



**Town of Lincoln, ME
Request for Proposals
Dewatering Services**

**Former Lincoln Paper & Tissue
Waste Treatment System
*Lincoln, Maine***

Response #1 to Bidder Questions

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1. We have a proprietary confidential process. Can we offer a quotation for the process and keep the confidentiality? **Yes you can offer a confidential process and bid. If selected, details will be shared with the Town of Lincoln, MEDEP and US EPA.**
2. Do we need to include the cost of a cap? **A cap is not required for either the dewatering nor the civil. If needed, it will be added to the work scope.**
3. Is there anywhere on site that we could source a gravel? **We are not aware of a gravel source on the site.**
4. Is the tower located within the 2.5-acre area and if so, is it to be removed or protected? **It is outside 2.5 acres**
5. If material will be pumped into bags, a liner will have to be placed on the pad. If material is pressed or amended, does the disposal area need to be lined? **Please specify any liner which is recommended but do not include in your bid.**
6. Please confirm all aeration and wall materials can be left in the lagoon footprint. **Confirmed**
7. Are there any day and hour restrictions? **Daylight hours for work**
8. Is the civil work to be bid on the specs provided or is the contractor to propose it's method and alternative disposal pad? **Bid on specs required or feel free to bid on any alternative which you feel is superior or more cost effective.**
9. My bid will be inclusive of both phases, but I want to ensure there aren't separate budgetary requirements or funding agencies for each portion. If there are, I want to confirm that submitting a single bid is still sufficient, or if you need them listed as two separate projects. **Answer: Each must be submitted separately to conform with the EPA bidding rules as we understand them.**
10. If the process produces material with sufficient solids content to be stacked without free-draining liquid, can we eliminate the need for perimeter drainage trenches around the dewatering equipment. **Yes if you make this clear in your bid.**
11. Is it acceptable to return separated liquid (effluent) back to the lagoon in real time, creating a closed-loop dredging and dewatering system. **Yes but the bid needs to include pumping out the liquid remaining to the clarifier.**
12. If the selected dewatering process produces material with **minimal free water**, would the Owner allow modification or elimination of trenching around the active dewatering area, while still complying with the overall intent of water management and environmental protection? **The bid includes management of the free water**
13. Please confirm that no Bid Bond is required with the proposal submission, and that the Performance Bond is only required after contractor selection and prior to contract execution, as is typical for public works projects. **Confirmed**
14. If a performance bond is required, please confirm the bond amount **100% of contract**

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value.

15. Are payment and performance combined or separate. **Separate**

16. The RFP references approximately 345,000 cubic feet of sludge within the lagoon. How will the quantity of sludge removal be measured and tracked for project completion purposes (e.g., estimated in-place volume, survey verification, calculated production totals)? **Please include your recommended methodology for tracking.**

17. Is the stated 345,000 cubic feet an estimated in-place volume, and should bidders assume reasonable variation based on actual field conditions? **Yes it is an estimate and bidders should expect variation.**

18. If actual sludge quantities exceed the estimated 345,000 cubic feet once dredging is underway, will the project include a mechanism for a change order or contract adjustment to address additional material? **Yes**

19. Based on our reading of the RFP, the scope appears limited to on-site dewatering and on-site storage, with no off-site hauling or disposal included. **Correct**

20. Please confirm that no off-site disposal, hauling, or landfill tipping fees are included in the scope of this contract. **Confirmed**

21. Has the Town of Lincoln established an engineer's estimate or anticipated budget range for this project, including civil site preparation and dewatering support activities? **No**

22. Is there a **not-to-exceed funding amount** associated with this phase of work under the EPA Brownfields Clean-Up Grant that bidders should be aware of when preparing proposals? **No**