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REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ) #2017-50

Issue Date: August 8, 2017

Project Name:	Agronomy Consulting Service		
Quote Due Date/Time:	August 29, 2017, 2:00 PM, PST		
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**SUBMIT QUOTES VIA EMAIL TO PROCUREMENT@CLACKAMAS.US
OR MAIL/HAND DELIVERY TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS**

**PLEASE NOTE: EMAIL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE
“RFQ 2017-50 AGRONOMY CONSULTING SERVICES” IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

1. ANNOUNCEMENT AND SPECIAL INFORMATION

Quoters are required to read, understand, and comply with all information contained within this Request for Quotes (“RFQ”). All quotes are binding upon Quoter for sixty (60) days from the Quote Due Date/Time. Quotes received after the Quote Due Date/Time may not be considered. If authorized in the RFQ and resulting contract, travel and other expense reimbursement will only be reimbursed in accordance with the Clackamas County travel reimbursement policy in effect at the time the expense is incurred.

It will be the responsibility of potential Quoters to refer daily to the Bids and Contract Information Page (www.clackamas.us/bids/index.html) to check for any available addenda, response to clarifying questions, cancellations or other information pertaining to this RFQ.

2. SCOPE

The purpose of this RFQ is to purchase consulting services that will support Water Environment Services (“WES”) Biosolids initiatives and projects that could include, but are not limited to, recommending soil analytes for testing; sampling soil and plant tissue and using the results to make recommendations regarding nutrient and crop management and application rates; identifying and applying for authorization of new application sites; meeting with growers and the public to educate and promote Biosolids use in agriculture; provide technical support in WES’ efforts to establish internal tracking systems; providing guidance on environmental protection related to the land application of Biosolids; properly closing liquid fields that are no longer in use. WES will negotiate final deliverables.

Water Environment Services, including on behalf of Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (for reference only, collectively WES), manages and operates a Biosolids program for three wastewater treatment facilities. WES is seeking the services of a consultant with substantial experience in providing agronomy services to support management of agricultural wheat fields in central Oregon and pasture/hay fields in Clackamas County that receive Biosolids as a soil amendment. The successful consultant must have the local capability, including staff and equipment, to perform the services and will have demonstrated experience performing this work as a regular part of their business.

BACKGROUND

Biosolids are a nutrient rich by-product of the sewage treatment process. The Biosolids produced at WES’ treatment facilities are considered “Class B” Biosolids under rules issued by the Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). WES' Biosolids program is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Overview of Water Environment Services current Biosolids program

	Hoodland Water Pollution Control Plant	Kellogg Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility	Tri-City Water Pollution Control Plant
Address	24596 E. Bright Ave. Welches, OR 97067	11525 SE Mcloughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97222	15941 S. Agnes Rd. Oregon City, OR 97045
Type of Biosolids land applied	Class B Liquid	Class B Dewatered	Class B Dewatered
Location of authorized fields	Clackamas County	Clackamas County* Sherman County	Sherman County
Crop	Pasture/Hay	Pasture/Hay Wheat	Wheat
Metric tons generated in 2016	39.0	863.6	1331.5
Approximate number of fields managed annually	1	3	3
Stabilization	Aerobic digestion	Anaerobic digestion	Anaerobic digestion
Total number of fields	1	Clackamas County: TBD Sherman County: 11	17

*contingency back-up only

Biosolids are managed in accordance with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality approved *Biosolids Management Plan (BSMP)*. The *BSMP* is a condition of each plants NPDES permit and must be followed. The *BSMP* can be viewed at http://www.clackamas.us/wes/documents/wesbmp_2016.pdf.

At the end of the application season in 2016, WES abandoned Biosolids liquid land application from the Kellogg Creek facility as a primary management strategy. This ended 40 plus years of liquid Biosolids land application from the Kellogg Creek facility. The Biosolids from Kellogg Creek are now dewatered and land applied in Sherman County. However, WES plans to maintain select pasture/hay fields approved for Kellogg Creek liquid Biosolids. These fields may be used periodically if dewatering equipment (centrifuge) is unavailable.

The resulting contract will be an on-call contract for services needed over the contract term. WES will issue task orders for projects as needed. The compensation for each task will be on a time and material basis at the rates provided by the Contractor in response to this RFQ. The annual estimated budget for services is \$36,000. The resulting contract will be for a period of three (3) years.

