Request for Quotes for Transport and Recycling of Household Batteries

ISSUED BY:
ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

RESPONSES DUE BY:
July 1, 2024
2:00 p.m.
**Background:**

Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (the “Agency” or “OCRRA”) is a New York public benefit corporation created by Public Authorities Law, Title 13B, for the public purpose of assisting in the planning, development, construction, operation and maintenance of solid waste facilities. OCRRA is empowered to receive, transport, process, dispose of, sell, store, convey, recycle and deal with, in any lawful way, solid waste. OCRRA is also empowered to contract with municipalities, public corporations or persons for solid waste services.

OCRRA’s service territory, Onondaga County, is in the center of New York State and encompasses 810 square miles of land. Approximately 468,000 people reside in OCRRA’s 33 member municipalities. The largest single municipality is the City of Syracuse with a population of approximately 148,000.

OCRRA conducts its procurements to maximize competition and provide all vendors with an opportunity to compete fairly. For any procurements over $15,000, all contacts and correspondence with the Agency after the Request for Proposals go out, must be exclusively through a designated OCRRA Procurement Contact Person, and no one else.

The designated contact for this procurement is Jenna Lawerence, who can be reached at 315-295-0729 or jlawrence@ocrra.org.

Questions must be submitted by email to the email address listed above. Vendors, their agents, and representatives are directed not to contact or lobby other staff members, management, or members of the Board of Directors of OCRRA regarding this RFQ. Questions raised through the designated contact person and answers thereto will be emailed to all known prospective bidders.

Each Proposer must furnish with their proposal a properly signed Conflict of Interest Statement, Non-Collusion Affidavit, and State Finance Law form. The Conflict of Interest Statement, Non-Collusion Affidavit, and State Finance Law Form are to be completed and submitted either with the Proposal or within ten (10) days of notice of the award of the contract by OCRRA. By submitting a proposal, the proposer warrants that there is no conflict of interest in their other contracts or other employment, if any, with submission of the proposal hereunder and that the Proposer shall advise OCRRA if any conflict or potential conflict of interest exists or arises in the future.

**Services Requested:**

OCRRA is soliciting quotes for transport and recycling of household lithium batteries in accordance with Federal, State and Local environmental regulations. OCRRA encourages submissions from Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprises for all quotes, proposals, and bids.
Since 1995, OCRRA has had various programs for residents to manage their household batteries. Currently, OCRRA collects batteries from residents in a year-round drop-off program. Kiosks for free battery drop off are in 13 local grocery stores and public areas, including all the county’s Wegman’s locations. Batteries are collected weekly from these locations by an OCRRA employee and taken to an OCRRA location where they are sorted and prepared for transport and management.

In 2023, OCRRA collected about 1 ton of button-cell and coin batteries. All volume estimates are based on past years and are not to be considered guarantees of any future volume.

Scope of Work:

OCRRA is requesting quotes for the transport and management for button-cell, coin and lithium single use batteries collected in our residential program.

**Button-Cell and Coin batteries** include but are not limited to button and coin batteries containing contained silver, cadmium, mercury, other heavy metals, or lithium metal as their main component. These batteries are commonly used in products such as watches, hearing aids, car keyless entry remotes, medical devices, and calculators.

**Lithium Single Use Batteries** include but are not limited to common batteries made with lithium (Li) metal and are single use and non-rechargeable. They are used in products such as cameras, watches, remote controls, handheld games and smoke detectors.

*Please note:* Rechargeable batteries collected through OCRRA’s program are managed by an existing Extended Producer Responsibility program with Call2Recycle, and therefore are not to be included as part of this request for quotes.

In quotes where OCRRA is not providing transport of batteries, OCRRA requires the vendor to provide the following services:

1. Provide the correct containers to be utilized for shipment for final disposition.
2. Collect the containers from OCRRA’s Amboy Compost Site in Camillus, NY and transport full containers to a recycling facility.
3. Provide a signed certification form to OCRRA demonstrating the proper recycling of the batteries following all the appropriate health, safety and environmental requirements, with each invoice.

