



**Request for Bids
For the Collection and Disposal of
Municipal Sludge from the
City's Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**The City of Westminster
56 W. Main Street, Suite 1
Westminster, MD 21157
Purchaser: Lydia Colston**

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**RFB #21-13
March 9, 2021**

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Date: March 9, 2021

To: Firms Interested in Submitting a Bid

From: Lydia Colston, Director of Finance

Re: Request for Bids for the Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster ("the City") requests bids (hereinafter, a "Bid" or "Proposal") for Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant in accordance with the attached Contract documents. By submission of a Bid, the Bidder represents that it has the ability to comply with all requirements contained therein. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any portion thereof.

Sealed bids consisting of all required Bid forms should be submitted to Lydia Colston, Director of Finance, 45 West Main Street, Westminster MD 21157, no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Bid for Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from City's Wastewater Treatment Plant" on the outside of the envelope.

All Bids are to be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the Bid. A sample bid bond format is provided as part of this Request for Bids.

All blanks on each form submitted in connection with the Request for Bids must be filled in, and no change may be made to the items described in the form. All Bids must be signed in ink by the Bidder, with signature in full. Bid must be good for sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021. The bid opening will be held virtually and may be viewed at www.facebook.com/WestminsterMD.

This Request for Bids will be placed on the City website at:

<http://www.westminstermd.gov/bids.aspx>

Any bid addenda will be posted on the City website at <http://www.westminstermd.gov/bids.aspx>.

Prospective bidders who have questions regarding this Request for Bids should email their questions to Bids.Sludge@westgov.com. The closing time for submission of questions is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021. All questions and the associated answers will be posted on the City website at <http://www.westminstermd.gov/bids.aspx>.

To receive notification that information regarding this Request for Bids has been posted to the City website, bidders are encouraged to register with the City by providing their firm name, name of firm representative, and email address for the firm's point of contact to:

Bids.Sludge@westgov.com

REQUEST FOR BIDS

**City of Westminster
Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the
City's Wastewater Treatment Plant
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SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster (“the City”) requests bids for the Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 1161 Old New Windsor Pike, Westminster, MD 21158. The sewage sludge (Bio-solids) will be in cake form, with solids percentage generally ranging from 12 to 15 percent.

Services will be provided as requested by City staff on an on-call, as-needed basis, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

The Contractor must possess all permits required to provide the services that are the subject of this Request for Bids, and will be expected to commence work under this Agreement on July 1, 2021.

Additional requirements of the Contractor can be found in the Supplemental Conditions section of this Request for Bids.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. BIDS:

Sealed Bids will only be accepted by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster (“the City”) if submitted in accordance with these instructions, the General Conditions, and any other attached Bid documents.

2. RESERVATIONS:

a. The City reserves the right to waive formalities or technicalities in bids as the interests of the City may require.

b. The City may waive minor differences in specifications, provided these differences do not violate the intent of the specification or materially affect the operation for which the item is being acquired.

c. Bids that show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms, or additions not called for, and conditional or unconditional, unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

d. The City reserves the right to award Contracts on a lump sum or an individual item basis, or such combination thereof as the interests of the City may require.

e. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids; to accept a portion of a bid or bids only; to advertise for new proposals; to proceed to do the work otherwise; or to abandon the work, if in the City’s judgment, the City’s best interests will be served by doing so.

f. Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be awarded to the bidder who has submitted the proposal most advantageous to the City in its sole discretion, considering such things as the price and the bidder’s qualifications, experience and references, in addition to any other factors identified in the Scope of Work.

3. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS:

The City may make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to furnish the services and the Bidder shall furnish to the City all such information and data for this purpose that the City may request. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by the Bidder or an investigation of such Bidder fails to satisfy the City that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract.

4. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO BIDS:

Each Bid shall be accompanied by the following, which are attached herewith:

- a. Bid Form
- b. Vendor Responsibility Form
- c. Equal Opportunity Employer Form
- d. Affidavit of Non-Collusion and Non-Conviction

- e. W-9 Form
- f. Bid Bond (10%)

5. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS; RESERVATIONS:

The City will accept or reject bids within sixty (60) days of the date set for opening bids. The City reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids or portion thereof where such rejection or acceptance would, in the City's sole discretion, be in the best interest of the City, and further reserves the right to reduce or modify the scope of the Project in order to meet funding limits, budget, and scheduling constraints.

6. NOTICE OF AWARD, SIGNING OF CONTRACT AND BONDS:

The successful Bidder agrees to sign a Contract in substantially the form included as Exhibit A in the Request for Bids (except that certain additional provisions may be required of non-corporate Contractors pertaining to their status as sole proprietorships or partnerships and their workers' compensation coverage) binding it to the terms of this Bid as set forth in the legal notice inviting bids and the bid documents and any addenda thereto, within ten (10) days of notice of award. Failure of the Bidder to do so may result in the loss of its Bid security and/or its award of Bid.

7. BID WITHDRAWALS:

Prior to the time of opening, Bids may be withdrawn only upon written request received from Bidder. No Bidder may withdraw its Bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of Bids.

