

Answers to the questions regarding Bid 2013-106 (MRF)

1. Where does the County currently deliver the single stream recyclables?
The County currently delivers the single stream recyclables to Federal International - San Antonio.
2. Where does the County deliver, or sell to, the source-separated recyclables that are baled?
Comal County has not sold any source-separated recyclables this year. Comal County sold a load of e-recycling to ECS Refining earlier in 2013.
3. The solicitation indicates that 108 tons per month on average has been generated over the past 18 months. How much of this is single-stream (commingled) to be delivered to a MRF and how much is baled materials to be picked up? Please show data for single-stream tons and baled tons by commodity type (10 tons of aluminum, 8 tons of plastic, 50 tons of paper, etc.)
108 tons per month only represents single-stream recyclables that is transported to the MRF on a daily basis. Comal County does not have a breakdown of that 108 tons per month.
4. Has there been a composition analysis of the single-stream materials; i.e. percent of aluminum, tin, plastic, glass, residue? If so, please share the date and the date of the composition analysis.
A composition analysis has been done by the MRFs that the single-stream recyclables have been taken to in the past. However, Comal County does not have these records.
5. How is the single-stream material generated? By whom? How many houses? Who collects the material at the source?
Material is generated by the citizens of Comal County and is dropped off at one of our six rural recycling sites or the Rural Recycling Center. Rural Recycling employees that man the rural recycling sites or the Rural Recycling Center collect the single-stream recyclables in compaction.
6. Does the single-stream tonnage include material from a curbside collection program in New Braunfels?
No.
7. What grade(s) of paper are baled (i.e. corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, etc.)?
Generally, office white paper is baled.
8. How much E-recycling materials are generated on average per month (tons, pounds, number of Gaylord containers, etc.)?
At this time, approximately 1-ton per month of E-recycling is generated. However, the program just started and is expected to grow.

9. Why is some of the tonnage baled, to be picked up by a vendor, and some is in single-stream form to be delivered to a vendor?

It is Comal County's operational procedure.

10. Will the bidders have an opportunity to visually inspect the recyclables? This is to ascertain the quality of the recyclables; which is critical to determine its value. The sooner that this can happen will be appreciated.

Vendors may visit one of the rural recycling sites or the Rural Recycling Center to visually inspect the single-stream recyclables. To make arrangements to visit one of the sites, please contact the Comal County Purchasing Office at 830-643-5850.

11. In relation to Section 2.3.3, how will the County measure the impact of fuel costs to determine the best value offer?

Comal County will consider the distance from the Rural Recycling Center to the proposed MRF.