In quotes where OCRRA is not providing transport of batteries, OCRRA will provide to the vendor:

1. Storage of the containers until minimum shipping requirements have been met.
2. A forklift to facilitate the loading of the containers (no dock is available).
3. A scale to weigh the truck in, both empty and full. **The batteries will still need to be weighed by the vendor.** The OCRRA scale is for billing verification only.
OCRRA requests contracted services for the remainder of calendar year 2024 (starting in August), with the option for three, one-year extensions.

The selected vendor shall provide a list of storage/transfer/treatment and recycling facilities that may be used through the course of this project. The list must include the treatment and recycling facilities location, contact, telephone number, and state and/or EPA identification number for each facility. The list must also include ownership of the recycling facility(ies) and the anticipated time frame from collection of the material at the vendor site to ultimate recycling.

**Submission of Quotes:**
Quotes should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, plainly marked as “Quote for 2024 Household Battery Recycling Services” and addressed as follows:

Jenna Lawrence  
ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
100 Elwood Davis Road  
Suite 105  
North Syracuse, New York 13212-4312

Number of copies to be submitted: Two (2)

**All quotes are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 1.** Proposals received after the specified time of the opening will be returned unopened. No faxed or e-mailed proposals will be accepted. Any questions regarding this RFQ or proposal requirements must be submitted by email to Jenna Lawrence at jlawrence@ocrra.org. All questions must be submitted by 2 pm, on Thursday, June 20, 2024, and will be answered by Friday, June 21, 2024.

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OCRRA reserves the right to modify this schedule, with or without notification, at any time.
All quotes submitted must include the following documents and information.

1. **Cover Letter.** It must:
   - Include a statement that the quote shall not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from the return deadline.
   - Contain the commitment of the firm to carry out provisions of quote if selected.
   - Be signed by an individual empowered by the vendor to commit to the obligations contained in the quote.
   - Include a statement that all information in the quote, including any forms, supporting documents or subsequent submittals are factual and accurate.
   - Indicate if your firm is willing to renew your contract for three, one-year periods on the same terms and conditions or specify otherwise. (This contract renewal, if offered, would be at OCRRA’s discretion.)

2. **Vendor must provide the name, address, and telephone numbers of a key contact person with whom OCRRA should communicate relative to the vendor’s quote.** (Attachment A)

3. **Related Project Experience** - Vendor shall submit a list of at least three other customers who use the vendor’s battery management services. Provide reference names and numbers who OCRRA can contact. (Attachment A)

4. **Copies of all current local, state, and federal permits and certifications issued to the firm pertaining to handling, storage, and transportation of batteries.** Vendor shall also provide comparable requirements in other states through which the waste might travel.

5. **Proposed pricing for battery transport and recycling.** If the vendor does not offer all the services requested, they are encouraged to submit quotes for what services they can provide. (Attachment B)

6. **Complete the Conflict-of-Interest Affidavit** (Attachment C)

7. **Complete the Certification of Non-Collusion** (Attachment D)

**Basis for Selection:**

The selection decision will take into account the vendor’s ability to meet the requirements of this proposal on a cost-effective basis. OCRRA reserves the right to select for award any or none of the quotes received in response to this RFQ. OCRRA also reserves the right to provide addenda to this request which may include a request for additional information.

***Please see attachments***
Attachment A

Vendor Application Information

**Key Contact Person:**
Vendor must provide the name, email address, and telephone number of a *key contact person* with whom OCRRA should communicate relative to the vendor’s proposal.

Vendor Name: ________________________________________

Key Contact Name: _____________________________________

Key Contact Email: _____________________________________

Key Contact Phone Number: _____________________________

**Vendor References:**
Vendor shall submit a list of at least three other customers who use the vendor’s battery management services.

Reference Name: ________________________________________

Reference Contact: _____________________________________

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Reference Contact: _____________________________________
Attachment B

Proposed Pricing

Vendor Name: _______________________________________________________________

Please describe proposed pricing for battery transport and recycling. If the vendor does not offer all the services requested, they are encouraged to submit quotes for what services they can provide.

The executed contract will be for the remainder of calendar year 2024, with the option for three, full, 12-month extensions. If pricing will change from year-to-year, please include prices under each section.