8. ADDENDA:

Any addenda issued after the Invitation to Bid and before the opening of Bids shall be covered in the proposal, and in closing the Contract they shall become a part thereof. Bidders will be required to submit a signed and dated copy of the addenda as acknowledgement of receipt.

9. SPECIFICATIONS:

Bidders must examine the specifications carefully. In case doubt shall arise as to the meaning or intent of anything shown in the specifications, inquiry shall be made of the City before the Bid is submitted. The submission of a Bid shall indicate that the Bidder thoroughly understands the terms of the Bid and the specifications.

10. BONDS:

Performance bond in the amount of 100% of Contract is required. A sample format is provided in the Contract Document.

11. TAXES:

The Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes required by applicable law to be paid with respect to the work performed or the materials or equipment furnished. The City of Westminster is exempt from the payment of such taxes with respect to items purchased directly.

12. BID FORMS:

A. The Bid Form and attachments are included in the Bid package. Bids shall be submitted on the attached forms and shall be filled out in full, in ink or by typewriter. If changes and erasures are made, such changes and erasures shall be clear and legible, and shall be initialed by the person signing the Bid Form. The Bid Form may provide for submission of a price or prices for one or more items, which may be lump sum Bids, alternate prices, or scheduled items resulting in a Bid on a unit of construction or a combination thereof, or other Bidding arrangements. Unless specifically called for, alternate Bids will not be considered.

Bids in which the prices obviously are unbalanced may be rejected. Unbalanced prices shall be interpreted to mean that the unit price for any items is such that it is unreasonable for that particular item when considered by itself and not considered in connection with the Bid submitted on any other item or items.

Bids shall be based on products, materials, and methods named in the Contract Documents.

The Bidder must detach the completed Bid Form and required attachments and submit them in a sealed, opaque envelope bearing the Bidder's name and address at the time and place indicated on the Invitation to Bid. Bids may be modified or withdrawn at any time prior to the opening of bids. Signing of Bids shall comply with instructions on the Bid Form.

B. The Bidder assumes full responsibility for timely delivery at location designated for receipt of Bids. Bids received after the designated time for the public bid opening will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

C. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place set forth in the Invitation to Bid. Only bid totals will be publicly read at the Bid Opening. Bidders and other interested parties may be present either in person or by representative. Unit prices will be made available after verification by the City. In case of discrepancy between prices in writing and in figures, the writing shall govern. In case of error in the extension of prices in the Bid, unit prices will govern.

13. EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT:

The form of the Agreement is included with the Bid package as Exhibit A. Changes may be made to the Agreement form at the sole discretion of the City and the Bidder should not rely on an expectation of changes in the Agreement form.

The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall return two copies of the Agreement and such other Documents as required by the Contract Documents properly executed to the City within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of the Notice of Award. The City will execute the Contract within seven (7) days after receipt of the Contractor's executed Contract Form.

Failure by the Bidder to execute the Contract and submit such other Documents as required by the Contract Documents and file acceptable insurance and bonds within the time aforesaid shall be just cause for annulment of the Award. Award may then be made to the next lowest responsible Bidder or the Work may be re-advertised and constructed under Contract or otherwise, as the City may decide.

By executing the Contract, the Bidder represents that it has familiarized itself with, and assumes full responsibility for having familiarized itself with, the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, the work, and the site, and all federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may

in any manner affect performance of the Work, and represents that it has correlated its study and observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Bidder also represents that it has studied all surveys and investigation reports of subsurface and latent physical conditions referred to in the Contract Documents and made such additional surveys and investigations as it deems necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and that it has correlated the results of all such data with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

14. AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONVICTION:

Pursuant to § 16-311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, any person who has (1) been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe, under laws of any state or of the federal government; (2) been convicted under a State or federal law or statute of any offense enumerated in § 16-203 of this title; or (3) been found civilly liable under a State or federal antitrust statute as provided in § 16-203 of this Title 16 shall be disqualified from entering into a Contract with the Owner.

A Bidder shall complete and submit with its Bid the attached notarized Anti-Bribery Affidavit. The affiant shall also swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the Bidder has not been a party with other Bidders to any agreement to Bid a fixed or uniform price and shall also contain an affirmation that the Bidder shall not knowingly enter into a Contract with the City under which a person or business debarred or suspended under Title 16, Subtitle 3 will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

15. BID SUBMITTAL LIMIT:

A Bidder may submit only one Bid for each Contract. More than one Bid from an individual, firm or partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names will not be considered, and will be considered grounds for disqualification of the Bids involved, and rejection of the Bids.

16. GRANT-FUNDED CONTRACTS:

The Contract may be funded, in whole or in part, using federal or State grant funds and may therefore be subject to conditions imposed by regulations of the governmental entity providing such funds. Such funding, if any, will be identified in the description of the Work or Services included with this Request for Bids. It is the Bidder's responsibility to determine the scope and requirements of, and to comply with, the terms of any regulations relating to or governing the use of such grant funds. Such regulations may under certain circumstances include, but are not limited to, payment of prevailing wage rates, the purchase of materials manufactured in the United States, the maintenance of specific records for specific periods of time, and/or approval of subcontracts, among other things.

