilitate some of these submissions are appended to this RFP. See also Table of Contents and Proposal Checklist, Attachment P.
- p. **Holiday Schedules:** The CONTRACTOR shall provide to the CITY a garbage

collection holiday schedule (*Attachment D*, incorporated herein verbatim for all purposes). Such schedule may be adjusted or modified during respective performance periods.

- q. **Compliance:** The CONTRACTOR shall follow all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the provision of the services detailed herein, including but not limited to those related to safety. CONTRACTOR shall avoid those practices that create a perception of nuisance such as odors and litter. Proponents'/CONTRACTOR'S attention is called to the Regulatory and Criminal History Warranty contained in Attachment G.
- r. **Billing Protocols:** The CITY shall bill and collect from the residential and commercial units, within the contracted service area, that are receiving the solid waste collection services set out in this Contract proposal. The CITY shall bill in accordance with the monthly fee schedule established by the City Council of the City of Mercedes. CONTRACTOR and the CITY will mutually agree on the number of units to be serviced at the start of the contract period. Thereafter, a residential unit count will occur at the end of each month. Mutual consent on the number of residential units to be served will be required from both parties in writing. The new house count will be effective at the start of each month. Count criteria:
 - i. The CITY shall remit payment for services provided under this Agreement within thirty (30) days following the end of the month. No payment shall be provided for non-pickups.
- s. **Discontinuing Collection:** The CONTRACTOR shall, within 24 hours, discontinue garbage collection at any Residential or Commercial Unit identified in a written notice sent to the CONTRACTOR by the CITY. Upon further notification by the CITY, the CONTRACTOR shall resume collection on the next regularly scheduled collection day.
- t. **Records and Audit:** CONTRACTOR shall maintain books and financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Such books and financial records, together with any documentation necessary for verification of CONTRACTOR's compliance with the terms of this contract, shall be made available to the CITY upon request. The CITY shall have the authority to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from said books and records. Please see Section 16, Records Retention for retention periods.
- u. **Records Content:** For the CONTRACTOR'S monthly statement to the CITY for performance and progress payments, CONTRACTOR shall maintain records in a manner acceptable to the CITY, on tonnage collected, disposed, and marketed to properly reflect a measurement of curbside residential garbage collection and recycling material collected and marketed. Both the CONTRACTOR and the CITY acknowledge and agree that such information is necessary to document the success of the garbage collection program. The CONTRACTOR shall submit the completed Monthly Waste Collection Report within ten (10) working days following the end of the month. This report shall accompany the invoice to the CITY.

3.1) Baseline Account Counts and Volume Metrics

To assist the CONTRACTOR in estimating equipment, labor, fuel, and routing requirements, the CITY provides the following current customer account estimates and historical service metrics. These counts represent approximate baseline figures as of June 2026 and are subject to monthly adjustments based on actual active utility accounts pursuant to the Billing Protocols in this RFP.

- a. **Residential Garbage Accounts:** The service area currently consists of approximately **3,233** active single-family residential utility accounts receiving once-per-week curbside collection via 96-gallon cart(s). 1,704 single family residential utility accounts with two (2) 96-gallon cans. 81 residential three (3) 96-gallon cans. 17 residential four (4) 96-gallon cans and 3 residential five (5) 96-gallon cans. The CONTRACTOR shall account for ongoing residential growth and development across the service area map (Attachment B) during the contract term.
- b. **Commercial Accounts:** There are currently approximately **169** commercial accounts serviced on schedules ranging from one (1) to five (5) pickups per week utilizing commercial containers/dumpsters (96-gallon containers) or commercial carts. 93 Commercial accounts with one (1) 96-gallon containers, 57 Commercial accounts with two (2) 96 -gallon containers, 13 commercial accounts with three (3) 96-gallon containers, 6 commercial accounts with four (4) 96-gallon containers and 0 commercial five (5) 96-gallon containers.
- c. **Curbside Brush and Bulky Item Service Accounts & Estimated Volume:**
 - i. **Eligible Accounts:** Curbside bulky item and white goods collection services apply to all **8,979** active residential accounts and **388** commercial accounts. Collection occurs twelve (12) times per year with a limit of up to four (4) cubic yards per household per event.

3.2) Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and Out-of-City Limit Services

- a. **Obligation to Serve Existing Out-of-City Accounts:** The CONTRACTOR shall continue to provide solid waste collection and disposal services to all existing active residential utility accounts located outside the corporate city limits of the CITY (including ETJ areas) that are currently billed and serviced under the CITY's solid waste program as of the effective date of this Contract. The current estimated count for out-of-city residential accounts is **442**.
- b. **Rate Structure for Out-of-City Services:** Due to extended collection routes, lower density, and additional operational costs associated with servicing accounts outside the corporate city limits, rates for out-of-city accounts shall be established at a higher differential rate than standard in-city residential accounts. The CONTRACTOR shall submit its proposed monthly out-of-city rate on **Attachment M (Proposed Rates)**.
- c. **Billing and Administration: City-Billed:** The CITY shall continue to bill and collect from all out-of-city residential accounts on the CITY's utility billing system, applying the out-of-city rate ordinance adopted by City Council, and shall remit payment to the CONTRACTOR based on the monthly out-of-city contract rate agreed upon in Attachment M.
- d. **Future Out-of-City Customers:** New requests for service outside the corporate city limits during the contract term shall be subject to review and approval by the CITY Administrator (or Director) and CONTRACTOR to ensure routing feasibility prior to initiating service.

4) PERIODIC TERM OF CONTRACT, OPTIONAL TERM PERIODS and COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

The day ordained by CITY Council for commencing residential solid waste collection and

disposal service for the area known as the City of Mercedes Contract 2026 shall be October 1, 2026.

The term of this Contract shall be for a five (5) year period beginning on the date of commencement of service approximately October 1, 2026 and the first term shall end September 30, 2031. All optional terms, if any, shall commence on October 1st.

The CITY shall have the option to renew this Contract for five (5) additional one-(1) year terms. There is no guarantee to the CONTRACTOR that the CITY will exercise this option to continue this contract beyond the initial 60-month period.

CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that if the CITY exercises its renewal option under this Agreement for additional one (1) year terms, the only adjustments to terms may be the CONTRACTOR'S compensation amount, as per the formula below, and adjustment for decrease, increase or enlargement of the contract area. Modification of compensation for any renewal term shall be subject to a Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI adjustment used will be based on the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index-Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers South Urban (all items) adjustment. This adjustment shall not vary more than five percent (5%) from the base compensation amount for each respective term year, and over the potential life of the contract (includes 5 optional term years) shall not exceed 15% of the original contract price fixed for the 2026 term year.

During the contract term, if the current level of CITY services as described in Table of Attachment C, is modified, the CITY reserves the right to renegotiate contract prices based on the level of services provided.

5) INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

In the event that service is interrupted for any reason for more than forty-eight (48) hours, the CITY shall have the right to make temporary independent arrangements for the purposes of continuing this necessary sanitation service to customers in order to secure and protect the public health and safety. Any costs that the CITY incurs for addressing interruption or disruption of service shall be assessed to the CONTRACTOR. If the interruption in service mentioned herein continues for a period of seventy-two (72) hours, the CITY shall have the right to terminate the contract.

6) TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. Independent of termination for material breach or cause recited elsewhere, this Contract or any portion of it may be terminated by the CITY by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. The CITY retains this termination option without liability for default.
- b. If the CONTRACTOR terminates this Contract or any portion of it, the CONTRACTOR must notify the CITY in writing not less than ninety (90) days prior to termination. CONTRACTOR's termination, in absence of default by the CITY, shall subject CONTRACTOR's Performance Bond or Performance Deposit to CITY'S right to "call" or draw, according to the terms of this contract.

- c. In the event of termination by the CITY, and in absence of fault by CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid in full for all services performed up to termination date, subject to off-sets or adjustments, if any, as may be necessary to continue customer services.