Button-Cell Battery Recycling:

If OCRRA Packages and Ships/Transports Batteries to Recycling Facility:

2024 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $__________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? ___ Yes  ____ No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years?
Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $__________/pound

2026 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $__________/pound

2027 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $__________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: _______________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Name: _______________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Address: ______________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Contact: ______________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required (Preparation to be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):
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Vendor's preferred packaging/shipment preparation (ex., packaged in 5-gallon buckets) for Shipment to Recycling Facility (Packaging to be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):

If Vendor Picks up Batteries at OCRRA Location and Self-Transports to Recycling Facility:

OCRRA Battery Pick Up Location: Amboy Compost Site, 6296 Airport Road, Camillus, NY 13209

2024 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $_____________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years? Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $_____________/pound
2026 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $_____________/pound
2027 Price for recycling ONLY Button-Cell Batteries: $_____________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: __________________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Name: _________________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Address: ________________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Contact: _________________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required (To be completed by OCRRA, unless otherwise specified):

Coin Battery Recycling:

If OCRRA Packages and Ships/Transports Batteries to Recycling Facility:

2024 Price for recycling ONLY Coin Batteries: $_____________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years? Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

2026 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

2027 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: ___________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Name: ______________________________________________

Recycling Facility Address: _____________________________________________

Recycling Facility Contact: __________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required (To be completed by OCRRA, unless otherwise specified):

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Vendor’s preferred packaging/shipment preparation (ex., packaged in 5-gallon buckets) for Shipment to Recycling Facility (To be completed by OCRRA):

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**If Vendor Picks up Batteries at OCRRA Location and Self-Transports to Recycling Facility:**

OCRRA Battery Pick Up Location: Amboy Compost Site, 6296 Airport Road, Camillus, NY 13209

2024 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____Yes _____ No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years? Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

2026 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

2027 Price for recycling **ONLY** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound
Recycling Method/Process: ___________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Name: ______________________________________________
Recycling Facility Address: _____________________________________________
Recycling Facility Contact: _____________________________________________
Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required
(To be completed by OCRRA, unless otherwise specified):
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**Button-Cell and Coin Battery Recycling:**

If OCRRA Packages and Ships/Transports Batteries to Recycling Facility:

2024 Price for recycling source separated Button-Cell AND Coin Batteries: $_____/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____Yes _____ No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years?
Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoteing the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling Button-Cell AND Coin Batteries: $____________/pound
2026 Price for recycling Button-Cell AND Coin Batteries: $____________/pound
2027 Price for recycling Button-Cell AND Coin Batteries $_________/ pound

Recycling Method/Process: ___________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Name: ______________________________________________
Recycling Facility Address: _____________________________________________
Recycling Facility Contact: _____________________________________________
Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required
(To be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):
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Vendor’s preferred packaging/shipment preparation (ex., packaged in 5-gallon buckets) for Shipment to Recycling Facility (To be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):
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If Vendor Picks up Batteries at OCRRA Location and Self-Transports to Recycling Facility:

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**OCRRA Battery Pick Up Location:** Amboy Compost Site, 6296 Airport Road, Camillus, NY 13209

2024 Price for recycling **source separated** Button-Cell **AND** Coin Batteries: $__________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____Yes _____No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years?
Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling Button-Cell **AND** Coin Batteries: $____________/pound
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2027 Price for recycling Button-Cell **AND** Coin Batteries $____________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: __________________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Name: __________________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Address: ________________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Contact: ________________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required
(To be completed by OCRRA, unless otherwise specified):
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**Single Use Lithium Battery Recycling:**

If OCRRA Packages and Ships/Transports Batteries to Recycling Facility:

2024 Price for recycling **source separated** single use lithium batteries: $____________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____Yes _____No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years?
Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling single use lithium batteries: $____________/pound
2026 Price for recycling single use lithium batteries: $__________/pound
2027 Price for recycling single use lithium batteries $__________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: ___________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Name: ______________________________________________
Recycling Facility Address: _____________________________________________
Recycling Facility Contact: _____________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required
(To be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):

