

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF UNION

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between UNION COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, whose address is 500 North Main Street, Monroe, NC 28112, hereinafter “Union,” and BIO-NOMIC SERVICES, INC., an Illinois corporation authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, whose address is 530 Woodlawn Street, Belmont, North Carolina 28012, hereinafter “Contractor.”

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Union desires that Contractor perform certain sludge removal services for the backwash basins at the Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to perform such services as described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do each contract and agree with the other as follows:

1. SERVICES PERFORMED. Contractor agrees to perform the services as set forth in the attached Request For Proposal #2026-029, “Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant Backwash Basin Sludge Removal,” as modified by Addendum No. 1 dated December 3, 2025, and Addendum No. 2 dated December 10, 2025 which is incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter the “Services”), in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. FEE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE. Each time Union requests Services from the Contractor, Union shall pay Contractor \$324.90 per dewatered filtered cake ton disposed and the flat fees of \$30,060.00 for preparation & mobilization and \$27,050.00 for demobilization. Contractor shall invoice Union on a monthly basis for Services performed during the previous month, or upon such other schedule as may be agreed upon by the parties. Payment is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of an accurate invoice by Union’s Finance Division. All payments shall be conditioned upon appropriation by the Union County Board of Commissioners of sufficient funds for each request for services.

3. TERM AND TERMINATION. The Effective Date is the date of mutual execution of this Agreement. This Agreement shall have a term of two (2) years (the “Initial Term”). Upon completion of the Initial Term, Union may, in its sole discretion, elect to renew this Agreement for up to three (3) additional one-year terms, each a “Renewal Term,” upon written notice to the Contractor. Union may terminate this Agreement at any time, without cause, upon provision of ten (10) days’ written notice to Contractor. In the event of termination without cause, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of notification of termination by Union.

4. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All deliverables and any other contract documents prepared by Contractor, or any subcontractors or subconsultants under the terms of this Agreement (“the Documents”), shall be the property of Union. Contractor further acknowledges that Union is subject to Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Public Records Act (the “Act”), and that this Agreement, as well as any of the Documents as defined herein, shall be a public record as

defined in such Act, and as such, will be open to public disclosure and copying.

5. INSURANCE. The attached Exhibit A, Insurance Requirements, is incorporated herein by reference.

6. INDEMNIFICATION. Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold Union, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of this Agreement and/or the performance hereof that are due, in whole or in part, to the negligence of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors or agents. Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend the same at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

7. DECLARATION BY CONTRACTOR. Contractor declares that Contractor has complied with all federal, state and local laws regarding the location and operation of Contractor's business and regarding business permits, certificates, and licenses that may be required to carry out the work to be performed under this Agreement.

8. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES. Neither federal, nor state, nor local income tax nor payroll tax of any kind shall be withheld or paid by Union on behalf of Contractor or the employees of Contractor. Contractor shall not be treated as an employee with respect to the services performed hereunder for federal or state tax purposes.

9. NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR REGARDING ITS TAX DUTIES AND LIABILITIES. Contractor understands that Contractor is responsible to pay, according to law, Contractor's income tax. If Contractor is not a corporation, Contractor further understands that Contractor may be liable for self-employment (social security) tax, to be paid by Contractor according to law.

10. FRINGE BENEFITS. Because Contractor is engaged in Contractor's own independently established business, Contractor is not eligible for, and shall not participate in, any employee pension, health or other fringe benefit plan of Union.

11. UNION NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION. No workers' compensation insurance shall be obtained by Union concerning Contractor or the employees of Contractor. Contractor shall comply with the workers' compensation law concerning Contractor and the employees of Contractor.

12. NO AUTHORITY TO BIND UNION. Contractor has no authority to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of Union. This Agreement does not create a partnership or any form of agency between the parties.

13. ASSIGNMENT. Neither Union nor Contractor shall assign, sublet or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement (including, but without limitation, monies that may become due or monies that are due) without the written consent of the other, except to the extent that any assignment, subletting or transfer is mandated by law or the effect of this limitation may be restricted by law. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to assignment, no assignment shall release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.

14. NON-WAIVER. The failure of either party to exercise any of its rights under this agreement for a breach thereof shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights or a waiver of any subsequent breach.

15. HOW NOTICES SHALL BE GIVEN. Any notice given in connection with this agreement shall be given in writing and shall be delivered either by hand to the party or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party at the party's address stated herein. Any party may change its address stated herein by giving notice of the change in accordance with this paragraph.

16. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. The parties to this Agreement confer exclusive jurisdiction of all disputes arising hereunder upon the General Courts of Justice of Union County, North Carolina.

17. COMPLETE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the complete agreement of the parties regarding the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and there are no oral or written conditions, terms, warranties, understandings or other agreements pertaining thereto which have not been incorporated herein. This Agreement may be modified only by written instrument duly executed by both parties, or their respective successors in interest.

18. SEVERABILITY. The provisions hereof are severable, and should any provision be determined to be invalid, unlawful or otherwise null and void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall not thereby be affected unless such ruling shall make further performance hereunder impossible or impose an unconscionable burden upon one of the parties.

19. AUTHORITY. Each party warrants that it has the corporate or other organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement. Each party further warrants that the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Agreement has been duly authorized and approved by all requisite action of the party's management and appropriate governing body.

20. E-VERIFY. E-Verify is the federal program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program, used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law. Contractor shall ensure that Contractor and any subcontractor performing work under this Agreement: (i) uses E-Verify if required to do so by North Carolina law; and (ii) otherwise complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. A breach of this provision by Contractor will be considered a breach of this Agreement, which entitles Union to terminate this Agreement, without penalty, upon notice to Contractor.

*[Signatures follow on the next page.]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under authority of their respective governing bodies, have hereunto set their hands and seals, and have caused this Agreement to be duly executed, this the day and year first above written.

UNION COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
Brian W. Matthews, County Manager

BIO-NOMIC SERVICES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Approved as to Legal Form CGR

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

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Deputy Finance Officer

# EXHIBIT A

## Insurance Requirements

I. **BASIC INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** At Contractor's sole expense, Contractor shall procure and maintain the following minimum insurances with insurers authorized to do business in North Carolina and rated A-VII or better by A.M. Best, or as otherwise authorized by the Union County Risk Manager.

A. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**  
Statutory (coverage for three or more employees) limits covering all employees, including Employer's Liability with limits of:

\$500,000	Each Accident
\$500,000	Disease - Each Employee
\$500,000	Disease - Policy Limit

B. **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**  
Covering all operations involved in this Agreement.

\$2,000,000	General Aggregate
\$2,000,000	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury Limit

C. **COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY**

\$1,000,000	Combined Single Limit - Any Auto
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D. **POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE**

\$1,000,000	Claims Made
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Contractor shall provide evidence of continuation or renewal of Pollution Liability Insurance for a period of two (2) years following termination of the Agreement.

## II. **ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

A. The Contractor's General Liability policy shall be endorsed, specifically or generally, to include the following as Additional Insured:

**UNION COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE INCLUDED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED WITH RESPECT TO THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.**

- B. Before commencement of any work or event, Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance in satisfactory form as evidence of the insurances required above.
- C. Contractor shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against Union County (including its officers, agents and employees).
- D. It is the intention of the parties that the insurance policies afforded by Contractor shall protect both parties and be primary and non-contributory coverage for any and all losses covered by the above-described insurance.
- E. Union County shall have no liability with respect to Contractor's personal property whether insured or not insured. Any deductible or self-insured retention is the sole responsibility of Contractor.
- F. Notwithstanding the notification requirements of the Insurer, Contractor hereby agrees to notify County's Risk Manager at 500 North Main Street, Monroe, NC 28112, within two (2) days of the cancellation or substantive change of any insurance policy set out herein. Union, in its sole discretion, may deem failure to provide such notice as a breach of this Agreement.
- G. The Certificate of Insurance should note in the Description of Operations the following:
  - Department: Water
  - Contract #: 10155
- H. Insurance procured by Contractor shall not reduce nor limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify, save harmless and defend Union County for claims made or suits brought which result from or are in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- I. Certificate Holder shall be listed as follows:
  - Union County
  - Attention: Risk Manager
  - 500 North Main Street
  - Monroe, NC 28112
- J. If Contractor is authorized to assign or subcontract any of its rights or duties hereunder and in fact does so, Contractor shall ensure that the assignee or subcontractor satisfies all requirements of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the required insurances coverage and provision of certificate(s) of insurance and additional insured endorsement(s), in proper form prior to commencement of services.



**Request for Proposals No. 2026-029**  
**Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant**  
**Backwash Basin Sludge Removal**

**Due Date:** 12/19/2025  
**Time:** 11:00 AM EST  
**Receipt Location:** Electronic Submission (Refer to Section 2)  
Union County Procurement and Contract  
Management Department  
(Note: Follow the submittal instructions in Section 2.2 to  
electronically upload a proposal package.)

**Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit.** 12/02/2025 10:00 AM  
EST . For the time and location, Refer to page 3 for details.

**Procurement Contact:**

Juan Rodriguez-Cruz  
Procurement Specialist  
704.283.3519  
[Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov](mailto:Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov)

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## 1 NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT

### Union County, North Carolina Request for Proposals No. 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant Backwash Basin Sludge Removal

Electronic proposals will be received by the Union County's Procurement Department at the Union until **11:00 AM EST on 12/19/2025**. Late submittals will not be accepted.

Union County, North Carolina, through Union County Water, is soliciting proposals from experienced and qualified firms to provide Backwash basin sludge removal services.

Copies of the solicitation may be obtained from the locations listed below:

1. Download the Proposal Documents from the Union County website:  
<https://www.unioncountync.gov/departments/bids-procurement/current-bids>
2. Download the Solicitation Documents from the State of North Carolina Electronic Vendor Portal: <https://evp.nc.gov> (Search County of Union – Filter Solicitation Status Open).

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid and Site Visit Meeting: This is a non-mandatory meeting that will take place on **12/02/2025 at 10:00 AM** at the Yadkin River WTP, 3522 New Salem Road, Monroe, NC 28110. Representatives from Union County Water will be on-hand to give a brief overview of the project and to answer questions. Attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the Proposal Documents are to be submitted in writing to the Procurement contact person listed on the cover page [Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov](mailto:Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov). The deadline for questions is on **12/05/2025, at 5:00 PM EST**.

Union County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to make such selection deemed in its best interest.

Union County reserves the right to award to multiple vendors.

Offerors are required to comply with the non-collusion requirements set forth in the Solicitation Documents.

Union County encourages good faith effort outreach to Minority Businesses (HUB Certified) and Small Businesses.

## 2 SUBMITTAL DETAILS

### 2.1 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND DELIVERY ADDRESS

All Proposal Submittals are to be received by the Union County Procurement Department no later than **11:00 AM EST on 12/19/2025** per the instructions below. Any submittals received after this date and time shall be rejected without exception.

### 2.2 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The proposal must be submitted electronically using the following link: <https://portal.unioncountync.gov/Forms/procurementsubmit>. Select the Solicitation drop down arrow and choose this RFP from the list. Complete the form, upload your proposal, and select submit. An email will be sent to the address listed on the form as your confirmation of receipt.

The proposal package **must be signed** by a person who is authorized to bind the proposing Company. Instructions for preparing the proposal are provided herein.

**Paper submissions will not be accepted.**

**Submissions e-mailed directly to the Procurement Contact will not be accepted.**

There is no expressed or implied obligation for Union County to reimburse Offerors for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

Union County reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to make such selection deemed in its best interest;
- Cancel this solicitation; and
- Award to multiple vendors.

### 2.3 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **12/02/2025, at 10:00 AM** at the Yadkin River WTP, 3522 New Salem Road, Monroe, NC 28110. Union County Water staff and a Union County Procurement representative will be present to give a brief overview of the project and give access to the facility.

### 2.4 PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

Proposal questions will be due on or before **12/05/2025 at 5:00 PM EST**. The primary purpose is to provide participating Offerors with the opportunity to ask questions, in writing, related to the RFP.

Submit questions in a Word Document or in the body of an email and send to Juan Rodriguez-Cruz [Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov](mailto:Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov) by the deadline shown above. **The email subject line should identify the proposal number and project title.** All questions and answers may be posted as addenda on [www.unioncountync.gov](http://www.unioncountync.gov) and/or <https://evp.nc.gov>

## 2.5 PROPOSAL ADDENDUM

Union County may modify the RFP prior to the date fixed for submission of proposals by the issuance of an addendum.

Should an Offeror find discrepancies or omissions in this RFP or any other documents provided by Union County, the Offeror should immediately notify the County of such potential discrepancy in writing via email as noted above.

Any addenda to these documents shall be issued in writing. No oral statements, explanations, or commitments by anyone shall be of effect unless incorporated in the written addenda. Receipt of Addenda shall be acknowledged by the Offeror on Appendix C – Addendum and Anti-Collusion form.

## 2.6 COMMUNICATION

All communications, any modifications, clarifications, amendments, questions, responses or any other matters related to this Request for Proposals must be made only through the Procurement Contact noted on the cover of this RFP. A violation of this provision is cause for the County to reject a Company's proposal. No contact regarding this document with other County employees is permitted and may be grounds for disqualification.

# 3 PURPOSE

## 3.1 COUNTY

The County (estimated population 239,859) is located in the central, southern piedmont. The County provides its citizens with a full array of services that include public safety, water/wastewater utilities and sanitation, human services, cultural and recreational activities, and general government administration.

## 3.2 INTRODUCTION

Union County (hereafter the "County"), through Union County Water, is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for Backwash basin sludge removal services.

# 4 SCOPE OF SERVICES

## 4.1 SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

The Backwash basin sludge removal services at the Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant are used to store and settle residuals generated by the water treatment process. As the basins accumulate materials, removal will be required. The basins can accommodate up to 5.5 feet of sludge; however, our goal is to maintain a sludge blanket of less than 4 feet in each basin. To support this, Union County Water is seeking to establish a contract for sludge removal services to be scheduled when sludge blanket depth exceeds operational targets, or upon notification by UCW staff over the next three years.

The scope of work shall include the mobilization and demobilization of all equipment and personnel necessary to perform sludge removal, ensuring the safe and efficient removal of sludge deposits from the residual basin. The contractor will be responsible for the proper handling, transportation, and disposal of the removed sludge in full compliance with all

applicable environmental regulations including NCDEQ requirements and in strict accordance with all applicable laws. Additionally, the basin must be restored to operational standards and design capacity, free of residual piles, and inspected with UCW staff prior to demobilization following sludge removal. Complete documentation of disposal and any required regulatory compliance paperwork must be provided.

Contractor shall furnish all permits, labor, materials and equipment required to remove, transport, and dispose of sludge/solids removed from the backwash basins. Within twenty-four (24) hours of occurrence, Contractor shall provide UCW with written notice of violation or noncompliance with respect to Contractor's permit(s), UCW's permit(s), or of any action commenced in any court of competent jurisdiction involving the operations conducted by Contractor during the duration of this contract.

If a dewatering or decanting operation is part of the process, coordinate these activities with the Union County Water point of contact to determine where the water will be disposed of must be at an approved discharge location or facility permitted by NCDEQ or equivalent authority and if at the plant, sampling may be conducted. Metering of the water back into the plant to prevent a plant upset and to stay in the 10% of daily flow recycle rule will be required. Plant operations staff will have the ability to stop any dewatering/decanting operation at any time if process integrity becomes an issue.

Work to be completed Monday through Friday 7am-5pm. Contractor shall coordinate scheduling with plant operations staff. Emergency mobilization capabilities will be considered in the selection process.

#### **4.2 SAFETY**

The Offeror shall provide all employees with necessary personal protective equipment such as industry specific clothing, head, respiratory, eye, hand and foot protection.

#### **4.3 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Ongoing Regulatory Compliance: Contractor must possess and maintain all appropriate permits, plans, equipment, facilities, and personnel necessary to safely accept, transport and deliver County residuals in a manner consistent with all applicable state federal and local requirements. Contractor must appropriately document residuals transport as required by law and must produce such records as requested by the County.
- Operations in good standing: Contractor shall have in effect no current enforcement actions against their operations pertaining to residuals transport. Contractor shall maintain a satisfactory safety record for the duration of this contract. This includes but is not limited to notices of violation, orders, penalties, or other enforcement actions restricting relevant activities.
- Adequate hauling equipment: All equipment supplied and/or utilized under this contract must be of adequate design and condition to safely, satisfactorily, and legally accept, transport, and transfer residuals as required.
- Spill response capabilities: Contractor must operate all equipment utilized under

this contract in such manner as to prevent spillage during transport. However, in case of unavoidable spills, Contractor must promptly and adequately respond to spills in such a manner as to maintain regulatory compliance and minimize harm to the affected environment, people and equipment. Contractor must immediately report any spill incidents to the County and other appropriate parties, per spill response plans.

## **5 DETAILED SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

### **5.1 TERMS OF SUBMISSION**

All material received from a person or company (“Offeror”) in response to this solicitation shall become the property of Union County and will not be returned to the Offeror. Any and all costs incurred by an Offeror in preparing, submitting, or presenting submissions are the Offeror’s sole responsibility and Union County shall not reimburse the Offeror. All responses to this solicitation will be considered a public record and subject to disclosure under applicable public records law.

Any material in a response which the Offeror considers a trade secret and exempt from disclosure as a public record under applicable law, including N.C.G.S. §§ 132-1.2 and 66-152, must be properly designated as a trade secret. In order to properly designate such material, the Offeror must: (i) submit any trade secret materials in a separate envelope, or file, from all other submitted material, being clearly marked as “Trade Secret – Confidential and Proprietary Information,” and (ii) stamp the same trade secret/confidentiality designation on each page of the materials therein which contain trade secrets.