7) SECURITY AND PERFORMANCE BOND OR PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT IN LIEU OF PERFORMANCE BOND:

- a. **Proposal Deposit:** All Proponents must furnish the CITY with a proposal deposit in the amount set forth in this Request for Proposal, being \$5,000.00. This deposit is submitted with the proposal response. No proposal is complete without the deposit which must be a cashier's check payable to the City of Mercedes. At conclusion of the solicitation and award process, this deposit will be returned to all Proponents. The deposits shall be retained by the CITY until a final contract is signed and all conditions necessary to the award are satisfied to vest the award in the successful Proponent. Deposits are intended to hold Proponents to the full execution of their respective proposals until conclusion of the award process.
- b. **Performance Bond:** If selected, the successful Proponent shall provide a performance bond made payable to the City of Mercedes, executed by a corporate surety, acceptable to the CITY, who is licensed pursuant to the Texas Insurance Code, in the full amount of the contract price as estimated by projection of the CITY. Said bond must be in a form acceptable to CITY and as required by statute governing public works contracts. Said bond must have attached thereto a Power of Attorney as evidence of the authority of the person executing the bond to bind the surety. This bond must be furnished in compliance with the statutory requirements of the Texas Government Code, chapter 2253. The bond must be executed and delivered to CITY prior to The Performance Bond, and / or any alternative security for performance (as described below), must be current and in place for each respective term of the contract.
- c. In lieu of a statutory Performance Bond, a performance deposit shall be tendered in the form of a certified check in the full amount of the contract price upon a state or national bank or trust company signed by a duly authorized officer thereof (check to be drawn payable to the City of Mercedes), or a Certificate of Deposit from such bank or trust company assigned to the CITY or irrevocable letter of credit from a state or national bank or trust company in favor of the CITY.
- d. If a performance deposit is made, instead of a Performance Bond, it will be returned to the CONTRACTOR upon completion of the contract to the CITY'S satisfaction.
- e. **Material Breach:** Subject to other provisions in this contract that may definespecific termination options, failure of CONTRACTOR to perform any of the services required by this Contract within thirty days of receipt of the CITY'S written demand for performance, or failure of Proponent to correct or replace defective equipment, goods, or products within ten days from the receipt of written demand therefor, shall constitute a material breach of contract, and shall enable the CITY to cause this contract to terminate at the CITY'S option and discretion for protection of the public health, safety,

and welfare. Due to the public health and safety implications of this contract dealing with matters exigent to sanitation, the CITY may deem a material breach of contract to occur because of CONTRACTOR'S failure to perform or cure within 10 days from date of notice demand to CONTRACTOR where and when any exigent health or sanitation condition or risk is deemed by the CITY to exist or is so deemed by the Director or Manager of the CITY'S Solid Waste Services Division. In the event of such termination the Performance Bond shall be "called"; or, in the case of deposit, the performance deposit shall be retained in its entirety by the City of Mercedes as liquidated damages, based upon mutual agreement and understanding here between the CONTRACTOR and the CITY at the time the Contract is solicited, submitted and accepted, that the CITY is a governmental entity, engaged in public projects, and that the measurement of damages which is likely to result from a breach of the terms and specifications herein is difficult to determine and that such liquidated damages are reasonable and necessary to enable the governmental entity to carry out its governmental functions, subject of this contract.

- f. In addition to and not in lieu of the general breach and termination provisions set forth herein, the CITY and CONTRACTOR agree that failure to perform specific operational duties causes administrative burden, public frustration, and potential health and sanitation hazards. Because the exact financial damages resulting from such operational failures are difficult to ascertain, the following schedule represents a reasonable and agreed-upon pre-estimate of the CITY'S administrative and oversight costs.

The CITY may assess, and CONTRACTOR shall pay (or have deducted from its monthly invoice), liquidated damages according to the following schedule:

Performance Failure / Deficiency	Timeframe to Cure / Respond	Liquidated Damages Assessment
Missed Residential Route / Block	Failure to collect a missed street or entire route within 24 hours of notification.	\$250.00 per uncollected street/block per day until collected.
Missed Individual Residential Collection	Failure to collect a reported missed container by 5:00 PM next business day.	\$50.00 per container / address per day.
Missed Commercial Collection	Failure to service commercial account within 12 hours of notification or scheduled time.	\$200.00 per account per day until serviced.
Failure to Replace /	Failure to repair or replace a reported damaged	\$50.00 per cart per day beyond

Performance Failure / Deficiency	Timeframe to Cure / Respond	Liquidated Damages Assessment
Repair Damaged Cart	or missing cart within 48 hours.	the 48-hour cure window.
Failure to Respond to / Resolve Complaints	Failure to log, investigate, and resolve a customer complaint forwarded by the City within 24 hours.	\$100.00 per complaint / incident per day.
Missed Bulky Item / Brush Collection	Failure to collect scheduled bulky items/brush on designated collection day or within 24 hours of notice.	\$150.00 per address per day until removed.
Failure to Clean Spills / Litter	Failure to clean up litter, hydraulic fluids, or trash spilled during collection within 4 hours of notice.	\$100.00 per incident, plus actual City cleanup costs if City crews respond.
Failure to Provide Required Reports	Failure to submit monthly, quarterly, or annual operational/tonnage reports by the specified due date.	\$100.00 per calendar day per report until submitted.
Unauthorized Collection Hours	Commencing collection prior to allowed contract hours or operating past permitted cut-off times.	\$250.00 per truck / incident per day.

Administrative Implementation Terms

Notice & Assessment Procedure: The Solid Waste Director/Manager (or designee) shall provide written or electronic notice (email/work order system) of any observed or reported failure. If the CONTRACTOR fails to cure the deficiency within the specified timeframe, the liquidated damage assessment will automatically apply.

Deduction from Monthly Invoice: Assessments will be itemized monthly and directly withheld/deducted from the CITY'S monthly service payment to the CONTRACTOR.

Non-Exclusivity: Assessment of liquidated damages does not waive the CITY'S right to declare a material breach or pursue contract termination under Section (a) if operational failures become persistent, pervasive, or create an immediate threat to public health and safety.

8) PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proponent's Proposal shall include the following items in the sequence listed:

- a. **Plan for Service Delivery:** The summary shall include a statement of the work to be accomplished, how Proponent proposes to accomplish and perform each specific service and unique problems perceived by Proponent and their solutions. *(See section 2(s) for more details).*
 - i. Collection Methodology
 - ii. Identification of Landfills and Tonnage Obligation
 - iii. Customer Service Office
 - iv. Emergency Contacts and Telephone Numbers
- b. **Proponent Qualification General Questionnaire:** Completed Proponent Qualification General Questionnaire. (Attachment E)
- c. **Discretionary Contracts Disclosure:** Completed Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form. (Attachment F) If Proponent is proposing as a team or joint venture, then all parties to that team or joint venture shall complete and return this form with the proposal.
- d. **Regulatory Compliance and Criminal History Warranty:** (Attachment G) This is a part of the CONTRACTOR's assurance to the CITY. If Proponent is proposing as a team or joint venture, then all parties to that team or joint venture shall also be bound by this warranty and obligated to make disclosures, if any, as required by the warranty.
- e. **Pricing Schedules:** List all fees associated with the provision of services by Proponent, if selected. (Attachment H-1, H-2)
- f. **Brochures:** Include brochures and other relevant information about Proponent that you wish the CITY to consider in its selection.
- g. **References and Qualifications:**
 - i. Background of Proponent and support personnel, including professional qualifications and length of time working in Proponent's employment.
 - ii. Relevant experience of Proponent as it relates to the scope of services contemplated by the RFP.
 - iii. Specific experience with public entity clients, especially small municipalities. If Proponent has provided services for the CITY in the past, for how long. If Proponent is proposing as a team or joint venture, provide the same information

for each member of the team or joint venture.

