



EVALUATION

2026 Salt Purchase

Invitation For Bid

Engineering

77545

Project ID: 26-036

Release Date: Monday, March 23, 2026

Due Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 11:00am

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1. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1.1. SUMMARY

The City of Aurora, IL invites you to bid on the 2026 Salt Purchase. This project shall consist of delivering bulk road salt to the City's new Public Works Facility salt dome.

1.2. TIMELINE

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| Release Project Date: | March 23, 2026 |
| Question Submission Deadline: | April 3, 2026, 11:00am |
| Response Submission Deadline: | April 8, 2026, 11:00am |

1.3. ACCEPTANCE OF BID PROPOSALS

a. Bidders intending to respond to this opportunity must create a FREE account with OpenGov by signing up at <https://procurement.opengov.com/signup>. This step is necessary to establish a communication link with the City. The Bidder, not the City, is responsible for obtaining any addenda to the original specification. Addenda and other relevant information will be posted on the City's E Procurement System. Addenda notifications will be emailed to all persons on record as following this Bid. Failure of any bidder to receive any such addenda or interpretation shall not relieve such bidder from any obligation under their bid proposal as submitted. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract documents. **Paper submissions will not be accepted.**

b. Bids may be received up to, but no later than the designated date and time as specified via the City's E Procurement System, OpenGov. The City's E Procurement System Clock is the official clock for the determination of all deadline dates and times. Without exception, responses will not be accepted after the submission deadline regardless of any technical difficulties such as poor internet connections. The City of Aurora strongly recommends completing your responses well ahead of time. All bids shall have provided all requested information, and submitted all appropriate forms, certificates, affidavits and addendum acknowledgements in order to be considered responsive.

c. Bids must be submitted on the forms provided and all information and certifications called for must be furnished. Bids submitted in any other manner, or which fail to furnish all information or certificates required, may be summarily rejected. Bids may be modified or withdrawn prior to the time specified for the opening of bids through the City's E Procurement System. Bids shall be filled out legibly in ink or type-written with all erasures, strikeouts and corrections initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. The bid shall include the legal name of the bidder, the complete mailing address, and be signed in ink by a person or persons legally authorized to bind the bidder to a Bid. Name of person signing should be typed or printed below the signature.

d. The City of Aurora reserves the right at any time and for any reason to accept or reject any or all Bids or portion thereof, or accept an alternate bid. The City reserves the right to waive any immaterial defect in any bid, or technicality, informality or irregularity in the bids received, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter-proposals. Unless otherwise specified by the bidder or the City, the City reserves the right to hold the best bids for forty-five (45) days from the opening date. Bidder agrees to accept a notice of award, if selected, based on the terms of this Bid Proposal in the event that a notification of award is received on or before expiration of the 45-day time period. The City reserves the right to cancel the Bid Proposal at any time, without liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred or suffered by any Bidder as a result of that cancellation. Each Bidder is solely responsible for the risk and cost of preparing and submitting a Bid Proposal.

e. Although price is a consideration, qualifications and experience, capacity to handle the work, and response to the bid, will also be considered. No Bid Proposal will be considered unless the Bidder shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the City that they have the necessary facilities, abilities, experience, equipment, and financial and physical resources available to fulfill the conditions of the Bid and execute the Work should the Bid be awarded to them. Bid Proposal documents which are not responsive to the requirements herein may not be considered by the City for an award of the Bid.

The Bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive responsible Bidder. In determining the responsibility of any Bidder, the City may take into account other factors such as past records of its or other entities transactions with the Bidder, experience, ability to work cooperatively with the City and its staff, adequacy of equipment, ability to complete performance within necessary time limits, and other pertinent considerations such as, but not limited to, reliability, reputation, competency, skill, efficiency, facilities and resources.

The Bidder will be awarded in the City's best interests based on these and other legally-allowable considerations. The City and its representatives and agents may make any investigations deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the Work. The Bidder shall furnish any information and data requested by the City for this purpose.

1.4. RECEIPT OF BID PROPOSALS

- a. **Bids must be submitted electronically**, up to, but no later than the designated date and time as specified via the City's E Procurement System, OpenGov. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to see that their Bid Proposal is received in the proper time.
- b. **Bids must be submitted electronically via the City's E Procurement System. There will be no exceptions!**

1.5. WITHDRAWAL OF BID PROPOSALS

Bids may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for submitting bid proposals through the City's E Procurement System, the responding bidder may "un-submit" their proposal in OpenGov. After withdrawing a previously submitted proposal, the responding bidder may submit another proposal at any time up to the deadline for submitting bid proposals prior to the opening.

Bidders are cautioned to verify their bids before submission. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for withdrawal or modification of the bid after it has been opened. Bidders may not withdraw their bid after the opening without the approval of the Director of Purchasing. Requests to withdraw a bid must be in writing and properly signed. No bid proposal will be opened or accepted, which is received after the time and date scheduled for the Bid Proposals to be received.

1.6. BID DEPOSIT

Each Bidder shall deposit with its Bid a Bid guarantee consisting of a Bid bond, on the IDOT BLR 12230 form, payable to the order of the City, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid submitted, as a guaranty that in case the Bidder's Bid is accepted, the Bidder shall within fifteen (15) days after the date of such acceptance and notification thereof, deliver to the City a contract signed and executed by the Bidder, proper insurance certificates and a Performance and Payment Bond in one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum furnished by a responsible bonding company acceptable to and written upon forms prepared or approved by the City as security for payment of labor and materials and for the faithful performance of the contract and compliance with the provisions of law relating to the payment of prevailing rate of wages. **Bid Deposit MUST be uploaded electronically with submission through the City's E Procurement System, OpenGov on the appropriate IDOT BLR 12230 form.** Upon notification from the City, Bidder's must deliver ORIGINAL Bid Deposit within three (3) business days. All Bid deposits will be retained by the City until a Bid award is made, at which time the Bid deposit will be promptly returned to the unsuccessful Bidders. The Bid deposit of the successful Bidder will be retained until the equipment, goods or services have been received or completed and found to be in compliance with the specifications. Performance by the Bidder shall not be considered complete, until final inspection and acceptance by the City of the

Bidder's Work. Final inspection shall occur within 30 days after the actual completion of the Work. Execution of the contract is contingent upon receipt of an acceptable Performance and Payment Bond and any required certificates of insurance. Upon failure to meet the requirements of this paragraph, the Bidder shall forfeit the amount deposited as liquidated damages and no mistakes or errors on the part of the Bidder shall excuse the Bidder or entitle him to a return of the aforementioned amount.