To the extent consistent with public records law, Union County will make reasonable efforts to maintain the confidential nature of trade secrets, as determined by Union County and subject to the conditions set forth herein. Offeror understands and agrees by submitting a response to this solicitation, that if a request is made to review or produce a copy of any information in the Offeror materials which was properly labeled by the Offeror as a trade secret, Union County will notify the Offeror of the request and the date that such materials will be released to the requestor unless the Offeror obtains a court order enjoining that disclosure. If the Offeror fails to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure prior to that date, Offeror understands and agrees that Union County will release the requested information to the requestor on that date.

Furthermore, the Offeror also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Union County and each of its officers, employees, and agents from all costs, damages, and expenses incurred in connection with refusing to disclose any material that has been designated as a trade secret by Offeror.

### **5.2 DUPLICATE PROPOSALS**

No more than one (1) proposal from any Offeror will be considered by the County. In the event multiple proposals are submitted in violation of this provision, the County will have the right to determine which proposal will be considered, or at its sole option, reject all such multiple proposals.

### **5.3 PROPOSAL FORMAT**

**The County desires all responses to be identical in format in order to facilitate comparison.** While the County’s format may represent a departure from the vendor’s preference, the County requests adherence to the format. All responses are to be in the format described below.

Offerors should prepare their proposals in accordance with the instructions outlined in this section. Each Offeror is required to submit the proposal electronically – Refer to page 4, item 2.2. Each section should be identified as described below. Proposals should be prepared as simply as possible and provide a straightforward, concise description of the proposer’s capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP.

The County may award a contract based on initial offers received without discussion of such offers. A proposer’s initial offer should, therefore, be based on the most favorable terms available. The County reserves the right to contact proposers regarding cost and scope clarification at any time throughout the selection process.

The successful Offeror’s proposal must include all responses to the requirements contained within this RFP and all appendices (if applicable) must be completed in their entirety.

By submitting a proposal, the successful Offeror’s Offeror agrees to all applicable provisions, terms and conditions associated with this RFP. This solicitation, the successful Offeror’s submitted proposal, all appendices and attachments (if applicable), and stated terms and conditions may become part of the resulting contract.

Utmost attention should be given to accuracy, completeness, and clarity of content. All parts, pages, figures, or tables should be numbered and clearly labeled. Response information should be limited to pertinent information only. Marketing and sales type information is not to be included.

Omissions and incomplete answers may be deemed unresponsive. Please initial any corrections.

**The proposal should be organized and identified by section as follows:**

- **Section A** – Cover Letter
- **Section B** – Company Background and Experience
- **Section C** – Project Team
- **Section D** – Methodology and Implementation Plan
- **Section E** - References
- **Section F** – Proposed Pricing
  - Appendix A – Price Form (completed); submit with proposal
- **Section G** – Required Forms
  - Appendix B – Proposal Submission (signed)
  - Appendix C - Addenda Receipt and Anti-Collusion (signed)

**5.3.1 SECTION A – COVER LETTER**

Provide the following information about your company. Respond to each item and provide supporting documentation and/or exhibits as requested or desired.

1. Legal Company  
Name and DBA (if applicable)  
Address  
Telephone Number  
Website Address
2. Name of Single Point of Contact  
Title  
Telephone Number  
Email Address
3. Name of Person with Binding Authority  
Title  
Address  
Telephone Number  
Email Address
4. Stipulate that the proposal price will be valid for a period of 180 days.
5. Make the following representations and warranty in the cover letter, the falsity of which might result in rejection of its proposal: "The information contained in this proposal or any part thereof, including any exhibits, schedules, and other documents and instruments delivered or to be delivered to the County, is true, accurate, and complete. This proposal includes all information necessary to ensure that the statements therein do not in whole or in part mislead the County as to any material facts."

### **5.3.2 SECTION B – COMPANY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

This section provides each vendor with the opportunity of demonstrating how its history, organization, and partnerships differentiate it from other entities. Careful attention should be paid to providing information relevant to Union County needs.

Provide a concise profile of the Proposer's organization to include the following:

- Corporate history, and number of years in business under the current organizational name, structure and services offered.
- Assets available to meet County service requirements.
- Is the Offeror's organization involved in any pending litigation that may affect its ability to provide its products and services?

### **5.3.3 SECTION C – PROJECT TEAM**

Describe the professional staff to be associated with this project. Upon award and during the contract period, if the contractor chooses to assign different personnel to the project, the Contractor must submit their names and qualifications including information listed above to the County for approval before they begin work. At a minimum, this section should include the following information for each key person identified by the company:

- Name and title
- Project responsibilities and roles
- Involvement levels & durations
- Years of relevant experience
- Length of service with the company

### **5.3.4 SECTION D - METHODOLOGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Provide a description of the approach and methodology to be used to accomplish the Scope of Work of this RFP. The Methodology Section should include:

- An implementation plan that describes the methods, including controls, by which your firm manages projects of the type.
- Project management, implementation strategies or techniques that the Offeror intends to use in carrying out the work.
- Brief description of efforts your firm will undertake to achieve client satisfaction and to satisfy the requirements of this solicitation.
- Brief description of specific tasks you will require from County staff. Explain what the respective roles of County staff and your staff would be to complete the tasks specified.

### **5.3.5 SECTION E – REFERENCES**

- Provide, at a minimum, three (3) comparable clients with whom your firm has an established relationship similar to the Scope of Work outlined in this RFP and include the following:
  - Company Name
  - Contact Name and Title
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - Email Address
  - Project name
  - Length of Relationship

### **5.3.6 SECTION F – PROPOSED PRICING**

- Complete Appendix A – Price Form and submit with proposal

### **5.3.7 SECTION G – REQUIRED FORMS**

Offerors must include signed copies of the following documents:

- Appendix B – Proposal Submission (signed)
- Appendix C – Addenda Receipt and Anti-Collusion (signed)

## 6 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

### 6.1 SELECTION PARTICIPANTS

1. Maintaining the integrity of the RFP process is of paramount importance for the County. To this end, please do not contact any members of Union County or its staff regarding the subject matter of this RFP until a selection has been made, other than the County's designated contact person identified in the introduction to this RFP.
2. Representatives of Union County will read, review, and evaluate the RFP independently based on the evaluation criteria. Failure to abide by this requirement shall be grounds for disqualification from this selection process.
3. The County will establish an RFP Evaluation Team to review and evaluate the RFPs. The RFP Evaluation Team will assess the RFPs independently in accordance with the published evaluation criteria. Union County reserves the right to conduct interviews with a shortlist of selected Offerors.
4. At its sole discretion, the Owner may ask written questions of Offerors, seek written clarification, and conduct discussions with Offerors on the RFPs.

The County reserves the right to determine the suitability of proposals on the basis of a proposal meeting scope and submittal criteria listed in the RFP. Evaluation criteria and other relevant RFP information will be used to assist in determining the finalist Vendor.

### 6.2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Offeror may be asked to provide the following financial information. If the following financial information is requested, it shall be readily available and provided to the County within forty-eight (48) hours upon request during the bid certification process:

1. Annual audited financial reports for the past five (5) fiscal years;
2. Credit reports, credit bulletins, bank and vendor references, and any other published statements by agencies that have been issued or published about the entity within the past five (5) years;
3. Indicate whether the Company (and/or predecessor, guarantor, or subcontractor) has declared bankruptcy within the last five (5) years;
4. Provide a description of the financial impact of any past or pending legal proceedings and judgments that could materially affect the Offeror's financial position or ability to provide service to the County.

### 6.3 EVALUATION SELECTION PROCESS

A weighted analysis of the evaluation criteria will be utilized to determine the Vendor that represents the best value solution for the County.

In the evaluation and scoring/ranking of Offerors, the County will consider the information submitted in the RFP as well as the meetings (if applicable) with respect to the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP.

The initial evaluation criteria/factors and relative weights listed below will be used to recommend selection of the Proposed Offeror or for the purpose of selecting Short-Listed Offerors. The County may choose to award without engaging in interview discussions.

RFP Criteria	Weights
Company Background and Experience	40%
Project Team, Methodology & Implementation Plan	35%
Price	15%
Compliance with Submittal Requirements	10%

Vendors may be invited to give a demonstration of the capabilities of the proposed solution to the Union County evaluation team. The successful bidder’s demonstration (if requested), along with questions and answers, will be a critical component of the overall vendor evaluation.

After identification of Short-Listed Offerors, the County may or may not decide to invite Short-Listed Offerors to vendor demonstration/interviews. If interviews are scheduled with the Short-Listed Offerors, previous evaluation and rankings are not carried forward. For the purpose of selecting a Preferred Offeror, the evaluation criteria will be given the following relative weights:

Interview Criteria	Weights
Proposed Approach & Staff	60%
Price, Quality and Relevance of Interview as it Relates to the Scope of the RFP	40%

Additional meetings may be held to clarify issues or to address comments, as deemed appropriate. Proposers will be notified in advance of the time and format of such meetings.