- iv. Other resources, including total number of employees, number and location of offices, number and types of equipment available to support this project.
- v. Proponent shall provide three (3) references, preferably from municipalities, for whom Proponent has provided services.
- h. **Insurance Requirements:** Signed statement indicating Proponent's willingness and ability to provide insurance coverage in amounts stated herein, if selected. (Attachment I)
- i. **Indemnity Requirements with Acknowledged Understanding:** Signed statement indicating Proponent's willingness to accept and comply with the indemnification provisions described herein, if selected. (Attachment J)
- j. **Signature Page for Corporation:** Proponent must sign the proposal on the appropriate form. The proposal must be signed by a person authorized to bind the firm submitting the proposal. Proposals signed by a person other than an officer of the company or partner of the firm are to be accompanied by evidence of authority. Signed statement indicates Proponent's willingness and ability to comply with and execute the final Contracts, if selected. (Attachment K)
- k. **Proposal Checklist:** Completed proposal checklist. (Attachment L)
- l. **Proposed Rates:** Completed Proposed Rates Form (Attachment M)
- m. **Statutory Requirements Certification and Acknowledgement:** Signed statement indicating Proponent's acceptance of and compliance with the statutory provisions described herein, if selected. (Attachment N)
- n. **Ethics Statement and Acknowledgement:** Signed statement certifying that Proponent has not offered, conferred, or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit as consideration for any special treatment relating to this proposal. (Attachment O)
- o. **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters:** Signed statement certifying responsibility of Proponent. (Attachment P)
- p. **Completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ):** If CONTRACTOR certifies that there are no Conflicts of Interest, CONTRACTOR shall indicate so by writing name of CONTRACTOR'S firm and "No Conflicts" on the TEC Form CIQ. (Attachment Q)
- q. **Annual Financial Statement:** Respondent shall submit the most recent annual financial statement and must sign it as an attachment to the proposal.
- r. **Copy of State Comptroller's Certificate of Franchise Status:** A copy reproduced from the Comptroller's website will satisfy this requirement. Proponents must attach and label this certificate copy as Attachment to the Proposal.

Proponent is expected to examine this RFP carefully, understand the terms and conditions

for providing the services listed herein and respond completely. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND PROVIDE ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE PROPONENT'S PROPOSAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND THEREFORE DISQUALIFIED FROM CONSIDERATION.**

9) CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS TO RFP

This RFP, addenda, and amendments to it constitute the Contract Documents when integrated by a final cover document (Integration Agreement) which will contain appropriate signatories for both the CITY and the successful Proponent (CONTRACTOR). The Integration Agreement, bringing together all the Contract Documents, will be signed after the CITY Council acts to accept the Proposal to the RFP and approves the award.

Changes or amendments to this RFP may be posted on the CITY's website at www.cityofmercedes.com. It is Proponent's responsibility to review this site and ascertain whether any amendments have been made prior to submission of a proposal. A Proponent who does not have access to the Internet, must notify CITY in accordance with Section 11, Restrictions on Communication, that Proponent wishes to receive copies of amendments to this RFP by mail.

10) SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proponent shall submit one (1) copy of the Proposal and one (1) electronic copy by USB, the original signed in ink, in a sealed package, clearly marked on the front of the package **RFP 2026-002 Solid Waste**. All Proposals must be received in the City Secretary's office no later than 3:00 p.m., central time, **August 19, 2026** at the address below. Any Proposal received after this time shall not be considered.

Mailing Address:

City Secretary's Office

Attn: Joselynn Castillo

400 S. Ohio Ave.

Mercedes, Texas 78570

Proposals sent by facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted.

Public Acknowledgement. The City shall receive, publicly open, and read aloud all properly submitted sealed Proposals at 400 S. Ohio Ave., Mercedes, Texas 78570.

Proposals will be opened on August 19, 2026 at 3:01 p.m.

Proposal Format: Each proposal shall be typewritten and submitted on 8 ½" x 11" white paper inside a three- ring binder with its spine at least an inch thick. Font size shall be no less than 12-point type. All pages shall be double spaced and printed on one side only. Margins shall be no less than ¾" around the perimeter of each page. Each page shall be numbered. Electronic files shall not be included as part of the proposal. Each proposal must include the sections and attachments in the sequence listed in the Proposal Requirements Section, and each section and attachment must be indexed and divided by tabs and indexed in a Table of Contents page. Failure to meet the above conditions may result in disqualification of the

proposal.

Proponents who submit responses to this RFP shall correctly reveal, disclose, and state the true and correct name of the individual, proprietorship, corporation, and /or partnership (clearly identifying the responsible general partner and all other partners who would be associated with the contract, if any). No nick-names, abbreviations (unless part of the legal title), shortened or short-hand, or local "handles" will be accepted in lieu of the full, true and correct legal name of the entity. These names shall comport exactly with the corporate and franchise records of the Texas Secretary of State and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Individuals and proprietorships, if operating under other than an individual name, shall match with exact Assumed Name filings. Corporate Proponents and limited liability company Proponents shall include the 11-digit Comptroller's Taxpayer Number on the signature page of the Proposal.

If an entity is found to have incorrectly or incompletely stated its name or failed to fully reveal its identity on the signature page of its proposal, the City of Mercedes shall have the discretion, at any point in the contracting process, to suspend consideration of the proposal or to terminate this contract. Termination for reason that Proponent misrepresented its identity shall not be subject to a curative grace period. Said termination, if invoked, shall be effective at a date of the CITY's discretion upon notice to CONTRACTOR.

All provisions in Proponent's proposal, including any estimated or projected costs, shall remain valid for ninety (90) days following the deadline date for submissions or, if a proposal is accepted, throughout the entire term of the contract.

All proposals become the property of the CITY upon receipt and will not be returned. Any information deemed to be confidential by Proponent should be clearly noted on the page(s) where confidential information is contained; however, the CITY cannot guarantee that it will not be compelled to disclose all or part of any public record under the Texas Public Information Act, since information deemed to be confidential by Proponent may not be considered confidential under Texas law, under an Attorney General's Opinion, or pursuant to a Court order.

Any cost or expense incurred by the Proponent that is associated with the preparation of the Proposal, the Pre-Proposal conference, if any, or during any phase of the selection process, shall be borne solely by Proponent.

11) RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION

Once the RFP has been released, Proponents are prohibited from communicating with CITY staff regarding the RFP or Proposals, with the following exceptions:

Questions concerning this RFP shall be directed, in writing only, to the City Secretary Attn: Joselynn Castillo, at 400 S. Ohio Ave., Mercedes, Texas 78570. Verbal questions and explanations are not permitted other than as described by this section. It is suggested that all questions be sent by e-mail to jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com. No inquiries or questions will be answered if received after 5:00 P.M. on August 14, 2026, to allow ample time for distribution of answers and/or amendments to this RFP. Proponents wishing to receive copies of the questions and their responses must notify the CITY's Contact Person in writing prior

to the date and time the questions are due.

Proponent shall not contact CITY employees or Officers before an award has been made, except as set out herein. Violation of this provision by Proponent may lead to disqualification of its proposal from consideration.

The CITY reserves the right to contact any Proponent for clarification after responses are opened and/or to further negotiate with any Proponent if such is deemed desirable by CITY.

12) EVALUATION CRITERIA

The CITY will conduct a duly diligent evaluation of all Proposals received in response to this RFP, with a view to being as comprehensive, fair, and impartial as possible. Each Proposal will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and qualifications under the RFP. Criteria to be evaluated may include the items listed below. The CITY Council may select all, some or none of the Proponents for interviews. If the CITY elects to conduct interviews, Proponents may be interviewed and re-scored based upon this same criterion, or other criteria to be determined by the CITY Council. The CITY may also request additional information from Proponents at any time prior to final approval of a selected Proponent. The CITY reserves the right to select one, or more than one, or none of the Proponents to provide services. Final approval of a selected Proponent is subject to the action of the City of Mercedes CITY Council. The criteria listed below is not conclusive of meeting the CITY's needs for a proposal that may be deemed most advantageous to the CITY. Other factors may be taken into consideration depending on market or other conditions that may manifest during the evaluation period.

Evaluation criteria:

The CITY will conduct a thorough, fair, and impartial evaluation of all Proposals received in response to this RFP. Each Proposal will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness, contractor qualifications, operational readiness, and best value to the CITY.

The CITY Council may select all, some, or none of the Proponents for interviews. If the CITY elects to conduct interviews, Proponents may be re-scored based upon these criteria or additional criteria established by the CITY Council. The CITY reserves the right to request additional information or clarification from Proponents at any time prior to final selection. Final award is subject to official action by the City of Mercedes City Council.

Evaluation criteria are weighted on a **100-point total scale** across seven core categories:

1. Proponent Experience & Qualifications (20 Points / 20%)

Evaluates the firm's overall history, municipal solid waste experience, and staff qualifications:

- **Municipal Experience:** Years in operation providing residential, commercial, and industrial solid waste and recycling collection services.
- **Public Sector Expertise:** Specific experience operating contracts for Texas municipalities or comparable public entities of similar size and density.

- **Key Personnel:** Experience, professional certifications, length of employment, and organizational hierarchy of local management, route supervisors, and key project staff.

