



**RECYCLING/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

November 20, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m. / Location: 100 Elwood Davis Rd., N. Syracuse NY

*Members: D. Daley – Chair, R. Raman,
N. Zaccaria, N. Jankowski, V. Mangan, L. Hradil*

PRESENT DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and Approval of Food Depackaging Agreement with NYSID -
Resolution
2. Discussion and Update on Change to Flat Rate for Commercial Vehicles Rock Cut
3. Follow up to Strategic Planning

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR
FOOD DEPACKAGING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency is in need of continuing food depackaging services at its compost facility to facilitate the removal of packaging from food waste, especially for food waste from the Food Bank of Central New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has, in the past, utilized the services of New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) through the ARC of Onondaga as the New York State preferred source vendor under State Finance Law Sections 162 and 163; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to continue to utilize the services of NYSID for food waste depackaging at a cost of \$27.56 per hour for labor associated with these services, up to a total cost not to exceed \$36,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency does hereby authorize its Executive Director to enter into a purchase order with the New York State preferred source vendor, New York State Industries for the Disabled, for food depackaging services at a cost of \$27.56 per hour and at a total cost not to exceed \$36,000. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution Adopted Date: _____

Vote: Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____ **Abstentions:** _____

Signed: _____

COMMITTEE BRIEF

Food Depackaging by NYS Industries of the Disabled (NYSID)

November 20, 2024

In 2022, OCRRA began partnering with Arc of Onondaga to depackage food waste delivered by the Food Bank of Central New York to the Amboy Compost Site.

The Food Bank of Central New York brings pallets of food waste that is not fit for human consumption to OCRRA; previously this food waste was trucked to Oneida County for anaerobic digestion. OCRRA bills the Food Bank of Central New York per ton of food waste delivered to the Amboy Compost Site.

Arc of Onondaga employees, represented by New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID), separate the food waste from the packaging it is wrapped in. The valuable food waste is added to the compost bays at the Amboy Compost Site and the packaging is disposed of as trash.

Under the legislatively mandated New York State Preferred Source Program (under State Finance Law Sections 162 and 163), NYSID represents a state-wide network of 165 community rehabilitation agencies, including Arc of Onondaga, to employ skilled people with disabilities in community-based jobs.

NYSID proposed pricing for food depackaging in 2025 is \$27.56 per hour, for two Arc employees to depackage food waste, through December 31, 2025, not to exceed \$36,000.



Anthony Petrelli from Arc of Onondaga showing food that he depackaged at the Amboy Compost Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

OCRRA continues its food waste depackaging services with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. as a preferred source vendor at an hourly rate of \$27.56, not to exceed \$36,000 through December 31, 2025.