#### **6.4 AWARD PROCEDURE**

Union County has the right to reject any or all proposals, to engage in further negotiations with any Company submitting a proposal, and/or to request additional information or clarification. The County is not obligated to accept the lowest cost proposal. The County may accept the proposal that best serves its needs, as determined by County officials in their sole discretion.

The County reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposals received. Therefore, it is important that the proposal be submitted initially on the most favorable terms.

A proposal may be rejected if it is incomplete. Union County may reject any or all proposals and may waive any immaterial deviation in a proposal.

More than one proposal from an individual, Offeror, partnership, corporation or association under the same or different names, will not be considered.

The County reserves the right to enter into negotiations with the top ranked Offeror. However, negotiations with the top ranked Offeror does not signify a commitment by Union County to execute a contract or to continue discussions.

The County reserves the right to terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason. The County may select and enter into negotiations with the next most advantageous Proposer if negotiations with the initially chosen Proposer are not successful.

The award shall be made in the best interest of the County. This Request for Proposal is not subject to any competitive bidding requirements of North Carolina law. The County reserves the right to accept other than the most financially advantageous proposal.

The award document will be a Contract incorporating, by reference, all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the Offeror's proposal as negotiated.

## **6.5 CONFLICT CERTIFICATION**

The Offeror must certify that it does not have any actual or potential conflicts of interest with, or adversarial litigation against the County or any of its officers or employees. During the course of the contractual relationship formed pursuant to this solicitation, any such conflict of interest, whether newly arising or newly discovered, must be disclosed to the County in writing.

# **7 GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

## **7.1 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The contract award may have an initial term of two (2) years with three (3) one-year renewal options at the County's discretion, pending annual budget approval.

Union County has the right to reject any or all proposals, to engage in further negotiations with any Company submitting a proposal, and/or to request additional information or clarification. The County is not obligated to accept the lowest cost proposal. The County may accept that proposal that best serves its needs, as determined by County officials in their sole discretion.

All payroll taxes, liability and worker's compensation are the sole responsibility of the Offeror. The Offeror understands that an employer/employee relationship does not exist under this contract.

All proposals submitted in response to this request shall become the property of Union County and as such, may be subject to public review.

## **7.2 CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The contents of this Proposal and the commitments set forth in the selected Proposal(s) shall be considered contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of the award. All legally required terms and conditions shall be incorporated into final contract agreements with the selected Service Provider(s).

## **7.3 SUB-CONTRACTOR/PARTNER DISCLOSURE**

If the proposal by any Company requires the use of sub-contractors, partners, and/or third-party products or services, this must be clearly stated in the proposal. The Company submitting the proposal shall remain solely responsible for the performance of all work, including work that is done by sub-contractors.

#### **7.4 EXCEPTION TO THE PROPOSAL**

An “exception” is defined as the Service Provider’s inability or unwillingness to meet a term, condition, specification, or requirement in the manner specified in the Proposal. All exceptions taken must be identified and explained in writing in the proposal and must specifically reference the relevant section(s) of this Proposal. Other than exceptions that are stated in compliance with this Section, each proposal shall be deemed to agree to comply with all terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements of this Proposal. If the Service Provider provides an alternate solution when taking an exception to a requirement, the benefits of this alternate solution and impact, if any, on any part of the remainder of the Service Provider’s solution, must be described in detail.

#### **7.5 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL**

Prior to the scheduled closing time for receiving proposals, any Vendor may withdraw their proposal. After the scheduled closing time for receiving proposals, no proposal may be withdrawn for 180 days. Only written requests for the modification or correction of a previously submitted proposal that are addressed in the same manner as proposals and are received by the County prior to the closing time for receiving proposals will be accepted. The proposal will be corrected in accordance with such written requests, provided that any such written request is in a sealed envelope that is plainly marked “Modification of Proposal” – with solicitation number and name on the front of the envelope. Oral, telephone, or fax modifications or corrections will not be recognized or considered.

#### **7.6 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

All Offerors will be required to follow Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies. Union County will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement, equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, and marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

#### **7.7 MINORITY BUSINESSES OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES**

It is the policy of Union County that Minority Businesses (MBEs), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other small businesses shall have the opportunity to compete fairly in contracts financed in whole or in part with public funds. Consistent with this policy, Union County will not allow any person or business to be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract because of sex, race, religion, or national origin.

#### **7.8 LICENSES**

The successful Offeror(s) shall have and maintain a valid and appropriate business license (if applicable), meet all local, state, and federal codes, and have current all required local, state, and federal licenses.

#### **7.9 E-VERIFY**

E-Verify is the federal program operated by the United States Department of Homeland

Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program, used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law. Vendor/Offeror shall ensure that Offeror and any Sub-Contractor performing work under this contract: (i) uses E-Verify if required to do so; and (ii) otherwise complies with applicable law.

### 7.10 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

During the performance of this Request, the Offeror agrees to provide a drug-free workplace for their employees; post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the workplace and specify the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; and state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Offeror that the Offeror maintains a drug-free workplace.

For the purposes of this section, “drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a Offeror/Offerors in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Request.

### 7.11 INSURANCE

One or more of the following insurance limits may be required if it is applicable to the project. The County reserves the right to require additional insurance depending on the nature of the agreement.

At Contractor’s sole expense, Contractor shall procure and maintain the following minimum insurances with insurers authorized to do business in North Carolina and rated A-VII or better by A.M. Best, or as otherwise authorized by the Union County Risk Manager.

A. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Statutory (coverage for three or more employees) limits covering all employees, including Employer’s Liability with limits of:

\$500,000	Each Accident
\$500,000	Disease - Each Employee
\$500,000	Disease - Policy Limit

B. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

(for any agreement unless otherwise waived by the Risk Manager)  
Covering Ongoing and Completed Operations involved in this Agreement.

\$2,000,000	General Aggregate
\$2,000,000	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury Limit

- C. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY  
(for any agreement involving the use of a contractor vehicle while conducting services associated with the agreement)

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit - Any Auto

- D. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY  
(only for any agreement providing professional service such as engineering, architecture, surveying, consulting services, etc.)

\$1,000,000 Claims Made

- E. NETWORK SECURITY & PRIVACY LIABILITY (CYBER)  
(for any agreement involving software applications)

\$1,000,000 Claims Made

Contractor shall provide evidence of continuation or renewal of Professional Liability Insurance for a period of two (2) years following termination of the Agreement.

#### **ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Contractor's General Liability policy shall be endorsed, specifically or generally, to include the following as Additional Insured:

**UNION COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE INCLUDED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED WITH RESPECTS TO THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.**

Additional Insured status for Completed Operations shall extend for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date of final payment.

- B. Before commencement of any work or event, Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance in satisfactory form as evidence of the insurances required above.
- C. Contractor shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against Union County (including its officers, agents and employees).
- D. It is the intention of the parties that the insurance policies afforded by contractor shall protect both parties and be primary and non-contributory coverage for any and all losses covered by the above-described insurance.
- E. Union County shall have no liability with respect to Contractor's personal property whether insured or not insured. Any deductible or self-insured retention is the sole responsibility of Contractor.
- F. Notwithstanding the notification requirements of the Insurer, Contractor hereby agrees to notify County's Risk Manager at 500 N. Main Street # 130, Monroe, NC 28112, within two (2) days of the cancellation or substantive change of any insurance policy set out herein. Union, in its sole discretion, may deem failure to provide such notice as a breach of this Agreement.

- G. The Certificate of Insurance should note in the Description of Operations the following:

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

- H. Insurance procured by Contractor shall not reduce nor limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify, save harmless and defend Union County for claims made or suits brought which result from or are in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

- I. Certificate Holder shall be listed as follows:

Union County  
Attention: Union County Risk Manager  
500 N. Main Street, Suite #130  
Monroe, NC 28112

- J. If Contractor is authorized to assign or subcontract any of its rights or duties hereunder and in fact does so, Contractor shall ensure that the assignee or subcontractor satisfies all requirements of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the required insurances coverage and provision of certificate(s) of insurance and additional insured endorsement(s), in proper form prior to commencement of services.