3. Sample Contract

Submission of a Quote in response to this RFQ indicates Quoter's willingness to enter into a contract containing substantially the same terms of the below referenced contract, which can be found at: <http://www.clackamas.us/bids/terms.html>, with the below indicated requirements. No action or response to the sample contract is required under this RFQ. The applicable sample contract is the:

Professional Services Contract (unless checked, item does not apply)

The following paragraphs of the Professional Services Contract will be applicable:

- Article I, Paragraph 4 – Travel and Other Expense is Authorized
- Article II, Paragraph 29 – Confidentiality
- Article II, Paragraph 29 – Criminal Background Check Requirements
- Article II, Paragraph 30 – Key Persons
- Exhibit A – On-Call Provision

The following insurance requirements will be applicable:

- Professional Liability: combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with an annual aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 for damages caused by error, omission or negligent acts.
- Commercial General Liability: combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with an annual aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.
- Automobile Liability: combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.

4. Quote

Quotes should be short and concise with the following information:

- A. Company experience in Biosolids with crop types.
- B. Experience of staff that will work on the project.
- C. Fee Schedule- Fees should outline all estimated expenses, hourly rates for all assigned individuals, anticipated travel, other reimbursable expenses.
- D. References.
- E. Any additional information that Clackamas County should take into consideration for the project or qualifications.

5. Evaluation

Quotes will be evaluated based on subjective factors including, but not limited to: Company experience, staff experience, fees, and references.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY CERTIFICATIONS
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Each Quoter must read, complete and submit a copy of this Clackamas County Certification with their Quote. Failure to do so may result in rejection of Quote. By signature on this Certification the undersigned certifies that they are authorized to act on behalf of the Quoter and that under penalty of perjury the undersigned will comply with the following:

SECTION I. OREGON TAX LAWS

As required in ORS 279B.110(2)(3), the undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the Quoter is not in violation of any Oregon Tax Laws. For purposes of this certification, "Oregon Tax Laws" means a state tax imposed by ORS 320.005 to 320.150 and 403.200 to 403.250 and ORS chapters 118, 314, 316, 317, 318, 321, 323, and elderly rental assistance program under ORS 310.630 to 310.706, and local taxes administered by the Department of Revenue under ORS 305.620, all as applicable. If a contract is executed, this information will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Information not matching IRS records could subject Quoter to 28% backup withholding.

SECTION II. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Quoter has not and will not discriminate in its employment practices with regard to race, creed, age, religious affiliation, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other protected class. Nor has Quoter or will Quoter discriminate against a subcontractor in the awarding of a subcontract because the subcontractor is a disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a business that a service-disabled veteran owns or an emergency small business that is certified under ORS 200.055.

SECTION III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The undersigned hereby certifies that no elected official, officer, agency or employee of Clackamas County is personally interested, directly or indirectly, in any resulting contract from this RFQ, or the compensation to be paid under such contract, and that no representation, statements (oral or in writing), of the County, its Commissioners, officers, agents, or employees had induced Quoter to submit this Quote. In addition, the undersigned hereby certifies that this proposal is made without connection with any person, firm, or corporation submitting a quote for the same material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

SECTION IV. COMPLIANCE WITH SOLICITATION

The undersigned further agrees and certifies that they:

1. Have read, understand and agree to be bound by and comply with all requirements, instructions, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFQ (including any attachments); and
2. Are an authorized representative of the Quoter, that the information provided is true and accurate, and that providing incorrect or incomplete information may be cause for rejection of the Quote or contract termination; and
3. Will furnish the designated item(s) and/or service(s) in accordance with the RFQ and Quote; and
4. Will use recyclable products to the maximum extend economically feasible in the performance of the contract work set forth in this RFQ.

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ OR CCB # (if applicable): _____

Business Designation (check one):

Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Non-Profit Limited Liability Company

Resident Quoter, as defined in ORS 279A.120

Non-Resident Quote. Resident State: _____

Oregon Business Registry Number: _____

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY
INSTRUCTIONS TO QUOTERS**

Quotes are subject to the applicable provisions and requirements of the Clackamas County Local Contract Review Board Rule C-047-0270 (Intermediate Procurements) and Oregon Revised Statutes.

