Amendment #1 -The following questions have been asked of the RFP for wood chip hauling services: Clarifying answers are provided below.

1. 2024 Fee structure = $190/load – as per RFP invoiced monthly
2. Total loads hauled to Xcel:
   1. 3-year average: 135 per (County contract with Xcel) contract year April-April. RFP contract will be annually March - March
3. How many times per week is service performed – Highly variable based on the needs of Xcel – some weeks zero loads to as many as 4 loads/day and 15+ during a week. Xcel has numerous fuels contracts and they need to use from all vendors. This is also weather dependent – because of our close proximity to Xcel requests increase during extreme cold or high snow events.
4. Schedule for hauling services – It is the responsibility of the **organization receiving the contract** to coordinate hauling requirements with the Xcel French Island plant on a weekly basis. La Crosse County has a contract to deliver 2,900 tons of chips annually and with approval - an additional 500 tons. It is the responsibility of the hauler to ensure the County’s delivery requirements are met.
5. Contamination of material – It is the responsibility of the hauler to ensure no materials remain in the semi-trailer from other projects that could cause rejection of the chips at Xcel.
6. Equipment – Semi-trailer must have the ability to be top loaded and then tarped for transportation to Xcel.
7. Measurement of trailer and door requirements contained within RFP
8. Insurance requirements of contract (This is in addition to County insurance requirements listed within the RFP): County shall maintain (**and cause its transportation contractor to maintain**) Worker’s Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance in the amount of $1,000,000, Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of $1,000,000, and Automobile Liability Insurance in the amount of $1,000,000. In addition, Seller shall carry excess liability insurance covering the foregoing perils in the amount of not less than $1,000,000 for any one occurrence. Except with respect to Workers’ Compensation, each of such policies shall name Buyer as an additional insured.
   1. Upon written request, hauler shall promptly furnish County with a Certificate of Insurance showing proof of coverage of all insurance herein required.
9. Unloading: Unloading times may vary. Xcel does maintain numerous fuels contracts, with each organization utilizing hauling companies. Unloading times can vary depending (30 minutes to 2 hours) on traffic at the tipping pad – there is a single unloading area at Xcel.
10. Fuel agreement: No specific agreement is required with Xcel. You will be part of the agreement with La Crosse County and therein must maintain all insurance and RFP requirements.
11. Bid Opening: Will take place at the Date/Time/Location listed in page 4 section 2.5 of the RFP