17. SUBMISSIONS ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION:

The affidavit required by Section 14 of these Instructions to Bidders shall also indicate the Bidder's understanding that all documents, information, and data submitted in its Bid/Proposal shall be treated as public information unless otherwise indicated.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

GC 1. Disputes

In cases of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets the specifications, the decision of the City shall be final and binding on both parties.

GC 2. Completion of Work

If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the completion of the Services by any act or negligence of the City, or by any act or negligence by separate Contractor employed by the City, or that of any employee of either, or by any changes ordered in the materials or by strike, lockout, fires, unusual delays in transportation, unavoidable casualties or any causes beyond the Contractor's control, or by delay authorized by the City, the City shall decide the permissible extent of such delay.

GC 3. Failure to Deliver

In the event the Contractor fails to deliver the services and materials covered by the Contract and in accordance with the delivery terms stipulated in the Contract, then the City will have the right to purchase on the open market the services and/or materials covered in the Bid Proposal and shall have as damages the cost of obtaining such services and/or materials and any additional costs incurred by the City as a result thereof.

GC 4. Bonds

Performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of Contract amount is required.

GC 5. Insurance

The Contractor shall maintain insurance coverages, and shall provide Certificates evidencing such insurance as required in Section 7 in the Agreement.

GC 6. Indemnification

The Contractor will be required to indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless against all liability to any person or persons for or by any reason of any condition or malfunction of the materials used, and against any claims made or liability to any person or persons by reason of any act or omission or negligence of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, or employees. This indemnification shall include reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the City in connection with such claim or liability.

GC 7. Inspection.

The City has the right to inspect and test all services and materials called for by the Contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the Contract. The City shall perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. If any of the services and/or materials do not conform to Contract specifications, the City may require the Contractor to perform the service or again provide a replacement product in conformity with Contract specifications, at no increase in Contract amount.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

- The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the practice of municipal sewage sludge (bio-solids) removal, utilization, and disposal, including any required testing, reporting, and permitting.
- The Contractor shall dispose of the municipal sludge it collects under this Agreement at approved and licensed landfill facilities or permitted agricultural sites. The Contractor shall provide certification statements for each disposal site that describes the class of waste that is permitted to be disposed of at the site.
- The Contractor is required to provide the contracted services within 24 hours of receiving notice from City staff. All services shall be completed in a timely manner to ensure a continuous sludge removal operation as required.
- The Contractor shall respond to emergency situations.
- The Contractor is required to furnish at its own expense all services, labor, materials, supplies and equipment, including at least one 45-foot trailer.
- The Contractor shall re-position the transport trailer at 2-hour intervals for lead leveling purposes and shall refresh/renew empty trailers.
- The Contractor shall remove all loaded trailers from the City's premises within four (4) hours of notification by the City. There shall be no on-site storage, defined as a loaded trailer remaining for more than four (4) hours after notification, of loaded sludge trailers on City's premises.
- The Contractor will supply the City with a haul route to all approved sludge disposal sites and will immediately notify the City of changes in the haul route. The fuel surcharge mileage calculations will be based on the approved haul route.
- The fuel surcharge will be calculated as follows: Miles traveled (based on round trip miles of haul route submitted to the City per MapQuest) / Fuel consumed based on 5 mpg.

Calculation example follows: Miles traveled (230 miles round trip per MapQuest) / Fuel consumed (@ 5 MPG) = 46 gallons * Fuel cost increase over \$N per gallon (\$N is \$2.93). This would be \$4.60 per load for each \$0.10 increase in fuel cost.

- The Contractor shall provide to the City by the 10th day of each month a report of the activity from the previous month. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the date of removal of municipal sludge from the City's wastewater plant, the disposal endpoint of said sludge, the amount of sludge removed, the percent solids of sludge used in all calculations, and all associated permit numbers.

Additionally, the Contractor shall provide by January 15th of each following year, a report summarizing the activity of the previous year. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the same detailed information required in the monthly report and shall also include a letter on company letterhead certifying the sludge disposal locations, addresses of said locations, amount of sludge taken to each location, and permit numbers for each location. The annual letter shall be signed

by the company president certifying that all information is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

BID FORM
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SLUDGE
FROM THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
RFB #21-13

The Contractor should assume approximately 5,500 wet tons of biosolids per year in terms of disposal volume requirements; however, the City does not guarantee quantities, and this is a requirements contract. The Contractor will be paid at the rates set forth in the successful bid for actual quantities hauled.

Having carefully examined the Request for Bids for Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge, including the General Conditions, Supplemental Conditions, the proposed Agreement, and any addenda, and having received clarification on all items of conflict or upon which any doubt arose, the Bidder proposes to furnish all labor, equipment, materials, etc., required by the documents for the work, in strict accordance with the contract documents, for the stipulated sum of:

- 1) For the period from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022, the amount of \$_____ per ton of the municipal sludge it disposes at an approved landfill.

5,500 tons x \$_____ = _____ (total cost per year)

- 2) For the period from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023, the amount of \$_____ per ton of the municipal sludge it disposes at an approved landfill.

