

REQUEST for PROPOSAL #889

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND EXPERT SERVICES

Clark County Washington

RELEASE DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 by 1:30 pm

Request for Proposal for:

SOLID WASTE FINANCIAL CONSULTING

SUBMIT:

One (1) Original
One (1) Complete Copy
One (1) Flash Drive

of the Proposal to:

Shipping Method of your Choice or Hand Delivery

Clark County ATTN: Office of Purchasing 1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Suite 650 Vancouver WA 98660 564-397-2323

United States Postal Service

Clark County ATTN: Office of Purchasing PO Box 5000 Vancouver WA 98666-5000 564-397-2323

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday, except Legal Holidays. **No electronic submissions**.

Refer Questions to Project Manager:

Joelle Loescher Solid Waste Operations Manager | Public Health <u>Joelle.Loescher@clark.wa.gov</u> 564-397-8126

^{**}Proposals must be delivered to the Purchasing office - No Exceptions

^{**}Proposals must be date and time stamped by Purchasing staff by 1:30 pm on due date.

^{**}Proposal shall be sealed and clearly marked on the package cover with RFP #, Title & Company Name

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS - Contractors shall comply with all management and administrative requirements established by Washington Administrative Code (WAC), the Revised Code of the State of Washington (RCW), and any subsequent amendments or modifications, as applicable to providers licensed in the State of Washington.

ALL proposals submitted become the property of Clark County. It is understood and agreed that the prospective Proposer claims no proprietary rights to the ideas and written materials contained in or attached to the proposal submitted. Clark County has the right to reject or accept proprietary information.

AUTHORSHIP - Applicants must identify any assistance provided by agencies or individuals outside the proposers own organization in preparing the proposal. No contingent fees for such assistance will be allowed to be paid under any contract resulting from this RFP.

CANCELLATION OF AWARD - Clark County reserves the right to immediately cancel an award if the contractual agreement has not been entered into by both parties or if new state regulations or policy make it necessary to change the program purpose or content, discontinue such programs, or impose funding reductions. In those cases where negotiation of contract activities are necessary, Clark County reserves the right to limit the period of negotiation to sixty (60) days after which time funds may be unencumbered.

CONFIDENTIALLY - Proposer shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws governing the confidentiality of information.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - All proposals submitted must contain a statement disclosing or denying any interest, financial or otherwise, that any employee or official of Clark County or the appropriate Advisory Board may have in the proposing agency or proposed project.

CONSORTIUM OF AGENCIES - Any consortium of companies or agencies submitting a proposal must certify that each company or agency of the consortium can meet the requirements set forth in the RFP.

COST OF PROPOSAL & AWARD - The contract award will not be final until Clark County and the prospective contractor have executed a contractual agreement. The contractual agreement consists of the following parts: (a) the basic provisions and general terms and conditions, (b) the special terms and conditions, (c) the project description and goals (Statement of Work), and (d) the budget and payment terms. Clark County is not responsible for any costs incurred prior to the effective date of the contract. Clark County reserves the right to make an award without further negotiation of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted in final form from a budgetary, technical, and programmatic standpoint.

DISPUTES - Clark County encourages the use of informal resolution to address complaints or disputes arising over any actions in implementing the provisions of this RFP. Written complaints should be addressed to Clark County – Purchasing, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, Washington 98666-5000.

DIVERSITY IN EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS - It is the policy of Clark County to require equal opportunity in employment and services subject to eligibility standards that may be required for a specific program. Clark County is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing equal opportunity in employment and in access to the provision of all county services. Clark County's Equal Plan Opportunity http://www.clark.wa.gov/hr/documents.html. This commitment applies regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, on-the-job injury, or sexual orientation. Employment decisions are made without consideration of these or any other factors that are prohibited by law. In compliance with department of Labor Regulations implementing Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, no qualified handicapped individual shall be discriminated against in admission or access to any program or activity. The prospective contractor must agree to provide equal opportunity in the administration of the contract, and its subcontracts or other agreements.

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH and SERVICE CENTER - Clark County (WA) contracts with the Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) to maintain our Consultant, Small Works and Vendor rosters. To be eligible to participate in this Clark County public solicitation and the resulting contract, your business must be registered with the MRSC Rosters. Failure to register may result in your proposal being marked nonresponsive. Be sure to select Clark County in your application. If you have questions about the registration process, contact the MRSC Rosters at 206-436-3798 or https://mrscrosters.org/businesses/business-membership/

INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION - The prospective contractor guarantees that, in connection with this proposal, the prices and/or cost data have been arrived at

independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition. This does not preclude or impede the formation of a consortium of companies and/or agencies for purposes of engaging in jointly sponsored proposals.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - Clark County has made this RFP subject to Washington State statute RCW 39.34. Therefore, the proposer may, at the proposers option, extend identical prices and services to other public agencies wishing to participate in this RFP. Each public agency wishing to utilize this RFP will issue a purchase order (or contract) binding only their agency. Each contract is between the proposer and the individual agency with no. liability to Clark County.

