



Georgetown County, South Carolina

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

BID NUMBER: **20-100A (REBID)**

ISSUE DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020

OPENING DATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

TIME: 3:30 PM (Eastern NIST)

Bid Opening Location: Georgetown County Courthouse, Suite #239, (Purchasing Conference Room)

Pre-Bid Site Inspection: Voluntary, by prior appointment only (See Page 6)

PROCUREMENT FOR: Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires (REBID)

Commodity Code(s): 96284

IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE: Until further notice all bids MUST BE submitted electronically through the Purchasing Department's Vendor Registry webpage. Please click on the following link <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=80b55190-4fef-4799-912d-3459328cf6f3> for instructions on how to submit bids electronically through this system. As always, emailed/faxed bids will not be accepted. **Your bid must be submitted electronically through Georgetown County's Purchasing Vendor Registry page to ensure it remains sealed until the scheduled bid opening date and time.**

Any scheduled bid openings will still be opened at the designated date and time as listed in the bid document or related addendum. However, due to the office closure to the public at the time of this bid issuance, these bid openings will not be open to the public, but will be accompanied by at least one witness. As usual, following the bid opening, bid tabulation results will be posted online for the public's viewing.

MAILING ADDRESS:

County of Georgetown
Post Office Drawer 421270
Georgetown SC 29442-4200
Attn: Purchasing

STREET ADDRESS:

Historic Georgetown County Courthouse
129 Screven Street, Suite 239
Georgetown SC 29440-3641
Attn: Purchasing

Purchasing Contacts:

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This solicitation does not commit Georgetown County to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid, or to procure or contract for goods or services. It is the responsibility of each bidder to see that the Georgetown County Purchasing Office receives bids on, or before, the date and time specified for the bid opening. No bid will be accepted thereafter. The County assumes no responsibility for delivery of bids that are mailed. Georgetown County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities and technicalities in the bid process.



Intent to Respond

REF: RFP #20-100A (REBID), Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires

If your company intends to respond to this solicitation, please complete and promptly return this form to assure that you can be included on the mailing list to receive all addenda regarding this project.

It is not necessary to return any other portion of the bid documents if you are not bidding.

Failure to return the Intent to Respond shall not be sufficient cause to rule a submittal as non-responsive; nor does the return of the form obligate an interested party to submit a response. Georgetown County's efforts to directly provide interested parties with addenda or additional information are provided as a courtesy only, and do not alleviate the respondent from their obligation to verify they have received and considered all addenda. All addenda are published and available on the county website at www.gtcounty.org select "purchasing" and "current bids".

Our firm **does** intend on responding to this solicitation.

Our firm **does not** intend on responding to this solicitation.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

FAX: _____

E-Mail: _____

Reason if **not** responding: _____

Please return this completed form to Purchasing Office

- by e-mail to purch@gtcounty.org
- or by FAX to (843)545-3500.

[End of Intent to Respond]

Time Line: Request for Proposal #20-100A (REBID)

| Item | Date | Time | Location* |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Advertised Date of Issue: | Wednesday, December 30, 2020 | n/a | n/a |
| Pre-Bid Site Inspection: | VOLUNTARY, by Appointment† | n/a | n/a |
| Deadline for Questions: | Wednesday, January 13, 2021 | 3:00PM ET | Suite 239 |
| Bids Must be Received on/or Before: | Wednesday, January 20, 2021 | 3:30PM ET | Suite 239 |
| Public Bid Opening & Tabulation: | Wednesday, January 20, 2021 | 3:30PM ET | Suite 239 |

* Due to the current COVID-19 situation, County offices at the time of this bid posting remain open but access to the public may be limited to support social distancing efforts. At the time of this posting, bid openings are being performed virtually and may occur from an alternate secure and/or remote location as needed. A virtual meeting link will be posted under the bid number before the bid opening time so that members of the public may attend the meeting virtually

†Georgetown County Landfill, 201 Landfill Rd, Georgetown, SC 29440 (By Prior Appointment Only) See §5.1

BID REQUIREMENTS
RFP # 20-100A (REBID)
Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires

1. The Georgetown County, SC Public Services Department, Environmental Services Division is soliciting proposals to provide a continuous program for the pick-up and recycling of waste tires. Tires are currently collected convenience centers by owner and are hauled to a centralized location at the Solid Waste Landfill, located at 201 Landfill Drive (off Browns Ferry Road a/k/a SC-51), Georgetown, SC 29440 for collection and disposal.
2. All tires collected for recycling must be promptly removed on a consistent basis and transported to a SCDHEC Approved Waste Tire Recycling & Processing Facility.
3. Each offeror must include all transportation charges fully prepaid from the Georgetown County Landfill at 201 Landfill Drive (off Browns Ferry Road/SC51), Georgetown County, SC 29440.



BID SPECIFICATIONS
Bid # 20-100A (REBID)
Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires

SCOPE OF SERVICES

This specification covers requirements for the Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires.

1.0 CLASSIFICATION

1.1 Services furnished herein shall be classified as Disposal, by Recycling, of Tires.

2.0 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The following agency requirements/policies shall form a part of this specification:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Officer of the Environmental Information 2810A
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460
(202) 272-0167

S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
J. Marion Sims Building
Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-3432

Request for information concerning the Recycling of Waste Tires should be made to the individual agency.

