



Pittsburg State University

Request for Proposal

RFQ Number	EDA-PSU-202301
Economic Development Grant Award Number	ED23DEN0G0171
Date Issued	10/23/2023
Closing Date	TBD; 2:00 PM local time
Procurement Officer	Sean Burke; 620.235.4167; swburke@pittstate.edu
Item	Recycling Industry Feasibility Consultant
Agency & Location	Pittsburg State University (PSU) in Pittsburg Kansas
Scope	Per Economic Development Administration Grant Award number ED23DEN0G0171, Pittsburg State University is seeking proposals for a consultant as specified in the RFP.
Bid Submittal	Submit bid by e-mail to swburke@pittstate.edu

1. When communicating, always refer to the proposal number above.
2. In order to receive consideration for award, one copy of this “Request for Proposal,” must be returned to Pittsburg State University no later than the specified closing time. The University is not responsible for late proposals.
3. All prices, terms, and conditions must be shown. Additions or conditions not shown on this bid will not be allowed.
4. Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low proposal.
5. Prices proposed shall be less Federal Excise and State Sales taxes.
6. The PSU Director of Purchasing reserves the right to accept or reject any part of this Proposal.
7. RFP results will not be given to individuals over the phone. Written bid results may be obtained by written request from the procurement officer.
8. Contractual Provisions Attachment DA-146a applies to all PSU RFPs.
9. It is hereby agreed that the bidder will, if required by law, comply with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination, K.S.A. 44-1030 et. Seq.
10. PSU reserves the right to award in the best interest of the university.

Vendor Name	
Lump Sum Price Proposed	

Technical Contact – Dr. Ram Gupta 620-235-4763 or rgupta@pittstate.edu

1. INTRODUCTION

Per Economic Development Administration Grant Award number ED23DEN0G0171, Pittsburg State University is seeking proposals for a consultant to explore opportunities to establish recycling industries in Southeast Kansas (SEK).

The vision of this study is to have recycling and remanufacturing companies in SEK so that the community does not have to send recycled plastics to other places for remanufacturing or to landfills.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

The goals of this study are as follows:

- Study the viability of establishing a state-of-the-art plastic recycling infrastructure and related workforce development in an economically distressed region.
- Understand the types and quantity of plastic waste generated.
- Information about the economically viable range for collection and transporting.
- Report on the infrastructure needed for sorting and shredding.
- Better understanding of the type and need of processing equipment to remanufacture the goods using recycled materials.
- Insight into the market and the number of potential jobs created.
- This study will also provide the type of industries needed to establish such infrastructures and the role of regional recycling industries such as the SEK Recycling Center.

3. REQUIREMENTS

The selected vendor will be required:

- Meet with PSU team monthly to update progress.
- Generate a report of the study findings that is about 150 pages and contains data/tables and figures.
- Transfer copyright of report to PSU so that PSU can freely use the report as needed.
- Study and report completed in 5 months.
- Provide information as requested by PSU and/or EDA as needed.

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4. PROPOSAL RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

Negotiated Procurement: This is a negotiated procurement pursuant to K.S.A. 75-37,102. Final evaluation and award will be made by PSU.

Submission of Proposals:

Electronic proposals in PDF format to swburke@pittstate.edu and purch@pittstate.edu.

Vendor's proposal shall consist of:

- Proposal
- Signature Sheet
- Tax Clearance Certificate - Tax Clearances may be obtained from the Kansas Dept. of Revenue (KDOR): <http://www.ksrevenue.org/taxclearance.html>
- W-9 (form can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/>);

Vendor's proposal shall be received no later than the Proposal Due Date/Time. Proposals received late may be disqualified.

Length of Proposals: Proposals should be about one hundred fifty (150) pages, with materials included by reference as needed.

Evaluation of Proposals: Award shall be made in the best interest of PSU.

Consideration may focus toward but is not limited to:

- Cost (vendors are not to inflate prices in the initial proposal as cost is a factor in determining who may receive an award or be invited to formal negotiations. PSU reserves the right to award to the lowest responsive bid without conducting formal negotiations.)
- Adequacy and completeness of proposal.
- Compliance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of this RFP.
- Experience in providing like services.

