

COUNTY OF BERKS

Purchasing Department

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George Rodrigues, Director of Contracts and Procurement

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Amendment #1 Issued on January 29, 2026

Re: Invitation to Bid #26-01-AA - Hauling and Disposal of Filter Cake Material

This Amendment should consist of a total of 3 pages. If you have not received this Amendment in its entirety, please contact the County of Berks Purchasing Department at (610) 478-6168.

The County hereby amends the above noted Invitation to Bid (ITB) as indicated herein. All other details of the ITB remain unchanged. Language that is underlined denotes that which has been added. Language that has been stricken denotes that which is hereby removed.

Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

A pre-bid conference was held at the Berks County Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located at 1088 Berks Road, Leesport, Pennsylvania 19533, on Thursday January 15, 2026 at 1:45 P.M. The following individuals and companies were represented at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
Ryan Cherwinski	Denali
Chris Gring	Empire Group
Matt Mascaro	J.P Mascaro & Sons
George Rodrigues	County of Berks
John Tobin	M&B Environmental
Rex Levengood	County of Berks
Anthony McCloskey	County of Berks
Mansoor Zaki	County of Berks

Several key points were reviewed by the Purchasing Department at the beginning of the pre-bid meeting. They were:

1. As per Section One, Instruction to Bidders, Clause 1.5. submit all questions in writing to the County point of contact, as detailed therein. Deadline for questions is 20 days prior to deadline for receipt of bids.
2. As per Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 1.5.3. an amendment will be issued to respond to any and all questions and clarifications submitted and/or identified as needed by the County. Questions answered, or responses not set forth in an amendment shall not be valid and binding upon the County.

3. Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 1.3 refers to the deadline for receipt of bids. The County Controller's clock shall be considered the official time. There shall be no exceptions to the Bid Deadline.
4. Insurance: Review Attachment H, Clause 9, for the minimum insurance requirements. Carefully review this with your insurance broker to ensure you meet all of the limits and endorsements identified
5. Review the second page of the Bid Form. There is a listing of documents that must be submitted with each bid. Use this listing as a checklist to ensure you have a compliant bid submission.
6. Sign up for eAlerts on the Purchasing page of www.berkspa.gov

Following is a list of questions asked at the pre-bid meeting, and the County's response to each question, as well as clarifications addressed. The responses to these questions form an integral part of the ITB package and these responses may alter a Contractor's responsibilities in submitting a bid. Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

Question 1:

Is your PAG-08 Current? If so, how is pathogen reduction & vector attraction reduction achieved?

A1. The PAG-08 is not current.

Question 2:

Please provide your PAG-08 Part 1 Biosolids Quality Certification and associated data.

A2. There is no active Part 1 certification.

Question 3:

Are there any per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) test results for the biosolids? If so, please provide them.

A3. The county is not currently required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to conduct PFAS analysis on biosolids, and no routine PFAS testing has been performed to date.

Question 4:

What was the average net weight per load in the past 12 months?

A4. We currently only have data from the past eleven (11) months, however, the average net weight per load over that time is 21 tons per load.

Question 5:

How often is a can filled/need swapped?

A5. Containers are typically filled and exchanged 1 to 4 times a month, depending on seasonal sludge production and operating conditions

Question 6:

Does the County have a general permit for land application?

A6. No because the PAG-O8 is not current.

Question 7:

Is the County currently testing for Class B requirements for land application

A7. No, not for the purpose of land application.

Question 8:

Would the County please confirm the amount of on-site storage

A8. Not applicable.

Should you have any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact Amber Axon-Good, Buyer, via phone at (610) 478-6168 ext. 6272 or via email at aaxon-good@berkspa.gov.