



## BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Bristol Warren Regional School District

RFP #5-4-16-26

### District Trash Removal and Recycling Services

Q&A Addenda Issued May 4, 2026

#### RFP Bid Schedule

| Activity                                                                                                                              | Date/Time              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| RFP Released                                                                                                                          | April 21, 2026         |
| Deadline for Questions                                                                                                                | April 30, 2026 4:00 PM |
| Q&A Addenda Issued                                                                                                                    | May 4, 2026            |
| Proposal Submission Deadline                                                                                                          | May 14, 2026 3:00 PM   |
| Proposal Opening<br>Bristol Warren Regional School District<br>Hugh Cole Elementary Admin Suite<br>50 Asylum Road<br>Warren, RI 02885 | May 14, 2026 3:30 PM   |

#### Q&A Addenda Issued

- 1) Page 2 – A vendor’s submission of a proposal indicates acceptance of all the conditions contained in this RFP unless clearly specifically noted in the proposal submitted.
  - a. Can we negotiate terms and conditions before we agree to move forward and execute an agreement between two parties? Yes; however, the price stated in the bid proposal is final, and any proposed conditions must be clearly detailed within your proposal
- 2) Page 2 - Period of Performance

The period of performance for this contract shall be for one year starting July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, plus two individual option years beginning July 1, 2027 and July 1, 2028. The award of the option year should be at the sole discretion of the School Committee.

  - a. Will pricing for Years 2 and 3 be evaluated as part of the award? Yes
- 3) Page 2 - Vendors will invoice districts on a monthly basis. Monthly invoices should include detailed breakdown of charges by location, container and frequency.



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- a. Can vendors use their standard invoicing format as long as all required details are included? Yes
- 4) Page 2 - Missed pickups must be resolved within 48 hours of notification. Failure to comply will result in a deduction of the weekly service fee for that specific unit/site from the monthly invoice.
    - a. In case of missed pickups, if vendor can communicate within 48 hours a plan to recover the service, is this sufficient? While administration may approve written requests for rescheduling beyond 48 hours, any pickup rescheduled for more than 5 business days after the original date will incur a \$100 late fee
  - 5) Page 3 - The vendor shall provide additional temporary containers or extra pickups for special events upon request.
    - a. Will the district provide sufficient notice in advance? Yes, the district will provide 14 business days notice for such requests. Are there certain projects already scheduled that the district could share with vendors? This will help in planning and delivering equipment as needed. Not at this time, the end of the school year may require extra pickups.
    - b. Should pricing for special event containers and extra pickups be included in Attachment B, or will these services be billed as needed at standard rates based on container size, waste type and frequency? Because specific requirements for future events are currently undefined, these services should not be included in Attachment B. Instead, they will be billed as needed at standard rates based on container size, waste type, and frequency.
  - 6) Page 3 - The vendor shall allow the District to suspend or reduce pickup frequency during scheduled school vacations/breaks with a minimum of 14 days' notice. Billing must be pro-rated to reflect the reduced service levels during these periods.
    - a. Please confirm whether vendors should assume a standard academic calendar for estimating prorated billing, or if historical vacation schedules will be provided. Vendor can make changes for seasonal needs with adequate notice. Attached is the School committee approved calendar for SY 25-26 and SY 26-27 which shows the vacation schedules.
  - 7) Page 3 – The District reserves the right to inspect Contractor's weight tickets or disposal receipts.
    - a. Weight slips are not applicable for front load commercial service. Weight slips for temporary or permanent open tops may be provided upon request. This requirement will be eliminated



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- 8) Page 4 - Vendors shall submit the proposed contract pricing using Attachment B: Pricing Response Sheet. The schedule of prices shall be enforced for the entire term of the contract, except as otherwise specified.
- a. Can we get some clarification on Pricing Response Sheet? Pricing will ultimately be determined by exact number of containers at each site and service frequency. The Pricing response sheet is intended to help the District determine the most cost-effective configuration for each location. The total annual cost will be determined by the final configuration selected.
- 9) Page 5 - Termination of Contract: Following implementation, should the Superintendent and/or Chief Financial Officer find that the vendor has failed in any material respect to perform its agreed upon obligations under the contract, the contract shall be canceled by the District as being in the best interest of the District. In the event of termination of this contract as a result of breach by the contractor, the District shall not be liable for any fees and may, as its sole option, award a contract for the same services to another qualified firm or call for new proposals. The contractor shall be responsible for consequential damages as a result of its breach, including, but not limited to, extra costs required under the new contract for similar services.
- a. Would BWRSD agree to notify Contractor of any deficiencies and allow for an opportunity to cure? Yes The company will have 15 business days to resolve any reported issues. Should the same issue recur following the initial resolution period, the District reserves the right to terminate the contract company.
  - b. WM cannot agree to the last sentence in this section: The contractor shall be responsible for consequential damages as a result of its breach, including, but not limited to, extra costs required under the new contract for similar services. Can this be discussed when bid is awarded to vendor? Yes
- 10) The first is regarding the Hugh Cole location. There are currently two trash containers located at this site. I believe that one is located at the school and the other is located near the two fields in the back of the school. The new RFP lists just one trash container for the Hugh Cole School.
- a. Which of the two trash locations do you want to eliminate at this school? All containers are located at the back of the school, none are located in the front of the school. The one trash container included in this RFP will be located at the back of Hugh Cole School across from the Cafeteria
- 11) Another question is regarding the annual audit of some of the schools. How many schools do you wish to have audited each year? The plan includes three schools per year: Mt. Hope High School, Kickemuit Middle School, and one elementary school.



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12) The final question is regarding the District's right to inspect the Contractor's weight tickets. The tonnage collected from the BWRSD locations is mixed with other commercial accounts that MTG (Mega) Disposal has on that particular route schedule. These locations aren't collected on a separate route or schedule so the weight tickets aren't an accurate representation of tonnage generated simply from the District's containers. Can this cause be eliminated from the RFP specifications? Yes this will be eliminated as a specification