1.7. AWARD

It is the intent of the City to award the bid to the lowest responsive responsible bidder meeting specifications. Award will be based on the following factors, but not limited to (where applicable): (a) adherence to all conditions and requirements of the bid specifications; (b) price; (c) qualifications of the bidder, including past performance, financial responsibility, general reputation, experience, service capabilities, and facilities; (d) delivery or completion date; (e) product appearance, workmanship, finish, taste, feel, overall quality, and results of product testing; (f) maintenance costs and warranty provisions; and (g) repurchase or residual value.

If the Bidder modifies limits, restricts or subjects his bid proposal to conditions that would change the requirements of the bid, this would be considered a conditional or qualified Bid Proposal and will not be accepted. The City reserves the right to delete any item listed in the bid.

1.8. PRICES

The price quoted for each item is the full purchase price, including delivery to destination and includes all transportation and handling charges, premiums on bonds, material or service costs and all other overhead charges of every kind and nature. Unless otherwise specified, prices shall remain firm for the duration of the purchase.

Unit prices shall not include any local, state or federal taxes. In case of mistake in extension of price, unit price shall govern.

1.9. DISCOUNTS

Prices quoted must be net after deducting all trade and quantity discounts. Where cash discounts for prompt payment are offered, the discount period shall begin with the date of receipt of a correct invoice or receipt or final acceptance of goods, whichever is later.

1.10. TAXES

The City of Aurora is exempt, by law, from paying State and City Retailer's Occupation Tax, State Service Occupation Tax, State Use Tax and Federal Excise Tax (per Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 120, Paragraph 44) upon City works and purchases. The City of Aurora's Sales Tax Exemption Number is E9996-0842-07.

1.11. INTERPRETATION OR CORRECTION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Bidders shall promptly notify the City of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the bidding documents. Interpretations, corrections and changes will be made by addendum. Each bidder shall ascertain prior to submitting a bid that all addenda have been received and acknowledged in the bid.

1.12. SIGNATURES

Bid Proposals must be signed by the Bidder with his/her usual signature. Bid Proposals by partnerships must be signed with the partnership name by all members of the partnership, or an authorized representative, followed by the signature and title of the person signing. Bid Proposals by corporations must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to bind it in the matter.

When a corporation submits a Bid Proposal, its agent must present legal evidence that he has lawful authority to sign said Bid Proposal and that the corporation has a legal existence. In the event that any corporation organized and doing business under the laws of any foreign state is the successful Bidder, such corporation must present evidence before any Bid is executed that it is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. Bidders by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the President or a Vice President (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign), and the signature must be attested by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, along with the corporate seal. The corporate address and state of incorporation must be shown below the signature. Bid Proposals by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner whose title must appear under the signature, and the official address of the partnership must be shown below the signature. Any corrections to entries made on the Bid Proposal forms shall be initialed by the person signing the Bid Proposal. When requested by the City, satisfactory evidence of the authority of any signature on behalf of the Bidder shall be furnished.

1.13. DEMONSTRATIONS

Bidders are required, if requested to do so, to affect a demonstration of the item(s) being Bid if the City feels it has insufficient knowledge of the item's operations or performance capability. Such demonstration must be at a site which is most convenient and agreeable to the effected City personnel.

1.14. REFERENCES

Sufficient references of all like public and/or private agencies must be submitted in the Vendor Submission section. Listing must include company name, contact person, telephone number and date purchased. All Bidders, as a condition of and prior to entry into a contract, agree that a complete background investigation of the principals of the Bidder and all employees who will work on the project may be made. Bidders agree to cooperate with the appropriate City of Aurora personnel to supply all information necessary to complete these investigations. The City of Aurora in its complete discretion may disqualify any Bidder, including low Bidder, and may void any contract previously entered into based on its background investigation.

1.15. ELIGIBILITY

By signing this bid, the bidder hereby certifies that they are not barred from bidding on this Bid as a result of a violation of Article 33E, Public Bids of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1).

1.16. DATA

Complete and detailed brochures and vehicles, equipment, materials, goods, supplies and/or services to be furnished must be included with each Bid.

1.17. QUESTIONS

Bidders shall submit all inquiries, including requests for alternates or substitutions regarding this bid, up to, but **no later than the designated date and time as specified via the City's E Procurement System, OpenGov**. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the City's E Procurement System. Bidders may also click "Follow" on this bid to receive an email notification when answers are posted.

No questions will be accepted or answered verbally.

No questions will be accepted or answered after the cut-off date/time.

It is the responsibility of the interested bidder to ensure they have received addenda, if any issued.

1.18. Illinois Freedom of Information Act

Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The Contractor acknowledges the requirements of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and agrees to comply with all requests made by the City of Aurora for public records (as that term is defined by Section 2(c) of FOIA in the undersigned's possession and to provide the requested public records to the City of Aurora within two (2) business days of the request being made by the City of Aurora. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Aurora from all claims, costs, penalty, losses and injuries (including but not limited to, attorney's fees, other professional fees, court costs and/or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to its failure to provide the public records to the City of Aurora under this agreement.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1. REQUIREMENTS OF BIDDER

The successful Bidder may be required to (a) enter into a fully signed contract in writing with the City of Aurora covering matters and things as are set forth in the Bid Proposal Package; and (b) carry insurance acceptable to the City covering public liability, property damage and workers compensation.

2.2. CITY'S AGENT

The Director of Purchasing, or delegate, shall represent and act for the City in all matters pertaining to the bid proposal and Bid in conjunction thereto.

2.3. BONDS AND INSURANCE

The Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the full contract price, Public Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance; all of which shall be acceptable to the City of Aurora.

The Bidder awarded the project will need to provide performance and payment bonds for one year with a letter attached from the bond company certifying that the bond may be automatically renewed for the second year.

The term Payment Bond shall be understood to mean the bond executed by the Bidder and his surety guaranteeing the payment of all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures, or machinery furnished to such principal for the purpose of performing the contract work.