2. Technical Approach & Operational Plan (20 Points / 20%)

Evaluates the thoroughness, efficiency, and viability of the proposed operational strategy:

- **Route Design & Schedule:** Logistical efficiency of proposed collection routes, schedule management, and transition plan to ensure no disruption in service.
- **Disaster Response & Emergency Plan:** Preparedness for severe weather, disaster debris management, FEMA compliance documentation, and 12-hour emergency mobilization.
- **Safety & Regulatory Compliance:** Safety programs, driver training, OSHA/DOT compliance, and spill containment/litter control policies.

3. Customer Service & Community Relations Plan (15 Points / 15%)

Evaluates how the Proponent will interact with and serve City residents and businesses:

- **Complaint Resolution & Call Center:** Operations of local/dedicated customer service, call response protocols, online portal/mobile apps, and dispatch integration.
- **Cure Timelines:** Demonstrated commitment and workflow to resolve missed picks, cart repairs, and damaged containers within required contract timeframes.
- **Public Education & Outreach:** Plan for educating residents on pickup schedules, cart placement, bulk item rules, and holiday schedules.

4. Equipment, Fleet & Facility Resources (15 Points / 15%)

Evaluates the quality, redundancy, and maintenance of the physical assets assigned to the City:

- **Fleet Age & Specification:** Age, condition, emission standards, and automated features of side-loaders, rear-loaders, and grapple trucks assigned to this contract.
- **Backup & Reserve Fleet:** Dedicated backup vehicle ratios to handle fleet breakdowns, heavy volume spikes, and emergency calls.
- **Facilities & Maintenance:** Proximity of local maintenance facilities, truck wash setups, and container inventory available for deployment.

5. Financial Stability & Capacity (10 Points / 10%)

Evaluates the Proponent's financial health to guarantee uninterrupted long-term service:

- **Financial Audits:** Audited financial statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements for the past three (3) fiscal years.
- **Bonding & Insurance:** Ability to secure required Performance Bonds, Payment Bonds, and municipal liability insurance coverage levels.
- **Credit Rating & Capital:** Lines of credit, bankruptcy history, and capital assets demonstrating financial solvency.

6. Past Performance & References (10 Points / 10%)

Evaluates verified track records with current and former municipal clients:

- **Municipal References:** Performance evaluations, satisfaction feedback, and history of contract renewals from at least three (3) current or recent municipal clients.
- **Citations & Litigation:** History of liquidated damage assessments, contract terminations, regulatory fines (TCEQ/EPA), or pending litigation over the past five (5) years.

7. Price Proposal & Monthly Contract Rates (10 Points / 10%)

Evaluates cost-effectiveness and rate structure across all requested service lines:

- **Monthly Base Rates:** Rate competitiveness for residential cart collection, commercial dumpster servicing, roll-off containers, and municipal facility accounts.
- **Auxiliary & Emergency Rates:** Transparency and fairness of unit rates for extra cart fees, bulky item tags, and Attachment M emergency haul rates.
- **Mathematical Calculation:** Points are awarded proportionally based on the lowest total evaluated price submitted among responsive Proponents using the formula:

$$\text{Price Score} = \left(\frac{\text{Lowest Total Evaluated Price}}{\text{Proponent's Evaluated Price}} \right) \times 10 \text{ Points}$$

13) AWARD OF CONTRACT, RESERVATION OF RIGHTS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- CITY reserves the right to award one, more than one or no contract(s) in response to this RFP.
- The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the Proponent(s) whose Proposal(s) is deemed most advantageous to the CITY, as determined by the CITY Council.
- CITY may accept any Proposal in whole or in part. If subsequent negotiations are conducted, they shall not constitute a rejection or alternate RFP on the part of CITY. However, final selection of a Proponent(s) is subject to CITY Council approval.
- CITY reserves the right to accept one or more proposals or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, and to waive informalities and irregularities in the proposals received. CITY also reserves the right to terminate this RFP, and reissue a subsequent solicitation, and/or remedy technical errors in the RFP process.
- No work shall commence until the contract document(s) is signed by CITY and Proponent(s) provides the necessary evidence of insurance and Performance Bond as required in this RFP and the Contract. Contract documents are not binding on CITY until approved by the CITY Attorney. In the event the parties cannot finalize negotiations and execute a contract in a timely manner in order to commence services by October 1, 2026, CITY reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the selected Proponent at any time and commence negotiations with another Proponent.

- f. This RFP does not commit CITY to enter into a Contract, award any services related to this RFP, nor does it obligate CITY to pay any costs incurred in preparation or submission of a proposal or in anticipation of a contract.
- g. If selected, Proponent will be required to comply with the Insurance and Indemnity Requirements established herein.
- h. If selected, Proponent will be required to comply with all terms of the contract established herein as expressed in the final contract document.
- i. Conflicts of Interest. Proponent acknowledges that it is informed that the Ordinances of the City of Mercedes and/or its Ethics Code prohibit a CITY officer or employee, as those terms are defined in the Ethics Code, from having a financial interest in any contract with CITY or any CITY agency such as CITY-owned utilities. An officer or employee has a “prohibited financial interest” in a contract with CITY or in the sale to CITY of land, materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the contract or sale: the CITY officer or employee; his parent; child or spouse; a business entity in which he or his parent, child or spouse owns ten (10) percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or ten (10) percent or more of the fair market value of the business entity; or a business entity in which any individual or entity above listed is a subcontractor on a CITY contract, a partner or a parent or subsidiary business entity.
- j. Proponent is required to warrant and certify that its officers, employees and agents are neither officers nor employees of the CITY (Attachment I).
- k. Independent CONTRACTOR. Proponent agrees and understands that, if selected, it and all persons designated by it to provide services in connection with a contract, is (are) and shall be deemed to be an independent CONTRACTOR(s), responsible for its (their) respective acts or omissions, and that CITY shall in no way be responsible for Proponent’s actions, and that none of the parties hereto will have authority to bind the others or to hold out to third parties, that it has such authority.
- l. Proponent acknowledges that Texas Government Code § 2252.908 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties certificate to the governmental entity at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The process as implemented by TEC is as follows:
 - i. The Disclosure of Interested Parties certificate must be performed using the Texas Ethics Commission’s electronic filing application listing each interested party of which the business entity is aware on Form 1295, obtaining a certification of filing number for this form from the TEC, and printing a copy of it to submit to CITY.
 - ii. The copy of Form 1295 submitted to CITY must be notarized and contain the unique certification number from the TEC. The form must be filed with CITY pursuant to §2252.908 Texas Government Code, “at the time the business entity submits the signed contract” to CITY.

- iii. The CITY, in turn, will electronically acknowledge the disclosure form to the TEC not later than the 30th day after the date AUTHORITY receives the disclosure of interested parties from the business entity.
- m. If selected, Proponent will be required to comply with all provisions of Chapter 2258, Texas Government Code, regarding prevailing wage rates and general labor conditions.

14) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following is a list of projected dates with respect to this RFP:

Release RFP	August 5, 2026
Newspaper Advertisement Dates	August 5, 2026 and August 12, 2026
Final Questions Accepted	August 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Proposals Due	August 19, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
Contract considered by City Council	September 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Commencement of Contract	October 1, 2026

15) ASSIGNMENT AND USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

No assignment of this Agreement in whole or in part shall be made by CONTRACTOR, nor shall transfer of any contract performance obligation effected by an ancillary or separate contract of CONTRACTOR, or by corporate sale, merger, or stock acquisition, or any change in the legal identity of CONTRACTOR, be made, without prior written consent from the CITY in accordance with the procedure set out herein. Depending on the provisions of the ordinance initially approving the instant contract, any such described assignment, transfer, sale, merger, or change shall require approval from the CITY Council.

CONTRACTOR shall notify the CITY in writing evidencing the purpose, intent, terms and effects of the proposed assignment, merger, transfer, or change in ownership. CONTRACTOR shall provide the CITY with a copy of the proposed document effecting such change, or a memorandum, or other briefing document describing the proposal or executed agreement with sufficient detail to afford the CITY opportunity for informed review.

The CITY shall review the tendered documents pertaining to the proposed assignment, or other event described above, and shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within thirty (30) days of initial receipt. The response shall contain the CITY'S approval, proposed modifications, or disapproval of the proposed assignment, transfer, merger, sale or other event affecting the CITY'S contract with the CONTRACTOR.

