

# **AN INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR REMOVAL, TRANSPORTATION, LAND APPLICATION, AND AGRONOMIC MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER BIOSOLIDS**

The City of Reed City invites your **sealed** bid for the removal, transportation, land application and agronomic management of wastewater bio-solids from the Reed City Wastewater treatment Plant located at 700 Commerce Drive and 602 E. Lincoln, Reed City, MI 49677.

Bids are due in the City Clerk's office by 2:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Reed City Hall is located at 227 East Lincoln Ave, Reed City MI 49677

## **I. Bid Conditions**

Bids are requested for a three (3) year term. The term of the contract shall begin on July 1st, 2026. The end date shall be June 31<sup>st</sup> 2029.

The City reserves the right to consider extensions of this contract for such time periods as mutually agreed to by the City and Contractor. The City is under no obligation to extend or renew any existing contract.

Before submitting a bid for this work, the Contractor should examine the premises and satisfy himself as to the existing conditions in which he will be obligated to operate, or that will in any way affect his contract. No allowance shall be made on behalf of any Contractor due to any error or negligence on his part.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and reserves the right to waive formalities and to take such action as it deems necessary in the best interest of the City of Reed City.

During bio-solids removal, the Contractor shall protect exposed piping, valves, and any other structures at all locations throughout the treatment plant.

The contractor must protect the public during bio-solids removal, transportation, and land application.

All costs (including transportation, application, handling and all other costs) must be included in the bid prices as stated on the Bid Certification and Summary page.

- Any fuel surcharge costs must be clearly stated, and explained.

The City of Reed City will consider the qualifications of bidders and whether or not the bids comply with the prescribed requirements. Final award will be made to the bidder whose evaluation indicates to the City to be in its best interest.

The Contractors name and address must appear open the outside of the envelope. The bid must be sealed and labeled “BIOSOLIDS BID”.

Bids will be opened and read publicly in the City Clerks office, 227 E. Lincoln Ave at 2:00 p.m. EST June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Bidders need not be present at bid opening. *Authorized signatures are required on the Certification and Summary. No late bids will be accepted. For bid questions, contact Curt Brackenrich at 231-832-5353*

## **II. Specifications**

### **A. Overall Management**

The Contractor shall provide the necessary management services in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations for the transportation and beneficial land application of wastewater bio-solids from the city’s facility. The Contractor shall abide by and observe all federal (40 CFR Part 503), State (EGLE) and City (RMP) requirements which pertain to the “application” of bio-solids.

### **B. Bio-solids Removal, Loading, and Transport**

The Contractor shall provide the necessary labor and equipment to efficiently and safely remove bio-solids from the storage tanks, load bio-solids into transport vehicles, transport the bio-solids to EGLE approved sites, and to land apply the bio-solids to suitable farmland sites in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. The Contractor shall use watertight transport vehicles to prevent leakage.

1 – The 700 Commerce Drive location tank has a capacity of 1,100,000 gallons and is equipped with truck-loading station and such equipment to provide sufficient mixing prior to removal.

2 – The 602 E. Lincoln tank location has a capacity of 600,000 gallons, Contractor will be required to provide all necessary labor and equipment for mixing and removal.

Bid costs are to be based on each locations contractor requirements for removal.

### **C. Land Application of Bio-solids**

The Contractor shall provide the labor and equipment to properly apply the bio-solids to the suitable application sites at agronomic rates in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and guidelines. The application of bio-solids shall conform to all applicable federal (EPA 40 CFR Part 503 regulations), state (EGLE) and local regulations. The bio-solids shall be subsurface injected, and contractor shall maintain all isolation requirements as recommended by EGLE.

