



Hauling RFP

1. RFP INTRODUCTION

Blue Drop LLC (“Blue Drop”), a non-profit subsidiary of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“DC Water” or “the Authority”), is seeking proposals from qualified firms to transport Bloom biosolids products to Blue Drop customers in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, and occasionally in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Additionally, on occasion Blue Drop may need hauls to relocate material within the DC Water Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant at 5000 Overlook Avenue SW in Washington, D.C. Bloom is a Class A Exceptional Quality biosolids product produced by DC Water.

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to secure professional services for Blue Drop in an open, fair, competitive and cost-effective process designed to meet the bio-solids and bio-solids byproducts hauling needs of Blue Drop. Blue Drop reserves the right to make single or multiple awards for the requirement. Blue Drop also reserves the right to cancel this RFP without making a specific award.

1.2 BACKGROUND

Since 2014, DC Water has been producing a Class A Exceptional Quality biosolids product. Haulers will be required to report to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant at 5000 Overlook Avenue SW in Washington, D.C., during agreed upon schedule(s) and location to have Bloom products loaded, transport the material to a designated location, and off-load products in an approved manner. Hauls can range from less than 5 miles up to 100+ miles. The majority of hauls are 80 miles or less. It will be expected that loads are delivered at a specified time and in a professional manner.

The scope of work shall include, but not be limited to: providing all labor, supervision, equipment, materials, tools, and insurance, etc. necessary to haul Class A biosolids products (Bloom), which will be loaded onto vehicles at Blue Plains by DC Water staff and/or contractors; and hauled directly to the utilization site(s). Ability to dump on a variety of surfaces, e.g. farm fields, construction sites, etc. is required. Framed dump trailers, walker floor trailers or dump trucks are preferred.

The successful Respondent(s) shall be responsible for the following:

An executive statement on company letterhead, describing your firm’s interest in the project, including a summary of your firm’s capabilities to serve as the provider:

- a. A list of all equipment to be utilized under this Contract, including vehicles with descriptions.
- b. Provide States where the business is licensed and copies of this licenses



- c. Obtain and maintain all required permits and certifications, and comply with all federal, state, and local environmental regulations, as well as specific requirements mandated by DC Water.
- d. Provide hauling capacity (# of vehicles or loads per day), rate and/or rates if rates vary by day of week, preferably as a per mile rate.

Vehicle Description	Load size	Hauling capacity	Rate

2. CONTRACTOR HAULING MANAGEMENT

2.1 Loading Facilities

Biosolids are typically loaded at the Dewatered Solids Loading Facility (DSLFL) at Blue Plains.

2.1.1 Manual Crane Loading:

Overhead clamshell cranes are operated by DC Water staff or contractors, and move biosolids from bunkers into Respondent's trucks.

2.1.2 Dimensions:

The door height at the DSLFL is 16', and the width is 11'6". Trailers must clear doors without damaging the facility.

2.1.3 Alternative loading:

Optionally material may be loaded using a wheel loader similar to the JCB 436

2.2 Hauling Equipment Requirements

- a. Dumping tractor trailers or dump trucks able to carry a net weight of at least 20 tons of material (with a density of 0.68 tons/cubic-yard).
- b. Tractor-trailer unit shall not exceed 60 feet in length.
- c. Trailer must have a liner or equivalent to minimize sticking in the bed when unloading.



- d. Trailers must be free from debris and contamination. Equipment must not compromise the Class A (pathogen-free) designation of Bloom.
- e. Trailers must not leak biosolids or any liquid and must have a tarp over the trailer load. Trailers should be inspected after loading and biosolids moved as needed to avoid spills on the roadways. All trucks must have four turnbuckles or equivalent in working order.
- f. Trucks must pass safety inspections.
- g. Trucks must adhere to all maximum hauling weight requirements.
- h. All hauling equipment must be operated in a safe manner and within all traffic and speed regulations.
- i. All equipment must be duly licensed and properly maintained consistent with applicable government regulations and operable and suitable for the required tasks.

2.3 Truck Load Weight

All vehicles shall be weighed before and after loading. For payment purposes, if applicable, the truck scales at Blue Plains shall be the scales of record. DC Water reserves the right to use estimated weights in the event that truck scales are out of service. Scale cards will be provided to all drivers and all drivers and dispatchers will receive training in the use of the automated scales.

- Each truck load will be weighed on DC Water's scales before and after delivery.
- The contractor shall use a DC Water-issued scale card to obtain access to the official DC Water truck scale system and record the inbound and outbound weights for each delivery. Failure of the driver to scale in or out causes problems with DC Water's scale information and could affect the proper payment for each transaction.

2.4 Insurance and Driving Records

2.4.1 Insurance In addition to other insurance, bonds or securities required by law or under other terms of the Agreement, the contractor shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, all required insurance coverage, as detailed below, with an insurance company with a Best's rating of A or better and otherwise acceptable to Blue Drop:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY. The contractor must not be less than:
Limits of \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence/\$2,000,000 General Aggregate
\$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Personal Injury
\$100,000 Fire Damage (Any One Fire)

The policy must reflect coverage for Agreemental Liability and Independent contractors, as well as, a Per Project/Location Aggregate endorsement.



BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE. The contractor shall carry automobile insurance written in comprehensive form that shall protect the contractor against all claims for injuries to members of the public and damage to property of others arising from the use of motor vehicle(s), and shall cover operations on and off the site of all motor vehicles licensed for highway use, whether they are owned, non-owned, or hired.

The Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 Each Accident.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE. The contractor shall submit certification that it carries Statutory Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance, and will maintain such insurance for the entire term of the Agreement.

UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE. The contractor shall procure and maintain in force, until Final Acceptance of the work performed, an Umbrella Liability Policy. This insurance shall protect the contractor against all claims in excess of limits provided under the Business Automobile Liability and General Liability Policies. The limits of the Umbrella Liability Policy shall not be less than \$3,000,000 written on a following form basis.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. The contractor shall procure and maintain in force until Final Acceptance of the work performed Professional Liability Insurance which will pay for injuries arising out of errors or omissions in the rendering or failure to render professional services or perform work under the contract, in the amount of \$1,000,000.

PRIMARY INSURANCE WORDING. The contractor shall state on the Certificate of Insurance that the Commercial General Liability Policy is primary over any and all other available insurance under this Agreement, as respects to liability arising out of the contractor's operations.

ADDITIONAL INSURED WORDING. The Certificate of Insurance shall state: Blue Drop, LLC and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, their officers, elected and appointed officials, and employees shall be named as additional insured as respects to liability arising out of the contractor's operations.

2.4.2. Driving Records

Every 6 months, contractor must review the automobile driving record maintained by the State issuing the license for each driver listed below and no driver has been charged with, convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to two or more moving violations in any period of 36 months or any offense which involves any of the following elements:

- Operating any motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, any controlled substance or while otherwise impaired;
- Operating any motor vehicle while in possession of any controlled substance;



- Refusal to submit to a blood, urine, or breath test;
- Operating a motor vehicle while his or her license is suspended or revoked;
- Operating a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony offense;
- Any offense arising out of the use of a motor vehicle which involves any element of negligence, recklessness, intentional and willful or wanton conduct and results in death or injury to another;
- Any offense arising out of the use of a motor vehicle any element of which involves leaving the scene of an accident or fleeing from or eluding law enforcement authorities;
- Any offense arising out of the use of a motor vehicle which involves:
- Operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner;
- Operating a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour over the posted speed limit; or
- Engaging in any race or contest of speed on any public highway.