

City of Mt. Pleasant
Request for Qualifications – Engineering Services
Wastewater Settling Tanks

Last updated October 23, 2012

Questions Regarding the RFQ for the Wastewater Settling Tanks

Q. In the RFP for Professional Engineering Services – Wastewater Settling Tanks page 2 states questions are due November 1, 2012 and page 1 states no later than Friday November 2, 2012. When is the last day to submit questions and do you have a time, such as 4 pm or 5 pm as well?

A. We apologize for the confusion. The last day questions may be asked via phone or email is Friday, November 2, 2012 at 12:00 noon.

Q. The Commercial General Liability and Professional Liability Insurance requirements are higher than what is typically required. Why are they this high?

A. Insurance requirements reflect the potential for \$25,000/day fines for NPDES permit violations if the project is delayed or in some other way impacts effluent quality.

Q. Are there existing plans available for review for the RFP submittal?

A. Plans are available for review at the wastewater treatment plant, located at 1301 North Franklin Avenue, Mt. Pleasant. Currently, we do not have electronic versions available.

Q. What is the manufacturer name/type of existing equipment that is proposed for replacement?

A. The existing equipment is Envirex.

Q. Are phone calls for questions acceptable? The RFP says no, but the Q & A section indicates they can be asked via phone or email.

A. Phone calls are acceptable, but e-mail is preferred so that all questions and answers can be posted on the website.

Q. Will the drive/collector mechanisms be replaced in kind or will there be some potential for modification of their type/configuration based on current technology? Is it anticipated that design modifications could be made to the tank itself to improve performance (i.e., inboard launder)?

A. We will entertain suggestions for improvements in treatment by updating technology; i.e. hydraulic drives or different baffling, etc. However, the amount budgeted for this project will not support major modifications to the tanks themselves.

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Q. Will you be providing record drawings and/or shop drawings so that we can understand the current equipment and tank configuration?

A. Drawings will be available at the wastewater treatment plant.

Q. Is there any need to evaluate the structural integrity of the existing concrete tankage during design?

A. We believe the existing tanks are structurally sound.

Q. Are there any electrical or SCADA changes needed as part of the project or is it a simple reconnection of the existing electrical/SCADA feed to the clarifier?

A. No electrical changes should be needed beyond reconnection.

Q. Are there any scheduling requirements for this project?

A. The work needs to be completed during Central Michigan University's summer break, roughly late May to late August.

Q. Do we need to make an appointment to visit the site?

A. No appointment is needed for a weekday site visit. Our hours of operation are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please call in advance if you wish to visit on a weekend.

Q. Can you share how the proposals will be evaluated?

A. Proposals will be evaluated on price, relevant experience of the firm and engineer assigned to this project, and references from clients with similar projects.