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 These specifications cover requirements for the transportation and disposal, by recycling, of waste tires from the Georgetown County Solid Waste Landfill, SC Department of Public Services, Environmental Services Division, Georgetown, South Carolina.

3.2 Georgetown County reserves the right to retain any quantity of tires for recapping or other purposes.

3.3 Based on historical data, Georgetown County generates approximately 12 tons of waste tires per week at the Georgetown County Solid Waste Landfill, 201 Landfill Drive, (off Browns Ferry Road a/k/a SC-51). This weight is an estimate and not guaranteed by the County. The tires include DOT passenger, DOT truck, and Non-DOT off road tires. There are approximately 630 tons of DOT passenger and truck tires (combined) and 110 Tons of Non-DOT off road tires yearly FY18.

3.4 The tire site can be accessed Monday through Friday (excluding County holidays) opening at 8:00 AM. All loading will need to be completed by 3:30pm.

3.5 Some tires have rims. For the purpose of this Scope of Work, rims shall be considered tires. The County reserves the right to either leave rims on the tires for the Contractor to process or for the County to remove rims from tires and to receive salvage value for those rims.

- 3.6 Tires are presently collected on a concrete slab at the Georgetown County Solid Waste Landfill.
- 3.7 The Contractor shall provide the transportation of the tires by a South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) permitted waste tire hauler. A copy of the current SCDHEC permit of the hauler shall be submitted with the bid.
- 3.8 The Contractor shall provide trailers into which the tires can be loaded. The loading and removal of the waste tires and all expenses of removal will be the responsibility of the Contractor. County personnel and equipment will not be utilized to load tires into the trailer. The tires shall be loaded either by hand or by equipment with rubber tires or rubber padded tracks. The Contractor will take possession and remove all tires designated by Environmental Services as scrap. The tires accumulated during the contract period will be removed at a minimum of once every week, or as otherwise needed to keep the number of tires accumulated below 500 tires at all times. All tires accumulated must be removed at each pick up.
- 3.9 The County requires one pick-up per week, minimum. Controlling the stockpile to 500 tires and under is the contractor's responsibility since trailer sizes and loading means are variable factors.
- 3.10 The tire recycling area of the landfill does have space available to stage a trailer for collection. However, the facility does not have a loading dock available. Any difference in specifications between those requested and those proposed by the contractor must be documented on the Mandatory Exceptions Page.
- 3.11 Any cleaning of tires necessary prior to the delivery to the final destination shall be by the Contractor at their expense.
- 3.12 The Contractor shall transport the waste tires to a tire processing facility(s) that will process the tires into another use and/or to a facility(s) that will combust the tires for energy recover. The processing and/or combustion facility(s) shall be permitted by SCDHEC if located in South Carolina or shall be on the SCDHEC approved waste tire facilities list. Documentation that the facility(s) is on the current SCDHEC approved disposal/recycling facility's list shall be submitted with the bid.
- 3.13 The Contractor shall not process tires at the Georgetown County Solid Waste Landfill.
- 3.14 The Contractor shall be totally responsible for limiting the weight of waste tires loaded into the trailers to a safe and legal weight. The County assumes no responsibility for overloaded trailers or any accident, damage or injury during loading or transport.
- 3.15 All Contractor's trucks and trailers shall be weighed empty upon entering the Georgetown County Landfill and shall be weighed full upon leaving the Landfill. The weight ticket issued to the Contractor, which will indicate the weight, shall be the basis of payment.
- 3.16 The Contractor shall familiarize itself with the quantity of tires collected at the Georgetown County Landfill and schedule the frequency of pickups accordingly. The Contractor shall remove tires at a rate such that no more than 500 tires are stored on site at any time. If in the judgment of the County, the pile exceeds 500 tires, the Contractor shall be contacted by the County. Within three (3) working days (Monday through Friday), the Contractor shall remove a minimum of 10 tons per day until the pile is completely removed. Should the Contractor fail to remove the tires at the rate of 10 tons per day by the third working day after receiving notice,

liquidated damages shall be assessed at the rate of \$100.00 per day until the pile is completely removed.

- 3.17 Proposals will be evaluated based on cost, references, past experience, and capacity to perform projects of similar size and scope.
- 3.18 The tires are to be weighed on Georgetown County scales at the 201 Landfill Drive location and hauled to a tire processing facility as described in section 3.13 above.

4.0 ALTERNATE BID ITEMS

The County will consider two (2) different methods of service as shown on the appropriate lines on the Bid Submittal Page. Each provider may respond to either, or both, options.

- 4.1 The first method will be for a turnkey service with the contracted provider loading tires into their own transport at the Solid Waste Landfill Site.
- 4.2 The second method will be for the provider to position an appropriate container at the Solid Waste Landfill Site which will be loaded by County staff. The loaded container would be hauled off and replaced with an empty container by the provider.