The CITY expressly reserves the right to disapprove any proposed assignment, change in ownership, transfer of contract performance obligations, or any such business reorganization affecting the legal identity of the CONTRACTOR. The CITY agrees to provide CONTRACTOR with a written explanation outlining why such change is viewed by CITY to be adverse to the CITY'S interests.

Any such change described above or assignment by CONTRACTOR, executed in violation of the above described submittal, review and approval procedure is acknowledged by the CONTRACTOR to be void ab initio and CONTRACTOR shall risk termination at the CITY'S option, but shall otherwise continue to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Use of SUB-CONTRACTORS by the CONTRACTOR or subsidiary or affiliate firms of the CONTRACTOR for technical or professional services shall not be considered an assignment of a portion of this Agreement. However, the CITY reserves the right to approve in writing the use of specific subcontractors used or intended to be used to fulfill any part of this contract pertaining to physical performance of any service.

Nothing herein shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than the CITY and CONTRACTOR.

16) EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

The CONTRACTOR shall have an exclusive franchise, license and privilege to provide Waste Material collection and disposal services within the City limits for and on behalf of the CITY to the designated Residential, Commercial and Industrial Units covered by this Agreement, including waste containers no greater than 10 cubic yards for construction debris.

The CITY gives the CONTRACTOR the first right of refusal on any recycling collection within City limits for residential and commercial lines of business. The CITY will help enforce the franchise exclusivity, yet will provide the CONTRACTOR a letter of approval to issue to commercial and industrial businesses as needed to aid in this process.

Franchise Fee – The CONTRACTOR will pay the CITY a franchise fee equal to the percentages listed below on the base rates billed by the Contractor vs. collected. The CONTRACTOR will combine residential, commercial and industrial franchise fees on one check payable to the CITY within 60 days following the end of the month during which the revenue is captured. The franchise fee paid on the commercial and industrial lines of business will be added to the invoice for each account in the form of a franchise tax equal to the percentage listed below.

Residential – 4% Commercial* – 15% Industrial* – 15%

*Temporary roll off: _____

17) RECORDS RETENTION

All records, reports, and other documents generated by or pertaining to this contract must be

retained by CONTRACTOR for a period of no less than four (4) years following termination date. For purposes of extended option terms, records retention requirements shall be honored and measured from four (4) years following the termination date of each respective annual performance period. For example, the first term ending on December 31, 2026, shall require records to be maintained until at least December 31, 2030.

18) VENUE

If the CITY and CONTRACTOR do not arrive at resolution through agreed mediation to resolve any outstanding claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question arising out of or relating to this Agreement, then resolution of same shall be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction in Hidalgo County in the State of Texas in which County venue shall lie and in which county this contract is performable.

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ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF MERCEDES OUT-OF-CYCLE BULKY ITEM COLLECTION PRICE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES LISTED BELOW

Price per Cubic Yard: _____

State any and all fees you would charge to provide brush/bulk residential services.

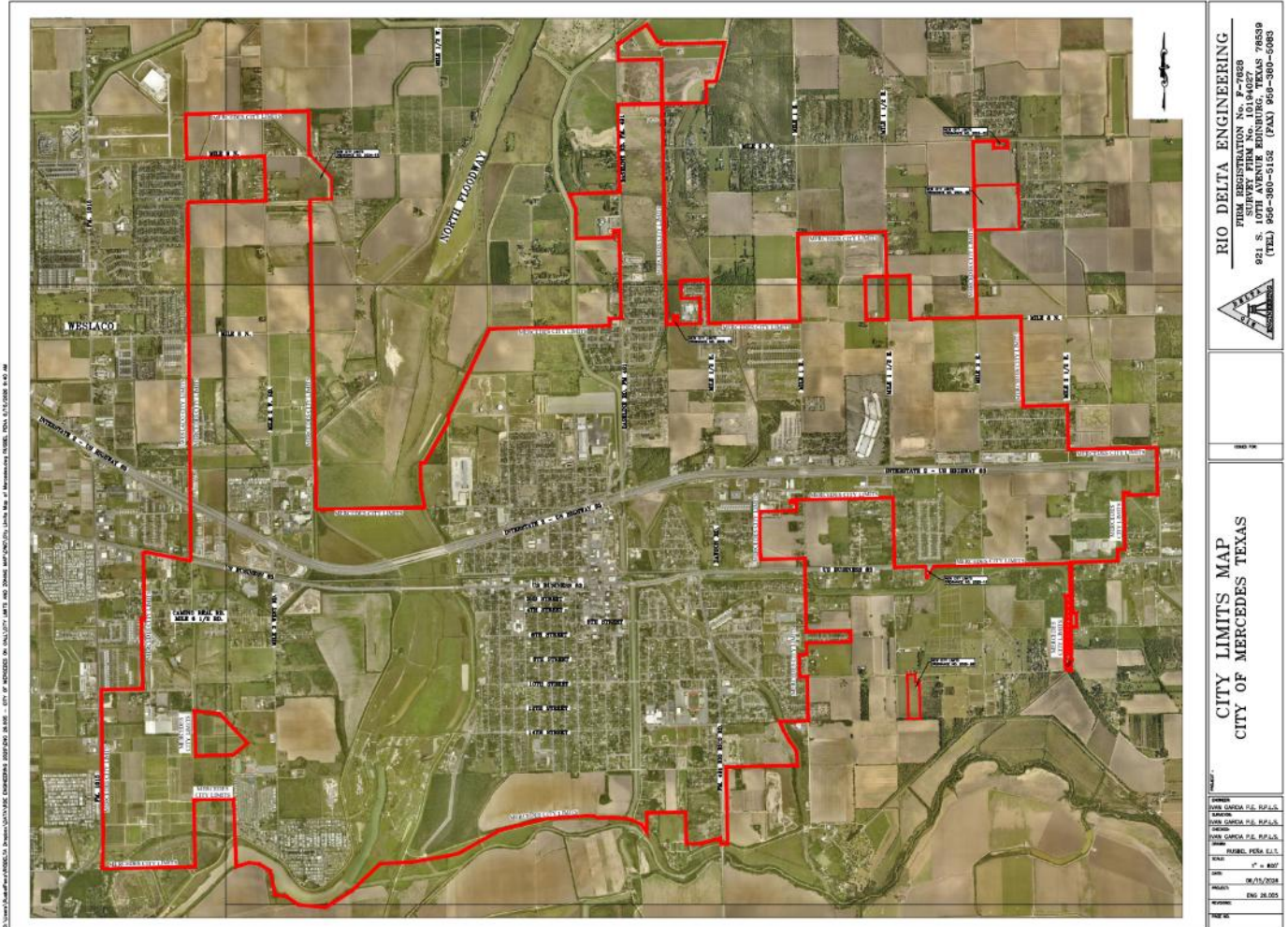
1. Monthly contract rate per residential unit to be charged for brush/bulk services for the City of Mercedes and breakdown of rate (all spaces must be completed with a price):

Brush/Bulky Item Collection Services for City of Mercedes.	
Brush/bulk curbside pickup based on two (2) times per year, etc.	
Brush/bulk curbside pickup based on three (3) times per year, etc.	
Brush/bulk curbside pickup based on four (4) times per year, etc	

2. ENHANCED PROPOSAL OPTIONS SUBMITTED AT PROPONENT'S DISCRETION
(Provide attachment if necessary.)

ATTACHMENT B

CITY LIMITS MAP AND CURRENT PICK UP SCHEDULE





**WASTE CONNECTIONS
OF TEXAS - RGV**

Ph: (956) 316-0333 • Fax: (956) 316-0113
P.O. BOX 3310 • Edinburg, Texas 78540

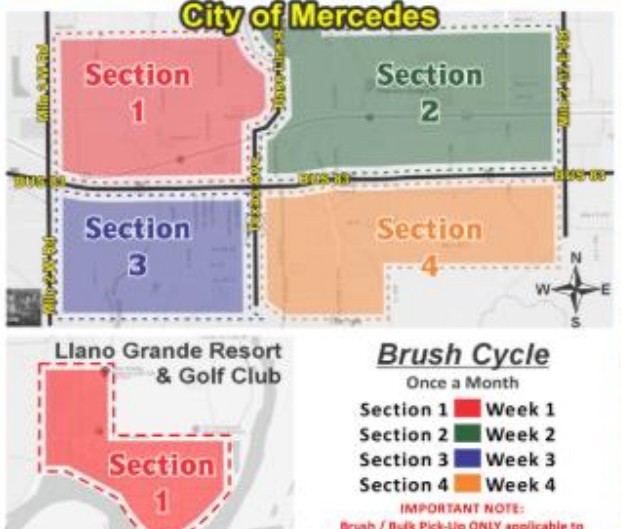


**city of
mercedes**

Ph: (956) 565-3114
400 South Ohio • Mercedes, Texas 78570

Dear Mercedes Resident,

Waste Connections is proud to service the beautiful City of Mercedes. Please follow these guidelines for Brush and Bulky item pickup that will help us keep Mercedes Beautiful. Please see calendar/map for service dates and areas.



