

Mississippi State University
Request for Proposals (RFP) MSU2026098
Waste Disposal and Recycling Services

Questions and Answers

August 28, 2026

See below the questions asked and answered for RFP MSU2026098 and use this information to respond accordingly. Please note that we are extending the opening date for this RFP.

Responses will now be due no later than 2:00 CST on September 16, 2026.

1. When will the quantities of equipment to be provided by the contractor be provided for proposal evaluation purposes (dumpsters, open top roll-offs, compactors etc.) **See Appendix B**
2. Will the frequencies of service for the dumpsters, sizes and locations be provided or will prospective contractors be required to visit campuses and locations to identify? **See Appendix B**
3. What is the name of the current contractor? **WastePro**
4. Does the University know where the recyclables collected by the current contractor are taken? **Yes, this is handled at a Private Facility used by our current contractor.**
5. Will the University share the rates charged by your current contractor? **No, we do not share that information**
6. How many roll-off containers on average are needed for home football games? **See response for question 21.**
7. Will the compactor(s) be self-contained or breakaway? **Self Contained**
8. May a proponent offer pricing on only one of the two components included in the RFP (garbage or recycling)? **No, we're asking for everything**

9. What is the MSU definition of "rubbish" as included on page 2, SCOPE OF SERVICES, paragraph AI? **Rubbish shall be defined as nonhazardous solid waste generated through ordinary University operations that is not classified as garbage, recyclable material, construction and demolition debris, regulated medical waste, hazardous waste, or another specially regulated waste stream.**
10. What company currently provides the services listed in the RFP? **See question 3**
11. May a copy of the current contractor's most recent invoice be provided to all proponents?
No we will not provide these
12. Does the University currently pay by the lift or pay a flat monthly rate for the dumpster services (both garbage and recycle)? **Both Garbage and Recycle are paid on a by lift contracted rate.**
13. Are the containers specified on page two, Containers, Equipment, and Ownership, paragraph ii. 2. For the listed locations a type other than Dumpsters? **Self-Contained Compactors.**
14. Page 7, in the section "Pricing Requirements", paragraph ii. Alludes to a "final RFP"? Is that language included to address any changes made via addenda? **Yes**
15. Are subcontractors allowed provided they meet all criteria included in the RFP? **No**
16. Appendix B was not included in the RFP copy received. Can one be emailed to me? **This was provided in Appendix B.**
17. Can we schedule a site visit and meeting prior to the bid deadline? If so, please provide the appropriate contact person and their information so we may coordinate this visit. **No, we will not be scheduling a site visit for this RFP.**
18. Can you provide a breakdown of the current service configuration, including container types and sizes, quantity for each container type/size and service frequency for each location? **This was provided in Appendix B**
19. If compactors are currently utilized, can you confirm the haul frequency, material type used for, and provide any historical tonnage data? **Haul Frequency on Compactors is typically once monthly however the per lift rate you provide can be applied to any additional lifts. Material Type is most commonly cardboard and we will not be providing historical data.**

20. Can you provide more detail on the “residential collection” service referenced in Section C.I.2 including the container sizes, quantities, collection method (curbside, centralized location, etc.) and whether these services are located on the main campus or other properties? Is the residential collection for trash and/or recycling? **Approximately Ninety 96 Gallon Containers to be serviced weekly at faculty housing locations (curbside) on the main campus of MSU.**
21. Can you provide more detail on game day & weekend service requirements including how many containers are currently used per game, delivery & removal timeline/requirements, do we have access to a laydown yard to stage containers and estimated number of hauls per day/game on weekends. Is service on Sunday required? **Typically, 7 roll-offs are in use on a home football weekend. We require ALL waste to be off campus by Monday morning at 7AM. A laydown and staging area are not provided by the University but are highly encouraged to be secured by the contractor in an area of proximity to the main campus. Two hauls are typically required per game.**
22. Are all the containers included within this scope of work located at the same campus/address or do the services include any other offsite satellite locations? **All containers are not at the same address. The majority are on our main campus in Starkville. We are asking that lift prices be reciprocated at our off campus locations and satellite locations within the winning contractors’ territory.**
23. Section 3.B.i references appearance standards. Would WM’s standard green containers be acceptable to satisfy this requirement? **Would need to be field verified. Bidders should anticipate having to update their equipment color to match our University standard.**
24. How is the recycling material currently collected (container types, sizes and service frequency)? **This is provided in appendix B.**
25. Where is the recycling material currently being processed? **See answer 4.**
26. Does MSU currently receive any rebates for recycling material? **We do not share that information**
27. Is the requirement for service before 7:00am mandatory for all locations and service types under this contract? **For scheduled routine service yes, for as requested service, no.**
28. Appendix B is referenced on page 14 of the RFP. Is Appendix B intended to be included as a form/document with the solicitation package? If so, would you please provide a copy? **Appendix B has been provided.**

