



## RFP 23MCO613

### In response refer to RFP NO. 23MCO613 Response to Questions September 13, 2023

Gentlemen/Ladies:

The following questions have been asked according to the instructions of the bid and are hereby answered:

1. All of the wrecker and towing companies I have talked with stated that before any of the vehicles can be moved off the property they have to have been tagged as abandoned vehicles by the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the address of the property. Is this the correct information that I am getting?

Not entirely. Wreckers usually operate under **Texas Transportation Code 683.002 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE**. Under that law the vehicles do have to be tagged and sit for 48 hours prior to removal. Abandoned Vehicles must be on a property "without the consent of the owner" of the property. The vehicles on this property are not abandoned. Instead, they fall under **Texas Transportation Code 683.072 JUNKED VEHICLE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCE**. The vehicles have already been declared a public nuisance by the Midland County Commissioners Court and are subject to removal from the property without needing to be tagged prior to removal. The question as to the title of the vehicle was recently settled upon reviewing the Transportation Code 683.072. A representative of the Midland County Environmental Unit will need to be on hand to verify all vehicle VIN's and/or LPs as the vehicles are being removed. Midland County will then submit paperwork negating the current title. The Environmental Unit will provide contact information to whoever is removing vehicles so that we can schedule an investigator to be on hand as needed as we are aware that vehicles may need to come out in stages. The vehicles being removed from the property under this code cannot be "*reconstructed or made operable after removal*" but must be "disposed". That can include selling parts off it or crushing for recycle.

2. If we are awarded the contract, when is the expected start date?

We do not have an exact start date in mind. It all comes down to the bid amount as to when we can start. But Midland County would like to start as soon as possible.

3. Can we remove the cars and trailers from the property while waiting to hear back from owners?

Yes, the vehicles can be removed from the property once the RFP has been awarded and work is ready to begin. Please refer to question 1 for more details.

4. How often can we submit invoices?

You can submit invoices however often you would like. Midland County will only approve payment on the invoices when we can verify that the work has been done. For example if you want to invoice for 4 hours of work, you would need a timesheet as backup for proving said 4 hours have been worked. Also please note that Midland County only sends out payment checks on the second and fourth Monday's of each month once approved by the Commissioner's Court. And those payments have to be approved by the department at least a week in advance. We pay NET 30, which is within 30 days of receipt of the invoice and services being billed complete.

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