



EVALUATION

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 Water & Sewer Maintenance


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1. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1.1. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS

a. Proposers 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 Proposer, 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 Proposal. Failure of any Proposer to receive any such addenda or interpretation shall not relieve such Proposer from any obligation under their proposal as submitted. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract documents. **Paper submissions will not be accepted.**

b. Proposals 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 Proposals shall have provided all requested information, and submitted all appropriate forms, certificates, affidavits and addendum acknowledgements in order to be considered responsive.

- **Pricing shall not be mentioned anywhere in the body of the proposal.** The pricing component shall be uploaded electronically in Section 5 Pricing Table.

c. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof and to waive any technicalities and irregularities in the proposals and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional proposals or counter-proposals and to hold the proposals for ninety (90) days from the opening date set forth above. Proposer agrees to accept a notice of award, if selected, based on the terms of this Proposal in the event that a notification of award is received on or before expiration of the 90-day time period. The City reserves the right to cancel the Proposal at any time, without liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred or suffered by any Proposer as a result of that cancellation. Each Proposer is solely responsible for the risk and cost of preparing and submitting a Proposal.

d. Although price is a major consideration, product quality, references, service, delivery time and past experience, if applicable, will also be considered. No Proposal will be considered unless the Proposer shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the City that he has the necessary facilities, abilities, experience, equipment, and financial and physical resources available to fulfill the conditions of the contract and execute the Work should the contract be awarded to him. Proposal documents which are not responsive to the requirements herein may not be considered by the City for an award of the contract.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible Proposer. In determining the responsibility of any Proposer, the City may take into account other factors in addition to financial responsibility, such as past records of its or other entities transactions with the Proposer, 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 Proposal 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 Proposer to perform the Work. The Proposer shall furnish any information and data requested by the City for this purpose.

1.2. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

a. **Proposals 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 Proposer to see that their Proposal is received in the proper time.

b. **Proposals must be submitted electronically via the City's E Procurement System. There will be no exceptions!**

1.3. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for submitting bid proposals through the City's E Procurement System, the responding Proposer may "un-submit" their proposal in OpenGov.

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

1.4. QUESTIONS

Proposers 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. Proposers 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 Proposer to ensure they have received addenda, if any issued.

1.5. TIMELINE

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Response Submission Deadline:	July 23, 2025, 11:00am

1.6. INVESTIGATION

It shall be the responsibility of the Proposers to make any and all investigations necessary to become thoroughly informed of what is required and specified in the Proposal. No plea of ignorance by the Proposers of conditions that exist or may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the Proposer 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 Proposer.

Each Proposer submitting a Proposal is responsible for examining the complete Proposal 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 Proposer, and no relief will be given for errors or omissions by the Proposer. If awarded the contract, the Proposer will not be allowed any extra compensation by reason of any matter or thing concerning which such Proposer should have fully informed himself, because of his failure to have so informed himself prior to the Proposal. The submission of a Proposal shall be construed as conclusive evidence that the Proposer has made such examination as is required in this section and that the Proposer is conversant with local facilities and difficulties, the requirements of the Proposal Package documents, and of pertinent, local, state and federal laws and codes, prevailing local labor and material markets, and has made due allowance in its Proposal for all contingencies. Before any award is made of the contract to the Proposer, the Proposer may be required to, upon request of the City, furnish information concerning his performance record in his capacity to complete the Work in an efficient and timely manner.

1.7. PROPOSAL QUALIFICATION

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

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

1.8. 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. Proposers desiring to submit a 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. Proposers 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. Proposers may also click "Follow" on this bid proposal to receive an email notification when answers are posted. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check the website for answers to inquiries. 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 a material nonconformity with the specifications of the Proposal.

1.9. EVALUATION PROCESS

Step #1: Initial Screening

Minimum Qualifications and Responsiveness: City will review proposals for initial decisions on responsiveness and responsibility. Those proposals initially determined to be responsive and submitted by responsible proposers will proceed to Step 2.

Step #2: Proposal Evaluation

The Project Evaluation Team, comprised of members of the cooperating City Departments, will evaluate proposals. Proposal responses will be evaluated on, but not limited to, organization, personnel and staffing, company qualifications and experience (including reference checks), project approach, price, and availability and capacity of the company to perform the work.

Step #3: Interviews

The Project Evaluation Team reserves the right to interview top-ranked firms that are considered most competitive. The purpose of the interviews would be to allow for expansion upon the written responses. If interviews are conducted, rankings of firms shall be determined by combining results of interviews and proposal submittals.

Step #4: Selection

The City will select the vendors that are evaluated to be most competitive. When evaluation of the responses produces ratings that are equivalent, the Project Evaluation Team will recommend award of the contract to the vendor(s) whose response is deemed to be in the best interests of the City. The highest ranked firm may be

invited to enter into final negotiations with the City of Aurora for the purposes of contract awarding. If an agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked firm, the City may start negotiations with the next highest ranked firm. Any contract resulting from this RFP will be subject to approval by the Aurora City Council.

1.10. PROPOSAL AWARD

Except as otherwise may be stated in the Specifications, Proposal award shall be made to the lowest responsible Proposer meeting the requirements and/or intent of the specifications at the net delivered price(s) shown and best responding to the needs of the City, in the City's sole discretion. However, if the Proposer modifies limits, restricts or subjects his Proposal to conditions that would change the requirements of the specifications, this would be considered a conditional or qualified Proposal and will not be accepted. The City reserves the right to delete any item listed in the Proposal Package.

1.11. PRICES

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

1.12. INTERPRETATION OR CORRECTION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

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

1.13. SIGNATURES

Each Proposal must be signed by the Proposer with his/her usual signature. 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. 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 Proposal, its agent must present legal evidence that he has lawful authority to sign said 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 Proposer, such corporation must

present evidence before any contract is executed that it is authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. Proposals 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. 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 Proposal forms shall be initialed by the person signing the Proposal. When requested by the City, satisfactory evidence of the authority of any signature on behalf of the Proposer shall be furnished.



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Project Overview

Important information and dates for the project

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Project Summary

The Water and Sewer Maintenance Division is seeking proposals to dispose of NON-CCDD stockpiled spoils from various excavations throughout the City. The Water and Sewer Maintenance Division will be responsible for hauling to this facility and need a price per ton to dispose of these spoils. Analytical testing will be provided to satisfy the landfills requirements for disposal.

Contact Information

Project Contact:

Michael Houston

Department:

Water & Sewer Maintenance

Budget Information

Amount:

\$200,000.00

Description:

Cleaning Services/Spoils Disposal

Account ID:

510-4063-511.36-13

Attachments

 [City of Aurora Agreement Placeholder](#)

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