5.0. SITE INSPECTION

- 5.1 It is strongly recommended that each proposer make a site inspection of the tire recycling area at the Georgetown County Solid Waste Landfill. Please make a prior appointment by calling Michelle LaRocco (843)545-3449.
- 5.2 The bidder is expected to have become familiar with and take into consideration, site conditions which may affect the work and to check all dimensions at the site.
- 5.3 Each bidder shall acquaint themselves thoroughly as to the character and nature of the work to be done. Each bidder furthermore shall make a careful examination of the site of the work and inform themselves fully as to the difficulties to be encountered in performance of the work, the facilities for delivering, storing and placing materials and equipment and other conditions relating to construction and labor.
- 5.4 The bidder shall examine the premises and the site and compare them with any applicable drawings and specifications. He/she shall familiarize themselves with the existing conditions such as obstructive area levels and any problems related to erecting the required systems.
- 5.5 No plea of ignorance of conditions that exist or may hereafter exist on the site of the work, or difficulties that may be encountered in the execution of the work, as a result of failure to make necessary investigations and examinations, will be accepted as an excuse for any failure or omission on the part of the Contractor to fulfill in every detail all the requirements of the contract documents and to complete the work for the consideration set forth therein, or as a basis for any claim whatsoever.
- 5.6 Insofar as possible, the Contractor, in carrying out his/her work, must employ such methods or means as will not cause interruption of or interference with the work of any other Contractor, or County personnel at the site.



Instructions for Providers
Bid #20-100A (REBID)
Pick-up and Recycling of Waste Tires

1. **Submission of Questions**

Questions must be submitted in writing via electronic mail, facsimile or postal mail to the Issuing Officer no later than the “Deadline for Questions” cutoff identified in the Bid Timeline on page three (3) in order to generate an official answer. All written questions will receive an official written response from the Georgetown County Purchasing Office (GCPO) and will become addenda to the solicitation.

GCPO reserves the right to reject or deny any requests made by the provider.

Impromptu, unwritten questions are permitted and verbal answers may be provided, but are only intended as general direction and will not represent the official GCPO position. The only official position of GCPO is that which is stated in writing and issued in the solicitation as addenda thereto.

No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response/statement and may not be relied upon. SEND QUESTIONS TO:

Nancy Silver, Purchasing Officer
Post Office Box 421270, Georgetown, SC 29442-4200
Fax: (843) 545-3500
Email: purch@gtcounty.org

2. Written sealed public bids for a Design/Build Construction Contract to provide **Pick-up and Recycling of Waste Tires** shall be received per the instructions herein. Bids will then be publicly and promptly opened at the designated time by the Purchasing Officer. Bids that are not in the Purchasing Officer’s possession prior to the stated opening date and time will be considered **NON RESPONSIVE** and returned unopened. An official authorized to bind the offer must sign all proposals submitted.
3. **IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE:** Until further notice all bids **MUST BE** submitted electronically through the Purchasing Department’s Vendor Registry webpage. Please click on the following link <http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/purchasing/default.html> for instructions on how to submit bids electronically through this system. As always, emailed/faxed bids will not be accepted. **Your bid must be submitted electronically through Georgetown County's Purchasing Vendor Registry page to ensure it remains sealed until the scheduled bid opening date and time.**
4. **Incident Weather/Closure of County Courthouse**
If the County Courthouse is closed for business at the time scheduled for bid opening, for whatever reason, sealed bids will be accepted and opened on the next scheduled business day, at the originally scheduled time.
5. This solicitation does not commit Georgetown County to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid, or to procure or contract for goods or services. It is the responsibility of each bidder to see that the Georgetown County Purchasing Office receives bids on, or before, the date and time specified for the bid opening. No bid will be accepted thereafter. The County

assumes no responsibility for delivery of bids that are mailed. Georgetown County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities and technicalities in the bid process.

6. No Bidder may submit more than one bid. Multiple bids for different manufacturers but represented by the same firm will not be accepted. Bids offered directly from manufacturers shall indicate if a local dealer/representative will be involved.
7. Definitions:
 - a) The terms “Proposer”, “Offeror”, “Vendor” or “Bidder” refer to those parties who are submitting sealed responses for the work set forth in this document to the OWNER, as distinct from a sub-bidder who provides a bid to the Bidder. The term “Contractor” refers to the successful Bidder.
 - b) The term “**Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires**” or “**Service**” refers to the **complete set of services** as specified in this document, in every aspect.
 - c) The terms “Owner” and “County” refer to the County of Georgetown, South Carolina.
 - d) Where the words “shall” or “must” are used, it signifies an absolute minimum function or capacity that, if not satisfied, may result in disqualification.
 - e) Where the words “should”, “may”, or “is desirable” are used, it signifies desirable, but not mandatory functions or capacities. Bidders who are able to provide these functions or capacities may be evaluated more favorably than those who cannot.
8. Correction or Withdrawal of Bids; Cancellation of Awards

An offeror must submit in writing a request to either correct or withdraw a bid to the Procurement Officer. Each written request must document the fact that the offeror’s mistake is clearly an error that will cause him substantial loss.