Contract: The contract shall be in the form of a purchase order. The vendor agrees to accept the provisions of form DA-146a, Contractual Provisions Attachment, which is incorporated into all contracts with PSU.

General Provisions/Signature

Tax Clearance Certification: Bid submittals of \$25,000 or more shall include a copy of a Tax Clearance Certification. Tax Clearances may be obtained from the Kansas Dept. of Revenue (KDOR):
<http://www.ksrevenue.org/taxclearance.html>

W9 Form: Vendors who are new to PSU should submit a copy of their W9 with bid response. The form can be downloaded at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf

DA-146a Contractual Provisions: The bidder agrees to accept the provisions of form DA-146a, Contractual Provisions Attachment which is incorporated into all contracts with the State <http://www.da.ks.gov/purch/DA-146a.pdf>

NEW MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, OR EQUIPMENT: Unless otherwise specified, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a vendor shall be new, and unused in any regard. All materials, supplies and equipment shall be first class in all respects. Seconds or flawed items will not be acceptable. All materials, supplies or equipment shall be suitable for their intended purpose and, unless otherwise specified, fully assembled and ready for use on delivery.

COMPARABLE PRODUCTS: Bids on comparable products are invited. Indicate appropriate items, brands, model numbers, and specifications. Minor deviations in size and operational characteristics from those set forth in the specification will be considered when such deviations do not alter nor deter Pittsburg State University from accomplishing its intended usage or function. **Each bidder must clearly indicate in writing where (if any) their product characteristics deviate from these specifications and explain how their product accomplishes the desired function even though product characteristics may be different.**

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION: PSU reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or part of a bid; to waive any informalities or technicalities; clarify any ambiguities in bids; and unless otherwise specified, to accept any item in the bid.

PAYMENT: Payment will be made upon receipt of shipment by PSU.

FREIGHT COST INFORMATION: FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid, and Allowed.

The undersigned certifies that he does not have any substantial conflict of interest sufficient to influence the bidding process on this bid. A conflict of substantial interest is one which a reasonable person would think would compromise the open competitive bid process.

- Legal Name of Person, Firm or Corporation:
- Payment Terms:
- Telephone Number:
- E-mail Address:
- **Signature:** _____
- **Date:** _____

2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 - Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

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In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner in which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases

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of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended - Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) - A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) - Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See § 200.323.

(K) See § 200.216.

(L) See § 200.322.

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS ATTACHMENT

Important: This form contains mandatory contract provisions and must be attached to or incorporated in all copies of any contractual agreement. If it is attached to the vendor/contractor's standard contract form, then that form must be altered to contain the following provision:

The Provisions found in Contractual Provisions Attachment (Form DA-146a, Rev. 07-19), which is attached hereto, are hereby incorporated in this contract and made a part thereof.

The parties agree that the following provisions are hereby incorporated into the contract to which it is attached and made a part thereof, said contract being the _____ day of _____, 20____.