5,500 tons x \$_____ = _____ (total cost per year)

- 3) For the period from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024, the amount of \$_____ per ton of the municipal sludge it disposes at an approved landfill.

5,500 tons x \$_____ = _____ (total cost per year)

Total Cost July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 = \$_____

- Corporation
- Partnership
- Individual

WITNESS:

BIDDER NAME: _____

By: _____

Name and Title of Signatory:

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY FORM

1. Summarize briefly your experience in providing the commodities or service outlined in the attached specifications:

2. List the name and address of one bank or other institution that can provide the City with an adequate credit reference:

3. State of Maryland General Contractor License No.: _____

4. Have you ever refused to sign a contract at your original bid price? Yes _____ No _____

5. Have you ever defaulted on a contract? Yes _____ No _____

Federal I.D. #

Name of Bidder: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #:

By: _____
Signature

Typed Name and Title

BIDDER: _____

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

Equal Opportunity Employer

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THIS COMPANY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN ANY MANNER AGAINST ANY EMPLOYEE OR APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF AGE, RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ETHNICITY, SEX, PREGNANCY, GENDER IDENTITY, FAMILY STATUS, CREED OR RELIGION.

Bidder: _____
Type/Print Name of Firm

Address: _____

City/State: _____
Zip Code

By: _____
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Type/Print Name and Title of Person
Authorized to Sign Bid

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND
AFFIDVAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONVICTION

The bidder represents, and it is a condition of the acceptance of this bid, that the bidder has not been a party with other bidders to any agreement to bid a fixed or uniform price or to manipulate the outcome of the competitive bidding process in any way. The bidder also represents that none of its officers, directors, partners, or employees who are directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with any public bodies has:

- (1) been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe, under the laws of any state or of the federal government;
- (2) been convicted under a State or federal law or statute of any offense enumerated in Md. Code Ann., State Fin. and Proc. §16-203; or
- (3) been found civilly liable under a State or federal antitrust statute as provided in Md. Code Ann., State Fin. and Proc., §16-203.

The Contractor warrants that it has not been debarred or suspended under Md. Code Ann., State Fin., and Proc., Title 16 Subtitle 3 and that it shall not knowingly enter into a contract with a public body under which a person or business debarred or suspended under Md. Code Ann., State Fin., and Proc., Title 16, Subtitle 3 will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

The Bidder/Offeror and/or any person signing on its behalf acknowledges that all documents, information and data submitted in its Bid/Proposal shall be treated as public information unless otherwise indicated.

ATTEST/WITNESS

Name of Bidder-Type/Print

_____ By: _____
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign

Name and Title of Signatory (Type or Print)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____, TO WIT:

On this ____ day of _____ 20 ____, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed on the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

BID BOND

BOND NO. _____

BID REQUEST NO. _____

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, _____ hereinafter called the Principal, as Principal, and of _____ a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____ and authorized to do business in the State of Maryland, hereinafter called the Surety, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto, the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____.00), good and lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid upon demand of the Obligee, for payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT, Whereas, the Principal has submitted to the Obligee a Bid for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals thereto necessary for work generally described as:

This Bid Bond shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and any reference herein to Principal or Surety in the singular shall include all entities in the plural who or which are signatories under the Principal or Surety heading below.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the Bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a written agreement with the Obligee in accordance with the terms, conditions and price(s) set forth therein, and furnish such insurance and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the Bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Agreement and for the prompt payment of labor and materials furnished in the prosecution thereof, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect; and the Surety shall, upon failure of the Principal to comply with any or all of the foregoing requirements immediately pay to the Obligee, upon demand, the amount hereof in good and lawful money of the United States of America, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.

Provided, however, that the Surety shall not be liable to the Obligee on this bond for any amount in excess of the principal amount hereof.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its Bond shall in no way be impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the owner may accept such proposal, and said Surety hereby waives notice of any such extension.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Principal and Surety have caused these presents to be duly signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Principal

By _____ (Seal)

Official Title

Surety

By _____
Attorney-in-Fact

By _____
Maryland Agent

(Accompany this bond with Attorney-in-Fact's authority from Surety Company certified to include the date of the bond)

BOND NO: _____

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, we (“the Contractor”) _____ as Principal, and (Bonding Company) _____ as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster (“the City”), in the penal sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) for payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal entered into a Contract (“the Contract”) with the City dated _____ 20__ concerning the _____ (the “Project”).

NOW, THEREFORE, the proceeds of this bond may be drawn upon by the City, in whole or in part, for the purpose of (1) performing, on its own or through a contractor, any work required by the Contract that has been left unperformed by the Principal more than thirty (30) days past the date on which the Principal is notified by the City of the failure or performing any of the other undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions and agreements imposed by the Contract terms that the Principal fails timely to perform or (2) holding the City harmless from any damages growing out of negligence of the Principal, or its agents, servants, or employees.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the Contractor shall in all respects well and truly perform and fulfill all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions and agreements of said Contract and the Project during the term of said Contract and any extension thereof granted by the City, and during the life of any guaranty required under the Contract, and shall also well and truly perform and fulfill all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions and agreements of any and all duly authorized modifications of said Contract that may hereafter be made and shall save harmless the City from any expense incurred through the failure of the Principal, its agents and servants, to complete the work as required by the Contract, or any authorized modifications thereof, or from any damages growing out of negligence of the Principal, or its agents, servants, or employees then this obligation shall be null and void and otherwise to be and shall remain in full force and effect until the requirements of the Contract and the Project have been fully completed and approved or accepted by the City.

