



## WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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November 17, 2023

Homewood Disposal Service, Inc.  
DBA NuWay Disposal  
1501 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
Homewood, IL 60430

Via Email: [dleorop@mydisposal.com](mailto:dleorop@mydisposal.com)

Attn: Dan Loerop

Re: Bid #2022-3 Refuse Bid Will County

Dear Mr. Loerop,

The contract for Refuse Bid for Will County is set to expire on November 30, 2023. Will County is in the position to exercise the first (1) year renewal option.

The next contract period will begin December 1, 2023 through and including November 30, 2024. Your contract portion for refuse/ recycling for the County Office Buildings (except Bolingbrook Health Department recycling) will increase 3% as stated in the original solicitation response.

If you have any questions, please contact Marta Keane, County Recycling Specialist at [mkeane@willcountygreen.com](mailto:mkeane@willcountygreen.com).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant  
Will County Executive

## Nancy Ruettiger

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**From:** Marta Keane  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** Nancy Ruettiger  
**Subject:** RE: 2022-3 Refuse & Recycling Bid

Yes, please!

Thanks, Nancy! Most of the collections are going well. Republic just doesn't report.  
Marta

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**From:** Nancy Ruettiger <nruettiger@willcountyillinois.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** Marta Keane <mkeane@willcountygreen.com>  
**Subject:** 2022-2 Refuse & Recycling Bid

Good afternoon Marta,  
The 2022-<sup>2</sup> Refuse a & Recycling bid is set to expire on November 30, 2023. We have an optional one (1) year renewal. Please let me know if you would like to renew with Homewood/NuWay for all the refuse/recycling at the County buildings with the exception of Bolingbrook Health Department and Republic Service for the public drop-off sites and the Bolingbrook Health Department.

Thank you,

Nancy Ruettiger  
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302 N.Chicago Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-774-5892  
[nruettiger@willcountyillinois.com](mailto:nruettiger@willcountyillinois.com)

**FROM THE DESK OF  
KEVIN LYNN  
PURCHASING DIRECTOR**

**BID HISTORY**

**ITEM:** 2022-3 REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICE

**DEPARTMENT:** WILL COUNTY WASTE SERVICES

**BID RELEASE:** AUGUST 27, 2021

**PUBLISHED NOTICE:** AUGUST 27, 2021, HERALD NEWS & INTERNET

**FUNDING SOURCE:** WASTE SERVICES/MAINTENANCE

**BID OPENING:** SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, 2:05 PM

**LOCATION:** WILL COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
302 N. CHICAGO STREET  
JOLIET, ILL. 60432

**BIDDING RESULTS:**

**NUMBER RELEASED:** 13 + INTERNET      **NUMBER RETURNED:** 3

**BIDDERS:** See bid tabulation attached.      **2 – Qualified Bids**  
**1 – Disqualified Bid**  
**1 – NO BID**

See attached memo from Will County Land Use Department, Waste Services Division, for recommendation of award.

This award is for a two (2) year contract, commencing December 1, 2021 through and including November 30, 2023, with an optional one (1) year renewal period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, at the discretion of Will County.

## BID TABULATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: 2022-3 REFUSE & RECYCLE

DUE: 9-14-21, 2:00 PM

OPEN: 9-14-21, 2:05 PM

BIDDER	REQUIREMENTS	REFUSE/ RECYCLE COSTS 2YR GRAND TOTAL
Homewood Disposal Service, Inc <i>Natio Nazzari</i> Homewood, IL <i>Ken Gornewold</i>	BOND <i>check \$18,099.26</i> PRIME <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N ADDENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #1 FORM Signed <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N REFERENCES <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N	\$ <i>180,992<sup>60</sup></i>
Republic Services <i>Corabala</i> Joliet, IL <i>J Radigan</i>	BOND <i>10% Bid Bond</i> PRIME <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N ADDENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #1 FORM Signed <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N REFERENCES <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N	\$ <i>273,568<sup>81</sup></i>
Midwest Paper Retriever Joliet, IL	BOND <i>10% Bid Bond</i> PRIME <input type="radio"/> Y or N ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <i>No</i> FORM Signed <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N REFERENCES <input type="radio"/> Y or N	\$ <i>Disqualified</i>
Waste Management Matteson, IL	BOND PRIME <input type="radio"/> Y or N ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> #1 FORM Signed <input type="radio"/> Y or N REFERENCES <input type="radio"/> Y or N	NO BID
	BOND PRIME <input type="radio"/> Y or N ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> #1 FORM Signed <input type="radio"/> Y or N REFERENCES <input type="radio"/> Y or N	\$

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Lynn, Nancy Ruettiger

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**WILL COUNTY LAND USE DEPARTMENT  
RESOURCE RECOVERY & ENERGY DIVISION**

58 E. CLINTON STREET, SUITE 100 JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60432  
815-727-8834

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 16, 2021

To: County Board Executive Committee

Through: David Dubois, Land Use Director

Copy: Kevin Lynn, Purchasing Director

From: David Hartke, Resource Recovery & Energy Director  
Marta Keane, Recycling Program Specialist

Subject: Refuse & Recycling Collection Service Bid Award

**Summary**

Staff recommends acceptance of Homewood/NuWay's bid for the majority of the contract, with Republic Services awarded all of the County's Public Recycling Drop-Off sites and recycling service at one County building location not served by Homewood; for an estimated two-year total price of \$189,422.64. Homewood Disposal held the line on many rates and many recycling drop-off service fees were reduced, resulting in this totaling nearly the same amount as in 2018.

