



## Memorandum

Date: April 19, 2012

To: All Interested Parties

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Re: Addendum #1 for REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE  
TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING SERVICES

### Addendum #1 Questions & Answers

1. Three (3) copies of the proposal shall be submitted to the AGENCY no later than 3:00 p.m. on the time clock located at 2300 County Center Drive, Suite B100, Santa Rosa, California, on April 27, 2012. The package of proposals must be clearly labeled on the outside with the name and the address of the firm submitting the proposal with the words: "**ELECTRONIC WASTE TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING SERVICES**" in the address. One of the copies of the proposal shall be unbound to allow for ease of copying. Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the AGENCY contact found in Section 2.1 of the RFP.
2. In Exhibit A, Scope of Work, under E-waste RFP/Contract Language, the word "event" should be removed from the following paragraph:

#### *Contract Requirements*

8. *Contractor shall provide a downstream chain-of-custody-and-disposition report of all waste collected within ninety (90) days of the collection event. The downstream report shall include both hazardous and non-hazardous components, including but limited to, Identity of vendor(s) who purchase final recovered materials, and a description of each material's final reuse or disposition by volume and composition.*
3. Question:

Under Exhibit A, Electronic Waste Transportation and Recycling, Proposed Scope of Services item 4. Handling of Materials (2.) it states that preference will be given for having signed the e-Steward Pledge. This program has been phased out and replaced by the Certified e-Stewards Recyclers program. From the BAN website: "The Pledge program ceased accepting new recyclers on October 15th, 2009 in order to transition to the fully accredited Certified e-Stewards Recyclers program, which was launched on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. At that time, Pledged e-Stewards Recyclers were given until August 31, 2011 to remain in the e-Stewards program while they worked to set up an ISO 14001 environmental management system and e-waste management systems that conformed with the new e-Stewards Standard for the Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Waste®.

They also had to contract and schedule on-site audits with an accredited e-Stewards Certification Body. Multi-site companies would be allowed an 18-month period after the completion of the certification of their first site/facility in order to the complete certification of all remaining company sites. While the qualified Pledged e-Stewards Recyclers were given time to transition to certification, the e-Stewards website listed Qualified Pledged e-Stewards Recyclers, Certified e-Stewards Recyclers and recyclers with Certification in Progress. As scheduled, on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, any Pledged e-Stewards that had not contracted for certification were removed from the site.” Will the RFP be updated to reflect that the Pledge Program no longer exists?

Answer:

To clarify, preference will be given to Proposers who have obtained the e-Stewards Certification, which has replaced the e-Stewards Pledge program.

The following is stated in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, under Primary Scoring Criteria:

*Preference will be given to Proposers who have obtained environmental, health and safety certifications and who uphold the highest social and environmental standards in their business practices. Preference will be given to Proposers that:*

- 1. have ISO 9000 or 14001 Environmental Management Systems*
- 2. have obtained environmental, health and safety certifications.*

*Provide a list of any current certifications or qualifications, for example the e-Stewards Certification (which includes ISO 14001 certification) or the e-Stewards Pledge.*

4. Question:

Is it possible to get a copy of the current contract pricing for Electronic Waste Transportation and Recycling? What is the pricing agreement you have with the current service provider? Is the pricing that you're receiving from ECS Refining, public information? If so, can you please disclose?

Answer:

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency is paid \$0.26 (twenty six cents) per pound for all Covered Electronic Waste (SB 20 material) by the current Contractor. The following language is from the current contract:

Payment.

a. *For all services and incidental costs required hereunder, Contractor shall pay Agency \$.26/pound for all Covered Electronic Devices, as defined in Chapter 8.5, of Part 3 of Division 30 of the California Public Resources Code, commencing with Section 42460, and Article 10.3, of Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the California Health and Safety Code, commencing with Section 25214.9) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulation (CCR), Division 7, Chapter 8.2, commencing with Section 18660.5. Should the State change the collector and/or recycler payments, Contractor and Agency shall renegotiate the payment accordingly. Additionally, because there is not currently a State payment program in place for the payment of UWEDs, Contractor shall not pay Agency for UWEDs. If at any point during the term of this Agreement, the State of California*

*enacts legislation or the California Integrated Waste Management Agency, or any other State agency adopts regulations providing for reimbursement of the costs of managing universal waste electronic devices or consumer electronic wastes devices, however they are labeled, Contractor shall immediately pay Agency the full rate set forth by the legislation or regulation for each device, excluding any amount allocated for recycling or disposal. Weight will be determined by Contractor weighing each pallet and Agency UWED container upon receipt. Contractor shall use tare weights of 40 pounds/pallet and 160 pounds/Agency UWED container, unless different weights are approved in writing by the Executive Director of the Agency, and the tare weight shall be subtracted from the total shipping weight to determine the weight for which the Agency's payment shall be based. Contractor shall pay Agency within sixty (60) days of shipment in accordance with CCR Title 14 § 18660.13.*

5. Question:

Are there any other electronic items that you're getting paid for by ECS Refining, besides CRTs and LCD Monitors?

Answer:

The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency is paid \$0.26 for the following:

UW CRT Devices-CA  
UW FS Devices-CA  
UW Laptops-CA

There are no other payments to the Agency under this contract.

6. Question:

Who is currently providing the collapsible wire cages for the e-Waste at the transfer station?

Answer:

The collapsible wire cages are provided by the E-waste Contractor. They are switched out when the E-waste is picked-up.

7. Question:

Who is currently providing other packaging materials, i.e. shrink wrap, Gaylord boxes, and pallets? Who provides the packaging materials, i.e. boxes, shrink wrap and pallets for the services?

Answer:

There are two components of the Agency's E-waste management program: 1) packing and loading and 2) transporting and recycling.

Packing and loading of the E-waste is handled by the County's reuse and recycling contractor. This contractor provides all the packing materials (boxes, shrink wrap, pallets, etc.).