



Executive Summary/Talking Points

City & County of Denver/DPS IGA for Refuse and Recycling Collection

The City and County of Denver and Denver Public Schools will enter into an Inter-governmental service agreement where the City will provide refuse and recycling services for a fee to schools and facilities operated by DPS.

Term of Contract: 22 Months – 9/1/15 to 6/30/17

Value: Total value of the contract is estimated at \$900,000

Services: **Trash** services 1x to 2x per week based on volume
Trash services currently provided to 159 sites

Recycling -- Recycling Services offered 1/week or every other week.
Recycling services currently offered to 153 sites

Composting – Composting services offered to limited number of schools and operates 1/week
Composting services currently offered to 20 sites

Fee: **Trash** 1/week at \$111.00 per/month, 2x per week \$167.00/month or 3+times per week \$333.00

Recycling \$56.00/month or \$45.00 if every other week pick-up

Composting \$9.75/cart with max 5 cart charge

Background:

In 2009 the City and County of Denver/Solid Waste Management (SWM) and Denver Public Schools (DPS) entered into an IGA for the collection of trash and recycling. SWM started collection on July 1, 2009 from 146 sites for trash and 11 sites for recycling. SWM used an extensive marketing plan to increase recycling and now collects from 159 sites for trash collection and 153 sites for recycling. In addition, the plan was extended and amended in 2012 to include the opportunity to introduce composting service to schools within the collection areas currently offered composting by SWM. SWM currently services 20 schools with composting.

Benefits:

The benefits are two fold - DPS will have sanitary trash collection by the City's trash collection crews, essentially letting the "experts" do what they do best. The recycling program diverts school waste from the landfill and provides a valuable education tool for our programs, not only for the schools themselves but for the kids to bring home to their families. Additionally, the recycling from schools will generate revenue for the City.