#### D. Agronomic Services

The Contractor shall provide agronomic management services that include the location of the additional suitable farmland application sites, if necessary. All sites will meet the requirements for land application in accordance with application federal, state, and local regulations for the use and disposal of bio-solids. Proposed farmland application sites shall be properly documented, and at a minimum shall include the following:

- 1 – Landowner agreement form.
- 2 – Soil analyses and fertilizer recommendations for proposed crop.
- 3 – Field application form for proposed sludge application rates.
- 4 – Plat maps indicating location and ownership of property.
- 5 – ASCS map indicating application area.
- 6 – SCS soil survey map indicating soil types, slope, and drainage class.
- 7 – Other relative bio-solids analyses or cropping information.
- 8 – The Contractor will make all of the required notification (township supervisor, health department, etc) prior to applying bio-solids including all landowners within 200 feet on newly permitted sites.

#### E. Determination of Quantity Removed

The Contractor shall provide the City a duplicate copy of load sheets detailing the following items:

- 1 – Date of removal.
- 2 – Time the truck left the plant.
- 3 – Truck number.
- 4 – Driver's name.
- 5 – Gallons of bio-solids on the vehicle.
- 6 – Farmer's name and approved field identification number and the number of acres acceptable for use in the field.

One copy of the load sheet(s) will stay with the Reed City Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent and the other will remain with the Contractor. The quantity of bio-solids loaded on a vehicle will be recorded as the certified capacity of the vehicle or amounts mutually agreed to by the Contractor and the City. Samples may be taken during the process for solids testing with the results used for application calculations.

#### F. Reports

The Contractor shall complete all required federal or state waste disposal sheets, applicable to the bio-solids land application program. These records shall be maintained by the Contractor as required by federal, state, and local regulations and shall be provided to the City as required or upon request for reporting purposes.

G. Laboratory Analyses and Permits

1 – Reed City shall provide laboratory analyses for total metals, nutrients, and PFAS compounds from the WWTP storage tanks on a quarterly or as-required basis.

2 – The Contractor shall be responsible for all routine soil fertility analyses associated with land application of the City’s bio-solids during the term of the Agreement. The cost of these analyses shall be included in the unit rate (cost/gallon). The City will be responsible for any additional analytical testing that federal, state, or local regulatory agencies may require.

H. Review of Operations

The Contractor shall allow the City’s representative to monitor daily operations with respect to the application of bio-solids and to inspect proposed land application sites used for the application of bio-solids.

I. Emergency Response

No spillage or tracking of sludge off site will be permitted. The Contractor shall provide for the prompt clean up of any spill. In the event of a spill, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Owner. In the event that such events are attributed to Contractor’s negligence or failure of Contractor’s equipment, the Contractor shall be responsible for clean up costs.

J. Insurance

The Contractor shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of this Agreement, including any Agreement extensions, the following minimum insurance coverage:

1 – Workers Compensation insurance in compliance with the statues of the State of Michigan, which has jurisdiction over the Contractor’s employees engaged in the performance of services hereunder with a limit of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000)

2 – General liability Insurance with a minimum combined single limit of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000), including the broad form property damage endorsement.

3 – Automobile liability Insurance (owned, non-owned, or hired units) with a minimum combined single coverage limit of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)

4 – Pollution liability Insurance with a minimum combined single limit of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000), including the broad form property damage endorsement.

K. Proprietary Rights

All bio-solids disposal records, data, and information, including but not limited to, operation reports, land records, laboratory data, upon termination of this contract, shall remain the property of the City of Reed City.

**BID CERTIFICATION AND SUMMARY**

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services; that it meets or exceeds all the specifications contained herein, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law, and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid, all specifications as stated, all bid prices, and certify that I am authorized to sign for the bidder

Contractor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>700 Commerce Dr</i>	<i>602 E. Lincoln</i>
COST/GALLON FALL of 2026	_____	_____
COST/GALLON CALENDAR YEAR 2027	_____	_____
COST/GALLON CALENDAR YEAR 2028	_____	_____
COST/GALLON SPRING/SUMMER 2029	_____	_____

These bid prices will be good for 60 days.

The undersigned hereby agrees to do all the work called for in the aforementioned Specifications and to furnish all materials, tools, equipment, labor, and appurtenances necessary to the full completion of work in accordance with all the terms and conditions of said contract.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_