

# End-Use Markets for Byproducts from the Recycling & Energy Center – Addendum Five



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**Addition(s)/Change(s)/Clarification(s):**

- Change in Solicitation Response Due Date
- Change in Terms and Conditions
- Other

**Questions and Answers:**

**1. What are the exact insurance requirements/limits, as of 12-4-2020, applicable to this RFP?**

A1. Insurance requirements are listed in Section 5.5 of the RFP.

**2. What cost per kilowatt hour or local value per kilowatt hour is to be utilized in economic estimates?**

A2. The proposer should provide the cost/value per kilowatt hour used in providing financial estimates to R&E in their proposal. A narrative on how the cost/value was determined should also be provided.

**3. Who is the durable compostable bag manufacturer and what is the designation/identification?**

A3. Please see answer to question 26 of Addendum Four, found online at <http://morevaluelesstrash.com/vendor-opportunities>. The durable compostable bag manufacturer is yet to be determined. An RFP for durable compostable bag manufacture is anticipated to be released by early 2021.

**4. What is the time required to compost durable compostable bags with the current process?**

A4. As part of the RFP for durable compostable bag manufacture, bags will be required to be BPI Certified and meet ASTM 6400 Standard Test for Labeling of Plastics Designed to be Aerobically Composted in Municipal or Industrial Facilities.

**5. What is the time stated/represented by vendor within which the durable compostable bags will break down to a specified particle size?**

A5. Please see answer to question 4 of this addendum.

**6. What is the compostable bag vendor's remnant particle size, that the time standard is based on?**

A6. Please see answer to question 4 of this addendum.

**7. Who is responsible if the compostable bags will not compost?**

A7. The durable compostable bag manufacturer is responsible for providing durable compostable bags that are BPI certified and meet ASTM 6400 Standard Test for Labeling of Plastics Designed to be Aerobically Composted in Municipal or Industrial Facilities. The end use market should propose a solution that can provide an appropriate end use for the off take(s) from anaerobic digestion or other technology, including the compostable bags.

**8. Is there currently any part of the process which shreds or otherwise opens the compostable plastic bags?**

A8. The separated durable compostable bags will be placed into leak-proof live floor trailers once they are removed from the trash and transported off-site. The current system does not include a shredder or bag opener for durable compostable bags on site at the R&E Center.

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