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Bonnie Wise, Hillsborough County Administrator
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Dear Ms. Wise:

On behalf of the National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) Florida Chapter, we would like to voice our opposition to the Hillsborough County new Customer Solid Waste Profile requiring information about pricing. Our members are in opposition to anyone providing open market commercial rates.

In the 2012 solicitation, the Customer Solid Waste Profile contained information on customer levels of service but not pricing. NWRA FL Chapter believes the pricing information, coupled with the levels of service, falls under the trade secret protections under Florida Statutes and if provided to a competitor, will allow the competitor access to the formula a company may use for its pricing. This may have statewide ramifications for the parties whose information is released.

The Florida Legislature has generally addressed and protected trade secret information from disclosure by enacting legislation that includes, but is not limited to, specific protection for the solid waste industry under Florida Statute 403.73. We are strongly opposed to the collecting and releasing of trade secret and confidential business information related to services and pricing. We further believe the Customer Solid Waste Profile containing pricing information creates an unacceptable risk to our members by disclosing their trade secrets and is contrary to the Legislature's intent to protect trade secrets.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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