



## SITE VISIT FACT SHEET REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2019-115

### KITSAP COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DIVISION

**TO:** All Respondents

**FROM:** Colby Wattling, Buyer

**CLOSING DATE:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (UNCHANGED)  
**PLEASE NOTE the closing date in the Legal Advertisement was incorrect.**

**REF NO.:** 2019-115 – Consultant Services for Procurement of Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations and Waste Transportation and Disposal Services

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

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#### BACKGROUND

- Prior to Kitsap County’s current contract, Olympic View Sanitary Landfill (OVSL) was the primary disposal site in Kitsap County, operated by a private company. It was reaching capacity, and the County developed an RFP for services upon OVSL’s closure.
- Last RFP issued May 1, 2000 – “Transfer Station Development and Waste Disposal Project”
  - Component 1: Siting, design and construction, and long-term operations and maintenance of a transfer station
  - Component 2: Waste Transport and Disposal to a regional out-of-county landfill
  - Term: 20 years
- Two (2) vendors submitted proposals: Waste Management of Washington, Inc., (WMW) and Rabanco (now Republic)
- WMW was selected, as was a site near the closing landfill.
- Current contract with WMW expires June 3, 2022; Waste is hauled by rail to Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, OR.
- Current contract is a public-private partnership. The County owns the Transfer Station, some of the equipment, and the property. WMW operates OVTS, performs routine maintenance on the building and equipment, and is solely responsible for long-haul and disposal.

## **CURRENT OPERATIONS**

- Scalehouse is operated by WMW employees. The County provides computers, transaction software, etc., and the funds are deposited into County accounts.
- WMW assigns Operations Manager to oversee day-to-day operations and maintenance. The County's Transfer Systems Manager oversees the OVTS contract with WMW, as well as our three (3) County-operated drop box facilities in rural areas of the county. County accounting staff oversee and reconcile all payments and prepare billings and financial reports.
- The rail spur allows direct load of containers onto rail cars, with no truck transport needed here or at the landfill, saving costs and allowing more weight per container.
- There are occasional issues with rail service disruption (e.g., landslides, fires, etc.).

## **FUTURE NEEDS**

- Are there other reasonable options besides rail?
- Kitsap County population is growing, waste is increasing, but not at a predictable rate.
- Facility Master Plan (FMP) for OVTS is in process to identify growing waste transport needs, increase waste diversion (if possible), and improve traffic flow (minimize congestion).

## **GUIDANCE NEEDED FROM CONSULTANT**

- Current contract is heavy on design/build and okay on day-to-day operations. The contract needed more detail about equipment, maintenance, etc., which prompted two (2) supplemental agreements to address various issues that were not clear (related to equipment replacements, large maintenance projects, insurance (fire), etc.
- How to best incorporate OVTS FMP recommendations and how to fund them.
- How to best staff Scalehouse. What options are available?
- How to best divide responsibilities for building and equipment maintenance.