1. **Terms Herein Controlling Provisions:** It is expressly agreed that the terms of each and every provision in this attachment shall prevail and control over the terms of any other conflicting provision in any other document relating to and a part of the contract in which this attachment is incorporated. Any terms that conflict or could be interpreted to conflict with this attachment are nullified.
2. **Kansas Law and Venue:** This contract shall be subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the State of Kansas, and jurisdiction and venue of any suit in connection with this contract shall reside only in courts located in the State of Kansas.
3. **Termination Due To Lack Of Funding Appropriation:** If, in the judgment of the Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration, sufficient funds are not appropriated to continue the function performed in this agreement and for the payment of the charges hereunder, State may terminate this agreement at the end of its current fiscal year. State agrees to give written notice of termination to contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of its current fiscal year and shall give such notice for a greater period prior to the end of such fiscal year as may be provided in this contract, except that such notice shall not be required prior to ninety (90) days before the end of such fiscal year. Contractor shall have the right, at the end of such fiscal year, to take possession of any equipment provided State under the contract. State will pay to the contractor all regular contractual payments incurred through the end of such fiscal year, plus contractual charges incidental to the return of any such equipment. Upon termination of the agreement by State, title to any such equipment shall revert to contractor at the end of the State's current fiscal year. The termination of the contract pursuant to this paragraph shall not cause any penalty to be charged to the agency or the contractor.
4. **Disclaimer Of Liability:** No provision of this contract will be given effect that attempts to require the State of Kansas or its agencies to defend, hold harmless, or indemnify any contractor or third party for any acts or omissions. The liability of the State of Kansas is defined under the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101, *et seq.*).
5. **Anti-Discrimination Clause:** The contractor agrees: (a) to comply with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination (K.S.A. 44-1001, *et seq.*) and the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act (K.S.A. 44-1111, *et seq.*) and the applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.*) (ADA), and Kansas Executive Order No. 19-02, and to not discriminate against any person because of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, military or veteran status, disability status, marital or family status, genetic information, or political affiliation that is unrelated to the person's ability to reasonably perform the duties of a particular job or position; (b) to include in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the phrase "equal opportunity employer"; (c) to

comply with the reporting requirements set out at K.S.A. 44-1031 and K.S.A. 44-1116; (d) to include those provisions in every subcontract or purchase order so that they are binding upon such subcontractor or vendor; (e) that a failure to comply with the reporting requirements of (c) above or if the contractor is found guilty of any violation of such acts by the Kansas Human Rights Commission, such violation shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by the contracting state agency or the Kansas Department of Administration; (f) Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws and regulations; (g) Contractor agrees all hiring must be on the basis of individual merit and qualifications, and discrimination or harassment of persons for the reasons stated above is prohibited; and (h) if it is determined that the contractor has violated the provisions of any portion of this paragraph, such violation shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, by the contracting state agency or the Kansas Department of Administration.

6. **Acceptance of Contract:** This contract shall not be considered accepted, approved or otherwise effective until the statutorily required approvals and certifications have been given.
7. **Arbitration, Damages, Warranties:** Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, no interpretation of this contract shall find that the State or its agencies have agreed to binding arbitration, or the payment of damages or penalties. Further, the State of Kansas and its agencies do not agree to pay attorney fees, costs, or late payment charges beyond those available under the Kansas Prompt Payment Act (K.S.A. 75-6403), and no provision will be given effect that attempts to exclude, modify, disclaim or otherwise attempt to limit any damages available to the State of Kansas or its agencies at law, including but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.
8. **Representative's Authority to Contract:** By signing this contract, the representative of the contractor thereby represents that such person is duly authorized by the contractor to execute this contract on behalf of the contractor and that the contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof.
9. **Responsibility for Taxes:** The State of Kansas and its agencies shall not be responsible for, nor indemnify a contractor for, any federal, state or local taxes which may be imposed or levied upon the subject matter of this contract.
10. **Insurance:** The State of Kansas and its agencies shall not be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to property or any other subject matter relating to this contract, nor shall this contract require them to establish a "self-insurance" fund to protect against any such loss or damage. Subject to the provisions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101, *et seq.*), the contractor shall bear the risk of any loss or damage to any property in which the contractor holds title.
11. **Information:** No provision of this contract shall be construed as limiting the Legislative Division of Post Audit from having access to information pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1101, *et seq.*
12. **The Eleventh Amendment:** "The Eleventh Amendment is an inherent and incumbent protection with the State of Kansas and need not be reserved, but prudence requires the State to reiterate that nothing related to this contract shall be deemed a waiver of the Eleventh Amendment."
13. **Campaign Contributions / Lobbying:** Funds provided through a grant award or contract shall not be given or received in exchange for the making of a campaign contribution. No part of the funds provided through this contract shall be used to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any State of Kansas agency or a member of the Legislature regarding any pending legislation or the awarding, extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any government contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.