

March 30, 2026

ADDENDUM NO. 1

TO: PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS UNDER THE BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES RFP

Notice is hereby given of the following answers to select prospective bidder questions related to the East Bay Municipal Utility District (District) Biosolids Management Alternatives Request for Proposals (RFP):

Q1: Page 5 of Exhibit A states, "Description of Relevant Project Experience: RFP response shall include a description of select past projects conducted by the Proposer that are similar to the work being proposed." Does "Proposer" in this sentence refer to the individuals on the proposed team or the firm that is issuing the proposal?

A1: "Proposer" in this sentence refers to the individuals on the proposed team and/or the firm. In other words, relevant project experience need not be limited to the proposed team members' current place of employment, nor must it be limited to the proposed team members if the firm has relevant project experience conducted by other employees.

Q2: Page 3 of Exhibit B states "Provide conceptual (10% design) layouts" for the Biosolids Storage Facility, while page 4 of Exhibit B lists conceptual design of the Biosolids Compost Facility but does not indicate a design percentage. Please clarify if the 10% design percentage should be assumed for the Compost Facility as well as the Storage Facility.

A2: The District's intent is to obtain sufficient sizing information to support reasonable cost estimates and space planning. In addition, the District seeks sufficient layout detail to visualize the future facility, such as the number of structures. The District will collaborate with the selected Proposer during contract negotiations to refine the appropriate level of detail and level of effort for cost estimates and layout deliverables for all topics to which these apply.

Q3: Why does the RFP include analysis of rail and barge but not truck transportation?

A3: District staff will analyze truck transportation for future biosolids scenarios based on staff experience in this subject area and knowledge of pending regulations applicable to truck transportation by government entities.

Q4: Who owns the vacant lot immediately south of the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP)?

A4: The City of Oakland owns the lot south of the MWWTP. A multi-year exclusive negotiating agreement between the City of Oakland and California Waste Solutions expired in 2025, so the City is now determining the best use of the property and is at the early stages of receiving development proposals.

Q5: Will the future Dewatering Building use the existing truck scale for biosolids loadouts?

A5: The current plan for the future Dewatering Building includes scales beneath the loading area that will replace the function of the existing truck scale for biosolids. Proposers may assume that the new scales will be Weighmaster-certified for use on highways and for commerce and trade.

Q6: Is there even a very rough budget range EBMUD has in mind regarding this project?

A6: The budget for the Biosolids Management Alternatives project is \$300,000.

Q7: By what date does EBMUD expect to provide answers to RFP Questions? Will there be any opportunity for follow-up questions?

A7: EBMUD expects to provide answers on Monday, March 30, and there will not be any opportunity for follow-up questions.

Q8: Will the selected firm/team members be required to register, or be pre-approved, by any state or local agencies to get under contract?

A8: No.

Q9: There is an MB limit on submittals. Is this file size prorated (reduced) if a Proposer is responding to only a select topic within the RFP?

A9: No, the file size is not proportional to the number of topics. The file size limit of 25 megabytes (MB) exists only because emails will be rejected by EBMUD's filtering system if the attachment is larger than that. If a Proposer needs to send a file larger than 25 MB, they should divide the attachment into smaller parts and email each separately.

Q10: Can you please list out any additional rail or barge destinations previously vetted?

A10: No destinations have been vetted by EBMUD.

Q11: The Exhibits in the RFP are primarily forms to be filled out by the Proposer. It is a requirement to not reformat these forms. As an example, can the Proposer convert the forms into Word, populate it, then save as a PDF. Or, are there editable versions available through the EBMUD website?

A11: Yes, it is okay to convert into Word and back to a pdf. Check that no form words were added or deleted. There are no editable versions available.

Q12: Will the Proposer be required to be a registered vendor prior to submission?

A12: Yes, register on the EBMUD website (www.ebmud.com/business-center). Skip the Bank Accounts step. Contact Rebecca.overacre@ebmud.com if you have any issues.

Q13: The RFP (Exhibit A – Contract Equity Program/EEO) and the non-mandatory proposal conference slide deck (CEP overview on slide 5 and required forms listed on slide 7) appear to differ on CEP submittal requirements. Please clarify which CEP forms must be submitted with the proposal by all proposers, and which are required only for proposers requesting SBE/DVBE preference points.

A13: Forms P-025 and P-040 are required by all proposers with the proposal. Form P-041 will be requested of the selected proposers after selection.

Q14: Would EBMUD be open to emerging technologies that provided significant upside such as no biosolids production (except inerts) and ammonia recovery even if these technologies were not considered in the 2021 Master Plan?

A14: EBMUD welcomes any ideas for Topic 6.

Q15: Are 11x17 pages permitted within the proposal submission?

A15: Yes.

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