



CITY OF ARVIN

CITY OF ARVIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TENANT FARMING

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Deadline for Proposals: February 3, 2021 at 5:00 PM

The City of Arvin is soliciting proposals from qualified farming operators to tenant farm the City of Arvin (City) real property consisting of approximately 247 acres in the vicinity of North Rancho Drive, Millux Road and Burkett Blvd, Arvin, CA.

The City seeks a lease of at least ten (10) years with a mutual option for two (2) additional five (5) year terms.

The city will supply treated effluent as a source of irrigation water at no cost to the lessee. The tenant farmer must agree with the terms of the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Order 5-00-093.

Possession of the designated farming area can commence upon execution into a lease with the City of Arvin. Other lease conditions are included within the draft lease agreement (attached).

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Please deliver one copy of the proposal to the City as PDF file(s) of the complete proposal to the City via USB drive or via email to cvela@arvin.org Electronic only submittal (no hard copy) of the proposal *is* sufficient.

All proposals shall be delivered to the City at the location specified in this document and must be received by the required date and time. The post marked date, email date, or posting date shall not serve as the date of receipt. Proposals must clearly be marked and submitted to the City of Arvin.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. City address, submittal information and questions concerning this Request for Proposal should be directed to:

Information Requests:

Jeff Jones
Finance Director
200 Campus Drive
Arvin, CA 93203
jeffjones@arvin.org

Submittal of documents:

Cecilia Vela
City Clerk
200 Campus Drive
Arvin, CA 93203
cvela@arvin.org

B. Evaluation and Notification of Selected Farming Operator

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. Responsiveness to the Request for Proposals and understanding of the scope of work.
2. Qualification and experience of the firm and individual staff members.
3. References.
4. Lease structure and payments proposed

C. Contract Period and Terms

A ten (10) year contract is contemplated, subject to satisfactory performance. Two (2) five (5) year additional terms may be permitted on a mutual basis at the end of the contract.

D. Anticipated Proposal and Award Schedule:

January 27, 2021 Deadline for questions to the City
February 3, 2021 – 5 PM – Deadline for proposals to City
February 9, 2021 Approval by City Council
February 23, 2021 Execution of Final Lease Agreement

II. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. General

The City of Arvin is seeking proposals from qualified farming operators to tenant farm the City of Arvin (City) real property consisting of approximately 247 acres in the vicinity of North Rancho Drive, Millux Road and Burkett Blvd, Arvin, CA. The goal of City operations is to discharge 100% of the annual effluent an agronomic rate to be taken up by the crop(s) being grown on the site each and every year. The crop may not be for human consumption.

B. Scope of Work to be Performed

All aspects of farming the approximate 247 acre City of Arvin real properties in a legal and responsible manner each and every calendar day per year so as to accept as 100% of the annual effluent generated by the City's wastewater treatment facility. The estimate of effluent treated water is approximately 1.3 million gallons per day or 475 million gallons per year (1,456 acre feet).

The tenant farmer must agree to comply with the terms of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order number 5-00-093. This permit was issued in 2000 and is expected to be updated in the near future. The successful bidder will be required to comply with the terms of the updated permit.

III. Proposal Requirements

- A. The purpose of the proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence, and capacity of the farming operators.
- B. The proposal should be prepared simply, and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP.
- C. Description of the proposed crop(s) and farming operations.
- D. Lease payments, structure, and due dates.

Attachments: (contact City for details)

- 1. Exhibit A – Draft lease agreement
- 2. Exhibit B – Site Map
- 3. Exhibit C – Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) order 5-00-093