The term Performance Bond shall be understood to mean the bond, executed by the contractor and his surety, guaranteeing complete execution of the contract.

Proof of liability insurance coverage through a reputable, recognized carrier shall be provided at the time of acceptance and signing of the contract and shall remain current for the duration of the contract.

The City of Aurora, by showing and substantiating sufficient proof of incompetence, negligence, poor or substandard workmanship which would cause unwarranted damage or deterioration of either premises, contents or appendages, reserves the right to terminate said Contractor without recourse from the City by successful Contractor.

2.4. INVESTIGATION

It shall be the responsibility of the Bidders to make any and all investigations necessary to become thoroughly informed of what is required and specified in the bid. No plea of ignorance by the Bidders of conditions that exist or may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the Bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City of the compensation to the Bidder.

Each Bidder submitting a bid proposal is responsible for examining the complete Invitation to Bid Package and all Addenda, and is also responsible for informing itself of all conditions that might in any way affect the cost or the performance of any Work. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of the Bidder, and no relief will be given for errors or omissions by the Bidder. If awarded the Bid, the Bidder will not be allowed any extra compensation by reason of any matter or thing concerning which such Bidder should have fully informed himself, because of his failure to have so informed himself prior to submitting the bid proposal. The submission of a bid proposal shall be construed as conclusive evidence that the Bidder has made such examination as is required in this section and that the Bidder is conversant with local facilities and difficulties, the requirements of the Invitation to Bid documents, and of pertinent, local, state and federal laws and codes, prevailing local labor and material markets, and has made due allowance in its bid proposal for all contingencies.

2.5. BIDDER CAPABILITY

The City reserves the right to require of the Bidder proof of his/her capability to perform as required by the specifications. The City may, at its option, disqualify a Bidder and reject his bid proposal for cause. Reasons deemed sufficient for this action shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Evidence of collusion among Bidders.
- Receipt of more than one bid proposal on any project from an individual, or from a corporation. This restriction does not apply to subcontractors.
- Default on any previous Bid.
- Unreasonable failure to complete a previous Bid within the specified time or for being in arrears on an existing Bid without reasonable cause for being in arrears.
- Inability to perform as revealed by an investigation of the Bidder's financial statement, experience and/or plant and equipment.
- **Any Bidder who owes the city money may be disqualified at the City's discretion.**

2.6. ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

The specifications are prepared to describe the goods and/or service which the City deemed to be in the best interest to meet its performance requirements. Bidders desiring to submit a Bid Proposal on items which deviate from the stated specifications, but which they believe to be equal, may do so by submitting all inquiries via the City's E Procurement System, OpenGov, but all specification deviations must be clearly stated. Bidders shall submit all inquiries, including requests for alternates or substitutions regarding this bid via the City's E Procurement System by the designated date and time. All answers to inquiries, including requests for alternates or substitutions, will be posted on the City's E Procurement System. Bidders may also click "Follow" on this bid to receive an email notification when answers are

posted. It is the responsibility of the interested bidder to ensure they have received addendum, if any issued. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to rule upon specification deviation in a manner as best befits the needs of the City. The Purchasing Director will reject all deviations that amount to material nonconformity with the specifications of the Bid Proposal.

2.7. PAYMENT

Payment shall be made for services rendered. The City, after inspection and acceptance, and in consideration of the faithful performance by the Proposer, agrees to pay for the completion of the work embraced in this contract, payment shall be made in accordance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505/1, et. seq.) upon receipt of the invoice.

Time, in connection with any discount offered, will be computed from the date of delivery to the City or from the date a correct invoice is received by the City of Aurora Purchasing Division, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery.

Prices will be considered NET, if no payment discount is shown.

Invoices MUST contain the Purchase Order Number, as issued by the City.

The successful Bidder shall submit invoices via e-mail to:

PurchasingDL@aurora.il.us

or Mail to the following address:

City of Aurora

Attn: Purchasing Division

44 E. Downer Place

Aurora, IL 60507

The City of Aurora offers electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment to our vendors. EFT is fast, simple, safe and secure and is ***our preferred method of payment!***

2.8. DEFAULT

Time is of the essence of this bid and if delivery of acceptable items or rendering of services is not completed by the time promised, the City reserves the right, without liability, in addition to its other rights and remedies, to terminate the Bid by notice effective when received by Bidder, as to stated items not yet shipped or services not yet rendered. The City will procure articles or service from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for any excess cost incurred as provided for in Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

2.9. INSPECTION

Materials or equipment purchased are subject to inspection and approval at the City's destination. The City reserves the right to reject and refuse acceptance of items which are not in accordance with the instructions, specifications, drawings or data of Bidder's warranty (express or implied). Rejected materials or equipment shall be removed by, or at the expense of, the Bidder promptly after rejection.

2.10. WARRANTY

Bidder warrants that all goods and services furnished hereunder will conform in all respects to the terms of the solicitation, including any drawings, specifications or standards incorporated herein, and that they will be free from latent and patent defects in materials, workmanship and title, and will be free from such defects in design. In addition, Bidder warrants that said goods and services are suitable for, and will perform in accordance with, the purposes for which they are purchased, fabricated, manufactured and designed or for such other purposes as are expressly specified in this solicitation.

2.11. CANCELLATION

The City reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of the Bid if the Bidder fails to perform any of the provisions in the Bid or fails to make delivery within the time stated. The Bidder will not be liable to perform if situations arise by reason of strikes, acts of God or public enemy, acts of the City, fires or floods.

2.12. PERMITS AND LICENSES

The successful Bidder shall obtain, at its own expense, all permits and licenses which may be required to complete the contract.

2.13. PATENT

The successful Bidder agrees to indemnify, protect, defend, and save the City of Aurora and its officers and employees, harmless against any demand for payment for the use of any patented material process, article, or device that may enter into the manufacture, construction, presentation or form a part of the Work covered by the contract.

2.14. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Bidder shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal, State, Municipal and other local laws, ordinances, regulations, and requirements which in any manner affect the conduct of the Work, and with all Federal, State and local laws and policies of non-discrimination, sexual harassment, prevailing wages and others applicable thereto; and all such orders or decrees as exist at the present and which may be enacted later, of bodies or tribunals having jurisdiction or authority over the Work, and no plea of misunderstanding or ignorance thereof will be considered. He shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all its officers, agents, employees and servants against any requirement, claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such law, ordinance, regulation, order or decree, whether by himself or his employees.