 - a) Correction of awards : An offeror shall not be permitted to correct a bid mistake after bid opening that would cause such offeror to have the low bid unless the mistake in the judgment of the Procurement Officer is clearly evident from examining the bid document; for example, extension of unit prices or errors in addition.
 - b) Cancellation of awards prior to performance: When it is determined after an award has been issued but before performance has begun that Georgetown County’s requirements for the goods or services have changed or have not been met, the award or contract may be canceled and either reawarded or a new solicitation issued.
9. **Faxed or E-mailed bids will not be accepted by Georgetown County.**
10. If you need any reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in this procurement, please contact the purchasing office as soon as possible.
11. Any deviations from the specifications or modification of this bid and any extra or incidental work or reductions in work shall be set forth in writing and signed by both parties prior to making such change. Any increase or decrease in the bid price resulting from such change shall be included in writing.

12. Exceptions: The bidder shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. This sheet shall be labeled "Exception(s) to Bid Conditions and Specifications," and shall be attached to the bid. When Proposers find instances where they must take exception with certain requirements or specifications of the bid, all exceptions shall be clearly identified. Written explanations shall include the scope of the exceptions, the ramifications of the exceptions for the County of Georgetown, and a description of the advantage to be gained or disadvantages to be incurred by the County as a result of these exceptions. If none, write "NONE".
13. Georgetown County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive as an informality any irregularities contained in any bid as may be deemed in the best interest of the County. Georgetown County further reserves the right to reject any bid submitted, at its sole option, that the vendor may not be able to meet the service requirements of the bid.
14. Publicity releases: contractor agrees not to refer to award of any resulting contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.
15. Material Safety Data Sheets: The County of Georgetown will not receive any materials, products, or chemicals which may be hazardous to an employee's health unless accompanied by a Material Data Sheet when received.
16. Ownership of Copyright: All right, title and interest in all copyrightable materials which vendor shall create in the performance of its obligations hereunder shall be the property of the procurer. Vendor agrees to assign and hereby does assign any and all interest it has in and to such material to procurer. Vendor agrees, upon the request of procurer to execute all papers and perform all other such acts necessary to assist procurer to obtain and register copyrights on such materials. Where applicable, works of authorship created by the vendor in the performance of its obligations hereunder, shall be considered "works for hire" as defined in the U.S. Copyright Act.
17. Ownership of Documents: Any reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents prepared by vendor in the performance of its obligations shall be the exclusive property of the procurer and all such material shall be remitted to the procurer by the vendor upon completion, termination or cancellation of this order. Vendor shall not use, willingly allow or cause to have such material used for any purpose other than performance of its obligations under this order without the prior written consent of the procurer.
18. Affirmative Action: The contractor will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap. The following are incorporated herein by reference: 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4, 60-250.4 and 60-741.4.
19. Bidders must clearly mark as "confidential" each part of their bid which they consider to be proprietary information that could be exempt from disclosure under section 30-4-40, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (Freedom of Information Act). If any part is designated as confidential, there must be attached to that part an explanation of how this information fits within one or more categories listed in section 30-4-40. The County reserves the right to determine whether this information should be exempt from disclosure and no legal action may be brought against the County or its agents for its determination in this regard.

20. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

The contractor certifies that the vendor(s) will provide a “drug-free workplace” as that term is defined in Section 44-107-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, by the complying with the requirements set forth in title 44, Chapter 107.

21. Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities

The federally-assisted construction contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide, for his employees, any segregated facilities at any of his establishments and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The federally-assisted construction contractor certifies that he will not maintain or provide, for his employees, segregated facilities at any of his establishments and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location under his control where segregated facilities are maintained. The federally-assisted construction contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this Contract.

As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms, and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or any other reason. The federally assisted construction contractor agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause and that he will retain such certifications in his files.

22. Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible vendor, his product or service or in any way restrain or restrict competition. On the contrary, all responsible vendors are encouraged to bid and their bids are solicited.

23. Acknowledgement of Addenda

Each contractor is responsible to verify the number of total addenda issued prior to bid. **Failure to acknowledge all addenda shall disqualify the bidder.** All addenda are posted by the County at the website located at www.gtcounty.org, select “Purchasing” and “Current Bids”. It is each proposer’s responsibility to verify that all addenda have been received and acknowledged.

24. This Request for Proposal covers the estimated requirements to provide Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires for the Georgetown County Public Services Department. The purpose is to establish a Term Contract with firm pricing and delivery under which the department may place orders as needed. The right is reserved to extend the use of this contract to any County Department.

25. TERMS OF AGREEMENT / RENEWAL

The initial term of any resulting contract shall be for a period of one (1) calendar year, effective from date of contract award. The County reserves the right to negotiate with the successful bidder, after contract award, for an additional discount should available funds permit the purchase of additional units within the fiscal year. The County reserves the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for four (4) additional consecutive terms, contingent upon satisfactory performance in the prior period, not to exceed a maximum term of five (5) years total.

26. PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION:

- a) Prices are to remain firm for the first contract period. In subsequent terms, the contractor may request, in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of the contract ending date, an increase/decrease. Should the County elect to exercise the option to renew the contract for additional year(s), the contract prices for the additional years shall not exceed the percentage increase/decrease of the "Services" category of the CPI-W SECTION OF THE COMSUMER PRICE INDEX of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve month for which statistics are available. Should the price change be granted and the County elects to renew the contract, the purchase order will reflect the changes.
- b) Each vendor will note what percentage of his/her costs as proposed are related to fuel costs. In other words, of each \$1 charged, what percent makes up fuel costs? This will be used to adjust fuel costs if necessary and approved by both parties.