LIMITATION - This RFP does not commit Clark County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

LATE PROPOSALS - A proposal received after the date and time indicated above will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS - An oral presentation may be required of those prospective contractors whose proposals are under consideration. Prospective contractors may be informed that an oral presentation is desired and will be notified of the date, time and location the oral presentation is to be conducted.

OTHER AUDIT/MONITORING REQUIREMENTS - In addition, auditing or monitoring for the following purposes will be conducted at the discretion of Clark County: Fund accountability; Contract compliance; and Program performance.

PRICE WARRANT - The proposer shall warrant that the costs quoted for services in response to the RFP are not in excess of those which would be charged any other individual or entity for the same services performed by the prospective contractor, in a similar socioeconomic, geographical region.

PROTESTS - Must be submitted to the Purchasing Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY - May require limiting access to public work sites, public facilities, and public offices, sometimes without advance notice. The successful Proposer's employees and agents shall carry sufficient identification to show by whom they are employed and display it upon request to security personnel. County project managers have discretion to require the successful Proposer's employees and agents to be escorted to and from any public office, facility or work site if national or local security appears to require it.

ACCEPTANCE or REJECTION OF PROPOSALS - Clark County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFP, to negotiate with any or all prospective contractors on modifications to proposals, to waive formalities, to postpone award, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP if it is in the best interest of Clark County to do so.

SUBCONTRACTING - No activities or services included as a part of this proposal may be subcontracted to another organization, firm, or individual without the approval of Clark County. Such intent to subcontract shall be clearly identified in the proposal. It is understood that the contractor is held responsible for the satisfactory accomplishment of the service or activities included in a subcontract.

VERBAL PROPOSALS - Verbal proposals will not be considered in making the award of any contract as a result of this RFP.

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE – The contractor shall comply with R.C.W. Title 51- with minimum coverage limits of \$500,000 for each accident, or provide evidence that State law does not require such coverage.

FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

Clark County ADA Office: V: 564-397-2322

ADA@clark.wa.gov

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Part I Proposal Requirements

Section IA	General Information
1. Introduction	Clark County Public Health's Solid Waste Operations program is seeking an experienced solid waste financial consultant to assist in financial analysis of multiple solid waste projects over the next few years. Clark County (WA) contracts with the Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) to maintain our Consultant, Small Works and Vendor Rosters. To be eligible to participate in this Clark County public solicitation and the resulting contract your business must be registered with the MRSC Rosters. Failure to register may result in your proposal being marked nonresponsive. Be sure to select Clark County in your application. If you have questions about the registration process, contact the MRSC Rosters at 206-436-3798 or https://mrscrosters.org/businesses/business-membership/ If your company contact details are not on the Plan Holder List at https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1 Attachment B, Letter of Interest must be submitted to participate in this RFP. Proposers shall respond to all sections to be considered. Clark County has made this Request for Proposal subject to Washington State statute RCW 39.34 Interlocal Cooperation Act. The proposer may opt to extend identical services and prices to qualified public agencies. Each contract is between the proposer and individual agency binding only their agency, with no liability to Clark County.
2. Background	Clark County Solid Waste Operations is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP). The CSWMP will guide the County in solid waste and recycling activities over the next several years. To assist in the implementation of the identified activities, the County is seeking proposals for assistance in the development of financial projections to include in the CSWMP. The County will also perform an assessment of the financial impacts and/or a study of the cost-benefit analysis of public versus private ownership of the transfer stations. The details of that study will be developed in discussions with the Regional Solid Waste Systems Steering Committee (RSWSSC).
	Additional projects related to ad hoc rate adjustment requests from various solid waste contracts are also anticipated to be included in this scope of work.
3. Scope of Project	The results and finds of this solid waste financial analysis work will provide the County with a projection of revenues and expenses and provide the basis for the County to evaluate future impacts to rates to support operating and capital activities.
4. Project Funding	Allocation of funds for this RFP will be established based on the funds requested in the selected proposal.

5. Title VI Statement	Title VI Statement Clark County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. El Condado de Clark, de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d a 2000d-4) y el Reglamento, por la presente notifica a todos los postores que se asegurará afirmativamente de que cualquier contrato celebrado de conformidad con este anuncio, las empresas comerciales desfavorecidas tendrán la oportunidad plena y justa de presentar ofertas en respuesta a esta invitación y no serán discriminadas por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional en consideración a un laudo.		
6. Timeline for Selection	The following dates are the <u>intended</u> timeline:		
Selection	Pre-Submittal Meeting	April 8, 2024	
	Deadline for Questions and Answers	April 17, 2024	
	Final date for Addendum, if needed	April 19, 2024	
	Proposals Dues April 24, 2024		
	Proposal Review/Evaluation Period April 25 – May 10, 2024		
	Interviews/Demonstration May 6 – 10, 2024		
	Selection Committee Recommendation May 13, 2024		
	Contract Negotiation/Execution	May 15 - 31, 2024	
	Contract Intended to Begin June 1, 2024		
7. Employment Verification	The Contractor, if awarded the Contract, shall register and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify program before execution of the Contract. The Contractor shall ensure all Contractor employees and any subcontractor(s) assigned to perform work under this Agreement are eligible to work in the United States. The Contractor shall provide verification of compliance upon County request. Failure by Contractor to comply with this subsection shall be considered a material breach. (Sole Proprietors must submit a letter stating such.)		