City of Mercedes

Section 1

Section 2

Section 3

Section 4

Llano Grande Resort & Golf Club

Section 1

Brush Cycle

Once a Month

Section 1 ■ Week 1

Section 2 ■ Week 2

Section 3 ■ Week 3

Section 4 ■ Week 4

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Brush / Bulky Pick-Up ONLY applicable to residents with City of Mercedes Utility Services

BRUSH / PICK-UP 2026 SCHEDULE

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* DATE MAY CHANGE * WEATHER DELAYS MAY OCCUR.

LEGEND

★ - TIRE PICK-UP
MAX 4 TIRES
PER HOUSEHOLD

■ - TAKE-OUT
BRUSH/BULK
ON SUNDAYS

North West
ZONE #1
North East
ZONE #2
South West
ZONE #3
South East
ZONE #4
CITY
CLEAN UP

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ATTACHMENT C-1

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR

SOLID WASTE SERVICES	FREQUENCY	CHARGE
Residential Garbage Collection and Disposal	Once a Week	Included in Monthly Fee
Out of Cycle Bulky or White Goods Collection & Disposal	Monday-Friday Within 48 hrs. Response	In Accordance with Price Schedule
Customer Service Office	On call Basis; Seven Day/Week; 24 Hrs. Emergency Telephone Number must be provided.	Included in Monthly Fee

ATTACHMENT C-2

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR

SOLID WASTE SERVICES	FREQUENCY	CHARGE
Commercial Garbage Collection and Disposal	1-5 Times a week	Included in Monthly Fee
Customer Service Office	On call Basis; Seven Day/Week; 24 Hrs. Emergency Telephone Number must be provided.	Included in Monthly Fee

Currently commercial garbage pickup is on Monday and Thursday.

ATTACHMENT D

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION HOLIDAY

1. CONTRACTOR is to provide their holiday schedule in attachment D.
2. Quarterly Citywide Clean-up Event is To Be Determined

ATTACHMENT E

**PROPONENT QUALIFICATION
GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Name/Name of Agency/Company: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
4. Does your Company anticipate any mergers, transfer of organization ownership, management reorganization, or departure of key personnel within the next twelve (12) months that may affect the organization's ability to carry out its proposal? Yes____ No____
5. Is your Company authorized and/or licensed to do business in Texas? Yes____ No____
6. Where is the Company's corporate headquarters located?

7. a. Does the Company have an office located in Mercedes, Texas? Yes____ No____
b. If the answer to the previous question is "yes", how long has the Company conducted business from its Mercedes office? _____(years)_____(months)
c. State the number of full-time employees at the Mercedes office. _____
8. a. If the Company does not have a Mercedes office, what is the closest office to Mercedes?

b. How long has the Company conducted business from its office?
_____(years)____(months)
c. State the number of full-time employees at the office. _____
9. Has the Company or any of its principals been debarred or suspended from contracting with any public entity?
Yes____ No____
If yes, identify the public entity and the name and current phone number of a representative of the public entity familiar with the debarment or suspension, and state the reason for or circumstances surrounding the debarment or suspension, including but not limited to the period of time for such debarment or suspension.

10. Indicate person whom the CITY may contact concerning your proposal or setting dates for meetings.
Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

11. Surety Information

Have you or the Company ever had a bond or surety canceled or forfeited?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state the name of the bonding company, date, amount of bond and reason for such cancellation or forfeiture.

12. Bankruptcy Information

Have you or the Company ever been declared bankrupt or filed for protection from creditors under state or federal proceedings? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state the date, court, jurisdiction, cause number, amount of liabilities and amount of assets. _____

13. Provide any other names under which your business has operated within the last 10 years.

ATTACHMENT F

DISCRETIONARY CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE FORM

City of Mercedes
Discretionary Contracts Disclosure*

Attach additional sheets if space provided is not sufficient.
State "Not Applicable" for questions that do not apply.

* This form is required to be supplemented in the event there is any change in the information under (1), (2), or (3) below, before the discretionary contract is the subject of Council action, and no later than five (5) business days after any change about which information is required to be filed.

Disclosure of Parties, Owners, and Closely Related Persons

For the purpose of assisting the CITY in the enforcement of provisions contained in the CITY Ordinances, an individual or business entity seeking a discretionary contract from the CITY is required to disclose in connection with a proposal for a discretionary contract:

(1) the identity of any individual who would be a party to the discretionary contract;

(2) the identity of any business entity^[3] that would be a party to the discretionary contract:
_____ and

the name of:

(A) any individual or business entity that would be a *subcontractor* on the discretionary contract;

(B) any individual or business entity that is known to be a *partner*, or a *parent* or *subsidiary* business entity, of any individual or business entity who would be a party to the discretionary contract;

(3) the identity of any *lobbyist* or *public relations firm* employed for purposes relating to the discretionary contract being sought by any individual or business entity who would be a party to the discretionary contract.

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Political Contributions

Any individual or business entity seeking a discretionary contract from the CITY must disclose in connection with a proposal for a discretionary contract all political contributions totaling one hundred dollars (\$100) or more within the past twenty-four (24) months made directly or indirectly to any *current* or *former member* of CITY Council, any *candidate* for CITY Council, or to any *political action committee* that contributes to CITY Council elections, by any individual or business entity whose identity must be disclosed under (1), (2) or (3) above. Indirect contributions by an individual include, but are not limited to, contributions made by the individual's spouse, whether statutory or common-law. Indirect contributions by an entity include, but are not limited to, contributions made through the officers, owners, attorneys, or registered lobbyists of the entity.

To Whom Made:	Amount:	Date of Contribution:

Disclosures in Proposals

Any individual or business entity seeking a discretionary contract with the CITY shall disclose any known facts which, reasonably understood, raise a question^[4] as to whether any CITY official or employee would violate Section 1 of Part B, Improper Economic Benefit, by participating in official action relating to the discretionary contract.

Signature:	Title:	Date:
Printed name:	Company:	

ATTACHMENT G

Regulatory Compliance and Criminal History Warranty: **Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duty Owed by CONTRACTOR to CITY**

- (a) **Compliance Histories, Warranty, Fiduciary Duty, Discretionary Termination:** The successful proponent must demonstrate to the CITY'S satisfaction that proponent has clean environmental, criminal, and other compliance histories with state, federal, and local agencies or authorities. By submission of a proposal in response to this solicitation, proponent Warrants to the CITY that he /she/ it (in the case of a corporation or other legal entity), including advisors, executive and supervisory employees, agents and representatives, are in good stead with all regulatory authorities that may have interests in or jurisdiction over the work activity or service proposed by the CONTRACTOR. Regulatory interest or jurisdiction may go directly to the Contract activity in question, to potential consequences of the activity, or indirectly to any regulated matter which may reflect upon the CONTRACTOR'S competency and integrity. The CITY relies upon CONTRACTOR'S Warranty and shall treat the CONTRACTOR as having a special fiduciary duty to the CITY in this respect due to potential for environmental, third party, and other regulatory liabilities which may attend this Contract, including but not limited to regulatory criminal responsibility. CONTRACTOR acknowledges such fiduciary duty to the CITY, promising a high standard of performance and best efforts to protect the public interest against consequences of environmental mishap. CONTRACTOR warrants that no matters pertaining to violations, notices of violation, or notices of regulatory concern are now pending against CONTRACTOR or those persons (employees / affiliates) of concern mentioned above; and that no civil or criminal litigation, and no manner of enforcement activity, however preliminary, is *pending* against CONTRACTOR or those persons, regardless of category or class of violation or potential violation. *If any such matters are pending, CONTRACTOR must reveal and explain those matters in writing at the time his / her / its proposal is tendered to the CITY.* If any such matters have been resolved, *during the last five (5) years*, CONTRACTOR must similarly reveal and explain same to the CITY with the proposal submission. The CITY retains the right to determine, according to its discretion, whether or not a pending, unresolved, or resolved enforcement issue or criminal matter concerning CONTRACTOR, its operations, or employees/agents/representatives may impact the responsible status of CONTRACTOR, i.e., render the CONTRACTOR unqualified, or detract from CONTRACTOR'S competency standing. In reliance on CONTRACTOR'S Warranty, the CITY reserves to itself the right to terminate the Contract, without further obligation upon the CITY and without further recourse or remedy for the CONTRACTOR except that the CITY shall duly pay CONTRACTOR for work or services performed to date of termination, should the CITY determine, following award of the Contract that CONTRACTOR failed to reveal and explain to the CITY'S satisfaction any such matters having regulatory or criminal import or implications.
- (b) **Criminal Histories:** Pending and Resolved; Termination. CONTRACTOR must disclose and explain in writing any pending criminal matters associated with his/her/its