27. Bids must be made on Proposal or Bid Form included herein or will be rejected. Proposals shall be typewritten or legible on the form prepared by the County. The person signing the bid shall initial all corrections or erasures.

28. Insurance

The successful bidder shall procure, maintain, and provide proof of, insurance coverage for injuries to persons and/or property damage as may arise from or in conjunction with, the work performed on behalf of the County by the bidder, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Proof of coverage as contained herein shall be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of work and such coverage shall be maintained by the bidder for the duration of the contract period; for occurrence policies.

a. General Liability

Coverage shall be as broad as: Comprehensive General Liability endorsed to include Broad Form, Commercial General Liability form including Products/Completed Operations.

1. Minimum Limits

General Liability:
\$1,000,000 General Aggregate Limit
\$1,000,000 Products & Completed Operations
\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit
\$50,000 Fire Damage Limit
\$5,000 Medical Expense Limit

b. Automobile Liability

Coverage sufficient to cover all vehicles owned, used, or hired by the bidder, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

1. Minimum Limits

Automobile Liability:
\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit
\$5,000 Medical Expense Limit

c. Workers' Compensation

Limits as required by the Workers' Compensation Act of SC. Employers Liability, \$1,000,000.

d. Owners' & Contractors' Protective Liability

Policy will be in name of County. Minimum limits required are \$1,000,000.

e. Professional Liability

Minimum limits are \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

f. Coverage Provisions

1. All deductibles or self-insured retention shall appear on the certificate(s).
2. The County of Georgetown, its officers/ officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be added as "additional insured" as their interests may appear. This provision does not apply to Professional Liability or Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability.
3. The offeror's insurance shall be primary over any applicable insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County.
4. Shall provide 30 days written notice to the County before any cancellation, suspension, or void of coverage in whole or part, where such provision is reasonable.
5. All coverage for subcontractors of the bidder shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.
6. All deductibles or self-insured retention shall appear on the certificate(s) and shall be subject to approval by the County. At the option of the County, either; the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductible or self-insured retention; or the bidder shall be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.
7. Failure to comply with any reporting provisions of the policy(s) shall not affect coverage provided the County, its officers/officials, agents, employees and volunteers.
8. The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its' officers/officials, agents, employees or volunteers for any act, omission or condition of premises which the parties may be held liable by reason of negligence.
9. The bidder shall furnish the County certificates of insurance including endorsements affecting coverage. The certificates are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurance company(s) to bind coverage on its' behalf, if executed by a broker, notarized copy of authorization to bind, or certify coverage must be attached.
10. All insurance shall be placed with insurers maintaining an A.M. Best rating of no less than an A:VII. If A.M. Best rating is less than A:VII, approval must be received from County's Risk Officer.

29. Workman's Compensation Coverage

Georgetown County, SC will require each contractor and service provider to maintain on file with the purchasing officer, a current Certificate of Insurance showing limits as required by the Workers' Compensation Act of SC: Employers Liability, \$1,000,000.

The law also recognizes "statutory employees." These are employees who work for a subcontractor who may be working for a business or another contractor. Employers should inquire whether or not a subcontractor working for them has workers' compensation insurance, regardless of the number of employees employed by the subcontractor. If the subcontractor does not, the subcontractor's injured

employees would be covered under the employer's workers' compensation insurance. If the subcontractor does not carry workers' compensation insurance, then the owner or the principal contractor would be liable just as if the subcontractor's employee was one of their employees.

For answers to additional questions, visit the SC Worker's Compensation Commission website, at: <https://wcc.sc.gov/insurance-and-medical-services/coveragecompliance/coverage-and-compliance-faqs>

30. Hold Harmless Clause

The Contractor shall, during the term of the contract including any warranty period, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officials, employees, agents, and representatives thereof from all suits, actions, or claims of any kind, including attorney's fees, brought on account of any personal injuries, damages, or violations of rights, sustained by any person or property in consequence of any neglect in safeguarding contract work or on account of any act or omission by the contractor or his employees, or from any claims or amounts arising from violation of any law, bylaw, ordinance, regulation or decree. The vendor agrees that this clause shall include claims involving infringement of patent or copyright.

31. Condition of Items

All items shall be new, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage, unless otherwise indicated herein. Verbal agreements to the contrary will not be recognized.

32. Workmanship and Inspection

All work under this contract shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The County may, in writing, require the Contractor to remove any employee from work that the County deems incompetent or careless.

Further, the County may, from time to time, make inspections of the work performed under this contract. Any inspection by the County does not relieve the Contractor from any responsibility regarding defects or other failures to meet the contract requirements.

33. Invoicing and Payment

The firm shall submit invoices on a frequency to be determined, as agreed upon by the County, for each payment requested. Such invoice shall also include a detailed breakdown of all charges. All such invoices will be paid within thirty (30) days unless any items thereon are questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim. The firm shall provide complete cooperation during any such investigation. All invoices shall be forwarded to the following address:

County of Georgetown
Finance - Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 421270
Georgetown, SC 29442-4200

Individual contractors shall provide their social security numbers, and proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations shall provide their federal employer identification number on the pricing form.

