

September 6, 2024

**POLK COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
ADDENDUM # 2  
BID # 24-580, Yard Waste Processing**

This addendum is issued to clarify, add to, revise and/or delete items of the Bid Document for this work. This Addendum is a part of the Bid Document and acknowledgment of its receipt shall be noted on the Addendum.

Contained within this addendum: questions and answers received, and aerial photo of processing location added to FTP site.

To receive a copy of the aerial photo please go the following FTP site: <https://ftp3.polk-county.net>, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is **procurevendor** and the password is **solicitation**. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder "**Bid 24-580, Yard Waste Processing.zip**", select "Open" or "Save As" to download the aerial photo. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Ken Brush at [kenbrush@polk-county.net](mailto:kenbrush@polk-county.net).

Respectfully,

*Ken Brush*

Ken Brush  
Procurement Contracts Manager  
Procurement Division

**This Addendum sheet should be signed and submitted with your bid submittal. This is the only acknowledgment required.**

Signature

Printed Name:

Title:

Company:

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Question 1: In the Processing and Storage section on page 42 letter d states:

“All yard waste (including logs) received at the facility shall be size reduced (ground) by the last day of the calendar month when it is received. Solid Waste staff will inspect the site prior to site opening on the first business day of each month. If any unprocessed yard waste is left over from the previous month, Solid Waste will notify Vendor of the non-compliance”

If yard waste comes in on the last day of the month, it would be very difficult to process all by the end of the day. Is there a cut off each month of what needs to be processed by the end of the month to be considered in compliance?

Answer: Upon request only, the Awarded Vendor may request an extension for up to four (4) business days if unable to process the month end's unprocessed yard waste.

Question 2: Will the Awarded Vendor need to remove the yard waste?

Answer: No, Solid Waste will be responsible for transporting the yard waste out of the processing area.

Question 3: Will the Award Vendor be responsible for loading 100% of the processed yard waste into the trucks?

Answer: No, Solid Waste will load the processed yard waste in the trucks for transport. The Award Vendor will be responsible for staging the processed yard waste in a designated area.

Question 4: Will the County be using all of the processed yard waste?

Answer: Yes, all of the processed yard waste will be used as filler for the landfill.

Question 5: Can the Awarded Vendor use day laborers?

Answer: Yes, but the Awarded Vendor must be in compliance with all Federal and State labor laws. Additionally, the Awarded Vendor must comply with the bid documents General Information section #22 Unauthorized Alien(s) and #23 Employment Eligibility Verification (E-Verify).

Question 6: In the bid documents under Qualification #5 item c and Air Regulations section speaks to a horsepower limitation. Can this limitation be increased to process the yard waste faster to meet the 3" processed waste requirement or can the processed waste requirement be increase to 4"?

Answer: Due to the regulatory requirements the Solid Waste Division has to adhere to, the awarded Vendor shall not have an emission unit greater than 1,000 HP and a unit that does not exceed 255,840 gallons/12-month period.

Question 7: Who is the current Awarded Vendor?

Answer: Big Dog Express of South Florida.

Question 8: What is the current price per ton?

Answer: Grinding yard waste: Removal of contaminants including bagged yard waste. - \$18.00 per ton  
Grinding yard waste only - \$17.00 per ton

Question 9: Does the whole area have to be under a silt fence?

Answer: Yes, please see Specification #8. The Vendor shall be responsible for supplying, installing, and maintenance of silt fence surrounding the yard waste area to ensure proper function of the stormwater ditches.

Question 10: What was the total of yard waste received at the NCLF from 9/4/23 through 8/31/24? Unbagged and bagged?

Answer: For the period of 08/26/2023 to 08/24/2024, it is estimated that 4,297 tons of bagged, and 31,384 of unbagged yard waste was received.

Question 11: How often are solid waste trucks to be loaded with the processed material? Daily?

Answer: The trucks load much daily.

Question 12: How many trucks will be sent at any particular time to be loaded with mulch?

Answer: Two to four trucks at any given time.

Question 13: There is no silt fence, at this time, surrounding the yard waste. Is it the vendor's responsibility to supply and install? or only maintenance once it gets installed by solid waste?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question 9 above.

Question 14: Is it valid to say that approximately 60% of the tonnage coming in are stumps, which need to be sheered before grinding?

Answer: This is difficult to quantify, but less than 60% is estimated.

Question 15: How many companies attended the pre-bid meeting in person or through Zoom? Please include the company's name.

Answer: There were 4 vendors at the pre-bid meeting. The companies represented were Generate Upcycle/Atlas Organics, How Co Environmental, Veransa Group, and Gaston Tree Debris Recycling.

Question 16: When you mention the vendor is responsible for mowing the yard waste facility. Is that only the area where the grinder operates for the yard waste?

Answer: The area to mow is around the yard waste and silt fence areas.

Question 17: What are the specific road/lanes the vendor is responsibility for maintenance such as trimming and mowing?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question 16 above.