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Vendor’s preferred packaging/shipment preparation (ex., packaged in 5-gallon buckets) for
Shipment to Recycling Facility (To be completed by OCRRA):

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If Vendor Picks up Batteries at OCRRA Location and Self-Transports to Recycling Facility:

OCRRA Battery Pick Up Location: Amboy Compost Site, 6296 Airport Road, Camillus, NY 13209

2024 Price for recycling source separated single use lithium batteries: $__________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year
renewals? _____Yes _____ No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years?
Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the
potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting
the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling single use lithium batteries: $__________/pound
2026 Price for recycling single use lithium batteries: $__________/pound
2027 Price for recycling single use lithium batteries $__________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: ___________________________________________________
Recycling Facility Name: ______________________________________________
Recycling Facility Address: _____________________________________________
Recycling Facility Contact: ____________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required (To be completed by OCRRA, unless otherwise specified):
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Mixed Single Use Battery Recycling:

If OCRRA Packages and Ships/Transports Batteries to Recycling Facility:

2024 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $_____________/pound

**Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____Yes _____ No**

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years?
Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $_____________/pound

2026 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $_____________/pound

2027 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $_____________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: ____________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Name: ____________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Address: _________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Contact: ____________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required (To be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):
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Vendor’s preferred packaging/shipment preparation (ex., packaged in 5-gallon buckets) for Shipment to Recycling Facility (To be completed by OCRRA unless otherwise specified):
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If Vendor Picks up Batteries at OCRRA Location and Self-Transports to Recycling Facility:

**OCRRA Battery Pick Up Location:** Amboy Compost Site, 6296 Airport Road, Camillus, NY 13209

2024 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $__________/pound

Is your firm willing to renew the pricing as provided above for three additional one-year renewals? _____Yes _____ No

If no, what price changes would you commit to for the following years? Providing specific information such as dollar amounts or percent increases affords OCRRA the potential to continue services with the selected vendor for additional time without requoting the project at the end of 2024.

2025 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $__________/pound

2026 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $__________/pound

2027 Price for recycling **mixed** single use battery recycling (button and coin and lithium batteries): $__________/pound

Recycling Method/Process: ____________________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Name: ____________________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Address: __________________________________________________________

Recycling Facility Contact: __________________________________________________________

Preparation of Batteries (ex., taped terminals) for Shipment to Recycling Facility Required (To be completed by OCRRA, unless otherwise specified):

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Attachment C
Conflict of Interest Affidavit

STATE OF________________________) ) ss:
COUNTY OF_______________________)

__________________________, being duly sworn, deposes and says for

and on behalf of_______________________________, that:

1. Our (my) firm_______________________________, is an independent firm or company, and has this date submitted a bid, proposal, or quote to provide goods and/or services to the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency.

2. I certify on behalf of the bidder, proposer, or quoter that it and its employees have no interest, direct or indirect, which could conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or provision of these goods and/or services to the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency.

3. If awarded a contract my (our) firm agrees that in providing the goods or in the rendering of services to the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, no persons having any such interest shall be employed by the firm. I assume full responsibility for knowing whether my (our) employees or agents have any such interest and hereby certify that no such interest exists.

Dated:______________, 20____ By: ________________________________

For and on Behalf of: ________________________________

Sworn before me this____ day of

______________________, 20__.

Notary Public
Attachment D
Certificate of Non-Collusion

Non-collusive Certifications required of all bidders/proposers/quoters under Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law as amended by Chapter 751 of the Laws of 1965 and Chapter 675 of the Laws of 1966 effective September 1, 1966, is as follows:

By submission of this bid/proposal/quote, the bidder/proposer/quoter and each person signing on behalf of the bidder/proposer/quoter certifies, and in the case of a joint bid/proposal/quote each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

1. The prices in this bid/proposal/quote have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communications, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder/proposer/quoter or with any competitor.

2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid/proposal/quote have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder/proposer/quoter and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder/proposer/quoter prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/proposer/quoter or to any competitor; and

3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/proposer/quoter to induce any other person, partnership, or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid/proposal/quote for the purpose of restricting competition.

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