Any modification made by agreement by and between Principal and City in terms of the Contract or the nature or scope of the work for the Project, or the giving to Principal or its officers, employees, agents, successors or assigns any extension of time on the part of Principal to be performed or any forbearance on the part of City to Principal, or its officers, employees, agents, successors or assigns, shall not in any way release Principal or Surety in this Bond. This Payment Bond will be held by the City until the expiration of three (3) years after the date of final acceptance of the work under the Contract, or earlier upon receipt of a release of liens in a form satisfactory to the City. There shall be no reduction or release of this Payment Bond until all claims by laborers and material suppliers have been paid and a release of claims has been provided to the City.

Notice to the Surety shall be sufficient if sent by certified mail to the individual named below at the following address:

Name and Title

Address

Address

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Principal has caused these presents to be executed in its name and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed by its duly authorized officers and Surety has caused these presents to be executed in its name and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed by its Attorney-in-fact, duly authorized hereunto so to do, the day and year first above written.

Principal (Typed Name)

Principal (SEAL)

Witness/Principal

Corporate Surety (SEAL)

Witness/Surety

By: _____
Attorney in Fact

Provide Name, Address, and telephone number of Branch Office or Resident agent to be contacted in the event action is required on the Bonds supplied, together with signature of Resident Agent.

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone w/Area Code _____

Signature/Resident Agent: _____

Date: _____ Registration No. _____

Note: A certified copy of Power of Attorney of the person signing for Surety Company must be filed with the bond. A corporate acknowledgement is required when a principal is a corporation.

NOTICE OF AWARD

To: _____

Attn: _____

Project Description: Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant

You are hereby notified that your Bid for Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, as outlined in the Specifications and other Contract Documents, has been accepted in the amount of (\$_____). You are required to execute the Agreement and furnish certificates of insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice of Award provided to you.

If you fail to execute the Agreement and to furnish the same with in ten (10) days from the date of this Notice of Award, the City will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the City's acceptance of your bid as abandonment and as a forfeiture of your bid bond. The City will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.

You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this Notice of Award to the City.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster
Owner

By: _____
Jeffery D. Glass, Director of Public Works

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF AWARD

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged:

By: _____

Title: _____

This _____ day of _____, 2021

NOTICE TO PROCEED

To: _____

Date: _____

Project: Collection and Disposal of Municipal Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant

You are hereby notified to commence WORK on July 1, 2021 in accordance with the AGREEMENT dated on or before _____.

The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster
Owner

By: _____
Jeffery D. Glass, Director of Public Works

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE TO PROCEED

Receipt of the above NOTICE TO PROCEED is hereby acknowledged:

By: _____

Title: _____

This _____ day of _____, 2021

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster (“the City”), a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, and _____ (“the Contractor”) with its principal offices at _____.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the City and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

1. Services Provided:

A. The Contractor shall provide the following services for the City: Collection and Disposal of Municipal Waste from the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (“the Services”). The Services shall be provided as detailed in the following enumerated documents which form the Contract, and they are incorporated herein as if attached thereto, except that the Contractor’s Proposal is incorporated only as to the scope of work, the pricing proposal, and any warranties or representations about the nature or quality of the services or equipment to be provided contained therein. The listed documents, together with this Agreement, constitute the entire understanding of the parties and supersede any prior proposals or agreements.

- 1) Request for Bids, dated March 9, 2021
- 2) Contractor’s Bid, dated _____
- 3) Instructions to Bidders
- 4) General Conditions
- 5) Supplemental Conditions
- 6) Equal Opportunity Employer Form
- 7) Affidavit of Non-Collusion and Non-Conviction
- 8) Vendor Responsibility Form
- 9) Bid Bond
- 10) Performance Bond
- 11) Notice of Award (when issued)
- 12) Insurance Certificate
- 13) Notice to Proceed (when issued)

B. The City retains the right to reduce the scope of the Services in order to accomplish the project within the City’s established budget and schedule. Time is of the essence in the completion of this contract.

C. The Contractor shall collect and dispose of municipal sludge from the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant on an-needed basis as requested by City staff. Sludge removal operations shall commence within twenty-four (24) hours of notification by the City staff and shall proceed without interruption. Any loaded trailers shall be removed with four (4) hours of notification by the City staff.

C. The Contractor will furnish all equipment needed to perform the Services (the “Contractor’s Equipment”).

2. Fees: The City hereby agrees to pay the Contractor as full consideration for the Contractor’s satisfactory performance of its obligations under this Agreement the sum of _____ Dollars (\$) payable in the following manner: monthly for actual work satisfactorily completed by the Contractor, within thirty days of submission of an invoice with documentation satisfactory to the City.

