Frequently Asked Questions:
BIC Regulations and Commercial Waste Zones (“CWZ”)

• What is CWZ?

Specific questions about CWZ are best answered by DSNY at the following email address: cwzrfp@dsny.nyc.gov

The CWZ program will divide the city into 20 zones for commercial garbage collection, with each zone served by up to three carters selected through a competitive process. Five citywide contracts will also be awarded for the collection of containerized waste and compactors. Read the Commercial Waste Zone law, Local Law 199 of 2019, here.

More information about CWZ is available on DSNY’s website here, which is updated frequently as implementation of the program is ongoing.

• What type of waste hauling does CWZ impact?

All trade waste except for construction and demolition debris; fill material; medical waste; electronic waste; textiles; yard waste collected by landscapers; waste collected by a one-time, on-call bulk waste removal service; grease; paper that is collected for the purpose of shredding or destruction; or waste that is collected by a micro-hauler.

• If my company becomes a Zone Awardee or the subcontractor of a Zone Awardee, do I still need a BIC license?

Yes. There are no changes to the requirement to possess and maintain a BIC license or BIC registration based on the type of waste a carter hauls. All Zone Awardees must remain licensed by BIC. BIC will maintain regulation and enforcement authority over all licensed carters, including those that become Zone Awardees.

• When is CWZ happening?

BIC recommends that you check DSNY’s website frequently for updates on the implementation timeline and other important information regarding CWZ. DSNY is the best source of information for updates.