This Bid shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

2.15. INSURANCE AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION

At the Bidder's expense, the Bidder shall secure and maintain in effect throughout the duration of this Bid, insurance of the following kinds and limits to cover all locations of the Bidder's operations. The Bidder shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the City before starting or within ten (10) days after the execution of the Bid, whichever date is reached first. All insurance policies shall be written with insurance companies approved by the City of Aurora and licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and having a rating of not less than A IX, according to the latest edition of the A.M. Best Company; and shall include a provision preventing cancellation of the insurance policy unless thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to the City. This provision shall also be stated on each Certificate of Insurance as: "Should any of the above-described policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will endeavor to mail 10 days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left". Upon requested, the awardee of this Bid will give the City a copy of the insurance policies. The policies must be delivered to the City within two weeks of the request. The limits of liability for the insurance required shall provide coverage for not less than the following amount, or greater where required by law:

- (1) Worker's Compensation Insurance - Statutory amount.
- (2) General Liability Insurance:
 - (a) \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 - (b) \$500,000 per occurrence for Property Damage
 - (c) \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Personal Injury
- (3) Auto Liability Insurance:
 - (a) Bodily injury with limits not less than \$1,000,000
 - (b) Property damage with limits not less than \$500,000
- (4) Umbrella excess liability of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate

The Bidder shall include the City as a primary, non-contributory additional named insured on both General and Auto Liability Insurance policies and indicate said status on any Certificates of Insurance provided to the City pursuant to this project. All insurance premiums shall be paid without cost to the City.

The Bidder agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Aurora, their agents and employees from and against all loss and expenses (including costs and attorneys' fees) by reason of liability imposed by law or claims made upon the City of Aurora for damages because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom sustained by any person or persons or on account of damage to property, including loss of use thereof, arising out of or in consequence of the performance of this project work, whether such claims or injuries to persons or damage to property be due to the negligence of the Bidder or his Subcontractors. Bidder shall assume total risk and shall be responsible for any and all damages or losses caused by or in any way resulting from the work and provide all insurance necessary to protect and save harmless the City of Aurora and its employees.

2.16. WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT

The Bidder further agrees to insure his employees and their beneficiaries and to the employees and the beneficiaries of any subcontractor employed from time to time by him on said Work, the necessary first-aid, medical, surgical, and hospital services and any compensation provided for in the Workers Compensation Act of the State of Illinois that is or may be in force in the State.

Such insurance shall be placed by said Bidder in a company or association (to be approved by the City and to be accepted by the Council thereof) authorized under the laws of the State of Illinois to insure the liability above specified.

Said Bidder hereby further agrees to indemnify, keep and save harmless said City from all action, proceedings, claims, judgments, awards, and costs, loss, damages, expenses, and attorney's fees which may in any way come against said City by reason of any accidental injuries or death suffered by any of his employees or the employees of any subcontractor employed by him in and about the performance of the Work provided for in the Bid, and any and all liability resulting thereupon; and said Bidder, in case of any suit, action, or proceeding on account of any or all of the foregoing shall defend the same for and on behalf of said City and indemnify the City therefore, and pay the amount of any and all awards and final judgments and orders rendered and entered therein, together with all loss, costs, damages, attorney's fees, and expenses incurred therein. Said Bidder shall be the sole employer of its employees and workers, and in no way shall the City be considered a joint employer of same under any circumstance.

2.17. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

The Bidder shall provide an adequate number of competently trained personnel with sufficient supervision to provide the services required, and the Bidder shall provide identification of its personnel if requested by the City.

Any Bidder's employee whose employment is reasonably detrimental or objectionable to the City shall be immediately transferred from the premises upon the City's request. The exercise of the option shall not be construed as placing the City in charge of the Work or making the City responsible for safety.

All on the road vehicles or equipment shall be identified by the Bidder's name for purpose of identification.

All tools or equipment required to carry out the operations within the scope of the contract shall be provided by the Bidder, and shall meet the standards of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and State of Illinois safety codes as may be required by law. The City reserves the right to inspect the equipment that will be used prior to award of Bid.

2.18. MINORITY PARTICIPATION

The City of Aurora encourages minority business firms to submit Bidders and encourages the successful Bid Bidder to utilize minority businesses as sub-contractors for supplies, equipment, services and construction.

2.19. PROSECUTION OF WORK

The Bidder shall begin the Work to be performed under the Bid as specified in the specifications after the execution and acceptance of the Bid, unless otherwise provided. The Work shall be conducted in such a manner and with sufficient materials, equipment and labor as is considered necessary to ensure its completion within the time specified in the Bid.

2.20. TIME

Bidder shall schedule its Work to meet the requirement of the City. Bidder shall perform the Work expeditiously in cooperation with the City's agents, employees, Bidders and subcontractors. Bidder shall make no claim against City and no claim shall be allowed for any damages which may arise out of any delay caused by City, its agents, employees, Bidder or subcontractors. Bidder's sole remedy for delay shall be an extension in the Bid time.

2.21. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Bidder represents and warrants that the goods or services furnished hereunder (including all labels, packages and container for said good) comply with all applicable standards, rules and regulations in effect under the requirements of all Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations as applicable, including the Occupational Safety and Health Act as amended, with respect to design, construction, manufacture or use for their intended purpose of said goods or services.

2.22. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNMENT OF WORK

If the Bidder sublets the whole or any part of the Work to be done under the contract, with or without the written consent of the City, he shall not, under any circumstances, be relieved of his liabilities and obligations. All transactions of the City shall be with the Bidder; subcontractors shall be recognized only in the capacity of employees or workmen and shall be subject to the same requirements as to character and competence. In case any party or parties, to whom any work under the contract shall have been sublet, shall disregard the directions of the City or his duly authorized representatives, or shall furnish any unsatisfactory Work or shall fail or refuse in any way to conform to any of the provisions or conditions of the contract, then in that case, upon the written order of the City, the Bidder shall require said party or parties in default to discontinue Work under the contract. Said Work shall be corrected or made good and shall be continued and completed by the said Bidder or by such other party or parties as are approved by the City, in the manner and subject to all of the requirements specified in the contract.

