

## **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**Date:** February 23, 2026

**From:** City of Grand Junction Purchasing Division

**To:** All Proposers

**RE:** *Solid Waste and Recycling Cost-of-Service and Rate Study, RFP-5847-26-KF*

Proposers responding to the above-referenced solicitation are hereby advised that certain requirements have been **clarified, modified, or supplemented** as of the date of this Addendum, as outlined below.

Please take note of the following:

1. **Question:** What is the City's ideal or preferred schedule for the project?

**Answer:** The City anticipates completion of the Cost-of-Service and Rate Study by mid-third quarter 2026 in coordination with pursuing funding through Circular Action Alliance (CCA) and EPR.

2. **Question:** The RFP describes expanding organics program. Can the City elaborate on what your thoughts are for the expanded organics program?

**Answer:** Currently, approximately forty percent (40%) of residential customers receiving automated collection service, transitioning from dual-stream to single-stream recycling in March, also have access to seasonal yard waste collection. The seasonal yard waste program operates from April through October with weekly collection.

The City's long-term objective is to expand seasonal yard waste collection to the remaining sixty percent (60%) of residential customers who currently receive multi-stream recycling service. However, expansion of this program is contingent upon Mesa County's ability to accept increased yard waste volumes at the regional composting facility.

The City has participated in a feasibility study with Mesa County regarding potential expansion of composting capacity and intends to coordinate closely with the County as planning progresses. If regional processing capacity is expanded, the City's preference would be to move toward citywide seasonal yard waste collection.

From a financial perspective, any expansion would include evaluation of associated tipping fees, operational costs, and rate impacts. The City anticipates that the selected consultant will analyze these costs as part of the cost-of-service and rate evaluation and, as appropriate, develop rate scenarios that reflect potential expansion of yard waste services.

3. **Question:** Can the City explain how many processing or disposal agreements are currently in place, and with which entities materials are delivered?

**Answer:** The City currently utilizes both Mesa County and Republic Services for solid waste disposal and recycling processing.

**Solid Waste Disposal:**

The City disposes of solid waste at two facilities:

- Mesa County landfill; and
- Republic Services' transfer facility.

At present, approximately eighty percent (80%) of solid waste tonnage is delivered to Mesa County, and approximately twenty percent (20%) is delivered to Republic Services' transfer facility. These percentages are approximate and may vary based on operational conditions.

**Recycling Processing:**

As of February 20, 2026, all recyclable materials collected from the Drop-Off Center, dual-stream, and multi-stream programs are processed at the City's municipal campus located at 333 West Avenue.

Beginning in March 2026, the City will convert its dual-stream collection areas to single-stream recycling. At that time:

Approximately seventy percent (70%) of recyclables will continue to be processed at the City's on-campus facility (333 West Avenue) through the multi-stream collection program and Drop-Off Center.

Approximately thirty percent (30%) of recyclables—those collected through the new single-stream program—will be delivered to Republic Services for processing.

The City anticipates directing 30% of single-stream material to the Republic facility from March through December 2026. Once the City's new MRF becomes operational in late 2026, all single-stream materials will be processed at that facility.

As the City transitions from dual-stream to single-stream recycling and advances plans for a new regional MRF, these processing allocations are expected to change.

All percentages provided are approximate and subject to adjustment based on operational, contractual, and infrastructure developments.

4. **Question:** For organic material (yard waste), is the City operating under a contract with the processing facility, or does it pay published rates?

**Answer:** The City currently delivers yard waste to the Mesa County composting facility. There is no separate long-term processing contract for organics; the City pays the applicable published tipping fee set by Mesa County.

Charges are assessed on a per-load basis (i.e., the cost per truck), consistent with the County's established rate structure. These rates are subject to change in accordance with Mesa County's adopted fee schedule.

5. **Question:** Is bulk waste (e.g., couches, appliances, large items) collected through a separate bulk collection program, or is it handled as part of regular refuse routes?

**Answer:** Bulk waste is handled as a 'special pickup.' Customers must request a special pickup, and collection is scheduled accordingly.

These special pickups are typically coordinated with regular routes rather than through a dedicated bulk collection route.

6. **Question:** Can the City provide an overview of its commercial services and what those services include?

**Answer:** The City provides both residential and commercial solid waste and recycling services. The commercial side is limited; services may expand or evolve as the new MRF becomes operational.

**Commercial Solid Waste:**

The City currently provides commercial trash collection services.

**Commercial Recycling:**

Commercial recycling services are currently offered in a multi-stream format. The City also operates dedicated commercial cardboard-only collection routes.

With the anticipated startup of the new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the City plans to transition commercial recycling from multi-stream to single-stream, consistent with residential recycling service.

**Organics/Composting:**

Composting or yard waste collection is provided only to residential customers. Commercial organics collection is not currently offered.

7. **Question:** Is the commercial solid waste market open (i.e., are front-load and roll-off services subject to competition from private haulers)?

**Answer:** Yes. The commercial solid waste market is open.

8. **Question:** Does the City compete for commercial solid waste and recycling business?

**Answer:** Yes. All commercial solid waste and recycling services operate within an open market. The City competes with private haulers for commercial customers.

For residential services, approximately sixty percent (60%) of the City is within a mandatory service area where residents are required to utilize City-provided collection services. The remaining approximately forty percent (40%) of residential customers are not within the mandatory service area and may obtain collection services from the City or private haulers.

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This addendum amends the original solicitation for the referenced project as outlined above. All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged.

Proposers must acknowledge receipt of this addendum by completing the acknowledgment section on the **Solicitation Response Form** (Section 7.0).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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