34. South Carolina Sales Tax

The County of Georgetown, SC is not exempt and pays the appropriate SC sales tax on all applicable purchases.

35. Assignment of Contract

This contract may not be assigned in whole or part without the written consent of the Purchasing Officer.

36. Termination

Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party; but if any work or service hereunder is in progress, but not completed as of the date of termination, then this contract may be extended upon written approval of the County until said work or services are completed and accepted.

a. Termination for Convenience

In the event that this contract is terminated or canceled upon request and for the convenience of the County, without the required thirty (30) days advance written notice, then the County shall negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

b. Termination for Cause

Termination by the County for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.

c. Non-Appropriation:

It is understood and agreed by the parties that in the event funds are not appropriated in the current fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal years, this contract will become null and void and the County will only be required to pay for services completed to the satisfaction of the County.

37. Default

In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the County may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law

38. Severability

In the event that any provision shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding and in full force and effect.

39. Applicable Laws

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, U.S.A.

40. Claims and Disputes:

All claims, disputes and other matters in question between parties arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be decided in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial circuit in Georgetown County, South Carolina. By executing this Agreement, all parties specifically consent to venue and jurisdiction in Georgetown County, South Carolina and waive any right to contest jurisdiction and venue in said Court.

41. Rights of County

The County reserves the right to reject all or any part of any bid, waive informalities and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to best serve the interest of the County.

42. Award of Bid

In determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in addition to price, there shall be considered the following:

- (a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract.
- (b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract within the time specified, without delay of interference.
- (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
- (d) The quality of performance on previous contracts.
- (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract.
- (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources to perform the contract to provide the service.
- (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required.
- (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service.
- (i) The discount terms and conditions of the bid.
- (j) Delivery time.

43. Notice of Award

A *Notice of Intent to Award* will be mailed to all respondents.

44. Protest

Bidders may refer to Sections 2-67, 2-73, and 2-74 of Ordinance #20-032, also known as the Georgetown County, South Carolina Purchasing Policy to determine their remedies concerning this competitive process. The failure to be awarded a bid shall not be valid grounds for protest.

45. Debarment

By submitting a bid, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals, sub-contractors and assigns 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. A copy of the County's debarment procedure in accordance with Section 2-68 of Ordinance #20-032, also known as the Georgetown County, South Carolina Purchasing Policy is available upon request.

46. Firm Pricing for County Acceptance

Bid price must be firm for County acceptance for 90 days from bid opening date. "Discount from list," bids are not acceptable unless specifically requested.

47. Quotations to be F.O.B.: Destination

Quote F.O.B.: Destination for this competitive sealed bid. As an alternate, show exact cost for delivery.

48. Unit Prices and Extension

Bid unit price on quantity specified -- extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. Bids subject to unlimited price increases will not be considered.

49. Permits

The successful Offeror must be responsible for obtaining all necessary city, county, and state permits/licenses and must comply with all local codes and ordinances. Copies of such permits/licenses shall be made available to the County upon request. Building contractors working within Georgetown County must also secure a Contractor's License from the Building Department. Work within the Georgetown City Limits may require a City Business License. For additional information, please review the "Forms and Fees" section of the Building and Planning web page at the link below:

<http://www.gtcounty.org/building/default.html>

50. Environmental Management:

Vendor/Supplier/Contractor will be responsible for complying with all federal, state and local environmental regulations relating to transportation, handling, storage, spillage and any other aspect of providing the services specified herein, as applicable.

51. Bid Tabulation Results

Vendors wishing to view the bid tabulation results may visit the Georgetown County, SC web-site at: <http://www.gtcounty.org>. Select "Purchasing", then "Bids Information" and double click the link under the individual bid listing.

52. The Bidder hereby certifies that he or she has carefully examined all of the Documents for the project, has carefully and thoroughly reviewed this Request for Bid/Quotation, has inspected the location of the project (if applicable), and understands the nature and scope of the work to be done; and that this Bid is based upon the terms, specifications, requirements, and conditions of the Request for Bid/ Documents. The Bidder further agrees that the performance time specified is a reasonable time, having carefully considered the nature and scope of the project as aforesaid.

53. Any attempt by the vendor to influence the opinion of County Staff or County Council by discussion, promotion, advertising, misrepresentation of the submittal or purchasing process or any procedure to promote their offer will constitute a violation of the vendor submittal conditions and will cause the vendor's submittal to be declared null and void.

54. Apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used.

55. Response Clarification

Georgetown County reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from Bidders in order to obtain clarification of their Responses.

56. Georgetown County, SC has a Local Vendor Preference Option by ordinance:

Sec 2-50. Local Preference.

1. A vendor shall be deemed a Local Georgetown County vendor for the purposes of this Section if such vendor is an individual, partnership, association or corporation that is authorized to transact business within the State, maintains an office in Georgetown County, and maintains a representative inventory or commodities within the County on which the bid is submitted, and has paid all taxes duly assessed.

2. This option allows the lowest local Bidder whose bid is within five percent (5%) of the lowest non-local Bidder to match the bid submitted by the non-local Bidder and thereby be awarded the contract. This preference shall apply only when (a) the total dollar purchase is greater than \$30,000; (b) the vendor has a physical business address located and operating within the limits of Georgetown County and has been doing business in the County for a period of twelve (12) months or more; and (c) the vendor provides proof of payment of all applicable Georgetown County taxes and fees if so requested.

