



Alachua County, Florida

# Procurement

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ITB No. ITB 25-57-MM

## Annual Processing and Beneficial Recycling/Composting of Vegetative Waste for Alachua County and the City of Gainesville

RESPONSE DEADLINE: May 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Monday, June 10, 2024

## SOLICITATION OVERVIEW

<b>Project Title</b>	Annual Processing and Beneficial Recycling/Composting of Vegetative Waste for Alachua County and the City of Gainesville
<b>Project ID</b>	ITB 25-57-MM
<b>Project Type</b>	Invitation To Bid
<b>Release Date</b>	April 3, 2024
<b>Due Date</b>	May 22, 2024
<b>Procurement Agent</b>	Mandy Mullins
<b>Project Description</b>	Alachua County and the City of Gainesville intend to contract for the environmentally safe processing and beneficial recycling/composting of vegetative waste collected by the County, City, and their contracted waste haulers. This vegetative waste is collected primarily through the County and City's curbside waste collection programs. Some material may be direct hauled by Alachua County or the City of Gainesville.

## Introduction

### Summary

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners are requesting the submission of Bids for ITB 25-57-MM Annual Processing and Beneficial Recycling/Composting of Vegetative Waste for Alachua County and the City of Gainesville.

The following apply to this Invitation to Bid (ITB): [Introduction](#), [Instruction to Bidders](#), [Terms and Conditions](#), [Insurance](#), [Scope of Services](#), [Sample Agreement](#), [Attachments](#), [Submittals](#), and [ITB Pricing Form](#). Specifications and supplementary documents are essential parts of the ITB and requirements occurring in one are as binding as though occurring in all.

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Services, as defined herein, are to include all labor, materials, supplies and equipment in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth within this solicitation.

Bidder must be qualified and fully capable of performing the required Services while adhering to all laws, specifications, procedures, protocols, applicable guidance, and industry best practices.

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### Background

**Location:** Alachua County is located in North Central Florida. The County government seat is situated in Gainesville. Gainesville is located 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville, 129 miles southeast of Tallahassee, 140 miles northeast of Tampa - St. Petersburg and 109 miles northwest of Orlando. Alachua County has a population of over 250,000 and a regional airport. The County itself consists of a total area of 969 square miles.

**Form of Government:** Alachua County is governed by a Board of five (5) elected County Commissioners and operates under the established County Manager Charter form of government. In addition to the five County Commissioners, there are five elected Constitutional Officers: Supervisor of Elections, Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, Tax Collector, and the Property Appraiser. The Alachua County Attorney also reports to the Board.

### Contact Information

**Mandy Mullins**

Procurement Agent I

Email: [mmmullins@alachuacounty.us](mailto:mmmullins@alachuacounty.us)

Phone: [\(352\) 384-3090](tel:(352)384-3090)

**Department:**

Solid Waste & Resource Recovery

### Timeline

<b>Solicitation Release Date</b>	April 3, 2024
<b>Question Submission Deadline</b>	May 5, 2024, 12:00am
<b>Solicitation Submission Deadline</b>	May 22, 2024, 2:00pm

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<p><b>Solicitation Opening – Teams Meeting</b></p>	<p>May 22, 2024, 2:00pm The scheduled solicitation opening will occur via Teams Meeting; the information to join is provided below. Attendance (live viewing) of the bid opening is not required.</p> <p>Join Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device:</p> <p><a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTQyYzk5YzMtZDc4ZS00N2lxlTljMWUtMjAwNTQwN2NjNTNi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2290fc851d-766d-4d7b-a09c-bfbf1d2dac94%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c82ab8e7-6ee1-4cd5-9191-4aa322a1828f%22%7d">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTQyYzk5YzMtZDc4ZS00N2lxlTljMWUtMjAwNTQwN2NjNTNi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2290fc851d-766d-4d7b-a09c-bfbf1d2dac94%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c82ab8e7-6ee1-4cd5-9191-4aa322a1828f%22%7d</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 259 625 692 241 Passcode: yX9G3Q Or call in (audio only) +1 469-998-7938,,366862554# United States, Dallas Phone Conference ID: 366 862 554#</p> <p>If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact the Alachua County ADA Coordinator at <a href="mailto:ADA@alachuacounty.us">ADA@alachuacounty.us</a> or Equal Opportunity Office at 352-374-5275 at least 7 business days prior to the event. If you are unable to notify the Office prior to the event, please inform an Alachua County employee that you need assistance. TDD/TTY users, please call 711 (Florida Relay Service)</p>
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**SOLICITATION STATUS HISTORY**

Date	Changed To	Changed By
Feb 9, 2024 12:14 PM	Draft	Mandy Mullins

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Date	Changed To	Changed By
Feb 13, 2024 10:45 AM	Review	Mandy Mullins
Apr 3, 2024 7:18 AM	Final	Mandy Mullins
Apr 3, 2024 7:18 AM	Post Pending	Mandy Mullins
Apr 3, 2024 7:19 AM	Open	Mandy Mullins
May 22, 2024 2:00 PM	Pending	OpenGov Bot
May 22, 2024 7:56 PM	Evaluation	Mandy Mullins
May 30, 2024 6:37 AM	Award Pending	Mandy Mullins
May 30, 2024 6:39 AM	Evaluation	Mandy Mullins
May 30, 2024 12:52 PM	Award Pending	Mandy Mullins