## 7.12 INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold Union County, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of this agreement and/or the performance hereof that are due, in whole or in part, to the negligence of the Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors or agents. Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend the same at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

**8 APPENDIX A – PRICE FORM**

**RFP 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant  
Backwash Basin Sludge Removal**

**Submit with Proposal**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>
Refer to section 4. Scope of Services	\$

**9 APPENDIX B – PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

**RFP 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant  
Backwash Basin Sludge Removal**

**Submit with Proposal**

***This Proposal is submitted by:***

Company Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is understood that Union County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to make awards according to the best interest of the County, to waive formalities, technicalities, to recover and resubmit this project. Proposal is valid for 120 calendar days from the Proposal due date and is submitted by an executive of the company that has authority to contract with Union County, NC.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**10 APPENDIX C – ADDENDUM AND ANTI-COLLUSION**

**RFP 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant  
Backwash Basin Sludge Removal**

**Submit with Proposal**

Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda by including this form with your Proposal. Any questions or changes received will be posted as an addendum on [unioncountync.gov](http://unioncountync.gov) and/or <https://evp.nc.gov>. It is your responsibility to check for this information.

Addendum No.	Date Downloaded
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**I certify that this proposal is made in good faith and without collusion with any other offeror or officer or employee of Union County.**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

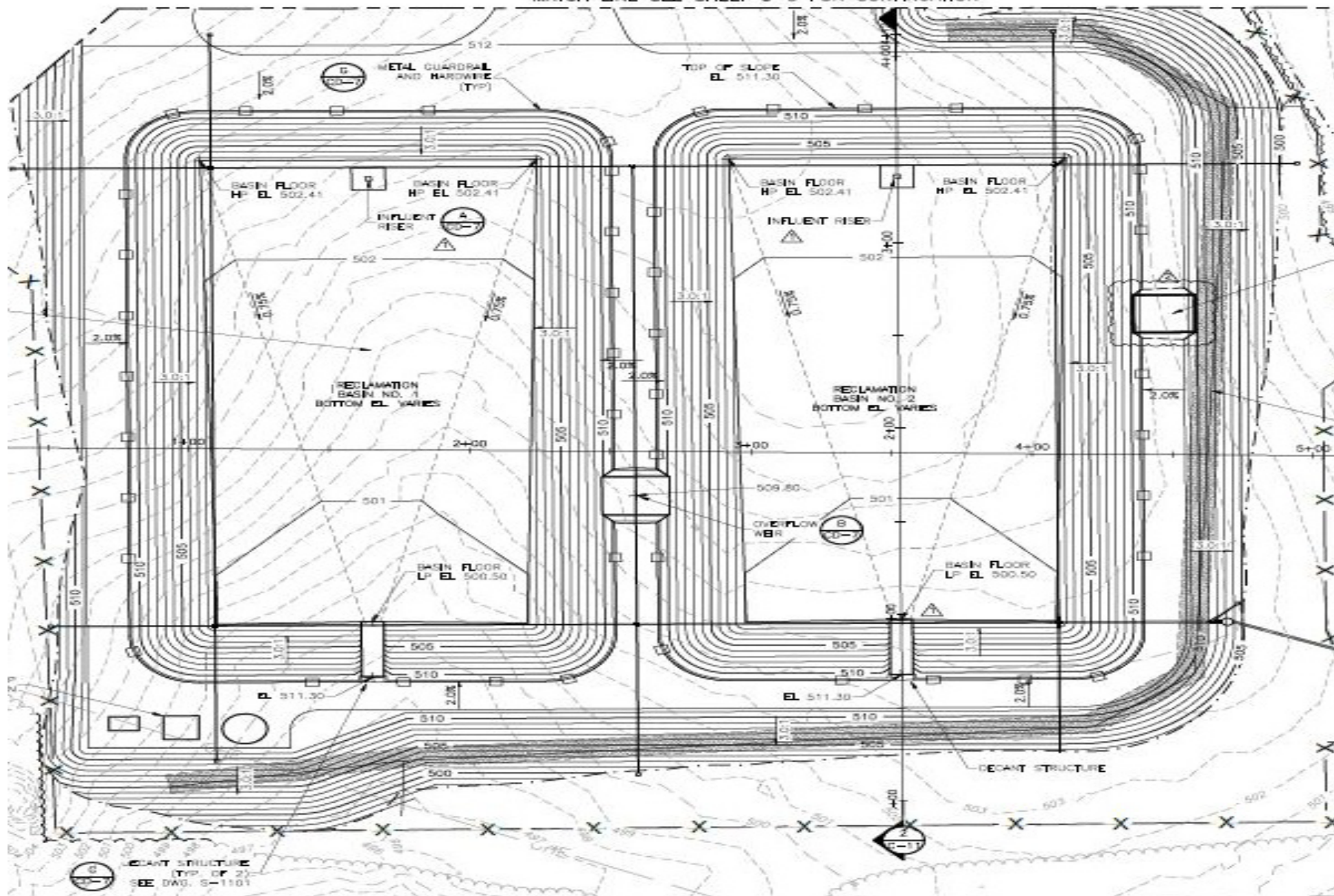
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## 11 APPENDIX D – AERATION TANK DRAWINGS

### RFP 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant Backwash Basin Sludge Removal

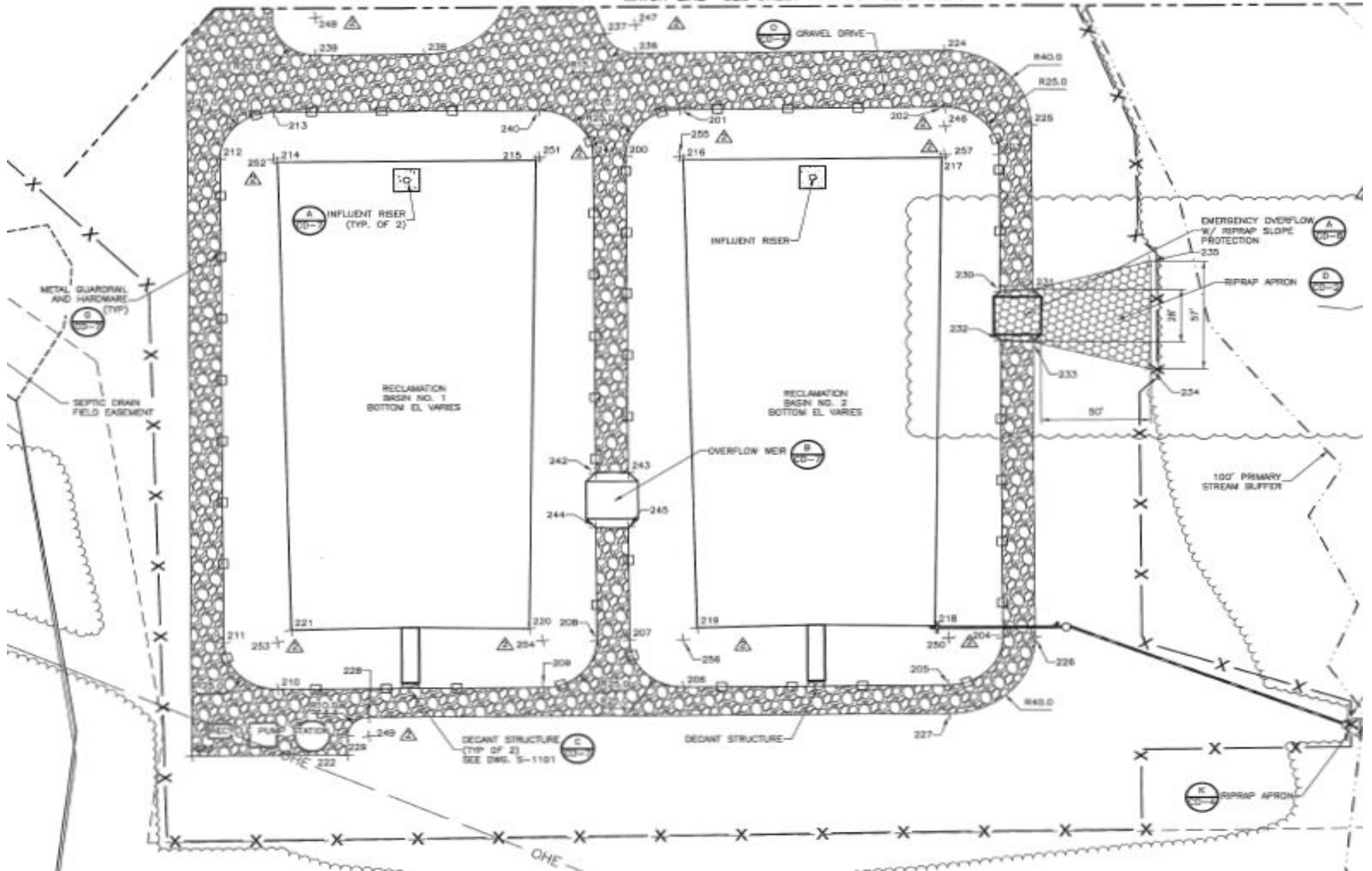
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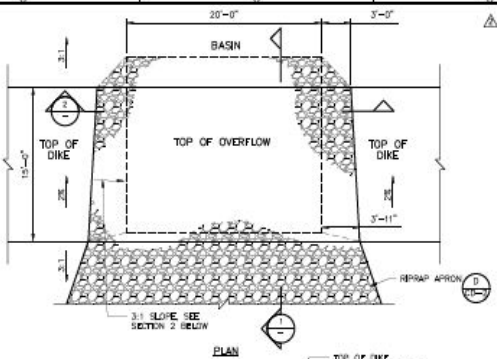
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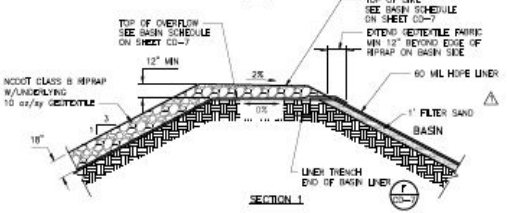




