

SUPPLIER Q & A

RFQ Number: PE 66249-NONST-2026-00000086	RFX Title: City of Valdosta Roll Out Containers
Requesting City: City of Valdosta	Date: 3/25/2026
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	Questions	Referenced RFQ Section	Answers
1.	1) We respectfully request that the City requires the carts to include color pigment and ultraviolet inhibitor at levels that protect carts so that they last for the warranty period of the cart and remove the requirement of no less than .5%.	Material	<p>If we remove it, to what level will they have the ultraviolet inhibitor? Their warranty of 12 years is greater than the standard 10 years so I am open to it. I just want to learn more so I can understand if this even matters as a contract requirement.</p> <p>Due to our manufacturing process and the materials selected for production, our carts are engineered for long-term durability. While color fastness is one consideration, ultraviolet inhibitor levels play a far more critical role. Their primary purpose is to ensure the carts maintain full functionality when exposed to harsh outdoor conditions—ranging from extreme heat and prolonged sun exposure in Georgia to freezing, ice-covered environments in Alaska. With these protections, our carts consistently outperform competing products, delivering an active service life of 15–20 years or more.</p> <p>Sounds good.</p>
2.	The container must be manufactured from virgin high density polyethylene plastic that is 100% recyclable after the useful life has occurred.	Material	<p>I am open to accepting their molding process because things do adapt overtime, but I would like to put my hands on a sample before we would award a contract.</p>

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3.	The assembled container dimensions shall be as following. Specify: Overall Length max. (deep) of (34) thirty-four. Will the City accept a 95-gallon cart with a depth of 34.25" which is only slightly longer than the City's requirement?	Container	No issues with an extra ¼". I recommend we accept.
4.	Plastic Cart shall be Code 2 100% recyclable. Will the City allow both #2 and #4 classifications for resins used to manufacture carts, since they are both readily recyclable classifications?	Container	I have no issues with this as we will be turning our carts back into them for recycling anyway. I recommend we accept.
5.	The body of the container shall have a 1/2" min. molded-in wear strips to withstand abrasion and wear associated with street contact during moving and lifting. Will the City accept this wear strip at ¼" x ¼", and if desired, these dimensions can be set for rotationally molded carts only?	Container	This comes down to the durability of the cart. ¼" seems pretty small, but if the material is more durable and excess wear of the ¼" strip is covered over the 12 years, then this shouldn't be an issue. Again, a sample cart we help us better evaluate the wear strip. I recommend we accept contingent upon the wear strip being covered for the 12-year warranty duration.
6.	The container lid shall be manufactured in the same manner and from the same material as the container body... Will the City also allow the use of medium density polyethylene for cart bodies and high density polyethylene for lids?	Lids	We accept
7.	Two oblique handles on the front comers for easy opening. Lids that must be opened manually by grasping the edge of lid are unacceptable. Bolted on lid hinges are unacceptable. We ask that the City delete the requirement for oblique handles but maintain a requirement that the lid handle be constructed so that the user can lift the lid without coming into contact with the bottom edge of the lid.	Lids	We accept

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8.	The axle shall be a minimum of 3/4 inch solid steel and plated to prevent rust corrosion. Will the City allow a minimum 5/8" axle?	Wheels and Axle	We are talking about 1/8" difference. I'm ok with it. Maybe we include a minimum load capacity rating for the axles as they mentioned. I recommend we accept.
9.	The containers, when empty, shall be stable and not blown over in winds from any direction up to (43) forty-three mph. The lid has to remain close in wind up to (25) twenty-five mph. Certified wind tunnel testing must be provided with bid. 35 mph has been the industry standard for over 10 years. Will the City amend this specification to allow for 35 mph winds from any direction.	Stability	If 35 MPH is the industry standard for the southern region of the US, then I'm fine with that. I don't know where 43 MPH came from, but maybe it is driven by the weather patterns here in S Georgia. How do we go about verifying the industry standard?
10.	All labor and/or services provided warranted for no less than (90) ninety days. Can the City please remove "repair" from the Warranty requirement?	Warranty	This is just for the first 90 days. After that, the repair requirement is not required. If their product is as good as they say it is, how would they honor product failures? Will they arrange and accept all logistic cost associated with the cart for the 12 years? If it cost us nothing but time to have them honor their warranty, I'm good with that.
11.	90 DAY TOTAL COST FOR WHEELED REFUSE CONTAINER AS SPECIFIED: The dollar amount added to the resin cost to arrive at the bid price will be constant throughout the duration of this contract and include any and all cost associated up to the delivery to the City. AND General: 4) Shall include a price listing for each replacement parts and these	COST	We expect the rates to be fixed the first year after that when we go to renew the contract each year the vendor will then have the opportunity to present any price changes to the city. At that point we will determine if we accept the price increase if we cannot agree we will choose to not renew our contract.

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	<p>prices will remain fixed for the duration of this contract. We respectfully request that the City allow bidders to propose price adjustments according to industry standard indices and procedures, with transparent documentation of indices and calculations of new pricing. Or, at the most, would the City consider annual adjustments?</p>		
12.	<p>CURRENT RESIN COST 3rd QUARTER (July-Sept.) AND COST ADDED TO RESIN PRICE FOR DURATION OF THE CONTRACT Perhaps allowing bidders to state the status of indices in this area would be more helpful for current information and future adjustments?</p>	COST	The first year will be a locked in rate for the city.
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