### SELECTED VENDOR

VENDOR RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Vendor	Location
Life Soils Florida, LLC	Newberry, FL

### PROPOSALS RECEIVED

Status	Vendor	Contact Info	Submission Date
Submitted	Life Soils Florida, LLC	Ryan McMeekin ryan@lifesoils.net (352) 258-9330	May 14, 2024 8:26 PM
Submitted	Watson C&D	Jim Bacom jim@watsoncl.com (352) 538-6015	May 22, 2024 1:18 PM

### VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE PASS/FAIL

Question Title	Life Soils Florida, LLC	Watson C&D
Submittal Confirmation	Pass	Pass
Corporate Resolution	Pass	Pass
State Compliance	Pass	Pass
Public Record Trade Secret or Proprietary Confidential Business Information Exemption Request	Pass	Pass

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Question Title	Life Soils Florida, LLC	Watson C&D
Public Record Trade Secret or Proprietary Confidential Business Information Exemption Request	Pass	Pass
Public Record Trade Secret or Proprietary Confidential Business Information Exemption Request	No Response	No Response
Option 1: Company is an Alachua County Certified Small Business Enterprise.	Pass	Pass
SBE Certificate	No Response	No Response
Option 2: I certify that our Company will perform ALL work and that no subcontractors will be utilized for this bid.	Pass	Pass
Option 3: SBE Participation.	Pass	Pass
Option 4: SBE Good Faith Effort.	Pass	Pass
Alachua County Government Minimum Wage (GMW)	Pass	Pass
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE	Pass	Pass
Vendor Eligibility	Pass	Pass
List all subcontractor's being utilized on this BID, (NON-SBE) IF no sub contractor are being utilized respond N/A	Pass	Pass
Responsible Agent	Pass	Pass
Number of years in this type of service?	Pass	Pass
Number of years licensed in Alachua County?	Pass	Pass
How many employees "ON THE JOB" each week?	Pass	Pass
Number of employees "ON CALL" each week?	Pass	Pass
Major Equipment	Pass	Pass
Do you currently hold any municipality contracts?	Pass	Fail
If you indicated yes to holding municipality contracts please list them below:	Pass	Fail

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Question Title	Life Soils Florida, LLC	Watson C&D
References	Pass	Pass
Are your employees screened by:	Pass	Pass
Cancelled or Termination	Pass	Pass
Cancellation and Termination	No Response	Pass
What constitutes your normal business days and working hours?	Pass	Pass
Describe below, the Bidder's operational plan for providing the Services to Alachua County.	Pass	Pass
Conflict of Interest	Pass	Pass
Acknowledgement of Requirements	Pass	Pass

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Approved, Unanswered Questions

### Approved, Answers Provided

#### 1. Specifications Collection

*Apr 11, 2024 3:41 PM*

**Question:** Will yard waste be collected with a claw/grapple truck or rear load?

*Apr 11, 2024 3:41 PM*

**Answered by Jeffery Klugh:** Both

*Apr 15, 2024 7:42 AM*

#### 2. Submittal Requirements

*Apr 18, 2024 2:08 PM*

**Question:** Is there a page limit for proposals?

*Apr 18, 2024 2:08 PM*

**Answered by Mandy Mullins:** This is an Invitation to Bid (ITB) formal proposals are not required.

*Apr 18, 2024 2:55 PM*

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### 3. Current Contract

*Apr 18, 2024 3:07 PM*

**Question:** Can you tell me who is the current vendor and what the current rate is per ton for these services?

*Apr 18, 2024 3:07 PM*

**Answered by Mandy Mullins:** The following web address will take you to the previous ITB. The results tab will show the pricing, and under the addenda and notices tab, you can find the executed current contract. <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/32519/selected-vendor>

*Apr 18, 2024 3:28 PM*

## ADDENDA & NOTICES

ADDENDA ISSUED:

### Addendum #1

*May 15, 2024 12:09 PM*

Submission Deadline Extended to May 22, 2024, 2:00pm

Please use the [See What Changed](#) link to view all the changes made by this addendum.

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

### Addendum #1

Proposal	Confirmed	Confirmed At	Confirmed By
Life Soils Florida, LLC	X	May 16, 2024 8:39 AM	Ryan McMeekin
Watson C&D	X	May 17, 2024 10:05 AM	Jim Bacom

NOTICES ISSUED:

### Notice #1

*May 30, 2024 12:52 PM*

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Board to approve the bid award to Life Soils Florida, LLC, as the lowest, most responsive, and responsible Vendor.

The actual bid award is subject to the appropriate signature authority identified in the Procurement Code.

*Attachments:*

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## EVALUATION

Life Soils Florida, LLC - Newberry, FL

### PROCESSING, COMPOSTING/RECYCLING

Processing, composting/recycling

Line Item	Award Type	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
1	Primary	Processing, Recycling and Disposal Services Pricing Per Ton	ton	\$21.00