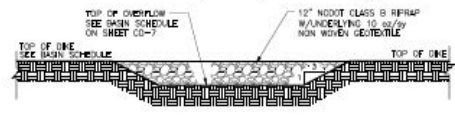
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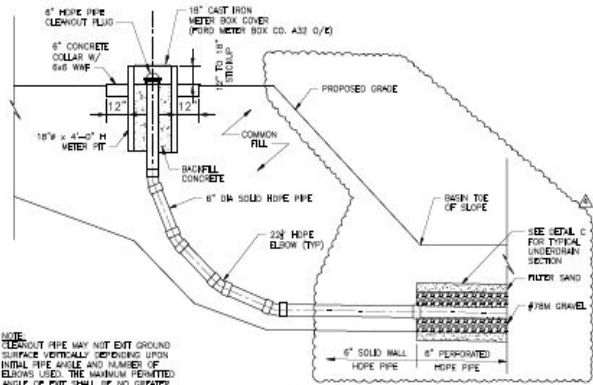
SECTION 1



SECTION 2

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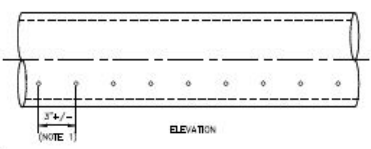
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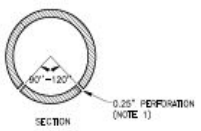
UNDERDRAIN PIPE CLEANOUT

DETAIL (D)

NOTE: CLEANOUT PIPE MAY NOT EXIT GROUND SURFACE VERTICALLY. SPECIFY UPON INITIAL PIPE ANGLE AND NUMBER OF ELBOWS USED. THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED ANGLE OF EXIT SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN 22# FROM VERTICAL. 18" METER PIT TO BE GROUDED AS SHOWN AT ANGLE THAT IS PARALLEL TO THE CLEANOUT PIPE AND BACKFILLED WITHIN 2" OF CLEANOUT PLUS MIN. CONCRETE.



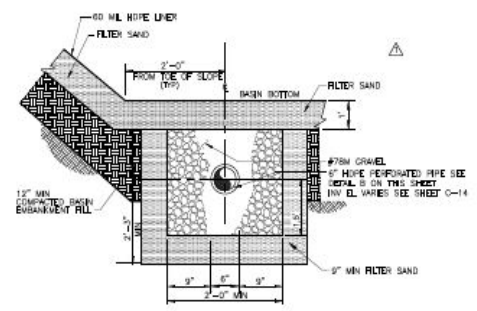
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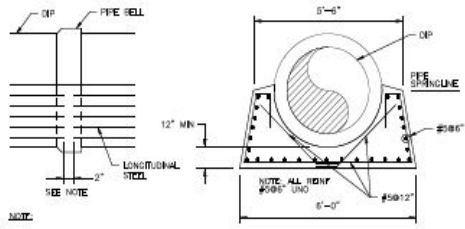
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 1. REFER TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 330533.23.

PERFORATED PIPE  
DETAIL (B)



TYPICAL SECTION THROUGH UNDERDRAIN PIPE

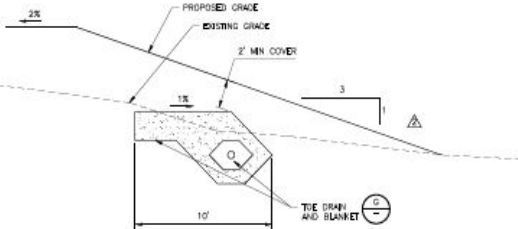
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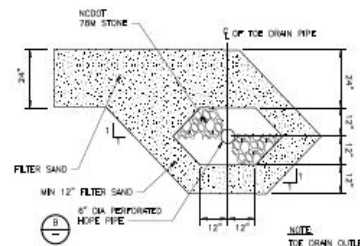
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CONCRETE PIPE CRADLE  
DETAIL (E)



EMBANKMENT WITH TOE DRAIN AND BLANKET

DETAIL (F)

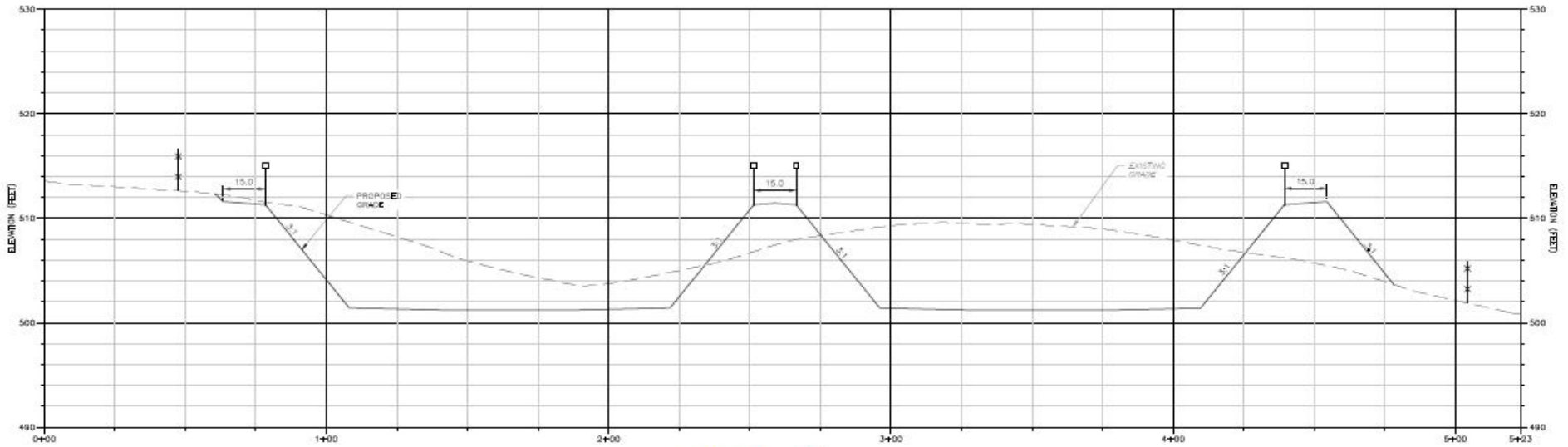


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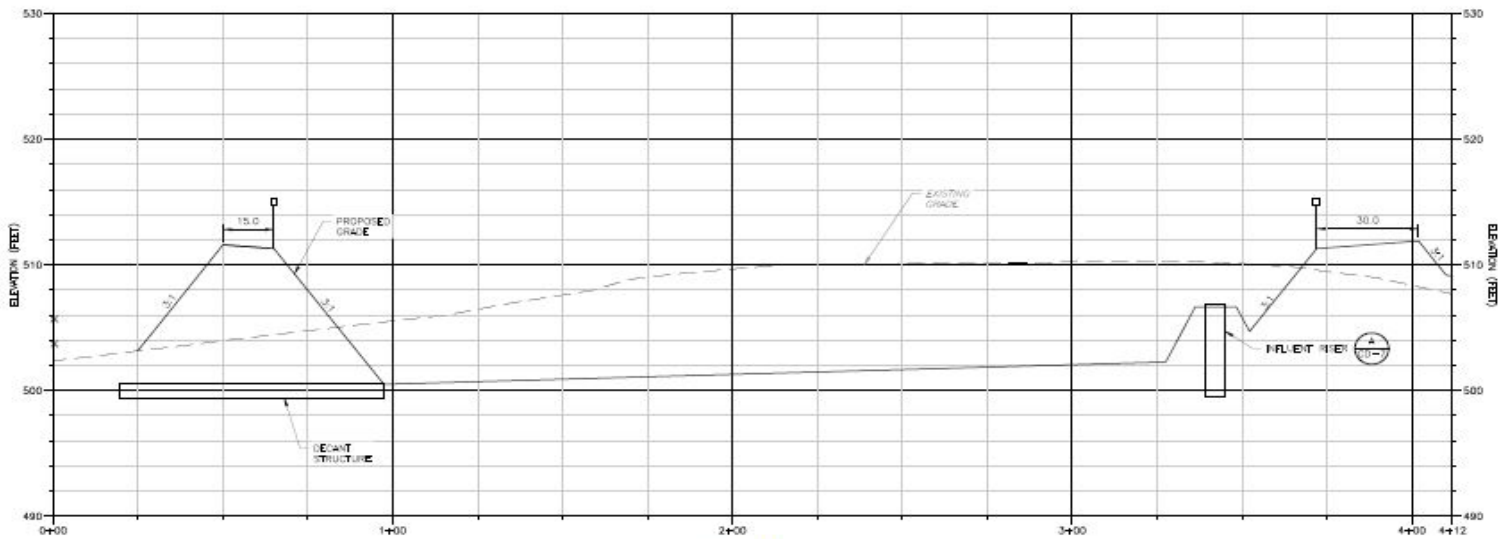
DETAIL (G)

NOTE: THE DRAIN OUTLETS SHALL BE 6" DIA. SOLID HDPE PIPE.