Section IB	Work Requirements
1. Required Services	 Preferred Requirements
2. County Performed Work	 A designated County contact to act as program lead and coordinator Coordinate with Columbia Resource Company, Waste Connections of Washington, partner cities, etc., to receive necessary data and reports A project team which will meet with the Proposer for guidance and oversight Relevant documentation and reports Contract administration Processing and payment of monthly invoices

3. Deliverables &			
Schedule	Task	Deliverables	Estimated Due Date
	1	Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Financial Analysis related to preliminary draft submitted to Ecology including: • UTC Questionnaire • 5-year fund balance and projections • Additional request as needed	April – June 2024
		Revisions/Response to Ecology Requests	October – December 2024
		Final CSWMP Submitted by ECY	April – June 2025
	2	Public Ownership of Transfer Stations	
		Cost/Benefit Analysis Study	June – November 2025
		Draft study/report	November 2025
		Final study/report	December 2025
		Presentation of Cost/Benefit Analysis to Regional Solid Waste Systems Steering Committee (RSWSSC)	December 2025
		Additional presentations to City and County Councils	Ongoing
	3	Ad Hoc Rate Adjustment Requests	Ongoing
	4	Ongoing Support (may include items below) • Project Management	Ongoing
		 Project Management Data Collection Meetings Review Rates Solid Waste Data, Validation, and Forecasting Determine Revenue Requirements Cost of Service Analysis Rate Review Rate Design Analysis Computer Models Reporting 	TBD
4. Place of Performance		ontract performance may take place in the County's facility, the Proposer's facility, a third- arty location or any combination thereof.	
5. Period of Performance A contract awarded as a result of this RFP will be for five (5) years and is intended June 1, 2024 and end May 31, 2029. Total contract value and extension will be determined by evaluating the winning the negotiated costs agreed upon for the final executed contract.			uating the winning proposal and ct.
	Clark County reserves the right to extend the contract resulting from this RFP for a period of five (5) additional years, in one (1) year increments, with the same terms and conditions, by service of a written notice of its intention to do so prior to the contract termination date. Cost for additional option year(s) shall be reviewed prior to extension of the contract. The county also reserves the right to terminate the contract, with thirty (30) days written notice, at any time if the requirements of the contract are not being met satisfactorily, solely in the county's judgment.		

6. Prevailing Wage Applicable to all public work as defined in RCW 39.04.010(4)	Pursuant to Washington State RCW 39.12 PREVAILING WAGES ON PUBLIC WORKS all work identified in this project as a public work requires the contractor to pay Washington State prevailing wages and file all affidavits of intent to pay with the WA State Dept of Labor & Industries.
Public Works Definition	Contractors shall meet the requirements for Prevailing Wage and public works requirements, per RCW 39.04.350 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY CRITERIA – SWORN STATMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA.
	For this project select the Clark County rates that apply on the proposal closing date from either of these sites:
	http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Design/ProjectDev/WageRates/default.htm http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates
	Before payment is made by the Local Agency of any sums due under this contract, the Local Agency must receive from the Contractor and each Subcontractor a copy of "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" (Form L & I Number 700-29) approved by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.
	A fee of \$45.00 per each "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" and "Affidavit of Wages Paid" is required to accompany each form submitted to this Department of Labor and Industries. The Contractor is responsible for payment of these fees and shall make all applications directly to the Department of Labor and Industries. These fees shall be incidental to all the proposed items of this contract.
7. Debarred/Suspended	Federally or Washington State debarred or suspended suppliers may not participate in this Request for Proposal.
	All proposer's must fill out, sign and submit the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters" form with their proposal to be eligible to participate.
8. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information	Clark County in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing ADA@clark.wa.gov or by calling 564-397-2322.
9. Public Disclosure	This procurement is subject to the Washington Public Records Act (the "Act"), chapter 42.56 RCW. Once in the County's possession, all of the RFP Submittals shall be considered public records and available for public records inspection and copying, unless exempt under the Act.
	If a Respondent or Proposer considers any portion of an RFP Submittal to be protected under the law, whether in electronic or hard copy form, the Respondent or Proposer shall clearly identify each such portion with the word "PROPRIETARY". The County will notify the Respondent or Proposer in writing of the request and allow the Respondent or Proposer ten (10) days to obtain a court order enjoining release of the record(s). If the Respondent or Proposer does not take such action within the ten (10) day period, the County will release the portions of the RFP Submittal deemed subject to disclosure. All Respondents and Proposers who provide RFP Submittals for this procurement accept the procedures described above and agree that the County shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any losses that the party may incur from the disclosure of records to a third party who requests them.