2.23. GUARANTEE AND MAINTENANCE OF WORK

The Bidder shall guarantee the Work to be free from defects of any nature for a period of one year from and after the final acceptance and payment for the Work by the City, and the Bidder shall maintain said Work and shall make all needed repairs and/or replacements during this one year period which in the judgment of the Council, may be necessary to insure the delivery of the Work to the City in first-class condition and in full conformity with the plans and specifications therefore, at the expiration of the guarantee period.

2.24. CONTRACT

The successful Bidder will be required to execute a contract in the form attached hereto (as may be modified and amended by the City) within fifteen (15) days after notice of award and receipt of the contract from the City and sign and deliver to the City all required copies of the contract. Failure on the part of the Bidder to execute the contract within fifteen (15) days and provide the required evidence of insurance at, or before the execution of the contract, will be considered just cause for the annulment of the award of the Bid.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

3.1. 3.1 Specifications

This work consists of delivering bulk rock salt in accordance with the Specifications and Special Provisions.

Located in Attachments please see:

Attachment A - Aurora_24-00000-02-GM_Bid Package (specs portion only)

4. PRICING TABLE

| Line Item | Description | Quantity | Unit of Measure | Unit Cost | Total |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | ROCK SALT | 12500 | TON | | |
| Total | | | | | \$0.00 |

5. VENDOR SUBMISSIONS

1. BLR 12230 Bid Bond*


Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

[BLR_12230 -- Bid_Bond.pdf](#)

*Response required

2. Contact Information*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [COA Contact Information.docx](#)

*Response required

3. References*

Include Municipality, Address, Phone Number, Contact Person, Date of Project for each reference

Enter response

*Response required

4. Eligibility*

By signing this Proposal, the Proposer hereby certifies that they are not barred from bidding on this Proposal as a result of a violation of Article 33E, Public Bids of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1).

Please confirm

*Response required

5. Bidder's Tax Certification*

The Bidder's Executing Officer, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that all statements made herein are made on behalf of the Bidder, that this deponent is authorized to make them and that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Bidder deposes, states and certifies that Bidder is not barred from contracting with any unit of local government in the State of Illinois as result of a delinquency in payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Bidder is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate statute, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax, all as provided for in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1.

Please confirm

*Response required

6. Bidder's Certification*

I/We hereby certify that:

- A. A complete set of bid papers, as intended, has been received, and that I/We will abide by the contents and/or information received and/or contained herein.
- B. I/We have not entered into any collusion or other unethical practices with any person, firm, or employee of the City which would in any way be construed as unethical business practice.
- C. I/We have adopted a written sexual harassment policy which is in accordance with the requirements of Federal, State and local laws, regulations and policies and further certify that I/We are also in compliance with all other equal employment requirements contained in Public Act 87-1257 (effective July 1, 1993) 775 ILCS 5/2-105 (A).
- D. As applicable, I/We are in compliance with the most current "Prevailing Rate" of wages for laborers, mechanics and other workers as required by the State of Illinois Department of Labor.
- E. I/We operate a drug free environment and drugs are not allowed in the workplace or satellite locations as well as City of Aurora sites in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of January, 1992.
- F. The Bidder is not barred from bidding on the Project, or entering into this contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code, or any similar offense of "bid rigging" or "bid rotating" of any state or the United States.
- G. As applicable, I/We will submit, for all contracts in excess of \$25,000.00, a certificate indicating participation in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor.
- H. I/We will abide by all other Federal, State and local codes, rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes.

Please confirm

*Response required

7. Standard City of Aurora Contract*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [Sample Standard Contract ITB.pdf](#)

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8. BLR 12240 Local Public Agency Material Proposal *

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [BLR 12240 - Local Public Agency Material Proposal or Deliver & Install Proposal.pdf](#)

*Response required

9. BLR 12241 Material Proposal Schedule of Prices*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

In case of discrepancies between the BLR 12241 and the electronic schedule of prices filled out in the Open Gov pricing table section, the electronic submittal of the unit prices through the Open Gov governs over any hand written document.

 [BLR 12241 – Material Proposal Schedule of Prices.pdf](#)

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CITY OF AURORA SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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The City is still purchasing buck rock salt through the DuPage County and State of Illinois salt bids. The purpose of this standalone bid is to fill the new Public Works Facility salt dome sometime in the spring/summer/fall of 2026 when convenient for the contractor/vendor.

BULK ROCK SALT:

MATERIALS

- Bulk Rock Salt shall meet the requirements of AASHTO Specification M143, Sodium Chloride Type 1, Grade 1
- Bulk rock salt shall be 95 to 98 percent pure sodium chloride.
- The maximum moisture content shall be no more than two and one-half percent (2.5%).
- Reclaimed or re-crushed rock salt will not be accepted.
- Deliveries of rock salt shall be free of any foreign materials (e.g., mud, rocks, wood, tarpaulins, etc.). The Contractor shall be informed of the reason for rejection and removal within two (2) working days.
- All salt shall be lump-free. No salt with lumps larger than two (2) inches in diameter will be accepted and loads with lumps larger than two (2) inches will be rejected.
- No packaging is allowed. This is for trucked delivery of bulk road salt.
- Salt should be unwashed.

Bulk rock salt that does not meet the above standards may be rejected. Rejected loads will be replaced at the Contractor's expense within 5 business days.

DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

- Orders shall be fully delivered and accepted by October 30, 2026.
- Deliveries may begin immediately upon notice to proceed from the City.
- Deliveries will not be accepted outside of agreed-upon hours.

- All salt deliveries shall be made with trucks equipped with tailgate dump trailers.
- All trucks shall be covered with approved waterproof material.
- The Contractor shall ensure that upon delivery, the driver inspects the inside of the trailer and confirms that all salt has been removed before leaving the point of delivery.
- Each delivery shall be accompanied by a delivery ticket. The ticket shall be a certified scale ticket indicating the gross, tare, and net weight of each truckload of rock salt. The Contractor shall ensure that all weights and measures shown on the delivery tickets are correct.
- Deliveries shall not be made without an authorized representative from the City present during dumping.
- Delivery tickets shall be signed by an authorized representative from the City.
- The City reserves the right to require that delivery trucks be directed to a local scale to check the accuracy of the delivered loads.
- The actual tonnage delivered by the Contractor shall be within twenty (20) tons of the ordered tonnage unless mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- The Contractor shall notify the City of the trucking firm that will be delivering the salt, as well as the contact's name, address, and phone number of said trucking firm. The Contractor shall supply the same information for the terminal location.
- The Contractor and/or carrier shall call to schedule deliveries 24-48 hours in advance.
- The Contractor shall be responsible for all deliveries, accepting order releases, and communicating order information to the trucking firms.
- The Contractor is solely responsible for the carrier's failure to meet any of the requirements in this contract.