**History**

Refuse and Recycling Services have been provided predominantly through two separate contracts over the past fifteen years. The County has added a few new buildings and we have lost a recycling drop-off over the past few years. This contract was bid for two-years with a one-year renewal rate set at CPI (up to 5%) for an optional third year. The contract was designed to take advantage of the County's free waste disposal at the Prairie View RDF (valued at over \$100,000 in avoided tip fees).

**Bidders**

The bid was e-mailed to multiple vendors and the bid was placed on the purchasing internet site – [www.willcountyillinois.com](http://www.willcountyillinois.com) and on [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com). Two contractors submitted acceptable bids.

Republic Services of Joliet  
Joliet, IL 60436

Homewood / NuWay  
Homewood, IL 60430

**Evaluation/Recommendation**

Several criteria were used to evaluate the qualifications and reliability of potential contractors, including, but not limited to: length of time the contractor has been in business, compliance with regulations, experience with similar clients, references, demonstrated understanding of the bid documents, conformity with specifications, inclusion of mandatory forms (proof of insurance, etc) and price.

<u>Evaluation Criteria / Rating System</u>	Scale 1-5	85% Republic	94% Homewood
Number of Years in Business	3	3	3
Experience with Similar Clients	3	3	3
Conformity to Bid Specifications	5	4	4
Included Required Forms	5	4	4
Understanding of Bid Specifications	4	3	4
References	4	4	4
Compliance with Regulations	5	5	5
Price	4	2	4
Total Score Possible	33	28	31

**Waste & Recycling Collection Service – Applicable Bid Pricing Summary**

Homewood / NuWay Disposal:		
All County Buildings (except Bolingbrook Health Dept recycling)		\$116,504.64
Allied / Republic Services:		
All Recycling Drop-Off sites and Bolingbrook Health Dept recycling		\$ 72,918.00
<b>Grand Total (not including changes to service levels and locations)</b>		<b>\$189,422.64</b>

**Landscape Material Collection Service**

Occasionally, a County location will have landscape material to be taken to a composting facility. In the past the County had to separately pay for these rare occasional needs but per the specification put forth in this bid, the County requested three landscape carts (one per each designated building) and collection service up to four times a year at no additional charge. Fees will be paid if any of the locations requires more service, but given the history, it is unlikely any additional fees will be incurred.

**County Building Refuse & Recycling Collection Service**

Homewood/NuWay is the collection contractor for the Will County buildings. The bid they provided showed an understanding of the specifications, experience and the best pricing. The County's has been pleased with the experience they have had with them as the primary contractor over the past six years. Therefore, they are recommended as the selected contractor for all the county building sites.

**Food Scrap Collection Service**

Three County Buildings were noted in the bid as possible future sites for implementation of a Food Scrap Composting Service. Neither firm bid to provide this service. Will County is going to exercise its right to rebid this portion of the services at a time when we have one or more of the 24/7 operating buildings ready to pilot a program.

**Recycling Drop-Off Collection Service**

There are currently six community partners hosting Will County Recycling Drop-Off sites to increase recycling for residents of unincorporated areas, multi-family housing and businesses (both incorporated and unincorporated). The service for these recycling drop-offs vary and has increased over the years from once a week with two 8-yard containers, to three times a week with three or

four 8-yard containers due to increased participation. They accept a wide variety of items, including plastic #5 and #7 bottles as well as beverage cartons. Homewood/NuWay companies submitted pricing for five of the sites and Republic submitted pricing for servicing all of the sites. Republic was the low bidder on each site they bid. We feel comfortable adding more sites, should partners become interested, utilizing Republic over the next several years.

**Comparison to Last Bid**

The cost for all services came down slightly since the last bid when recycling markets were in turmoil and the County absorbed a 38.7 percent increase in total fees for both garbage and recycling services. Some of this decrease reflects the stabilization of the recycling markets and disposal costs. Contamination of recycling remains a concern despite these cost improvements. In 2015 the cost for the two year service was \$143,543.76 compared to \$199,144.32 a few years ago and today's estimated cost of \$189,422.64. This contract represents a nearly 5 percent decrease to the overall service fee.