10. Insurance/Bond

A. Waiver of Subrogation

All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this agreement shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against County, its elected or appointed officers, agents, officials, employees and volunteers or shall specifically allow Contractor or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these specifications to waive their right of subrogation prior to a loss. Contractor hereby waives its own right of subrogation against County and shall require similar written express waivers and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

B. Proof of Insurance

Proof of Insurance shall be provided prior to the starting of the contract performance. Proof will be on an ACORD Certificate(s) of Liability Insurance, which the Proposer shall provide to Clark County. Each certificate will show the coverage, deductible and policy period. Policies shall be endorsed to state that coverage will not be suspended, voided, canceled or reduced without a 30-day written notice by mail to the County. It is the Proposer's responsibility to provide evidence of continuing coverage during the overlap periods of the policy and the contract.

C. Worker's Compensation

As required by the industrial insurance laws of the State of Washington.

D. Automobile

If the Proposer or its employees use motor vehicles in conducting activities under this Contract, liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage shall be provided by the Proposer through a commercial automobile insurance policy. The policy shall cover all owned and nonowned vehicles. Such insurance shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability with a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate limit. If the Proposer does not use motor vehicles in conducting activities under this Contract, then written confirmation to that effect on Proposer letterhead shall be submitted by the Proposer.

E. Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance

Written under ISO Form CG0001 or its latest equivalent with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate for each one-year policy period. Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000 and General Aggregate \$1,000,000. This policy must renew annually. This coverage may be any combination of primary, umbrella or excess liability coverage affording total liability limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. However, if other policies are added they must be a follow-form policy in language, renewal date, and have no more exclusions than the underlying coverage. Products and Completed Operations coverage shall be provided for a period of three years following Substantial Completion of the Work. The deductible will not be more than \$50,000 unless prior arrangements are made with Clark County on a case-by-case basis; the criterion is the Contractor's liquidity and ability to pay from its own resources regardless of coverage status due to cancellation, reservation of rights, or other no-coverage-enforce reason. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Product/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability or Cross Liability. Clark County needs to be listed as additional insured.

F. Professional Liability (aka Errors and Omissions)

The Proposer shall obtain, at Proposer's expense, and keep in force during the term of this contract Professional Liability insurance policy to protect against legal liability arising out of contract activity. Such insurance shall provide a minimum of \$2,000,000 per occurrence. The deductible will not be more than \$25,000 unless prior arrangements are made with Clark County on a case-by-case basis; the criterion is the Proposer's liquidity and ability to pay from its own resources. It should be an "Occurrence Form" policy. If the policy is "Claims Made", then Extended Reporting Period Coverage (Tail coverage) shall be purchased for three (3) years after the end of the contract.

G. Umbrella Liability Coverage

Umbrella Coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be provided and will apply over all liability

	policies without exception, including Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability.
	H. Additional Insured Clark County, its officers, employees and agents, will be named on all policies of contractor and any subcontractors as an additional insured, with no restrictions or limitations concerning products and completed operations. This coverage shall be primary coverage and noncontributory to any coverage maintained by Clark County. The contractor shall provide Clark County with verification of insurance and endorsements required by this agreement. Clark County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time. All insurance shall be obtained from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Washington.
	All policies must have a Best's Rating of A-VII or better.
11. Plan Holders List	All proposers are required to be listed on the plan holders list. ✓ Prior to submission of proposal, confirm your organization is on the Plan Holders List below:
	To view the Plan Holders List, click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser. Clark County RFP site: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/purchasing-overview
	If your organization is NOT listed, submit Attachment B - Letter of Interest to ensure your inclusion.
	 Proposals received by Clark County by proposers not included on the Plan Holders List may be considered non-responsive.

Part II Proposal Preparation and Submittal

Section IIA	Pre-Submittal Meeting / Clarification
Pre-Submittal Meeting	A Pre-Submittal meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 10:00 am. Proposers interested in attending shall email your request to the project manager at Joelle.Loescher@clark.wa.gov for the meeting invitation.
Proposal Clarification	Questions and Requests for Clarification regarding this Request for Proposal must be directed in writing, via email, to the person listed on the cover page.
	The deadline for submitting such questions/clarifications is April 17, 2024 by 12:00 pm.
	An addendum will be issued no later than April 19, 2024 to all recorded holders of the RFP if a substantive clarification is in order.
	The Questions & Answers/Clarifications are available for review at the link below. Each proposer is strongly encouraged to review this document prior to submitting their proposal.
	Clark County RFP site: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1
Section IIB	Proposal Submission
Proposals Due	Sealed proposals must be received no later than the date, time and location specified on the cover of this document.
	The outside of the envelope/package shall clearly identify: 1. RFP Number and;
	2. TITLE and;
	3. Name and Address of the Proposer.
	Responses received after submittal time will not be considered and will be returned to the Proposer - unopened.
	Proposals received with insufficient copies (as noted on the cover of this document) cannot be properly disseminated to the Review Committee and other reviewers for necessary action, therefore, may not be accepted.
2. Proposal	Proposals must be clear, succinct and not exceed twenty (20) pages, excluding resumes, coversheet and debarment form. Proposer's who submit more than the pages indicated may not have the additional pages of the proposal read or considered.
	For purposes of review and in the interest of the County, the County encourages the use of submittal materials (i.e. paper, dividers, binders, brochures, etc.) that contain post-consumer recycled content and are <u>readily recyclable</u> .
	The County discourages the use of materials that cannot be readily recycled such as PVC (vinyl) binders, spiral bindings, and plastic or glossy covers or dividers. Alternative bindings such as