The Contractor invoices shall reflect the Contractor’s name, address, Federal ID number, services performed during billing period. Invoices in the proper form, verified by the City’s on-site inspector and approved by the City will be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof.

The City will not pay any additional fees, charges, or costs imposed by the Contractor, any governmental entity, or any other person for disposal costs under this contract. The City will not pay additional charges for land application.

3. Binding Effect of Agreement: This Agreement shall be binding upon all parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

4. Political Contributions: If this contract involves cumulative consideration of at least \$200,000, the Contractor shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement under oath containing: (i) the name of each candidate, if any, to whom one or more applicable contributions in a cumulative amount of \$500 or more were made during the reporting period; (ii) the office sought by each candidate; (iii) the amount of aggregate contributions made to each candidate; (iv) the name of each unit of a governmental entity with which the person did public business during the reporting period; (v) the nature and amount of public business done with the City; and, (vi) if the contract or the contribution is attributed to another person who is filing the statement, the name of the contracting entity or the person who made the contribution, and the relationship of that person to the person filing the statement. The Contractor’s initial statement shall be filed at that time of the inception of the contract, and shall cover the preceding 24 months, and the Contractor shall thereafter file a semi-annual statement, for the six (6) months ending on January 31 or July 31 of every year, for each reporting period during which performance remains uncompleted on the contract, and shall be filed within five (5) days after the end of the applicable reporting period.

5. Notices: All notices or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and delivered either (a) by hand or (b) by fax and by mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

To the City: Barbara B. Matthews, City Administrator
45 West Main Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
Fax: (410) 857-7476
bmatthews@westgov.com

With a copy to: Elissa D. Levan, Esquire
City Attorney
Funk & Bolton, P.A.
100 Light Street, Suite 1400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Fax: (410) 659-7773
elevan@fblaw.com