3. Should the lowest responsible and responsive Georgetown County bidder not exercise its right to match the bid as granted herein, the next lowest qualified Georgetown County bidder shall have that right and so on. The right to exercise the right to match the bid shall be exercised within 24 hours of notification of the right to match the non-Georgetown County bidder's bid.

4. In order to qualify for the local preference authorized by this Section, the vendor seeking same shall be required to submit with its bid a statement containing relevant information which demonstrates compliance with the provisions of this Section. This statement shall be on a form provided by the County purchasing department and shall be signed under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such affidavit at the time the bidder submits its bid shall constitute a waiver of any claim for preference.

5. For all contracts for architecture, professional engineering, or other professional services governed by Section 2-56, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services - Public Announcement and Selection Process, the county shall include the local business status of a firm among the factors considered when selecting which firms are "most highly qualified". In determining which firm is the "most qualified" for purposes of negotiating a satisfactory contract, preference shall be given to a local business where all other relevant factors are equal.

6. Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of contracts: (a) Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or similar "piggyback" contract; (b) Contracts for professional services except as provided for in section five (§5) above; (c) Purchases or contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions of receipt of the funds prohibit the preference; (d) Purchases or contracts made pursuant to a noncompetitive award process, unless otherwise provided by this section; or (e) Any bid announcement which specifically provides that the general local preference policies set forth in this section are suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the county council or county administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the county attorney, required by law.

See the RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE form attached for details.

57. Vendor Checklist

The items indicated below must be returned as a part of the Bid Submission package:

- Resident Certification for Local Preference (EXHIBIT A)
- Mandatory Bid Submittal Form (EXHIBIT B)
- Mandatory Exceptions Page (EXHIBIT C)
- Non-Collusion Oath (EXHIBIT D)

The successful proposer will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Georgetown County, SC as an additional insured. This must be on file prior to any final award.



EXHIBIT A
RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION
FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE

MANDATORY VENDOR SUBMITTAL FORM

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council desires to further its support of local businesses when awarding contracts for the provision of supplies and construction services to the County through its established procurement procedures.

THEREFOR pursuant to Georgetown County, SC Ordinance #2014-02 as adopted, §2-50 Local Preference Option, the Georgetown County Purchasing Officer requests each offeror provide Residence Certification. The Local Preference Option provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; provisions of which are stated below:

Sec 2-50. Local Preference

1. A vendor shall be deemed a Local Georgetown County vendor for the purposes of this Section if such vendor is an individual, partnership, association or corporation that is authorized to transact business within the State, maintains an office in Georgetown County, and maintains a representative inventory or commodities within the County on which the bid is submitted, and has paid all taxes duly assessed.
2. This option allows the lowest local Bidder whose bid is within five percent (5%) of the lowest non-local Bidder to match the bid submitted by the non-local Bidder and thereby be awarded the contract. This preference shall apply only when (a) the total dollar purchase is greater than \$30,000; (b) the vendor has a physical business address located and operating within the limits of Georgetown County and has been doing business in the County for a period of twelve (12) months or more; and (c) the vendor provides proof of payment of all applicable Georgetown County taxes and fees if so requested.
3. Should the lowest responsible and responsive Georgetown County bidder not exercise its right to match the bid as granted herein, the next lowest qualified Georgetown County bidder shall have that right and so on. The right to exercise the right to match the bid shall be exercised within 24 hours of notification of the right to match the non-Georgetown County bidder's bid.
4. In order to qualify for the local preference authorized by this Section, the vendor seeking same shall be required to submit with its bid a statement containing relevant information which demonstrates compliance with the provisions of this Section. This statement shall be on a form provided by the County purchasing department and shall be signed under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such affidavit at the time the bidder submits its bid shall constitute a waiver of any claim for preference.
5. For all contracts for architecture, professional engineering, or other professional services governed by Section 2-56, Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services - Public Announcement and Selection Process, the county shall include the local business status of a firm among the factors considered when selecting which firms are "most highly

qualified". In determining which firm is the "most qualified" for purposes of negotiating a satisfactory contract, preference shall be given to a local business where all other relevant factors are equal.

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See the RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE form attached for details.

I certify that [Company Name] _____ is a

Resident Bidder of Georgetown County as defined in Ordinance #2014-02, (see §1. above) and our local place of business within Georgetown County is: _____

I certify that [Company Name] _____ is a

Non-Resident Bidder of Georgetown County as defined in Ordinance #2014-02, and our principal place of business is _____ [City and State].

(X) _____

Signature of Company Officer

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EXHIBIT B
MANDATORY BID SUBMITTAL FORM
Bid #20-100A (REBID)
Pick-Up and Recycling of Waste Tires

The undersigned, on behalf of the vendor, certifies that: (1) this bid is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a bid on the same project; (2) is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud;(3) the person whose signature appears below is legally empowered to bind the firm in whose name the bid is entered (4) they have read the complete Request for Bid and understand and accept all provisions: (5) if accepted by the County, this bid is guaranteed as written and amended and will be implemented as stated; and (6) mistakes in writing of the submitted bid will be their responsibility.