		reusable/recyclable binding posts, reusable binder clips or binder rings, and recyclable cardboard/paperboard binders are examples of preferable submittal materials.
		Proposers are encouraged to print/copy on both sides of a single sheet of paper wherever applicable; if sheets are printed on both sides, it is considered to be two pages. Color is acceptable, but content should not be lost by black-and-white printing or copying.
		All submittals will be evaluated on the completeness and quality of the content. Only those Proposers providing complete information as required will be considered for evaluation. The ability to follow these instructions demonstrates attention to detail.
		Additional support documents, such as sales brochures, should not be included with each copy unless otherwise specified.
Se	ction IIC	Proposal Content
1.	Cover Sheet	This form is to be used as your proposal Cover Sheet. See Cover Sheet - Attachment A
2.	Project Team	List all member of the project team including their experience.
3.	Management Approach	List your approach to the project and what milestones you expect to achieve in relation to the schedule and deliverables. How will the team manage "ad hoc" rate adjustment requests or other items related to this work. Please define the process.
4.	Respondent's Capabilities	Provide examples, website links and electronic documents (PDFs) that demonstrate your ability to successfully complete this project. Also include a list of 3-5 references.
5.	Project Approach and Understanding	Demonstrate your project approach and understanding in your proposal by finding examples of what your final product might look like. This might include including other solid waste related financial analysis reports or solid waste rate study examples, ([preferably from other WA counties).
6.	Proposed Cost	Do not submit cost.

Part III Proposal Evaluation & Contract Award

	Proposal Review and Selection		
Evaluation and Selection:	Proposals received in response to this RFP will be evaluated by a Review Committee. Depending on your funding requirements the Committee review results and recommendations may require presentation to an appropriate advisory board prior to the consent process with the Clark County Council.		
Evaluation Criteria Scoring	Each proposal received in response to the RFP will be objectively evaluated and re to a specified point system. A one hundred (100) point system will be used, weighted against the following	_	
	Proposal Approach / Quality	40	
	Experience	30	
	Work History / Examples	30	
	Total Points	100	
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	Interview with Consultant Team Consultant / Proposer Presentation / Demonstration	50	
Section IIIB	Consultant / Proposer Presentation / Demonstration Contract Award	50	
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3.	Award Review	The public may view Request for Proposal documents by submitting a public records request at www.clark.wa.gov .
4.	Orientation/Kick-off Meeting	Contact negotiations will be completed following the evaluation, committees' selection and recommendation. The contract is expected to begin June 1, 2024. Once the contract is executed, an initial kick-off meeting will be scheduled to introduce the project team, review the scope of work, identify project objectives, outline the project schedule and key milestone review points, and discuss appropriate lines of communication.

Attachment A: COVER SHEET

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City State Zip Code					
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Contact Person Title					
Phone					
Decree leading (if different the colors)					
Program Location (if different than above)					
Email Address					
Tax Identification Number					
ADDENDUM:					
Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of Ad	denda by checkir	g the appropriat	e box(es).		
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NOTE: Failure to do so, shall render to	he proposer non	-responsive an	d therefore be rei	iected.	
I certify that to the best of my knowledge the in the legal authority to commit this agency to a co					
funding levels, and the approval of the Clark Co	unty Council and ı	equired approva	ıls.	,	
Authorized Signature of Proposing Firm			Date		
			_ 4.0		
Printed Name			Title		

Attachment B: LETTER OF INTEREST

Legal Name of Proposing Firm	
J. J	
Street Address	
City State Zip Code	
Contact Person Title	
Phone	
Phone	
Program Location (if different than above)	
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Email Address	
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- ➤ All proposers are required to be included on the plan holders list.
- ➤ If your organization is NOT listed, submit the 'Letter of Interest" to ensure your inclusion.

Email Letter of Interest to: Koni.Odell@clark.wa.gov and Priscilla.Mason@clark.wa.gov

Clark County web link: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1

This document will only be used to add a proposer to the plan holders list. Submitting this document does not commit proposer to provide services to Clark County, nor is it required to be submitted with proposal.

