

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Public Works



Office of Contracting and Procurement

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

TO: POTENTIAL RESPONDENTS

RFI Number: DCKT-2010-I-0147

Caption: Refuse Trucks (16CY Packers)

Issuance Date: March 16, 2010

Due Date: March 30, 2010

The Government of the District of Columbia (“District”), Office of Contracting and Procurement on behalf of the Department of Public Works has a need to procure refuse trucks with high compaction and lifts for Supercans. Given changes in the market, DPW is conducting market research to determine what is commercially available to meet the District’s minimum need.

The District’s fleet is currently primarily made up of Sterling and GMC Chassis with 16 CY Leach Beta bodies. The District understands that both the Sterling and GMC chassis are no longer available. However, the District has attempted to standardize its fleet to the extent possible to reduce maintenance costs and is now looking for an alternate cab-over chassis.

Treatment of RFI Responses and Respondents

This is not a Request for Offers. Rather, following review of the RFI responses, the District may prepare one or more Solicitation for Bids for refuse trucks.

The District considers responses to this RFI as part of its outreach and research effort; and as such, more in the nature of a survey. The District intends to use the information in the responses to establish parameters and requirements included in the Solicitation for Bids. Potential respondents must determine for themselves, the relative advantages and disadvantages of responding to the RFI.

The District assumes no responsibility or liability for any potential claim of harm and damage. By submitting a response, the respondent expressly acknowledges that the District assumes no such responsibility or liability.

SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES

It is not the intention for this RFI to be an extensive or expensive undertaking for Respondents. Rather concise descriptions are desired. Glossy production quality and expensive productions are neither desired nor required.

The RFI responses should address the questions listed in Item 6 below. Responses should be emailed to the attention of Gregory Nance, Contract Specialist at Gregory.nance@dc.gov and Lucille Vest, Contract Specialist at Lucille.vest@dc.gov.

5. Response Submission Date:

The closing date for receipt of responses is March 30, 2010 on or before 2:00 p.m. local time to the addresses listed above.

Questions may be referred to Gregory Nance via email at Gregory.nance@dc.gov and Lucille Vest via email at Lucille.vest@dc.gov. Questions regarding this Request for Information must be received in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2010.

6. Questions:

- A. The District's current specifications for 16 CY Packers is provided as Attachment A.
 - A. Do you offer a 16 CY Packer that meets all of the specifications?
 - i. If yes, provide model number for chassis and body.
 - ii. If no, provide the model number for the chassis and body that most closely meets the District's specification and note the deviations from the specifications in Attachment A.
- B. Is the packer stated in response to Question A currently available? If not, when will the unit become available?
- C. What is the delivery leadtime for the packer?
- D. For budgeting purposes, what is the price for the packer you offer? How many units would need to be ordered to receive a quantity discount? What would be the discount?

- E. Have you in the last 24 months sold the packer stated in response to Question A to a public sector client? If yes, to whom? Please provide a contact person name and email address.

- F. The District is also contemplating ordering Compressed Natural Gas 16 CY Packers. The District's current specifications for these packers are provided in Attachment B. Do you offer a Compressed Natural Gas 16 CY Packer that meets all of the specifications?
 - i. If yes, provide model number for chassis and body.
 - ii. If no, provide the model number for the chassis and body that most closely meets the District's specification and note the deviations from the specifications in Attachment B.

- G. Is the packer stated in response to Question F currently available? If not, when will the unit become available?

- H. What is the delivery leadtime for the packer?

- I. For budgeting purposes, what is the price for the packer you offer? How many units would need to be ordered to receive a quantity discount? What would be the discount?

- J. Have you in the last 24 months sold the packer stated in response to Question F to a public sector client? If yes, to whom? Please provide a contact person name and email address.

- K. Are there other alternate fuel type trucks that you would recommend?