

The City of Joplin released a Request for Qualifications for development of a Comprehensive Solid Waste Master plan on May 19th, 2021. We received (7) Statements of Qualifications of Qualifications by the response due date, June 9th, 2021. We received SOQs from RRT, GREDELL Engineering Resources, Inc., Tetra Tech, MSW Consultants, Burns & McDonnell, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, and Engineering Solutions & Design, Inc.

A SOQ review committee was formed that included Assistant Director of Public Works Lynden Lawson, Director of Public Works David Hertzberg, Civil Engineer I Stormwater Steven Martinez, Assistant Director of Public Works Dan Johnson, and Recycling Coordinator Lindsey James. Members individually reviewed and ranked all SOQs. On July 8th, 2021 the review committee met and combined rankings. Anonymous rankings can be seen below, with 1 being most preferred and 7 being least preferred:

	Gredell	RRT	Burns & McDonnell	MSW	NewGen	Engineering Solutions & Design, Inc	Tetra Tech
Member 1	1	3	4	2	6	5	7
Member 2	2	4	1	3	5	6	7
Member 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Member 4	3	1	4	5	7	2	6
Member 5	1	5	2	3	6	4	7
TOTALS	8	15	14	17	29	23	34

Figure 1

Rankings were added up, and the selection group decided to interview companies with the 4 lowest (best) total scores: Gredell (8 points), RRT (15 points), Burns & McDonnell (14 points), and MSW (17 points). Gredell, RRT, Burns & McDonnell, and MSW were invited to interview and encouraged to create a 30-minute presentation and allow 15 minutes for questions. Interviews were conducted Thursday and Friday, July 15th and 16th. On July 16th, after all interviews, the review committee individually ranked the interviewees, with 1 being the most preferred to contract and 4 being the least preferred, as seen in Figure 2.

	Gredell	RRT	MSW	Burns & McDonnell
Member 1	2	4	3	1
Member 2	4	2	3	1
Member 3	4	2	3	1
Member 4	4	3	2	1
Member 5	4	3	2	1
TOTALS	18	14	13	5

Figure 2

Burns & McDonnell was unanimously selected as the most preferred to hire for the Solid Waste Master Plan.