Proposals may be considered non-responsive if the Proposer is not listed on the plan holders list.

Attachment C



Clark County, Washington

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal, State or local department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal 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, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or 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 Sec. 1001, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

Company Name		
Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative		
Signature of Authorized Representative	 Date	
I am unable to certify to the above statements. M	explanation is attached.	

CONTRACT SAMPLE – ATTACHMENT D HDC.XXXX

between

CLARK COUNTY

P.O. Box 9825, Vancouver, WA 98666

and

CONTRACTOR

Address, Address 2, City, State, Zip

Project: Project Name
Service Description: Service Description
Supplier Contract Number: SCN0000XXXX

Contract Name: CCPH Contractor Name Few Words HDC.XXXX

Contract Period: Start Date-End Date

Total Contract Amount: \$XX,000.00

	County Contacts	
Program	Fiscal	Contract
Name	Name	Name
360.555.555	360.555.555	360.555.555
email@yahoo.com	email@yahoo.com	email@yahoo.com

	Contractor Contacts	
Program	Fiscal	Contract
Name	Name	Name
360.555.555	360.555.555	360.555.555
email@yahoo.com	email@yahoo.com	email@yahoo.com

By signing below, Clark County, he hereinafter referred to as "Contrac of this contract.		rred to as "County," andall terms and conditions, exhibits, and red	, quirements
CONTRACTOR:		CLARK COUNTY:	
Contractor Name, Title	Date	Kathleen Otto, County Manager	Date
		APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:	

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Amanda Migchelbrink

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Services. The Contractor shall perform services as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 2. Time. The contract shall be effective beginning START DATE and ending END DATE. County reserves the right to extend the contract ______(X) number (X) year/month periods, with the same terms and conditions, upon a written amendment to this Contract signed by both parties.
- 3. Compensation. County shall pay the Contractor for performing said services net 30 days upon receipt of a written invoice, according to the schedule set forth in _________(example, "Exhibit B"), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The parties mutually agree that in no event may the amount billing exceed \$XX,000.00 without prior approval of the County. This Contract is contingent upon funding being available for the term of the Contract and the Contractor shall have no right of action against the County in the event that the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations under this Contract as a result of the suspension, termination, withdrawal, or failure of funding to the County or lack of sufficient funding of the County for this Contract. Any work performed prior to effective date of this Contract will be at the sole expense and risk of the Contractor.
 - 3.1. The invoice shall include:
 - 3.1.1. Payee information, (Agency Name, Address, phone/email)
 - 3.1.2.Invoice date
 - 3.1.3. Period of services included on invoice
 - 3.1.4.Invoice number
 - 3.1.5. Supplier Contract Number: SCN0000XXXX
 - 3.1.6. Payor information:

Clark County Public Health

Attn: CHAP

PO BOX 9825

Vancouver, WA 98666

- 3.2. Invoices shall be sent electronically to: CHAP@clark.wa.gov.
- 3.3. An Invoice Example is included for reference as Exhibit C.
- 4. Price Adjustment. The Contractor is not prohibited from requesting a price increase on its services offered under the contract. The County is not prohibited from requesting a price reduction on those services during the initial term or any subsequent options that the County may agree to exercise. If agreement is reached to extend this contract beyond the initial two (2) year period, either party shall have the option of offering a determined price adjustment that shall not exceed the current All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U), U.S. City Average. If the CPI-U is used, any increase/decrease shall reflect the change during the previous published twelve (12) month period at the time of renegotiation.
- 5. Termination. The County may terminate this Contract immediately upon any breach by Contractor in the duties of Contractor as set forth in Contract. The waiver by the County of one or more breaches shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or breaches. Either party may terminate this Contract without cause upon ninety (90) days prior written notice. Further, County may terminate this Contract upon immediate notice to Contractor in the event that the funding for the project ceases or is reduced in amount. The Contractor will be reimbursed for services expended up to the date of termination. Within fourteen (14) days of any termination, the Contractor will provide all work products and working documents developed within the effective term of the contract.

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- 6. Independent Contractor. The Contractor shall always be an independent Contractor and not an employee of the County and shall not be entitled to compensation or benefits of any kind, except as specifically provided herein.
- 7. Indemnification/Hold Harmless. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses, or suits, including attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the Contractor in performance of this Contract, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the County. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Contract is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Contractor and the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, the Contractor's liability, including the duty and cost to defend, hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Contractor's negligence. It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes the Contractor's waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51 RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.
- 8. Wage and Hour Compliance. Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and any other legislation affecting its employees and the rules and regulations issued thereunder insofar as applicable to its employees and shall always save County free, clear, and harmless from all actions, claims, demands, and expenses arising out of said act and the rules and regulations that are or may be promulgated in connection therewith.
- 9. Social Security and Other Taxes. The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the payment of all payroll taxes, use, sales, income, or other form of taxes, fees, licenses, excises, or payments required by any city, federal, or state legislation that is now or may during the term of this contract be enacted as to all persons employed by the Contractor in performance of the work pursuant to this Contract and shall assume exclusive liability therefore, and meet all requirement's thereunder pursuant to any rules and regulations that are now and may be promulgated in connection therewith.
- 10. Contract Documents. The contract documents included in this contract include Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Exhibit B, Budget Summary, Exhibit C, Invoice Example, and Exhibit D, Special Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between the provisions of these documents, the provisions of this Contract shall control.
- 11. Equal Employment Opportunity. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, or national origin.
- 12. Changes. County may, from time to time, require changes in the scope of the services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between County and the Contractor, shall be in writing, signed by both parties, and incorporated in the written amendments to the Contract.
- 13. Public Records Act. Notwithstanding the provisions of this contract to the contrary, to the extent any record, including any electronic, audio, paper, or other media, is required to be kept or indexed as a public record in accordance with the Washington Public Records Act, RCW