Deliveries shall be made Monday through Friday excluding weekends and holidays between 7:00 AM and 2:30 PM. Arrangements can be made for after-hours and weekend deliveries upon agreement between the Contractor and the City. The contact for coordinating deliveries will be provided to the successful low bidder after award. All deliveries shall be made to the City's salt domes as described in the location section.

LOCATION

The deliveries shall be made to the Public Works Dome at 2185 Liberty St, Aurora, IL 60502. All deliveries shall be made via the delivery entrance off New York St (2100 E New York St, Aurora, IL 60502). **No deliveries shall be made from either Liberty St entrance.**

QUANTITY

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to order a quantity lower than the full bid amount. While the City intends to order the full amount of salt shown in the contract documents, a lower amount ordered shall not be considered a material change to the contract nor grounds for

additional compensation beyond what is paid for actual tonnage delivered at the contract unit price.

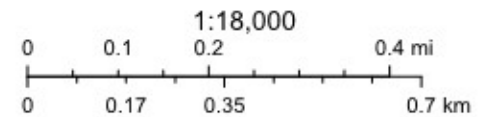
INVOICING

The original invoice shall be presented for payment in accordance with the instructions contained in the purchase order. Invoices shall include a reference to the purchase order number and be submitted to the correct address for processing. Payment will not be made on invoices submitted later than six months (180 days) after delivery of goods and any statute of limitations to the contrary is hereby waived. Invoices shall be reconciled with submitted weight tickets and include the delivery date, order number, and shipped quantities, which shall match delivery tickets.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton for ROCK SALT. The rock salt shall be bid F.O.B. destination, with all freight and transportation charges included in the bid price. The term F.O.B. Destination shall mean delivered to a specified location.

Salt Dome Location



County of Will, Kane County/Kucera, Vantor, The City of Aurora GIS and Engineering Department.

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AND RECURRING SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Adopted January 1, 2026

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Check this box for lettings prior to 01/01/2026

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City of Aurora

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SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
CONTRACT CLAIMS

Effective: January 1, 2002
Revised: January 1, 2007

Revise the second sentence of subparagraph (a) of Article 109.09 of the Standard Specifications to read:

"All claims shall be submitted to the Engineer."

Revise subparagraph (e) of Article 109.09 of the Standard Specifications to read:

"(e) Procedure. All Claims shall be submitted to the Engineer. The Engineer will consider all information submitted with the claim. Claims not conforming to this Article will be returned without consideration. The Engineer may schedule a claim presentation meeting if, in the Engineer's judgment, such a meeting would aid in resolution of the claim, otherwise a decision will be based on the claim documentation submitted. A final decision will be rendered within 90 days of receipt of the claim.

Full compliance by the Contractor with the provisions specified in this Article is a contractual condition precedent to the Contractor's right to seek relief in the Court of Claims. The Engineer's written decision shall be the final administrative action of the Department. Unless the Contractor files a claim for adjudication by the Court of Claims within 60 days after the date of the written decision, the failure to file shall constitute a release and waiver of the claim."

CHECK SHEET #LRS7

State of Illinois
Department of Transportation
Bureau of Local Roads and Streets

SPECIAL PROVISION FOR BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR MATERIAL PROPOSALS

Effective: January 1, 2002
Revised: January 1, 2013

Replace Article 102.01 of the Standard Specifications with the following:

"Prequalification of Bidders. When prequalification is required and the awarding authority for contract construction work is the County Board of a County, the Council, the City Council, or the President and Board of Trustees of a city, village, or town, each prospective bidder, in evidence of competence, shall furnish the awarding authority as a prerequisite to the release of proposal forms by the awarding authority, a certified or photostatic copy of a "Certificate of Eligibility" issued by the Department of Transportation, in accordance with the Department's "Prequalification Manual".

The two low bidders must file, within 24 hours after the letting, a sworn affidavit in triplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work, using the blank form made available for this affidavit. One copy shall be filed with the awarding authority and two copies with the District office.

Issuance of Proposal Forms. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to refuse to issue a proposal form for bidding purposes for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Lack of competency and adequate machinery, plant, and other equipment, as revealed by the financial statement and experience questionnaires required in prequalification procedures.
- (b) Uncompleted work which, in the judgment of the Awarding Authority, might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work awarded.
- (c) False information provided on a bidder's "Affidavit of Availability".
- (d) Failure to pay, or satisfactorily settle, all bills due for labor and material on former contracts in force at the time of issuance of proposal forms.
- (e) Failure to comply with any prequalification regulations of the Department.
- (f) Default under previous contracts.
- (g) Unsatisfactory performance record as shown by past work for the Awarding Authority, judged from the standpoint of workmanship and progress.
- (h) When the Contractor is suspended from eligibility to bid at a public letting where the contract is awarded by, or requires approval of, the Department.

- (i) When any agent, servant, or employee of the prospective bidder currently serves as a member, employee, or agent of a governmental body that is financially involved in the proposal work.
- (j) When any agent, servant, or employee of the perspective bidder has participated in the preparation of plans or specifications for the proposed work.

Interpretation of Quantities in the Bid Schedule. The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished according to the contract. The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.

Examination of Material Proposal, Specifications, Special Provisions, and Site of Work. The bidder shall, before submitting a bid, carefully examine the provisions of the proposal. The bidder shall inspect in detail the site of the proposed work, investigate and become familiar with all the local conditions affecting the work and fully acquaint themselves with the detailed requirements of the work. Submission of a bid shall be a conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has made these examinations and the bidder understands all requirements for the performance of the work. If his/her bid is accepted, the bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from his/her failure or neglect to comply with these instructions. The Awarding Authority will, in no case, be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, or change in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder to make these examinations.

