February 4, 2026

Re: **2026-2031 Septic Tank Pumping Maintenance Service with Inspection in Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties - IFB CN 021826**

Questions and Answers:

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated. Thank you very much for your interest.

1. **Does prevailing wage include travel time, or is it based upon the time that the laborers arrive at the job site? How should travel time be included in the cost proposal?**

   Answer: Prevailing wage must be factored in when calculating the Total Annual Estimated Cost per Cluster on the Cost Proposal. "The **Total Annual Estimated Cost per Cluster** is to include the cost of furnishing all said services, travel time, mileage, materials, equipment, supplies, labor, fees, and all other ancillary costs to the satisfaction of the agency and the performance of all work set forth in the Qualifications & Scope of Work." The bidder should consider and include all costs when placing their price for the "Price per Gallon Pumped." Please refer to IFB, page 27, Cost Proposal Form for further details.

   Bidders may contact the Department of Labor for clarification on Article 8 and prevailing wage: https://dol.ny.gov/public-work-and-prevailing-wage

2. **Are there external water faucets at each site? Do we need to supply our own water to rinse out tanks?**

   Answer: Some sites have external faucets, but they may require to be run a long distance depending on where they exit the house. Antrim IRA has the tank located across the road, which would make running the hose not feasible. The bidder should not expect an external faucet and should be prepared to supply their own water.

3. **Are there risers on the tanks? If so, how many risers are there? How many risers need digging?**

   Answer: The majority of the sites have risers installed. The sites that do not have risers have an approximate depth between 12"-18". The sites that would need the covers dug up are Antrim IRA, Windcrest IRA, Powell Rd. IRA, Callahan Dr. IRA, and Hamilton Rd. IRA.

4. **Can a site visit be arranged?**

   Answer: Site visits are optional. To arrange access for a site, visit please contact Central NY DDSOO Work Control Office, 315-795-5323. The telephone numbers for each site have also been provided. Please refer to IFB, pages, 23-26, Qualifications & Scope of Work, Exhibit A – Site Listing.

"It is the Bidders obligation to visit any and all sites they wish to bid on. OPWDD will make **no allowance or concession** to the Bidder for any alleged misunderstanding or deception because of quality, character, location, or other conditions. It is the responsibility of the bidder to know the site(s) requirements based upon the service being requested." Please refer to IFB, page 4, section 6. Site Inspections for further details.

Respectfully,

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