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Chapter 42.56, as may hereafter be amended, Contractor agrees to maintain all records constituting public records and to produce or assist Clark County in producing such records, within the time frames and parameters set forth in state law. Contractor further agrees that upon receipt of any written public record request from the public to the Contractor, Contractor shall, within two business days, notify Clark County of receipt of the request by providing a copy of the request to the Clark County Public Records Officer.

- 14. Governing Law. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Venue for any litigation shall be in Superior Court for the State of Washington in Clark County, Washington.
- 15. Confidentiality. With respect to all information relating to County that is confidential and clearly so designated, the Contractor agrees to keep such information confidential.
- 16. Conflict of Interest. The Contractor covenants that it has had no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that no person having such interest shall be employed by or shall perform services as an independent contractor with it, in the performance of this contract.

17. Insurance.

- 17.1. Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor specifically confirms and warrants that it has commercial general liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury and property damage. The deductible will not be more than \$50,000 unless prior arrangements are made with Clark County on a case-by-case basis; the criterion is the Contractor's liquidity and ability to pay from its own resources regardless of coverage status due to cancellation, reservation of rights, or other no-coverage-enforce reason.
- 17.2. Professional Liability. The Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's expense, and keep in force during the term of this contract Professional Liability insurance policy to protect against legal liability arising out of its errors and omissions. Such insurance shall provide a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate. The deductible will not be more than \$25,000 unless prior arrangements are made with Clark County on a case-by-case basis; the criterion is the Contractor's liquidity and ability to pay from its own resources. It should be an "Occurrence Form" policy. If the policy is "Claims Made", then Extended Reporting Period Coverage (Tail coverage) shall be purchased for three (3) years after the end of the contract term. At all times, Contractor's policy, limits, and coverage will be primary and non-contributory as respect to the Contractor.
- 17.3. Automobile. If the Contractor or its employees use motor vehicles in conducting activities under this Contract, liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage shall be provided by the Contractor through a commercial automobile insurance policy. The policy shall cover all owned and non-owned vehicles. Such insurance shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability with a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate limit. If vehicles are not used, Contractor shall, on letterhead, provide a letter to County stating the same.
- 17.4. Waiver of Subrogation. All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this contract shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against County, its elected or appointed officers, agents, officials, employees, and volunteers or shall specifically allow Contractor

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or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these specifications to waive their right of recovery prior to a loss. Contractor hereby waives its own right of recovery against County, and if applicable, shall require similar written express waivers and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

- 17.5. Worker's Compensation. As required by the industrial insurance laws of the State of Washington.
- 17.6. Proof of Insurance. The Contractor shall provide ACORD certificate(s) which includes the requirements listed above and shall assure that Clark County is listed as an additional insured. All policies must have a Best's Rating of A-VII or better. Failure to provide County proof of insurance within fifteen (15) days upon Contract execution is agreed by both parties to be a material breach of his Contract and may result in termination of this Contract pursuant to Paragraph four (4) above.
- 18. Consent and Understanding. This contract contains a complete and integrated understanding of the Contract between the parties and supersedes any understandings, contract, or negotiations, whether oral or written, not set forth herein or in written amendments hereto duly executed by both parties.
- 19. Force Majeure. Neither party will be liable for failure or delay to perform obligations under this Contract, which have become practicably impossible because of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the applicable party. Such circumstances include without limitation natural disasters or acts of God; acts of terrorism; labor disputes or stoppages; war; government acts or orders; epidemics, pandemics, or outbreak of communicable disease; quarantines; national or regional emergencies; or any other cause, whether similar in kind to the foregoing or otherwise, beyond the party's reasonable control. Written notice of a party's failure or delay in performance due to force majeure must be given to the other party no later than five (5) business days following the force majeure event commencing, which notice shall describe the force majeure event and the actions taken to minimize the impact thereof. All delivery dates under this Contract affected by force majeure shall be tolled for the duration of such force majeure. The parties hereby agree, when feasible, not to cancel but reschedule the pertinent obligations and deliverables for mutually agreed dates as soon as practicable after the force majeure condition ceases to exist.
- 20. Debarment or Exclusion. The Contractor certifies that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in any federally funded program by any federal department or agency (Excluded Person) and that no owner, director, officer, or partner with an ownership or control interest in the Contractor is an Excluded Person. In addition, Contractor certifies that no employee or subcontractor of Contractor who will perform work (whether directly or indirectly) under this Contract is an Excluded Person.
- 21. Severability. If any provision of this contract is held invalid, the remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

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EXHIBIT A STATEMENT OF WORK

1. Background/Overview

Clark County Public Health's Solid Waste Operations program is seeking an experienced solid waste financial consultant to assist in financial analysis of multiple solid waste projects over the next few years.