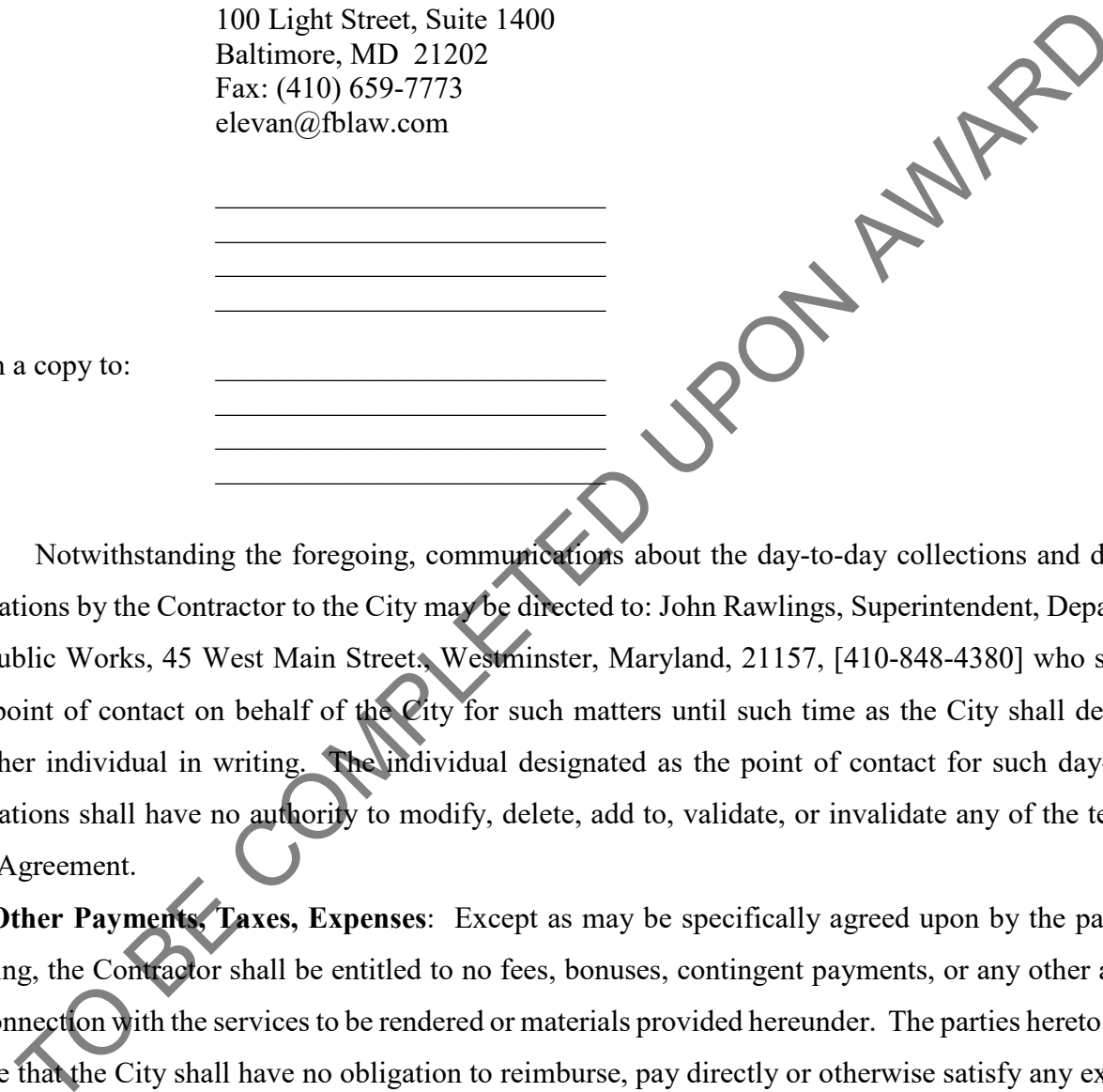
To: _____

With a copy to: _____

Notwithstanding the foregoing, communications about the day-to-day collections and disposal operations by the Contractor to the City may be directed to: John Rawlings, Superintendent, Department of Public Works, 45 West Main Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, [410-848-4380] who shall be the point of contact on behalf of the City for such matters until such time as the City shall designate another individual in writing. The individual designated as the point of contact for such day-to-day operations shall have no authority to modify, delete, add to, validate, or invalidate any of the terms of this Agreement.

6. Other Payments, Taxes, Expenses: Except as may be specifically agreed upon by the parties in writing, the Contractor shall be entitled to no fees, bonuses, contingent payments, or any other amount in connection with the services to be rendered or materials provided hereunder. The parties hereto further agree that the City shall have no obligation to reimburse, pay directly or otherwise satisfy any expenses of the Contractor in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the cost of any insurance or license fees.

It is expressly understood and acknowledged by the parties hereto that the fees payable hereunder shall be paid in gross amount, without reduction for any Federal or State withholding or other payroll taxes, or any other governmental taxes or charges. The parties hereto further recognize that the Contractor is an independent contractor of the City and is therefore responsible for directly assuming



and remitting any applicable Federal or State withholding taxes, estimated tax payments, or any other fees, taxes, or expenses whatsoever. In the event that the Contractor is deemed not to be an independent contractor by any local, state or federal government agency, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City for all fees, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, incurred thereby.

7. Insurance: The Contractor agrees to maintain the insurance coverages set forth herein for the full term of the Contract and, in the case of construction contracts, for a period of one year after the completion of the Services. The Contractor further agrees to provide Certificates of Insurance upon signing this Agreement and such Certificates shall be on an occurrences basis and shall either (a) provide that the City shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of the cancellation of, intention not to renew, or material change in the coverage, or (b) provide that the City shall be given such notice of the cancellation of, intention not to renew, or material change in the coverage as is required by the terms of the Contractor's policy or policies of insurance. In the case of construction contracts, insurance shall include completed operations and contractual liability coverage. All Certificates must name the City as an additional insured.

Provision of any insurance required herein does not relieve the Contractor of any of the responsibilities or obligations assumed by the Contractor in the contract awarded, or for which the Contractor may be liable by law or otherwise.

A. **Workers' Compensation Insurance:** The Contractor shall comply with the requirements and benefits established by the State of Maryland for the provision of Workers' Compensation Insurance and must submit an insurance certificate as proof of coverage prior to contract approval. If the Contractor is a corporation or a limited liability corporation or other entity eligible to elect an exemption for officers under Md. Code Ann., Lab. & Emp. Art., §9-206, the Contractor shall provide the City with a copy of the election form filed with the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission together with proof of filing. If the Contractor has no covered employees, the Contractor shall submit a statement attesting to that fact under the penalties of perjury.

B. **Comprehensive General Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall provide general liability insurance, including X, C, and U, in the following amounts and shall submit an insurance certificate as proof of coverage prior to contract approval:

1. Personal injury liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate, where insurance aggregates apply;

2. Property damage liability insurance with limits of \$250,000.00 for each occurrence and \$500,000.00 aggregate, where aggregates apply.

C. Automobile Liability Insurance: Motor vehicle insurance meeting the requirements of Maryland law and covering every vehicle and driver involved in providing the services, in the following amounts:

1. Bodily injury liability with limits of \$500,000.00 each person and \$1,000,000.00 each accident;
2. Property damage liability with a limit of \$100,000 each accident.

8. Doing Business in Maryland: The Contractor warrants and represents that it has paid all taxes, fees, and charges owed by it to any governmental entity. In addition, it warrants and represents that any parent or subsidiary or other business entity with which it is affiliated or has been affiliated has paid all taxes, fees, and charges owed by it to any governmental agency accrued during any period during which the Contractor was affiliated with the entity. The Contractor warrants and represents that it (1) is either (a) incorporated in Maryland, or (b) registered or qualified by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) as required by the Maryland Annotated Code, Corps. & Assocs. Article, to do business in Maryland, and (2) is in good standing with SDAT.

9. Bonds: Performance bond in the amount of 100% of Contract amount is required.

10. Compliance with Laws: The Contractor shall, without any additional expense to the City, be responsible for complying with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations in connection with the services provided by the Contractor, including, but not limited to, obtaining any licenses required by the Contractor to perform the Services.

