

Landfill Disposal RFP Q & A

- 1. Why is SPSA issuing the RFP?**
 - a. SPSA is issuing the RFP to validate appropriate pricing assumptions for competitive landfill options as compared to a SPSA-owned landfill, and SPSA wants to provide a true market based price option for comparison to development of Cell VII at SPSA's Regional Landfill.
 - b. It is also SPSA's goal is to obtain the lowest possible cost for disposal services, while achieving the highest service possible for the SPSA members.
- 2. For what services will SPSA be issuing the RFP?**
 - a. SPSA is going out with a Request for Proposals (RFP) as an option for future landfill disposal capacity.
- 3. What are terms of the agreement?**
 - a. The terms of the RFP will be developed in conjunction with the ICC.
 - b. This work will involve establishing timelines, capacity requirements, evaluation criteria, and ensuring adequate reviews of the RFP before issuance to the public.
- 4. When will the RFP be issued?**
 - a. We expect the RFP to be issued in June 2007.
- 5. Who is eligible to be a respondent to the RFP?**
 - a. This RFP is available to the public. SPSA, in conjunction with the ICC, will be establishing evaluation criteria that will be appropriate to all respondents.
- 6. Who will evaluate the RFP responses?**
 - a. SPSA Staff with the ICC. SPSA also is developing an RFP for an independent financial consultant to also assist in the evaluations.
- 7. Are the private haulers aware of SPSA's intentions to seek competitive proposals?**
 - a. The process today will make them aware.
- 8. What will happen with the Regional Landfill or Cell VII? Will it immediately revert back to the City of Suffolk?**
 - a. SPSA is requesting responses for landfill disposal capacity that could lead to varied outcomes --- none of which we can review with certainty at this time.
- 9. What is the ICC's specific role in the development and evaluation of the RFP?**
 - a. The RFP is still in the developmental stages. The ICC will assist in reviewing the RFP document and will assist in the examination of established timelines, capacity requirements, and evaluation criteria. This will help to ensure adequate reviews of the RFP are completed before it is issued.
- 10. When will the new contract take effect? How long is it for?**
 - a. We do not know if a new contract will be put into place. We expect Cell VI to reach capacity in 2011.
- 11. Does this mean SPSA is no longer examining future expansion into a new SPSA landfill?**
 - a. No. Our responsibility is to obtain the lowest possible cost for disposal services, and the highest service possible for the SPSA members. This process will absolutely confirm this; nothing is confirmed at this time.
- 12. Are transportation and transfer stations included?**
 - a. No; the RFP will address landfill disposal capacity only.
- 13. Will there be environmental safeguards if you choose a private landfill?**
 - a. Of course; this area will be among many criteria to be developed. As you know, SPSA's interest in protection and enhancement of the environment is at the heart the agency's mission.