Clark County Solid Waste Operations is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP). The CSWMP will guide the County in solid waste and recycling activities over the next several years. To assist in the implementation of the identified activities, the County is seeking proposals for assistance in the development of financial projections to include in the CSWMP.

The County will also perform an assessment of the financial impacts and/or a study of the costbenefit analysis of public versus private ownership of the transfer stations. The details of that study will be developed in discussions with the Regional Solid Waste Systems Steering Committee (RSWSSC).

Additional projects related to ad hoc rate adjustment requests from various solid waste contracts are also anticipated to be included in this scope of work.

The results and findings of this solid waste financial analysis work will provide the County with a projection of revenues and expenses and provide the basis for the County to evaluate future impacts to rates to support operating and capital activities.

2. Preferred Requirements.

- 2.1. Experience working with government agencies, (preferably local governments)
- 2.2. Experience/Knowledge of Solid Waste Management Plans and Department of Ecology Guidelines
- 2.3. Experience/Knowledge of Solid Waste Rate Study methodology
- 2.4. Consultant is local and available to meet in person if necessary.

3. Mandatory/Minimum Requirements

- 3.1. Knowledge of websites and software programs including Excel, SmartSheet, or other project management software.
- 3.2. Must have demonstrated knowledge and skill of developing documents similar to scope of project.
- 3.3. Must have demonstrated knowledge and experience analyzing data related to solid waste.
- 3.4. Must have excellent project management and communication skills.
- 3.5. Must be available to meet with the County project team monthly, in person if necessary.
- 3.6. Must provide 3-5 references (name, email, phone number) that can verify satisfactory work and experience.
- 3.7. Must use the County branding and style guide (which will be provided to awarded Proposer) for any reports and presentations.

4. Clark County will provide:

- 4.1. A designated county contact to act as program lead and coordinator.
- 4.2. Coordination with Columbia Resource Company, Waste Connections of Washington, partner cities, etc., to receive necessary data and reports.
- 4.3. A project team which will meet with the Proposer for guidance and oversight.

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- 4.4. Relevant documentation and reports.
- 4.5. Contract administration.
- 4.6. Processing and payment of monthly invoices.

5. Schedule/Timeline

6. Budget

7. Deliverable(s)

7. Denv	erable(s)	
Task	Deliverables	Estimated Due Date
1	Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan	
	Financial Analysis related to preliminary draft	April-June 2024
	submitted to Ecology including:	
	 UTC Questionnaire 	
	 5-year fund balance and projections 	
	 Additional requests as needed 	
	Revisions/Response to Ecology Requests	Oct-Dec 2024
	Final CSWMP Submitted to ECY	April-June 2025
2	Public Ownership of Transfer Stations	
	Cost/Benefit Analysis Study	June-Nov 2025
	Draft study/report	Nov 2025
	Final study/report	Dec 2025
	Presentation of Cost/Benefit Analysis to	D 2025
	Regional Solid Waste Systems Steering	Dec 2025
	Committee (RSWSSC)	
	 Additional presentations to city and county councils 	Ongoing
3	Ad Hoc Rate Adjustment Requests	Ongoing
4	Ongoing Support (may include items below)	Ongoing
	Project Management	TBD
	Data Collection	
	 Meetings 	
	• Review Rates	
	 Solid Waste Data, Validation, and Forecasting 	
	• Determine Revenue Requirements	
	 Cost of Service Analysis 	
	• Rate Review	
	 Rate Design Analysis 	
	 Computer Models 	
	• Reporting	

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EXHIBIT B BUDGET SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

Annual Breakdown	TOTAL COST
TOTAL	\$

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EXHIBIT C INVOICE EXAMPLE

Clark County Public Health	Contractor Business Name	
P.O. Box 9825	Contractor Address	
Vancouver, WA 98666-8825	Contractor Address	
564.397.8473	Contractor Phone number	
CHAP@clark.wa.gov	Contractor email	

Invoice

Date	D _C	eferen	20				\mathcal{C}	harges	Credits	B	alance
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						XXX		7,500.00		\$	7,500.00
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									January	15, 2	2021
Con	tact Per	son Nar	ne, Con	tact Per	son Title	:					Date

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Solid Waste Management Plan

Timeline and milestones