QUOTE PREPARATION

1. **QUOTE FORMAT:** Quotes must be submitted as indicated in the RFQ. Quotes may be submitted in writing to Clackamas County via e-mail, mail or in person.
2. **CONFORMANCE TO RFQ REQUIREMENTS:** Quotes must conform to the requirements of the RFQ. Unless otherwise specified, all items quoted are to be new, unused and not remanufactured in any way. Any requested attachments must be submitted with the quote and in the required format. Quote prices must be for the unit indicated on the quote. Failure to comply with all requirements may result in quote rejection.
3. **ADDENDA:** Only documents issued as addenda by Clackamas County serve to change the RFQ in any way. No other directions received by the Quoter, written or verbal, serve to change the RFQ document. NOTE: IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RFQ, YOU SHOULD CONSULT THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY BIDS AND CONTRACT INFORMATION WEBSITE (www.clackamas.us/bids/index.html) TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT MISSED ANY ADDENDA OR ANNOUNCEMENTS. QUOTERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN ADDENDUMS WITH THEIR QUOTE. HOWEVER, QUOTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF, OBTAIN AND INCORPORATE ANY CHANGES MADE IN ANY ADDENDA ISSUED, AND TO INCORPORATE ANY CHANGES MADE BY ADDENDUM INTO THEIR FINAL QUOTE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY, IN EFFECT, MAKE THE QUOTER'S QUOTE NON-RESPONSIVE, WHICH MAY CAUSE THE QUOTE TO BE REJECTED.
4. **USE of BRAND or TRADE NAMES:** Any brand or trade names used by Clackamas County in the specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing the standard of quality, performance and characteristics desired and are not intended to limit or restrict competition. Quoters may submit quotes for substantially equivalent products to those designated unless the RFQ provides that a specific brand is necessary because of compatibility requirements, etc. All such brand substitutions shall be subject to approval by Clackamas County.
5. **PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:** Quoters must clearly identify all products quoted. Brand name and model or number must be shown. Clackamas County reserves the right to reject any quote when the product information submitted with the quote is incomplete.
6. **FOB DESTINATION:** Unless specifically allowed in the RFQ, ***QUOTE PRICE MUST BE F.O.B. DESTINATION with all transportation and handling charges included in the Quote.***
7. **DELIVERY:** Delivery time must be shown in number of calendar days after receipt of purchase order.
8. **EXCEPTIONS:** Any deviation from quote specifications, or the form of sample contract referenced in this RFQ, may result in quote rejection at County's sole discretion.
9. **SIGNATURE ON QUOTE:** Quotes must be signed by an authorized representative of the Quoter. Signature on a quote certifies that the quote is made without connection with any person, firm or corporation making a quote for the same goods and/or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Signature on a quote also certifies that the Quoter has read and fully understands all quote specifications, and the sample contract referenced in this RFQ (including insurance requirements). No consideration will be given to any claim resulting from quoting without comprehending all requirements of the RFQ.
10. **QUOTE MODIFICATION:** Quotes, once submitted, may be modified in writing before the time and date set for quote closing. Any modifications should be signed by an authorized representative, and state that the new document supersedes or modifies the prior quote. Quoters may not modify quotes after quote closing time.
11. **QUOTE WITHDRAWALS:** Quotes may be withdrawn by request in writing signed by an authorized representative and received by Clackamas County prior to the Quote Due Date/Time.

Quotes may also be withdrawn in person before the Quote Due Date/Time upon presentation of appropriate identification.

- 12. QUOTE SUBMISSION:** Quotes may be submitted by returning to Clackamas County Procurement Division in the location designated in the introduction of the RFQ via email, mail or in person; however, no oral or telephone quotes will be accepted. Envelopes, or e-mails containing Quotes should contain the RFQ Number and RFQ Title.

QUOTE EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 1. PRIOR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE PROPOSALS:** Due to limited resources, Clackamas County generally will not completely review or analyze quotes which fail to comply with the requirements of the RFQ or which clearly are not the best quotes, nor will Clackamas County generally investigate the references or qualifications of those who submit such quotes. Therefore, neither the return of a quote, nor acknowledgment that the selection is complete shall operate as a representation by Clackamas County that an unsuccessful quote was complete, sufficient, or lawful in any respect.
- 2. DELIVERY:** Significant delays in delivery may be considered in determining award if early delivery is required.
- 3. CASH DISCOUNTS:** Cash discounts will not be considered for award purposes unless stated in the RFQ.
- 4. PAYMENT:** Quotes which require payment in less than 30 days after receipt of invoice or delivery of goods, whichever is later, may be rejected.
- 5. INVESTIGATION OF REFERENCES:** Clackamas County reserves the right to investigate references and or the past performance of any Quoter with respect to its successful performance of similar services, compliance with specifications and contractual obligations, and its lawful payment of suppliers, sub-contractors, and workers. Clackamas County may postpone the award or execution of the contract after the announcement of the apparent successful Quoter in order to complete its investigation. Clackamas County reserves the right to reject any quote or to reject all quotes at any time prior to Clackamas County's execution of a contract if it is determined to be in the best interest of Clackamas County to do so.
- 6. METHOD OF AWARD:** Clackamas County reserves the right to make the award by item, groups of items or entire quote, whichever is in the best interest of Clackamas County.
- 7. QUOTE REJECTION:** Clackamas County reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.
- 8. QUOTE RESULTS:** Quoters who submit a quote will be notified of the RFQ results. Awarded quote files are public records and available for review by submitting a public records request or by appointment.