29. Would MSU consider extending the proposal submission deadline to allow additional time for site evaluation and proposal development? **Yes, Proposal submission deadline has been extended to September 16, 2026.**
30. Can you provide a copy of the current waste and recycling services contract, as well as recent invoices showing current service levels and pricing? **No, we will not provide this**
31. Are bidders required to submit pricing for all services included within the scope of work, or will MSU consider partial-service proposals? **We will not consider partial proposals**
32. Please provide the current Greek Life waste and recycling container inventory. **14 FEL Containers split between 2 central pick-up locations and an additional 8 FEL Containers at other pressure points.**
33. For the Greek Life alternate, is MSU seeking a specific reduction in large containers, or is the bidder expected to design the entire collection system and recommend quantities/sizes/frequencies? **MSU is open to continuing the current process mentioned in answer 23 but would like to know if other opportunities are available to better monitor and service these areas.**
34. Does the four-hour missed-service requirement apply 24/7, or only during defined business/service hours? **This will be applied to any missed service that is a part of the agreed-upon routine-service schedule.**
35. Regarding technology, which items are mandatory versus optional? **All technology alternatives and methods are optional and should be presented to better serve MSU from a technical standpoint. No technology methods are considered mandatory.**
36. Please provide Appendix B – Complete Cost Page. **This has since been provided.**
37. The RFP states that normal collection should occur early enough for collection vehicles to be off campus by 7:00 a.m. Please confirm whether this applies to all routine front-load, recycling, roll-off, and compactor service, or only certain campus areas. **See answer 27.**
38. What is the earliest allowable collection start time? **As early as needed to be off campus by 7am.**
39. During the initial five-year term, can increases in fuel costs, landfill tipping fees, taxes, regulatory fees, or other disposal-related costs be passed through to the customer? **Price per lift shall not change throughout the duration of the contract term. Landfill disposal waste cost per ton changes can be passed on at the actual cost (with receipts to show the cost to the contractor). Other possible changes in rates will be discussed during contract negotiations.**

40. The term of the contract is stated to be 5 years with three optional 2 year (24 month) renewal periods. Historically the total term of the contract has been ten years and under this new agreement would potentially equate to 11 years. Could you please confirm the term to be accurate as listed or note any changes? **The term in the RFP is correct. What we've done with past contracts should not be taken into account.**
41. Page 11, section K, i states: The final agreement shall specify events of default and termination rights. MSU reserves the right to include termination for convenience upon 90 days notice or at contract renewal. Page 18, Item 11 states MSU reserves the right to terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days-notice, by the Director of Contract Administration via certified mail to the address listed on the signature page of this RFP (See Appendix A) if any of the terms of the proposal and/or contract are violated. Could you clarify the notification timeline 30 days or 90? Or are these two separate items - 90 days for convenience and 30 days for performance failure? **The 30 days notice is standard in our contract which is why it's in that section, but we will give 90 days for convenience on this contract. Termination for performance failure will be worked out during contract negotiations.**
42. Can you provide the current service details for the Greek Life area that we're asked to provide an alternate option for? The objective of the alternate is to reduce the number of roll off containers and front-load dumpsters by using smaller containers serviced more frequently. Can you detail how many of the roll off containers and front-load dumpster are currently being used in this area and how often they are currently being serviced? **See answer to number 32.**
43. Appendix B is requesting a price per year for several services with an "upon request" schedule. How many hauls should the annual cost be based on for each container with the "upon request" schedules? Can an updated appendix be issued so that all bidders annual estimates are based on the same calculations? **For services listed as "upon request" we are just asking for a per lift price. The price/year column can be left blank.**