

CITY OF YAKIMA
Request for
Statement of Qualifications
Influent Grit Removal System Repairs and Improvements (CIP PL02) (Project No. WF2892)
Design and Engineering Services - City of Yakima Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Yakima is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms to provide design services, construction administration and inspection services for replacement of the WWTP Influent Grit Removal System and components.

Project details can be found at the following web site:

<https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/engineering/rfps-rfqs/>

SOQs shall be limited to Twenty-five (25) single-sided pages and shall include the following information: key personnel, familiarity with City of Yakima and/or other similar municipalities, familiarity with City of Yakima standards, firm experience must demonstrate having delivered design and construction-phase services at municipal WWTPs operating at a comparable “normal operations” scale to the Yakima WWTP (average day flow), including coordination with plant operations to maintain continuous treatment and solids handling during construction., and ability to meet schedule, and past performance/references. Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated on a competitive basis using the above criteria. The City will score the received Statements of Qualifications and may conduct interviews.

SOQs shall be received by 2:00 P.M., March 3, 2026, by email to Walt Hansen City of Yakima Chief Utility Project Manager at Walter.Hansen@yakimawa.gov.

The City of Yakima, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Qualified disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultants are encouraged to respond. The City of Yakima is an equal opportunity employer.

Questions may be directed by e-mail to Walter Hansen, City of Yakima Utility Project Manager at [wal-ter.hansen@yakimawa.gov](mailto:walter.hansen@yakimawa.gov) or at 509-249-6813



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A/E Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Influent Grit Removal System Repairs and Improvements (CIP PL02)
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Subject: Request for Qualifications (Project # WF2892) – Influent Grit Removal System Repairs and Improvements. Response Requested by March 3, 2026 3:00 PM

Hello,

Solicitation / Purpose:

The City of Yakima seeks Statements of Qualifications from qualified architectural/engineering firms with demonstrated experience in wastewater treatment headworks and grit removal systems to provide complete Design Services and Construction Phase Services for replacement, repairs and improvements to the Influent Grit Removal System at the Yakima Wastewater Treatment Plant. The selected firm shall deliver bid-ready Plans, Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate (PS&E) and provide construction-phase support (including on-site services as required) to facilitate safe, operable sequencing and maintain continuous WWTP operations.

Anticipated Schedule:

It is anticipated that this work will begin on April 25, 2026 and end on April 25, 2028.

Project Description:

The Influent Grit Removal System consists of two vortex grit chambers with associated grit slurry pumping, hydrocyclones/Inclined screw grit classifiers, and a combined dewatered grit hopper with an actuated discharge gate for truck loadout. The City intends to implement primarily in-kind repairs and replacements to address wear, erosion, operability, and maintenance issues, while maintaining plant operations during construction.

Scope of Services (Major Elements of Work):

Major elements of work include, but are not limited to:

Project management, coordination, and site meetings with City staff; development of a project schedule.

Field verification of existing conditions, equipment, piping, and interfaces; identification of constraints for construction and plant operations.

Development of a basis of design and design criteria; evaluation of sequencing/outage requirements to maintain continuous treatment.

Design of repairs and/or in-kind replacement of grit chamber paddle drives and associated components.



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Design of replacement of grit slurry piping and fittings with abrasion-resistant materials suitable for grit service, including verification of limits and tie-ins.

Design of replacement or rehabilitation of hydrocyclones classifiers/Inclined screw grit classifiers and related mechanical/electrical/control interfaces as needed.

Design of repair or replacement of the dewatered grit hopper discharge gate/seal and related work to eliminate leakage to the truck bay.

Evaluation and design (as appropriate) of grit capture efficiency improvements (e.g., baffles) coordinated with planned chamber outages.

Preparation of plans, specifications, and engineer's estimate suitable for public bidding; support for permitting/agency coordination as applicable.

Bid phase services, including responses to bidder questions and preparation of addenda.

Construction Phase Services, including submittal/shop drawing review, RFIs/clarifications, on-site support during construction (including attendance at construction meetings as requested and on-site inspection/observations to verify conformance with the Contract Documents), startup/commissioning assistance, and record drawing support.

The chosen engineer will demonstrate they have personnel available to perform this work that have significant experience with similar projects.

Minimum Qualifications (Pass/Fail):

Operationally Comparable WWTP Experience: The Prime Consultant must demonstrate having delivered design and construction-phase services at municipal WWTPs operating at a comparable "normal operations" scale to the Yakima WWTP (average day flow), including coordination with plant operations to maintain continuous treatment during construction. Provide at least two (2) projects within the past ten (10) years with flow ranges and references.

Submittal Requirements:

If you are interested in performing this work, please submit one (1) electronic PDF of your Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) by 2:00 PM, March 3, 2026 Please limit the SOQ to a maximum of twenty-five (25) single-sided pages (8.5" x 11"), including the names of the Principal in Charge and Project Manager for this project.

SOQ Content (include, at minimum):

Cover letter identifying the Prime Consultant and key subconsultants (if any).

Principal in Charge and Project Manager (names, roles, and availability).

Relevant project experience (include the two minimum-qualification projects).

Understanding and approach (including sequencing/outage coordination and Construction Phase Services approach, including on-site support). References (contact name, title, phone, and email).



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Evaluation Criteria:

Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

Key personnel qualifications and relevant experience – 30 points

Available staff to perform in timely fashion – 15 points

Past performance on similar tasks / references – 25 points

Understanding and approach – 30 points

Non-Mandatory Site Visit February 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Submission Instructions:

Email/submit the SOQ PDF to Walter.Hansen@yakimawa.gov with the subject line: “SOQ Influent Grit Removal System Repairs and Improvements (CIP PL02) (Project No. WF2892)”

Submittals received after 2:00 PM, March 3, 2026 may be deemed non-responsive.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 249-6813 or Walter.Hansen@yakimawa.gov.

Sincerely,

Walter Hansen
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