11. Indemnification: The Contractor shall be responsible for and indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against all claims for loss, personal injury, and/or other forms of damage that may be suffered as a result of the Contractor's negligence or willful misconduct in the Contractor's performance of the Services, or that of its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, and invitees, or for any failure of the materials supplied under this contract or for any failure by the Contractor to perform the obligations of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, and any other cost incurred by the City in defending any such claim. The Contractor shall be responsible for and shall indemnify and hold the City harmless against any claim for loss, howsoever arising or incurred, for damage that may occur to the Contractor's property or property of third parties that is being stored at the construction site and/or maintained/used by the Contractor in delivery of the Services.

12. Not Assignable: The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, or subcontract any interest, obligation, or claim under this Agreement except as may be agreed upon and authorized in writing by the City and no contract shall be made by the Contractor with any other party for furnishing any of the Services without the prior approval of the City.

13. Relief: In the event of a breach or a threatened breach by the Contractor of any provision of the

Agreement, the Contractor recognizes the substantial and immediate harm that a breach or threatened breach will impose upon the City, and further recognizes that in such event monetary damages will be inadequate to fully protect the City. Accordingly, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of this Agreement, the Contractor consents to the City's entitlement to such ex parte, preliminary, interlocutory, temporary, or permanent injunctive, or any other equitable relief, protecting and fully enforcing the City's rights hereunder and preventing the Contractor from further breaching any of its obligations set forth herein. The Contractor expressly waives any requirement based on any statute, rule of procedure, or other source, that the City post a bond as a condition of obtaining any of the above-described remedies. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the City from pursuing any other remedies available to the City by law or in equity for such breach or threatened breach, including the recovery of damages from the Contractor.

14. City's Right to Terminate: The Services may be terminated immediately by the City upon written notice in whole or in part, when the City, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines such action to be in its best interests and shall be terminated whenever adequate funds have not been appropriated by the City Council in the annual budget for the purpose set forth herein. The Contractor is advised that the City does not guarantee the appropriation of funds for any subsequent fiscal year (beginning July 1). The Contractor shall not perform services in any fiscal year following the current fiscal year without verification from the Director of Public Works that adequate funds have been appropriated for that purpose in the budget for the relevant fiscal year. Upon termination, the City shall be liable to the Contractor only for payment for services actually provided prior to the effective date of the termination.

15. Entire Understanding: This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties, and any additions or modifications hereto may only be made in writing, executed by both parties.

16. Liquidated Damages: It is acknowledged that the Contractor's failure to complete the Services within the time provided for in the Contract Documents will cause the City to incur economic and non-economic damages and losses of types and in amounts that are impossible to compute and ascertain with certainty and accuracy so as to be a basis for recovery by the City of actual damages, and that the liquidated damages set forth herein represent a fair, reasonable, and appropriate estimate thereof. Accordingly, in lieu of actual damages for such delay, the Contractor agrees that liquidated damages may be assessed and recovered by the City against the Contractor and its Surety, in the event of delayed completion and without the City being required to present any evidence of the amount or character of actual damages sustained by reason of the delay. The Contractor shall be liable to the City for payment of liquidated damages in the amount of \$150.00 per day for each day that the Services are delayed beyond the time for performance set forth in the Contract Documents. Such liquidated damages

are intended to represent estimated actual damages and are not intended as a penalty and the Contractor shall pay them to the City without limiting the City's right to terminate the Agreement for default as provided elsewhere herein.

17. Applicable Law: This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. Any suit to enforce the terms hereof or for damages or other remedy for breach or anticipated breach hereof shall be brought exclusively in the courts of the State of Maryland for Carroll County, and the parties expressly acknowledge that venue is proper therein and consent to the jurisdiction thereof and waive any right that they may otherwise have to bring such action in or transfer or remove such suit in or to the courts of any other jurisdiction.

18. Conflict of Interest: The person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor certifies that he understands the provisions of the City Charter and Code dealing with conflicts of interest and the prohibition of the solicitation or acceptance of gifts.

19. Set-Off: In the event that the Contractor shall owe an obligation of any type whatsoever to the City at any time during the term hereof, or after the termination of the relationship created hereunder, the City shall have the right to offset any amount so owed the Contractor against any compensation due to the Contractor for the provision of the Services.

20. Severability: If any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. Record Retention, Audits, and Inspections: The Contractor shall:

A. Retain all financial and programmatic records for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance of final payment hereunder.

B. Permit the City to have access to all records, including all subcontracts covered by this Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, reproductions, excerpts, and transcripts. Access shall be available at any time during normal business hours and as often as deemed necessary by the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on the date hereinabove set forth, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement in two duplicate originals, any one of these shall be adequate proof of this Agreement without locating or accounting for the other.

WITNESS: [CONTRACTOR]

_____ By: _____
[Insert name and title of signatory]

WITNESS: MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF WESTMINSTER

_____ By: _____
Shannon Visocsy, City Clerk Joe Dominick, Mayor

Approved for form and legal sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2021

Elissa D. Levan, City Attorney

TO BE COMPLETED UPON AWARD