SECTION 1  
 1" = 20' HORIZ.  
 1" = 5' VERT.



SECTION 2  
 1" = 20' HORIZ.  
 1" = 5' VERT.

**NOTES**

1. THE RELAXATION BASIN SHALL NOT BE UNTIL THE BASIN CONSTRUCTION IS FULL. LINES AND EXTERIOR STABILIZATION IF ALL THE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS. STAR REMOVED AND EROSION ISSUES CORRECT.
2. RELAXATION BASIN CONSTRUCTION IS NO DRAWINGS. THE RELAXATION BASIN IS IN NORTH CAROLINA. ELEVATION OF EXISTING POINTS REQUIREMENTS. THESE DRAWINGS LATER DATE.

## 12 APPENDIX E – SAMPLE VENDOR PAYMENT NOTIFICATION

### RFP 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant Backwash Basin Sludge Removal

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**Finance Department**

500 North Main Street Suite #714  
Monroe, NC 28112 T. 704-283-3813  
[www.unioncountync.gov](http://www.unioncountync.gov)

**ATTENTION: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VENDORS**

As part of our Fraud Prevention Program, Union County now prefers two methods for payments to vendor accounts. These methods allow for faster and easier payments to vendors.

The first and preferred method available is to accept a VISA card payment from the County. If you accept payment via VISA, payment is made at the time of the transaction or upon receipt and approval of the invoice.

The second method is an Electronic Funds Transfer. (EFT) This means that you will receive payment of invoices due directly into your bank account. With this method, you will get an email confirmation giving you the date, invoice numbers, and total amount paid. Your payment will be available to you on Monday (or the first banking day if Monday is a bank holiday) following receipt of an approved invoice from the County department invoiced.

An EFT Enrollment Form to enroll in the program is attached for your convenience. You can also visit the Union County website at [www.unioncountync.gov](http://www.unioncountync.gov) at any time to get a new form if your banking information changes. If the banking information changes and you do not notify us, it will delay receipt of payment for invoices.

If you wish to receive payment via the County's VISA card, please contact Heather Howey at 704-283-3539, or send an email to [ap@unioncountync.gov](mailto:ap@unioncountync.gov) and you will be added to the list of vendors accepting the VISA card method of payment.

Union County prefers all vendors participate in one of the two methods described above.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

## 13 APPENDIX F – TEMPLATE CONTRACT

### RFP 2026-029 Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant Backwash Basin Sludge Removal

**Informational Purposes Only - Do not submit with proposal.**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between UNION COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, whose address is 500 North Main Street, Monroe, NC 28112, hereinafter “Union,” and [Contractor’s full legal name], a [type of business (corporation, limited liability company, etc.) and state where incorporated], whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter “Contractor.”

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Union desires that Contractor perform certain [briefly describe services here] services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to perform such services as described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do each contract and agree with the other as follows:

1. SERVICES PERFORMED. Contractor agrees to perform the services as set forth in the attached Scope of Work [or, if the full RFP is to be attached as the scope of work, state the RFP number and full RFP title], which is incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter the “Services”), in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. FEE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE. Union shall pay Contractor [insert payment amount or rate] for performance of the Services. Contractor shall invoice Union on a monthly basis for Services performed, or upon such other schedule as may be agreed upon by the parties. Payment is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of an accurate invoice by Union’s Finance Division. All payments shall be conditioned upon appropriation by the Union County Board of Commissioners of sufficient funds for each request for services.

3. TERM AND TERMINATION. The Effective Date is the date of mutual execution of this Agreement. This Agreement shall have a term of [insert agreement time length] (the “Initial Term”). [The following sentence to be used only if renewals might be needed or desired, and then only if the RFP lists the possible number of renewals. If the contract is just for a single term, this sentence may be deleted.] Upon completion of the Initial Term, Union may, in its sole discretion, elect to renew this Agreement for up to \_\_\_[number of possible additional terms, as stated in the RFP] additional \_\_\_[number of years in each renewal term]-year terms, each a “Renewal Term,” upon written notice to the Contractor. Union may terminate this Agreement at any time, without cause, upon provision of ten (10) days’ written notice to Contractor. In the event of termination without cause, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of notification of termination by Union.

4. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All deliverables and any other contract documents prepared by Contractor, or any subcontractors or subconsultants under the terms of this Agreement (“the Documents”), shall be the property of Union. Contractor further acknowledges that Union is subject to Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Public Records Act (the “Act”), and that this Agreement, as well as any of the Documents as defined herein, shall be a public record as defined in such Act, and as such, will be open to public disclosure and copying.

5. INSURANCE. The attached Exhibit A, Insurance Requirements, is incorporated herein by reference.

6. INDEMNIFICATION. Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold Union, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of this Agreement and/or the performance hereof that are due, in whole or in part, to the negligence of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors or agents. Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend the same at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

7. DECLARATION BY CONTRACTOR. Contractor declares that Contractor has complied with all federal, state and local laws regarding business permits, certificates, and licenses that may be required to carry out the work to be performed under this Agreement.

8. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES. Neither federal, nor state, nor local income tax nor payroll tax of any kind shall be withheld or paid by Union on behalf of Contractor or the employees of Contractor. Contractor shall not be treated as an employee with respect to the services performed hereunder for federal or state tax purposes.

9. NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR REGARDING ITS TAX DUTIES AND LIABILITIES. Contractor understands that Contractor is responsible to pay, according to law, Contractor's income tax. If Contractor is not a corporation, Contractor further understands that Contractor may be liable for self-employment (social security) tax, to be paid by Contractor according to law.

10. FRINGE BENEFITS. Because Contractor is engaged in Contractor's own independently established business, Contractor is not eligible for, and shall not participate in, any employee pension, health or other fringe benefit plan of Union.

11. UNION NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION. No workers' compensation insurance shall be obtained by Union concerning Contractor or the employees of Contractor. Contractor shall comply with the workers' compensation law concerning Contractor and the employees of Contractor.

12. NO AUTHORITY TO BIND UNION. Contractor has no authority to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of Union. This Agreement does not create a partnership or any form of agency between the parties.

13. ASSIGNMENT. Neither Union nor Contractor shall assign, sublet or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement (including, but without limitation, monies that may become due or monies that are due) without the written consent of the other, except to the extent that any assignment, subletting or transfer is mandated by law or the effect of this limitation may be restricted by law. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to assignment, no

assignment shall release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.

14. NON-WAIVER. The failure of either party to exercise any of its rights under this agreement for a breach thereof shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights or a waiver of any subsequent breach.

15. HOW NOTICES SHALL BE GIVEN. Any notice given in connection with this agreement shall be given in writing and shall be delivered either by hand to the party or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party at the party's address stated herein. Any party may change its address stated herein by giving notice of the change in accordance with this paragraph.

16. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. The parties to this Agreement confer exclusive jurisdiction of all disputes arising hereunder upon the General Courts of Justice of Union County, North Carolina.

17. COMPLETE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the complete agreement of the parties regarding the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and there are no oral or written conditions, terms, warranties, understandings or other agreements pertaining thereto which have not been incorporated herein. This Agreement may be modified only by written instrument duly executed by both parties, or their respective successors in interest.

18. SEVERABILITY. The provisions hereof are severable, and should any provision be determined to be invalid, unlawful or otherwise null and void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall not thereby be affected unless such ruling shall make further performance hereunder impossible or impose an unconscionable burden upon one of the parties.

19. AUTHORITY. Each party warrants that it has the corporate or other organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement. Each party further warrants that the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Agreement has been duly authorized and approved by all requisite action of the party's management and appropriate governing body.

20. E-VERIFY. E-Verify is the federal program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program, used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law. Contractor shall ensure that Contractor and any subcontractor performing work under this Agreement: (i) uses E-Verify if required to do so by North Carolina law; and (ii) otherwise complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. A breach of this provision by Contractor will be considered a breach of this Agreement, which entitles Union to terminate this Agreement, without penalty, upon notice to Contractor.

*[Signatures follow on the next page.]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under authority of their respective governing bodies, have hereunto set their hands and seals, and have caused this Agreement to be duly executed, this the day and year first above written.

