

The City seeks a Proponent that can deliver the proposed service(s) in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. This includes the following requirements:

- a) uses the most energy efficient equipment and vehicles possible or provides a viable low carbon alternative to the use of equipment or vehicles that consume energy;
- b) minimizes waste disposed to landfill or incinerator;
- c) uses environmentally preferable products or materials in delivering the service (e.g., products that contain higher post-consumer recycled content; that carry a 3<sup>rd</sup> party eco-certification; or do not contain or create substances of concern);
- d) uses social enterprises and/or employs people with barriers to employment in delivering part, or all, of the service.

**The Proponent is encouraged to provide services that meet the above requirements where applicable.**

In the Proposal, please address the following questions regarding the service(s) that will be provided. Please review the definitions section prior to answering the questions. **If a question is not applicable to the service provided, indicate “not applicable.”**

1. Does delivery of the service require the use of equipment and/or vehicles?

Yes                      No

If yes, provide information to demonstrate that the equipment and/or vehicles to be used are the most energy efficient possible (e.g., ENERGY STAR qualified; position on the EnerGuide label; use lower carbon fuels; use renewable energy):

If a low carbon alternative is being proposed, provide information to demonstrate that it consumes less energy.

2. Will the delivery of the service generate solid waste that must be disposed of to landfill or incinerator?

Yes                      No

If yes, describe how your company would minimize solid waste disposed to landfill or incinerator.

3. Are any of the products and/or materials to be used in delivering the service environmentally preferable (e.g., contain higher post-consumer waste recycled content; carry a 3<sup>rd</sup> party eco-certification; non-toxic)? See definitions below for more information.

Yes                      No                      Not applicable to service

If yes, please provide information to demonstrate that the products or materials are environmentally preferable (e.g. per cent post-consumer waste; 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification; free of substances of concern):

4. Is your company able to use a social enterprise and/or employ people with barriers to employment in delivering part, or all, of the service(s)?

Yes            No

If yes, please describe how your company would propose to do this:

5. Definitions:

Energy Efficient:

Ways to demonstrate energy efficiency, include, but are not limited to the following types of measures:

- ENERGY STAR qualified,
- position on the EnerGuide label “energy consumption indicator” (e.g., above 50%),
- equipment uses renewable energy sources such as solar power

Environmentally preferable products

Environmentally preferable products are products that:

- have the highest possible post-consumer recycled content
- carry a 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification
- do not contain or create substances of concern

*Post-consumer recycled content:* is the amount of material in a product that has completed its intended use as a consumer item (such as a sheet of copy paper or a plastic bottle), has been diverted from the waste stream by having been collected in a residential or commercial recycling program, and has been incorporated into a new product.)

*3<sup>rd</sup> party eco-certification:* refers to a type 1 eco-label that is a voluntary, multiple-criteria based, third party program that awards a license that authorizes the use of environmental labels on products - indicating overall environmental prefer-ability of a product within a particular product category based on life cycle considerations. Examples include: ECOLOGO, GREENGUARD, Green Seal, etc.

*Substances of concern:* The following are substances of concern to the City due to their adverse effects on the environment including human, plant and animal health. Products and/or materials used to provide the service should:

- not contain “persistent bioaccumulative and toxic” (PBT) chemicals (such as hexachlorobenzene, DDT, PCBs, mercury, etc.). See <http://www.epa.gov/pbt/pubs/cheminfo.htm> for more information;

- not contain heavy metals of concern such as lead, mercury, nickel, cadmium, etc.; and
- not create dioxins during its manufacture, use or disposal.

### Social Enterprise

“Social enterprises are businesses owned by non-profit organizations, that are directly involved in the production and/or selling of goods and services for the [combined] purpose of generating income and achieving social, cultural, and/or environmental aims (Social Enterprise Council of Canada).” See [www.socialenterprisecanada.ca](http://www.socialenterprisecanada.ca).

In addition to having the aforesaid combined purpose, to qualify as a “Social Enterprise” for purposes hereof, an entity must:

- be a business operated by a registered non-profit or community services co-operative;
- have a product or service that it sells to customers;
- have a defined social and/or environmental mandate.

### Person with Barriers to Employment

A “person with barriers to employment” is someone who faces one or more circumstances that can lead to underemployment or unemployment. There are a wide range of circumstances that can create barriers to employment including but not limited to: addictions, disabilities, mental health issues, and being a newcomer or refugee. For the purposes hereof, to qualify as a person with barriers to employment, the employee or trainee must be participating in a recognized, pre-approved employment program for person(s) with barriers to employment run by a non-profit organization or educational institution or government agency.