

# Operating Green:

## Recycling and Trash Removal (Group 79013, Award 22760)

### Why Use This Contract?

- **Protect our natural resources** – recycling and composting saves landfill space.
- **Reduce the generation of solid waste** by recycling materials that cannot be reused.
- **Reduce the use of toxic chemicals** by recycling materials that can be used to make new products.
- **Save your agency money** – recycling and composting costs less than disposing of material in a landfill. For every ton of material recycled your agency saves money on tipping fees.
- **Follows the Executive Order 4 specification for Solid Waste Recycling & Management Services**, state agencies, public authorities and public benefit corporations are required to implement source separation and recycling programs and issue contracts for recycling whenever contracts for solid waste disposal are issued.

### Who Can Use this Contract

Authorized Users of OGS centralized contracts are permitted to use the Recycling and Trash Removal Services contract. These include, but are not limited to state agencies, local governments, public authorities, public school and fire districts, public and nonprofit libraries, and certain other nonpublic/nonprofit organizations.

### How to Use this Contract

- Use the OGS centralized contract for Recycling and Trash Removal Services (Group 79013, Award 22760) to contract for recycling and composting services.
- Work with colleagues within your agency to implement or expand recycling and composting programs.
- Visit the Recycling and Trash Removal Services contract page for more information at: <https://online.ogs.ny.gov/purchase/snt/awardnotes/7901322760can.HTM>

### Who to Ask for Help

The following individuals are available to assist you with questions about the contract:

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### About the Contract

The OGS Contract is a mini-bid contract that includes lots for recycling, composting and disposal.

#### Recycling Lots:

- Single stream recycling
- Dual stream recycling
- Recycling of metal food containers
- Recycling of glass containers
- Recycling of plastics
- Recycling of corrugated cardboard
- Recycling of mixed paper
- Recycling of high grade office paper
- Recycling of scrap metal
- Recycling of shredded paper
- Recycling of construction and demolition material

#### Composting Lots:

- Composting of green waste
- Composting of food waste and organics

#### Disposal Lots:

- Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in bins, dumpsters or roll-offs
- Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in compactors
- Disposal of Loose Municipal Solid Waste
- Disposal of Construction and Demolition materials

#### Did you know that recycling saves money?

- Recycling and composting lots contain substantially lower tipping fees, resulting in lower trash bills.
- Some recycling lots include provisions for revenue sharing.
- Construction and Demolition material can be recycled at a lower cost compared to disposal.

#### Other Features of the Contract:

- Training and outreach
- Waste composition analysis
- Quarterly and annual reporting to contract users

#### Recycling Statistics

- The use of recycling has increased in recent years, but there are still vast improvements that need to be made in both the types and amounts of materials recycled.
- The EPA estimates that in 2013, only 34.3% of trash was recycled or composted
- Paper and paperboard make up approximately 27% of Municipal Solid Waste, with yard trimmings and food accounting for another 28% and plastics accounting for 13%.