business operation. This disclosure goes to CONTRACTOR'S person, and to all persons working for CONTRACTOR in a supervisory, advisory, executive, agency, or in any representative capacity or manner associated with CONTRACTOR'S business enterprise, which person(s) have any criminal enforcement action pending against him or her, regardless of class or category of alleged violation which may be pending, however preliminary, including investigation. And concerning resolved criminal matters, CONTRACTOR must make similar written disclosures and explanations for the same category of persons, which disclosures and explanations concern any criminal enforcement action that may have been resolved against such persons during the last five (5) years. Failure to make such disclosures and explanations, with the submission of the proponent's response to the CITY'S solicitation, shall be grounds for the CITY'S termination of the Contract, should such information come to the CITY'S attention after award of the contract; in which case, CONTRACTOR shall be without recourse and remedy, except for the CITY'S payment to CONTRACTOR for services or work performed up to date of termination.

- (c) **Voidable Contract:** CONTRACTOR'S failure to abide by disclosure and explanation requirements, in (a) and (b), above, shall render the Contract voidable at the CITY'S discretion, with no compensation due CONTRACTOR, if concealed or undisclosed violations, or undisclosed or concealed investigations leading to formal criminal charges, are of such portent, in the CITY'S judgment, as to place the CITY in a position of regulatory or third party liability exposure, or shall pose or result in a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. Any sums paid CONTRACTOR, in the event of a voided contract, shall be recoverable by the CITY, in addition to and cumulative of any other legal or equitable remedies the CITY may have. CONTRACTOR understands the CITY shall enjoy the termination and voidable contract remedies set forth in paragraph (b) and this paragraph (c) due to the fiduciary duty owing from CONTRACTOR to CITY and due to the CITY'S reliance on the CONTRACTOR'S Warranty of Regulatory Compliance and clean Criminal History.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE OF OFFICIAL: _____

DATE: _____

PHONE: _____

ATTACHMENT H-1 (Option 1)

PRICING SCHEDULE

State any and all fees you would charge to provide all services listed in this RFP if awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP.

1. Monthly contract rate per residential unit to be charged for the type of Solid Waste Services for the City of Mercedes. and breakdown of rate (all spaces must be completed with a price):

Solid Waste Services for City of Mercedes.	1 Toter	2 Toters	3 Toters
Rates based on # of toters			

2. Maximum of three (3) toters allowed.
3. ENHANCED PROPOSAL OPTIONS SUBMITTED AT PROPONENT'S DISCRETION (Provide attachment if necessary.)

ATTACHMENT H-2 (Option 2-Recycling)

PRICING SCHEDULE

State any and all fees you would charge to provide recycling services.

1. Monthly contract rate per residential unit to be charged for recycling services for the City of Mercedes and breakdown of rate (all spaces must be completed with a price):

Recycling curbside pickup based on two (2) times per month, etc. (1 toter only)	
Recycling front door pickup based on two (2) times per month, etc.	

2. Monthly contract rate per residential unit to be charged for household hazardous waste services for the City of Mercedes and breakdown of rate (all spaces must be completed with a price):

Household hazardous waste acceptance and disposal (propose collection method, schedule and quantity)	
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3. ENHANCED PROPOSAL OPTIONS SUBMITTED AT PROPONENT'S DISCRETION (Provide attachment if necessary.)

ATTACHMENT I

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Proponent must attach a statement in its proposal indicating Proponent's willingness and ability to provide the following insurance coverages and requirements, if selected:

Prior to the commencement of any work under an Agreement awarded pursuant to this RFP, the selected Proponent shall furnish an original completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the City of Mercedes with City of Mercedes in the Description of Operations block of the Certificate. The original Certificate(s) shall be completed by an agent authorized to bind the named underwriter(s) and their company to the coverage, limits and termination provisions shown thereon, containing all required information referenced or indicated thereon. The original Certificate(s) or form must have the agent's original signature, including the signer's company affiliation, title and phone number, and be mailed directly from the agent to the CITY. The CITY shall have no duty to pay or perform under said Agreement until such Certificate shall have been delivered to the City Manager, and no officer or employee, other than the CITY COUNCIL, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

The CITY reserves the right to review these insurance requirements during the effective period of the Agreement and any extension or renewal thereof and to modify insurance coverages and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by the City Manager, based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions or circumstances surrounding the Agreement, but in no instance will CITY allow modification whereupon CITY may incur increased risk.

Proponent's financial integrity is of interest to the CITY, and, therefore, subject to Proponent's right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by the CITY, Proponent shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect, for the duration of the Agreement, and any extension thereof, at Proponent's sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and rated A- or better by A.M. Best Company and/or otherwise acceptable to the CITY.

TYPE	AMOUNT
1. Workers' Compensation and Statutory Employers' Liability	Statutory
2. Commercial General (Public) Liability to include coverage for the following:	
A. Premise/Operations for Bodily Injury and Property	
B. Independent CONTRACTOR	Damage of \$3,000,000 per occurrence; with an aggregate of \$5,000,000 or its equivalent in umbrella or excess coverage
C. Product/Completed Operations	
D. Personal Injury	
E. Contractual Liability	
F. Environmental Impairment/Impact-sufficiently broad to cover disposal liability.	
3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance	

A. Owned/Leased Automobiles Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property	\$3,000,000 per occurrence or its equivalent
B. Damage of Non-owned Automobiles	
C. Hired Automobiles	

The CITY shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of the policies and all endorsements thereto as they apply to the limits required by the CITY, and may require the deletion, revision or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations or exclusions, except where policy provisions are established by law or regulation binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter of any such policies. Proponent shall be required to comply with any such requests and shall submit a copy of the replacement Certificate of Insurance to CITY at an address provided by CITY within ten (10) days of the requested change. Proponent shall pay any costs incurred resulting from said changes.

Proponent agrees that, with respect to the above-required insurance, all insurance contracts and Certificate(s) of Insurance will contain the following required provisions:

- ☐ Name the CITY and its officers, employees, volunteers and elected representatives as additional insureds as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of, the named insured performed under contract with the CITY, with the exception of the workers' compensation and professional liability policies;
- ☐ Provide for an endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to the City of Mercedes where the CITY is an additional insured shown on the policy;
- ☐ Workers' compensation and employers' liability policy will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the CITY.

When there is a cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage, which is not made pursuant to a request by CITY, Proponent shall notify the CITY of such and shall give such notices not less than thirty (30) days prior to the change, if Proponent knows of said change in advance, or ten (10) days' notice after the change, if the Proponent did not know of the change in advance. Such notice must be accompanied by a replacement Certificate of Insurance. All notices shall be given to the CITY at the following addresses:

City of Mercedes
City Manager
Debbie Molina
1604 SH 97 E, SUITE A
Mercedes, Texas 78026

If Proponent fails to maintain the aforementioned insurance, or fails to secure and maintain the aforementioned endorsements, the CITY may obtain such insurance, and deduct and retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement; however, procuring of said insurance by the CITY is an alternative to other remedies the CITY may have

and is not the exclusive remedy for failure of Proponent to maintain said insurance or secure such endorsement. In addition to any other remedies the CITY may have upon Proponent's failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the CITY shall have the right to order Proponent to stop work under the Agreement, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to Proponent thereunder until Proponent demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Proponent may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from Proponent's or its subcontractors' performance of the work covered under the Agreement. It is agreed that Proponent's insurance shall be deemed primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the CITY for liability arising out of operations under this contract.

