

**2015  
City of Mt. Pleasant  
AIRPORT FARMLAND LEASE  
REQUEST FOR QUOTES**

I) General Statement

The City of Mt. Pleasant is seeking quotes for the lease of approximately 100 acres of farmland located on the City of Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport property and adjacent non-airport City property. The lease area is shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

The premises are to be used by the tenant exclusively for the purposes of farming field crops, and conducting related commonly accepted and sound farmland management practices. Prospective tenants are responsible for examining and inspecting the site and land as the bid will not be contingent upon land farming quality, and that the tenant awarded the quote will take possession of the premises in its "as is" condition, and agrees to maintain the premises in its present condition or better. Those interested in submitting a quote, must contact the City to make arrangements for visits to the property.

The term of the lease will be from October 9, 2015, to December 31, 2020.

II) Scope of Services and Responsibilities

The tenant shall comply with the following at its own expense, and the tenant will also adhere to generally accepted agricultural practices and standards and be in compliance with all applicable laws and rules and regulations.

- A) The tenant will not plant crops closer than sixty feet (60') to the paved and grass runways and taxiways.
- B) Only low height crops, such as soy beans, hay, beans, and wheat, are allowable.
- C) The tenant will avoid dusty operations during airplane approach times.
- D) The tenant will not work in front of airplane approach zones during airplane approach or departure times.
- E) The tenant shall routinely remove any equipment from the premises not in use in a specific agricultural function performed on the premises. The premises shall not be used for storage of agricultural equipment, implements, vehicles, or the tools not actively used in raising crops grown or to be grown on the premises, or to perform other duties and functions specified in this agreement.
- F) The tenant shall maintain annual records of chemicals and herbicides used on the leased crop ground. These records shall be in compliance with the Department of Agriculture's rules and guidelines for record keeping of restricted use pesticides and herbicides, and copies of all such records shall be sent to the City quarterly.
- G) The tenant shall be responsible for and may apply for or accept a land use subsidy, crop insurance, or other programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for any of the premises. Excluded from this provision are benefits for leaving land fallow.

The tenant shall not:

- A) Pasture or hold any livestock or herd animals on the premises.
- B) Plow, till, or plant any land within fifty feet (50') of paved or grass runways or within sixty feet (60') of buildings or navigational aids.
- C) Produce any illegal crop or other illegal substance on the premises. This is to include any marijuana, licensed or unlicensed. Violation of this provision may lead to immediate termination of this Agreement and/or other legal action by the Lessor.
- D) Dump, rinse, or flush sprayers and other equipment used in the application of insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers or other chemicals used in the crop production process on the leased ground site. Nor shall any waste insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers or other chemicals be drained, discarded, buried or disposed of on the premises in any manner.
- E) The tenant shall neither assign nor sublet the premises without the advanced written consent of the City.

The tenant shall be liable for any damage to the premises caused by actions of the tenant, tenant's employees or tenant's guests or by any casualty insured under the tenant's insurance policy.

The successful bidder will be required to sign two contracts with the City.

III) Submittals

Each response to this request for quotes for the farming of airport land must include the following:

- A) Completed proposal form, signed and dated, indicating the rent price per month.
- B) A description of any special requirements that are required by the farm operator in order to participate in this program.

IV) Basis of Selection

Each of the completed quotes that are received will be evaluated in order to select the quote that is most advantageous to the City of Mt. Pleasant.

V) Project Time Table

The responses to this request for quotes are due at the Division of Public Works Office, 1303 N. Franklin Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, 48858, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015.