The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal. Any prospective bidder who desires an explanation or interpretation of the specification, or any of the documents, shall request such in writing from the Awarding Authority, in sufficient time to allow a written reply by the Awarding Authority that can reach all prospective bidders before the submission of their bids. Any reply given a prospective bidder concerning any of the documents and specifications will be furnished to all prospective bidders in the form determined by the Awarding Authority including, but not limited to, an addendum, if the information is deemed by the Awarding Authority to be necessary in submitting bids or if the Awarding Authority concludes the information would aid competition. Oral explanations, interpretations or instructions given before the submission of bids unless at a prebid conference will not be binding on the Awarding Authority.

Preparation of the Proposal. Bidders shall submit their proposals on the form furnished by the Awarding Authority. The proposal shall be executed properly, and bids shall be made for all items indicated in the proposal form, except when alternate bids are asked, a bid on more than one alternate for each item is not required, unless otherwise provided. The bidder shall indicate in figures, a unit price for each of the separate items called for in the proposal form; the bidder shall show the products of the respective quantities and unit prices in the column provided for that purpose, and the gross sum shown in the place indicated in the proposal form shall be the summation of said products. All writing shall be with ink or typewriter, except the signature of the bidder which shall be written in ink.

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When prequalification is required, the proposal form shall be submitted by an authorized bidder in the same name and style as shown on the "Contractor's Statement of Experience and Financial Condition" used for prequalification and shall be submitted in like manner.

Rejection of Proposals. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any proposal for any of the conditions in "Issuance of Proposal Forms" or for any of the following reasons:

- (a) More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation under the same name or different names.
- (b) Evidence of collusion among bidders.
- (c) Unbalanced proposals in which the bid prices for some items are, in the judgment of the Awarding Authority, out of proportion to the bid prices for other items.
- (d) If the proposal does not contain a unit price for each pay item listed, except in the case of authorized alternate pay items or lump sum pay items.
- (e) If the proposal form is other than that furnished by the Awarding Authority; or if the form is altered or any part thereof is detached.
- (f) If there are omissions, erasures, alterations, unauthorized additions, conditional or alternate bids, or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- (g) If the bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
- (i) If the proposal is not accompanied by the proper proposal guaranty.
- (i) If the proposal is prepared with other than ink or typewriter, or otherwise fails to meet the requirements of the above "Preparation of Proposal" section.

Proposal Guaranty. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond on the Department form contained in the proposal, executed by a corporate surety company satisfactory to the Awarding Authority, by a bank cashier's check or a properly certified check for not less than five percent of the amount bid, or for the amount specified in the following schedule:

| | Amount Bid | Proposal Guaranty |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Up to | \$5,000 | \$150 |
| >\$5,000 | \$10,000 | \$300 |
| >\$10,000 | \$50,000 | \$1,000 |
| >\$50,000 | \$100,000 | \$3,000 |
| >\$100,000 | \$150,000 | \$5,000 |
| >\$150,000 | \$250,000 | \$7,500 |
| >\$250,000 | \$500,000 | \$12,500 |
| >\$500,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$25,000 |
| >\$1,000,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$50,000 |
| >\$1,500,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$75,000 |
| >\$2,000,000 | \$3,000,000 | \$100,000 |
| >\$3,000,000 | \$5,000,000 | \$150,000 |
| >\$5,000,000 | \$7,500,000 | \$250,000 |
| >\$7,500,000 | \$10,000,000 | \$400,000 |
| >\$10,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$500,000 |
| >\$15,000,000 | \$20,000,000 | \$600,000 |
| >\$20,000,000 | \$25,000,000 | \$700,000 |
| >\$25,000,000 | \$30,000,000 | \$800,000 |
| >\$30,000,000 | \$35,000,000 | \$900,000 |
| Over | \$35,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |

In the event that one proposal guaranty check is intended to cover two or more proposals, the amount must equal to the sum of the proposal guaranties which would be required for each individual proposal.

Bank cashier's checks or properly certified checks accompanying proposals shall be made payable to the County Treasurer, when a County is the awarding authority; or the City, Village, or Town Treasurer, when a city, village, or town is the awarding authority.

If this proposal contains various groups and the bidder has the option of bidding on one or several groups, the bidder may provide a separate proposal guaranty for each group or combination of groups in lieu of a single proposal guaranty to cover the amount bid for the entire proposal. Each proposal guaranty shall identify the groups covered by the individual proposal guaranty. In the event that one proposal guaranty check is intended to cover two or more groups, the amount must be equal to the sum of the proposal guaranties which would be required for each individual group.

The proposal guaranty checks of all, except the two lowest responsible, will be returned promptly after the proposals have been checked, tabulated, and the relation of the proposals established. Proposal guaranty checks of the two lowest bidders will be returned as soon as the contract and contract bond of the successful bidder have been properly executed and approved. If a contract bond is not required, the proposal guaranty check will be held in lieu thereof. Bid bonds will not be returned.

The awarding authority may deny the use of a bid bond as a proposal guaranty but may not further restrict the proposal guaranty. The Notice of Material Letting will state whether a bid bond is allowed.

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Delivery of Proposals. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Authority and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When an envelope other than the special one furnished by the Awarding Authority is used, it shall be marked to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals received after the time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Withdrawal of Proposals. Permission will be given a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals.

Public Opening of Proposals. Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Bidders, their authorized agents and other interested parties are invited to be present.

Consideration of Proposals. After the proposals are opened and read, they will be compared on the basis of the summation of the products of the quantities shown in the bid schedule by the unit bid prices. In the event of a discrepancy between unit bid prices and extensions, the unit bid price shall govern. In awarding the supply of materials, the Awarding Authority will, in addition to considering the amounts stated in the proposals, take into consideration the responsibility of the various bidders as determined from a study of the data required under "Prequalification of Bidders", and from other investigations which it may elect to make.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities or to advertise for new proposals, if in the judgment of the Awarding Authority, the best interests of the Awarding Authority will be promoted thereby.

Acceptance of Proposal to Furnish Material. The award will be made within 45 calendar days after the opening of proposals to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed. The successful bidder will be notified by letter of intent that his/her bid has been accepted, and subject to the following conditions, the bidder will be the Contractor or Supplier.