ATTACHMENT J

INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY SUCCESSFUL PROPONENT

PROPONENT, if selected and hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR, covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS, the CITY and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of the CITY, individually or collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the CITY directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from or related to PROPONENT/CONTRACTOR'S activities under this CONTRACT, including any acts or omissions of PROPONENT/CONTRACTOR, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, consultant or subcontractor of CONTRACTOR and their respective officers, agents, employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of performance of the rights or duties under this CONTRACT, all without however, waiving any governmental immunity available to the CITY under Texas Law and without waiving any defenses of the parties under Texas Law. IT IS FURTHER COVENANTED AND AGREED THAT SUCH INDEMNITY SHALL APPLY EVEN WHERE SUCH COSTS, CLAIMS, LIENS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, EXPENSES, FEES, FINES, PENALTIES, ACTIONS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITY AND/OR SUITS ARISE IN ANY PART FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF CITY, THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CITY, UNDER THIS CONTRACT. The provisions of this INDEMNITY are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity. PROPONENT/ CONTRACTOR shall advise the CITY in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against the CITY or PROPONENT/CONTRACTOR, known to PROPONENT/ CONTRACTOR, related to or arising out of PROPONENT/ CONTRACTOR's activities under this CONTRACT and CONTRACTOR shall see to the investigation and defense of such claim or demand at PROPONENT/ CONTRACTOR'S cost. The CITY shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in such defense without relieving CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations under this paragraph.

It is the EXPRESS INTENT of the parties to this CONTRACT, that the INDEMNITY provided for in this section, is an INDEMNITY extended by PROPONENT/CONTRACTOR to INDEMNIFY, PROTECT and HOLD HARMLESS, the CITY from the consequences of the CITY'S OWN NEGLIGENCE, provided however, that the INDEMNITY provided for in this section SHALL APPLY only when the NEGLIGENT ACT of the CITY is a CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE of the resultant injury, death, or damage, and shall have no application when the negligent act of the CITY is the sole cause of the resultant injury, death, or damage. CONTRACTOR further AGREES TO DEFEND, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE and ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND IN THE NAME OF THE CITY, any claim or litigation brought against the CITY and its elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives, in connection with any such injury, death, or damage for which this INDEMNITY shall apply, as set forth above.

The provisions of this INDEMNIFICATION are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

CONTRACTOR shall advise the CITY in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against the CITY or CONTRACTOR, known to CONTRACTOR related to or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S activities under this contract.

ATTACHMENT K

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR CORPORATION

Verification of Authority to Execute

If Proponent is a CORPORATION, the duly authorized officer must sign as follows:

The undersigned certifies that (s)he is _____ (title) of the corporation or limited liability company named below; that (s)he is designated to sign this Proposal Form by resolution (attach Certified Copy) for and on behalf of the below named entity, and that (s)he is authorized to execute same for and on behalf of and bind said entity to the terms and conditions provide for in the Proposal as required by this RFP, and has the requisite authority to execute an Agreement on behalf of Proponent, if awarded, and that the 11-digit Comptroller's Taxpayer Number for the entity is: _____.

(Corporation Name)

By: _____

Printed name: _____

Title: _____

Employer Identification Number

ATTACHMENT L

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

This checklist is to help the Proponent ensure that all required documents have been included and signed in its proposal.

Document	Check
Plan for Service Delivery	
Proposal Deposit	
*Proponent Qualification General Questionnaire (Attachment E in RFP)	
*Discretionary Contracts Disclosure (Attachment F in RFP)	
Pricing Schedule (Attachment H-1/ H-2 in RFP)	
References and Qualifications (Proposal Requirements Section of RFP) ☐ résumés of key personnel ☐ 3 References	
*Certification and Acknowledgement (Attachment N)	
*Ethics Statement (Attachment O)	
*Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters (Attachment P)	
*Signature Page for Corporation (Attachment K)	
*Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Attachment Q)	
Current Annual Financial Statement	
State Comptroller's Certificate of Franchise Status	
1 Copy of Proposal and 1 electronic copy (USB)	

*Documents marked with an asterisk on this checklist require a signature. Be sure they are signed prior to submittal.

ATTACHMENT M

Proposed Rates

Container Size

Frequency of Pick Ups

	Container Size/Qty	1x				
Residential	(1) 96 Gallon Cart					
	(2) 96 Gallon Cart					
	(3) 96 Gallon Cart					
	(4) 96 Gallon Cart					
	(5) 96 Gallon Cart					
Commercial		1x	2x	3x	4x	5x
	2 Yard					
	3 Yard					
	4 Yard					
	6 Yard					
	8 Yard					

	Container Size	Delivery	Rental	Haul Rate	Disposal	28% FRF & ERF
Roll Off	20 YD					
Roll Off	30 YD					
Roll Off	40 YD					
RECEIVER BOX	40 YD					

Please supply rates for receiver boxes and for compacted trash.

ATTACHMENT N

CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned, as an authorized agent of the Respondent, hereby certifies:

The Respondent is in receipt of _____ addenda.

The Respondent certifies:

- that CONTRACTOR, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same, does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement.
- that at the time of execution of this Agreement, neither CONTRACTOR, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same, is engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or any terrorist organization, and is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 2270.0201 or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.
- that CONTRACTOR, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same, does not boycott energy companies, and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement.
- that it (i) does not have a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (ii) will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the Agreement pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2274, Section 2274.002.
- that it is qualified to perform the work and services outlined in this RFP.
- that the offers, terms and conditions of the Proposal will remain valid and effective and may be relied upon by CITY for a period of ninety (90) days following the Proposal closing date and time as identified in this RFP or addenda.
- that it has provided disclosure of all known claims for losses, damages, or indemnification, including any settled, threatened, or ongoing litigation as required in Submission Requirements.

Signed By: _____ Title: _____

Typed Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Remit Address: _____

P.O. Box or Street

City

State

Zip

Federal Tax ID No.: _____ DUNS No.: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT O

**ETHICS STATEMENT
(Complete and return with proposal)**

The undersigned Respondent, by signing and executing this proposal, certifies and represents to the CITY that Respondent has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit, as defined by (1.07 (a) (6) of the Texas Penal Code, or any other thing of value as consideration for the receipt of information or any special treatment of advantage relating to this proposal; the Respondent also certifies and represents that the Respondent has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value as consideration for the recipient's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion concerning this proposal, the Respondent certifies and represents that Respondent has neither coerced nor attempted to influence the exercise of discretion by any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the CITY concerning this proposal on the basis of any consideration not authorized by law; the Respondent also certifies and represents that Respondent has not received any information not available to other Respondent so as to give the undersigned a preferential advantage with respect to this proposal; the Respondent further certifies and represents that Respondent has not violated any state, federal, or local law, regulation or ordinance relating to bribery, improper influence, collusion or the like and that Respondent will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value of any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the CITY in return for the person having exercised their person's official discretion, power or duty with respect to this proposal; the Respondent certifies and represents that it has not now and will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer a pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent, or employee of the CITY in connection with information regarding this proposal, the submission of this proposal, the award of this proposal or the performance, delivery or sale pursuant to this proposal.

I have read all of the specifications and general proposal requirements and do hereby certify that all items submitted meet specifications.

COMPANY: _____

AGENT NAME: _____

AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ TELEFAX: _____

FEDERAL ID#: _____ AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS IF ANY:

NOTE: QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE RAISED WITH CITY AND ITS CONSULTANT (IF APPLICABLE) AND RESOLVED, IF POSSIBLE, PRIOR TO THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DATE. ANY LISTED DEVIATIONS IN A FINALLY SUBMITTED PROPOSAL MAY ALLOW THE OWNER TO REJECT A PROPOSAL AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

ATTACHMENT P

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS
(Complete and Return with Proposal)**

Name of Entity: _____

The prospective participant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that they and their principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- d) Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, Local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this Proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Section 1001, a false statement may result in a fine up to a \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or both.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Typed)

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

☐ I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.

EPA FORM 5700-49 (11-88)

ATTACHMENT O

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY & SUBMITTED WITH
BID RESPONSE**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		FORM CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received	
1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.		
2 ☐ Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)		
3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed. Name of Officer		
4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary. A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor? ☐ Yes ☐ No B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.		
6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).		
7 Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity Date		

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

- (2) the vendor:

- (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

- or

- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

- (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

- (1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.