1) Company Name of Bidder: _____

2) Price per ton (1 ton = 2000 pounds) for Loading/Collecting, hauling and disposal/processing of waste tires:

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>PROVIDER LOADS</u> | <u>COUNTY LOADS</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| a) Passenger Tires per Ton | \$ | \$ |
| b) Truck Tires per Ton | \$ | \$ |
| c) Off Road Tires per Ton | \$ | \$ |
| d) % Fuel Surcharge per \$ | % | % |

3) Distance in miles from Hauler/Disposer to the Georgetown County Landfill at 201 Landfill Road (off Browns Ferry Road/SC51) in Georgetown County, SC 29440_____

4) Name of SCDHEC permitted hauler: _____

5) SCDHEC Registration Number:_____

6) Provided a current copy of the haulers SCDHEC permit with the bid? Yes No

7) List facility and location at which tires will be processed _____

9) SCDHEC Facility Permit Number: _____

10) Disposal Process (Describe): _____

11) Final Disposition of Tires (Describe): _____

12) Provided a current copy of the SCDHEC facility permit with the bid or if the facility is outside South Carolina, documentation that the facility is an approved SCDHEC waste tire facility?

Yes No

13) Bid cost must remain valid ninety (90) days from bid opening date.

14) Number of days for Mobilization after Notice to Proceed (NTP): _____

15) Contact Address: _____

16) Contact Person _____

17) Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

18) E-Mail address _____

19) Remittance Address: _____

20) Accounting Contact _____

21) Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

22) E-Mail address _____

23) FEIN or Social Security Number: _____

24) Customer References: Submit no less than three (3) firms at which the bidder provides services similar in scope and nature to the Work required by this RFP:

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|--------------------|--|
| Entity Name: | |
| Contact: | |
| Title: | |
| Street: | |
| City, State & Zip: | |
| Primary Telephone: | |
| Primary FAX: | |
| E-Mail Address: | |

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| Brief Explanation of Relationship: | |
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| Entity Name: | |
| Contact: | |
| Title: | |
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| City, State & Zip: | |
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| Title: | |
| Street: | |
| City, State & Zip: | |
| Primary Telephone: | |
| Primary FAX: | |
| E-Mail Address: | |
| Brief Explanation of Relationship: | |

25) Suspension and Debarment

Federal guidelines require grant recipients to obtain sufficient assurance that vendors are not suspended or debarred from participating in federal programs when contracts exceed \$25,000. By signing below you verify that no party to this agreement is excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits, pursuant to the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 6101, note, E.O. 12549, E.O. 12689, 48 CFR

9.404, and each agency's codification of the Common Rule for Nonprocurement suspension and debarment. [See <https://www.epls.gov/> for additional information.]

26) If the bid is accepted, the required Contract must be executed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of formal award of Contract.

27) Acceptance of Invitation for Bid Content: The contents of the successful IFB/RFP are included as if fully reproduced herein. Therefore, the selected contractor must be prepared to be bound by his/her proposal as submitted.

28) RENEWAL OF CONTRACT

The continuation of the terms, conditions, and provisions of any resulting contract beyond the fiscal year is subject to approval and ratification by the Georgetown County Council and appropriation by them of the necessary money to fund said contract for each succeeding year.

29) CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

The undersigned certifies that the vendor listed below will provide a “drug-free workplace” as that term is defined in Section 44-107-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, by the complying with the requirements set forth in title 44, Chapter 107.

Yes **No**

30) Any attempt by the vendor to influence the opinion of County Staff or County Council by discussion, promotion, advertising, misrepresentation of the submittal or purchasing process or any procedure to promote their offer will constitute a violation of the vendor submittal conditions and will cause the vendor’s submittal to be declared null and void.

31) The lowest or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted and the County reserves the right to award any portion thereof. I/We, the undersigned, hereby confirm that all the above noted documents for Bid/Request for Proposal No. 20-100A (REBID) were received.

33) **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: Non-Construction (NOV. 2008):** (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. [07-7B097-1]

34)

INFORMATION ONLY:

Our company accepts VISA government procurement cards without penalty.

Our company does not accept VISA government procurement cards.

35) Printed Name of person binding bid _____

36) Signature (X) _____

37) Date _____

NOTE: THE ENTIRE IFB PACKET NEED NOT BE RETURNED.

EXHIBIT C

EXCEPTIONS PAGE

MANDATORY BID SUBMISSION FORM

List any areas where you cannot or will not comply with the specifications or terms contained within the bid documentation. If none, write "NONE".

EXHIBIT D

NON-COLLUSION OATH)

COUNTY OF: _____)

STATE OF: _____)

Before me, the Undersigned, a Notary Public, for and in the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared _____ and made oath that the Offeror Herein, his agents, servants, and/or employees, to the best of his knowledge and belief have not in any way colluded with anyone for and on behalf of the Offeror, or themselves, to obtain information that would give the Offeror an unfair advantage over others, not have they colluded with anyone for and on behalf of the Offeror, or themselves, to gain any favoritism in the award of the contract herein.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2021

Authorized Signature of Offeror

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE

STATE OF: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

(Note: Notary seal required for out-of-state offeror)