An acceptance of proposal to furnish materials executed by the Awarding Authority is required before the Awarding Authority is bound. An award may be cancelled any time by the Awarding Authority prior to execution in order to protect the public interest and integrity of the bidding process or for any other reason if, in the judgment of the Awarding Authority, the best interests of the Awarding Authority will be promoted thereby.

If a material proposal is not awarded within 45 days after the opening of proposals, bidders may file a written request with the Awarding Authority for the withdrawal of their bid, and the Awarding Authority will permit such withdrawal.

Requirement of Contract Bond. If the Awarding Authority requires a Contract Bond, the Contractor or Supplier shall furnish the Awarding Authority a performance and payment bond with good and sufficient sureties in the full amount of the award as

the penal sum. The surety shall be acceptable to the Awarding Authority, shall waive notice of any changes and extensions of time, and shall submit its bond on the form furnished by the Awarding Authority.

The contract bond shall be returned within 15 days after the notice of award. Failure of the successful bidder to execute and file acceptable bonds within 15 days after the notice of award has been mailed to the bidder shall be just cause for the cancellation of the award and the forfeiture of the proposal guaranty which shall become the property of the Awarding Authority, not as penalty, but in liquidation of damages sustained. Award may then be made to the next lowest responsible bidder, or the work may be readvertised, or otherwise, as the Awarding Authority may decide.

If the bidder to whom the award is made is a corporation organized under the laws of a State other than Illinois, the bidder shall furnish the Awarding Authority a copy of the corporation's Certificate of Authority to do business in the State of Illinois with the return of the contract bond. Failure to furnish such evidence of a Certificate of Authority within the time required will be considered as just cause for the annulment of the award and the forfeiture of the proposal guaranty to the Awarding Authority, not as a penalty, but in payment of liquidated damages sustained as a result of such failure.

Failure to Execute the Acceptance of Proposal to Furnish Material. If the acceptance of proposal to furnish material is not executed by the Awarding Authority within 15 days following receipt from the bidder of the properly executed bonds, the bidder shall have the right to withdraw his/her bid without penalty.”

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SPECIAL PROVISION FOR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Effective: January 1, 1999

In addition to all other labor requirements set forth in this proposal and in the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, adopted by the Department of Transportation, during the performance of this contract, the Contractor for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees as follows:

Selection of Labor. The Contractor shall comply with all Illinois statutes pertaining to the selection of labor.

Equal Employment Opportunity. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (a) That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap or unfavorable discharge from military service, and further that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any such underutilization.
- (b) That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion hereof, it will determine the availability of minorities and women in the area(s) from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in such a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- (c) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap or unfavorable discharge from military service.

That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising such labor organization or representative of the Contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any such labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the Contractor in its efforts to comply with so such Act and Rules and Regulations, the Contractor will promptly so notify the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations thereunder.

- (e) That it will submit reports as required by the Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- (f) That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency Illinois Department of Human Rights for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- (g) That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding upon every such subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the Contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by all its subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Illinois Department of Human Rights in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply therewith. In addition, the Contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

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**SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
SELECTION OF LABOR**

Effective: January 1, 1999
Revised: January 1, 2012

The Contractor shall comply with all Illinois statutes pertaining to the selection of labor.

Employment of Illinois Workers During Periods of Excessive Unemployment.

Whenever there is a period of excessive unemployment in Illinois, which is defined herein as any month immediately following two consecutive calendar months during which the level of unemployment in the State of Illinois has exceeded five percent as measured by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics in its monthly publication of employment and unemployment figures, the Contractor shall employ at least 90 percent Illinois laborers. "Illinois laborer" means any person who has resided in Illinois for at least 30 days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident.

Other laborers may be used when Illinois laborers as defined herein are not available, or are incapable of performing the particular type of work involved, if so certified by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer. The Contractor may place no more than three of his regularly employed non-resident executive and technical experts, who do not qualify as Illinois laborers, to do work encompassed by this Contract during a period of excessive unemployment.

This provision applies to all labor, whether skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled, whether manual or non-manual.

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**SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
PROTESTS ON LOCAL LETTINGS**

Effective: January 1, 2007
Revised: January 1, 2013

Except for apprenticeship and training certification issues, all protests shall be handled according to Sections 6.390 through 6.440 of Title 44 Subtitle A Chapter III Part 6 of the Illinois Administrative Code. For the purpose of a protest under this special provision, a representative of the awarding local authority executing the contract will perform the functions of the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) and the State Purchasing Officer (SPO).



QUESTION & ANSWER REPORT
ITB No. 26-036
2026 Salt Purchase

RESPONSE DEADLINE: April 8, 2026 at 11:00 am

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Approved, Unanswered Questions

Approved, Answers Provided

1. Sample Contract

Apr 1, 2026 1:23 PM

Question: I see that you are requesting a sample contract to be uploaded. Are we uploading a blank to acknowledge that we have read it? Or is this something that you are looking to have signed before upload?

Apr 1, 2026 1:23 PM

Answered by Jolene Coulter: The City would like you to review, sign and upload the signed contract. This will provide us with the acknowledgement and agreement with the contract and when the selection is made, we can move forward through the process for formal award.

Apr 7, 2026 6:38 AM

2. No subject

Apr 2, 2026 6:13 AM

Question: For several years, the City of Aurora has been on both the State of Illinois salt bid, as well as the DuPage County salt bid. Can you tell us if you plan to still participate on these other salt bids? Or is your bid intended to be a back up bid? Would you be willing to include an 80% minimum purchase clause, similar to the State and DuPage County bids?

Apr 2, 2026 6:13 AM

QUESTION & ANSWER REPORT

ITB No. 26-036

2026 Salt Purchase

Answered by Jolene Coulter: A portion of this question is answered in the special provisions. See 2nd paragraph of the 2nd sheet, copied here: "The City is still purchasing bulk rock salt through the DuPage County and State of Illinois salt bids. The purpose of this standalone bid is to fill the new Public Works Facility salt dome sometime in the spring/summer/fall of 2026 when convenient for the contractor/vendor." Yes, the City will commit to purchasing a minimum of 80% of the quantity if the project is awarded. The answer to this question will be published as an addendum and will be considered part of the contract documents.

Apr 7, 2026 3:03 PM