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SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS TO SUPPLY SLUDGE HAULING SERVICES FOR THE KRMA FACILITY

The Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency (KRMA), a 25 MGD wastewater treatment facility located at 1600 West Brookmont, Kankakee, IL, will accept sealed bids for furnishing sludge hauling services for land application and final disposal of its processed sludge.

The KRMA Facility will generate approximately 9,000,000 - 12,000,000 gallons of Class-B digested sludge this year. This digested sludge is then processed across Gravity Belt Thickeners to achieve an average solids content of 6-9%. The processed sludge is then pumped into four (4) outdoor storage tanks with a capacity of 1.25 million gallons each. The stored sludge can then be pumped to a loading station that has the capability of loading two (2) tankers simultaneously.

It should be noted by all bidders that because of the low percent solids content of KRMA's processed sludge, it will not be suitable for landfills, therefore application of this liquid sludge shall be by subsurface land injection only.

Bidders shall have the ability to remove and dispose of all of KRMA's processed sludge during this contract hauling season, which is defined as one year from award date. Some modifications of this schedule are acceptable based on weather conditions. It should be noted that the value of this contract is based on the actual amount of sludge removed, and not on the actual stored volumes.

KRMA requires that all bidders have the ability to provide "leak free – spill free" tanker type trucks for the proper transportation and disposal of the facility's processed sludge. It will also be required by bidders to be responsible for, and provide all necessary equipment associated with subsurface land application. Bidders shall also be solely responsible for the procurement of all land, farm fields, permits, and all necessary documentation required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), needed for final disposal of KRMA's approximated 9,000,000 - 12,000,000 gallons of sludge. Bidders shall also be responsible for ensuring that all sites to be used for final disposal, meet the applicable requirements and regulations as established by regulatory authorities. All laboratory testing of processed sludge will be the responsibility of KRMA, with its results being made available to the successful bidder.

Bidders shall also be responsible for complying with all Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and all Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) safety standards and regulations in accordance with specifications governing the safe transportation and disposal of sludge.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder, and not KRMA or its agents, to provide all fuels and manpower necessary to operate equipment, perform maintenance on equipment, keep records, establish billing, and provide site supervision for the successful completion of this contract. Even though neither the successful bidder, nor their staff will be employees of KRMA, while on site, they will be expected to adhere to all policies and safety procedures that govern “regular” KRMA employees. It should also be noted that KRMA does have and enforces a prevailing wage ordinance. A separate document outlining the details of this ordinance will be provided to the successful bidder. A signature of acknowledgement and compliance from the successful bidder will be required by KRMA as a part of this bid process.

Bidders shall show the ability to provide all materials, equipment, and manpower needed to provide the services as described above in accordance with these specifications. Bidders will also have the ability to provide safety training for the KRMA staff where necessary as it pertains to the services being provided.

Training can be provided through the use of electronic presentation, printed material, or hands on with a live instructor. All training shall be conducted at the facility with all KRMA personnel. A schedule for completion of this task will be developed with the successful bidder after the contract has been awarded.

Bidders shall provide for KRMA the cost to supply this service with all specification requirements factored in at a **cost per gallon**. The successful bidder shall invoice KRMA for the mutually agreed upon amount of sludge actually removed from the facility based on KRMA’s calculated measurement method. All invoices will be in 30-day billing cycles during the duration of the contract. It shall be understood by the bidders that KRMA reserves the right to and will evaluate the bidder’s progress to determine whether the contractor has removed a sufficient enough amount of sludge or has enough time remaining based on weather conditions to complete the terms of the contract. Additionally, if it is determined by KRMA that satisfactory completion of the terms of the contract are not met at that time, KRMA will seek additional vendors to aid in, or complete the terms of the agreement.

Bidders shall also provide for KRMA a recent list of three (3) references of facilities of similar size and sludge volumes to further ensure that the successful bidder will be able to meet KRMA’s sludge processing needs.

It is preferable that all bidders show the ability to provide and maintain a Certificate of Liability Insurance of not less than \$2,000,000.00 with KRMA named as “Additional Insured”; however, The KRMA Board or its representatives will maintain the right to consider and / or accept a lower liability insurance amount on a case-by-case basis. A list of current or previous clients of similar size shall be provided to KRMA for references by all bidders.

The KRMA Board has the right to accept or reject any bid(s) deemed in the best interest of the KRMA Board.