UNION COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Brian W. Matthews, County Manager

[CONTRACTOR'S FULL LEGAL NAME]

By: \_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)

Approved as to Legal Form \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Finance Officer

**Exhibit A**  
**Insurance Requirements**

**I. BASIC INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** At Contractor's sole expense, Contractor shall procure and maintain the following minimum insurances with insurers authorized to do business in North Carolina and rated A-VII or better by A.M. Best, or as otherwise authorized by the Union County Risk Manager.

**A. WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Statutory (coverage for three or more employees) limits covering all employees, including Employer's Liability with limits of:

\$500,000	Each Accident
\$500,000	Disease - Each Employee
\$500,000	Disease - Policy Limit

**B. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**

Covering all operations involved in this Agreement.

\$2,000,000	General Aggregate
\$2,000,000	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury Limit

**C. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY**

\$1,000,000	Combined Single Limit - Any Auto
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**D. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

\$1,000,000	Claims Made
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Contractor shall provide evidence of continuation or renewal of Professional Liability Insurance for a period of two (2) years following termination of the Agreement.

**E. POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE**

\$1,000,000	Claims Made
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Contractor shall provide evidence of continuation or renewal of Pollution Liability Insurance for a period of two (2) years following termination of the Agreement.

F. NETWORK SECURITY & PRIVACY LIABILITY (CYBER)

\$1,000,000 Claims Made  
\$3,000,000 Aggregate Limit

Contractor shall provide evidence of continuation or renewal of Network Security & Privacy Liability Insurance for a period of two (2) years following termination of the Agreement.

**II. ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

A. The Contractor's General Liability policy shall be endorsed, specifically or generally, to include the following as Additional Insured:

**UNION COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE INCLUDED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED WITH RESPECT TO THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.**

B. Before commencement of any work or event, Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance in satisfactory form as evidence of the insurances required above.

C. Contractor shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against Union County (including its officers, agents and employees).

D. It is the intention of the parties that the insurance policies afforded by Contractor shall protect both parties and be primary and non-contributory coverage for any and all losses covered by the above-described insurance.

E. Union County shall have no liability with respect to Contractor's personal property whether insured or not insured. Any deductible or self-insured retention is the sole responsibility of Contractor.

F. Notwithstanding the notification requirements of the Insurer, Contractor hereby agrees to notify County's Risk Manager at 500 North Main Street, Monroe, NC 28112, within two (2) days of the cancellation or substantive change of any insurance policy set out herein. Union, in its sole discretion, may deem failure to provide such notice as a breach of this Agreement.

G. The Certificate of Insurance should note in the Description of Operations the following:

Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Insurance procured by Contractor shall not reduce nor limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify, save harmless and defend Union County for claims made or suits brought which result from or are in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

I. Certificate Holder shall be listed as follows:

Union County  
Attention: Risk Manager  
500 North Main Street  
Monroe, NC 28112

J. If Contractor is authorized to assign or subcontract any of its rights or duties hereunder and in fact does so, Contractor shall ensure that the assignee or subcontractor satisfies all requirements of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the required insurances coverage and provision of certificate(s) of insurance and additional insured endorsement(s), in proper form prior to commencement of services.



**Request for Proposals 2026-029**

**Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant Backwash Basin  
Sludge Removal**

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**ADDENDUM No. 1**

**ISSUE DATE: December 3, 2025**

Responding Offerors on this project are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be made a part of the above named RFP document.

The following items add to, modify, and/or clarify the RFP documents and shall have the full force and effect of the original Documents. This Addendum shall be acknowledged by the Offeror in the RFP document.

**Delete/Add/Replace Section**

**Add:** This Addendum is being issued to facilitate a second **non-mandatory site visit** for interested proposers on December 9, 2025 9:00 AM EST.

A second site visit will be held at the following location:

Yadkin River Water Treatment Plant  
3522 New Salem Road  
Monroe, NC 28110

Representatives from Union County Water will be on hand to provide a brief overview of the project and to respond to general questions.

All questions regarding the meaning or intent of the Proposal Documents must be submitted in writing to the Procurement contact person listed on the cover page:

Juan Rodriguez-Cruz  
[Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov](mailto:Juan.Rodriguez-Cruz@unioncountync.gov)

Verbal questions or statements made during the site visit shall not be considered binding unless confirmed through a written addendum issued by the County.

**Replace with:** The question due date originally stated as December 5, 2025, at 5:00 PM EST is hereby revised and replaced throughout the Proposal Documents to reflect a new question due date of December 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM EST.

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*End of Addendum No. 1*



**Request for Proposals 2026-029**

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**ADDENDUM No. 2**

**ISSUE DATE: December 10, 2025**

Responding Offerors on this project are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be made a part of the above named RFP document.

The following items add to, modify, and/or clarify the RFP documents and shall have the full force and effect of the original Documents. This Addendum shall be acknowledged by the Offeror in the RFP document.

## **Question/Answer Section**

1. **Question:** What is the expected timeframe for the first removal event?

**Answer:** As soon as possible.

2. **Question:** Will additional preparation time be allowed to support NCDEQ land application permitting.

**Answer:** Depending on prep time determined. It would need to be completed and invoiced by May 26 at the latest.

3. **Question:** Is water available onsite for Belt Filter Press operation? 2-inch line with minimum 60 PSI.

**Answer:** Water is available on site. A site visit would determine length of pipe required to supply press. This would be vendor's responsibility. Water would need to be metered, as well as a certified backflow device if water is used for process vs only cleaning.

4. **Question:** Is power available onsite near the North end of the lagoons? 480V 3Phase

**Answer:** In the area but not available for shore power connection. Recycle pumps located near basin 1 use 480v/3 phase. Also, electrical building is approximately 100 yards from basins 1 & 2 could maybe be "tapped". It would require further investigation and county/contractor approval. Address during site visit.

5. **Question:** Can the online lagoon be used for filtrate discharge while press operations are being conducted in the other?

**Answer:** Yes.

6. **Question:** Does the county have any sample results to support land application requirements?

**Answer:** Have sample results from required NPDES permit discharge samples. Sludge is primarily made up of alum used for coagulation.

7. **Question:** Would the county consider unit pricing for sludge removal such as per gallon pricing or per wet ton pricing?

**Answer:** Quoting sludge removal per Filter Cake Ton on either basin, including prep, mobilization, and disposal. Calculation/Determination of pre and post total solids determined by vendor.

8. **Question:** What is the county's current budget for sludge removal?

**Answer:** Not available at this time.

9. **Question:** Does the county have any place to take the material away or will it need to be brought to a designated landfill.

**Answer:** No current approved disposal site would need to be determined/set up by vendor. Union County Govt. does operate landfills in the area.

10. **Question:** Will the basin need to be cleaned completely or just to Union County desired amount of material displacement?

**Answer:** 1-3 ft of residual sludge depending on price/frequency and current basin level.

11. **Question:** We will discharge effluent back to the pond where the material is removed.

**Answer:** Yes

12. **Question:** Can we do an initial clean down to "bottom" and come back out when called out.

**Answer:** Depends on the price.

13. **Question:** How often will you call out?

**Answer:** Depends on initial removal amount.

14. **Question:** Are we quoting one time cleaning of both basins?

**Answer:** Quoting sludge removal per Filter Cake Ton on either basin, including prep, mobilization, and disposal. Calculation/Determination of pre and post total solids determined by vendor.

15. **Question:** Is there an approved disposal site?

**Answer:** Not currently, would need to be determined/set up by vendor. Union County Govt. does operate landfills in the area.

16. **Question:** Can we change the working hours to 7AM-7PM, 7 days per week?

**Answer:** We can do Monday-Friday, 7AM-5PM working hours would only be during normal business hours, no weekends or holidays.

17. **Question:** Will Union County accept pricing under a different format, e.g. Mobilization with a Wet Ton Unit Cost?

**Answer:** Yes

18. **Question:** Can filtrate water from dewatering operations be discharged back into the lagoons?

**Answer:** Yes

19. **Question:** Are there any restrictions on equipment access into the lagoons, liner concerns?

**Answer:** Depending on equipment. Site visit recommended.

**20. Question:** What is the desired/expected timeframe for cleaning the first lagoon?

**Answer:** As soon as possible.

**21. Question:** Is it expected that just one lagoon event per year or two lagoon events per year?

**Answer:** Most likely.

**22. Question:** Can you please tell me if dewatering using geotextile tubes is an acceptable manner for dewatering for this contract? I did notice some land near the lagoons and on the other side of the plant and would like to know if that is available for a laydown area for dewatering tubes?

**Answer:** At this time, it is unclear whether sufficient space exists between each basin to accommodate the proposed tubing, and the containment approach for such a configuration has not been fully defined. It is therefore recommended that prospective vendors perform a site visit prior to submitting their proposals in order to adequately assess site conditions.

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*End of Addendum No. 2*