



City of San Angelo Waste Operations Thrown Open To Competition

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In Brief:

- The City of San Angelo is taking proposals for its trash collection and it's landfill operations
- The deadline for proposals is March 14 at 2 p.m.

The City of San Angelo is in the process of taking proposals for trash collection and landfill operations.

The City sent out seven invitations to Republic Services, Texas Disposal Systems, Santek Waste Services, Midwest Waste Services, Progressive Waste Solutions, Red River Waste Solutions, and Go Green and Recycling asking them to submit proposals.

City Operations Director Shane Kelton took some prospective waste-management company representatives out to the San Angelo landfill Tuesday for a look around as part of the City's request for proposal process.

“[The RFP process] included a tour of the landfill as part of the proposal conference, so the proponents could familiarize themselves with the landfill and what all is out there, Kelton said.

“The existing contract with Republic has been active for the last ten years,” Kelton said. “It actually started out as Republic Services doing business as Trash Away, but the company is now just Republic Services.

“Our proposal is actually broken in two parts. One side for collection services where they go from house to house and the businesses in town to pick up the trash and carry it to the landfill,”



San Angelo's landfill at dusk. This is the entrance. (LIVE! Photo/Joe Hyde)

Kelton explained. “The second portion, which we are looking at a second contract for, is the landfill management side of things... they’ll run the landfill and the scale house, take the waste in and cover it – all the operations associated with the landfill.”

Kelton said while it is technically possible for two different companies to operate the trash hauling and landfill independently of one another, he felt it was highly improbable that would be the result.

Kelton said the City will be looking at the proposals with an eye to extend the life of the current landfill location.

“With our existing permit boundaries, based on our annual report, there’s only eleven years of [operation] left at the site. Kelton said.

“We can do permit modifications to try and expand the boundaries, but one of the things we are looking at during the RFP process is if Council does elect to start a recycling program, or implement a diversion program to keep recyclable waste out of the landfill, then that will further extend the life of the operation.”

Kelton said of the seven companies the City contacted with a request for proposals, only four companies sent representatives to San Angelo for the landfill tour.

The San Angelo City Council decided to forego naming a committee to review the proposals, feeling that the matter was important enough that it required consideration by the Council in its entirety.

The deadline for submissions is March 14, at 2 p.m.