



REQUEST FOR TENDERS

RFT-2026-7

RFT FOR THE PRODUCTION and STOCKPILING of TRAFFIC GRAVEL

Tenders shall be submitted to:

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1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet maintains an extensive network of municipal gravel roads that serve as critical infrastructure for residents, agricultural transport, resource sectors, and seasonal traffic. To maintain these roadways safely, manage seasonal wear and spring thaw deterioration, and fulfil annual maintenance capital plans, the Municipality requires a consistent and reliable supply of high-quality aggregate. To meet these infrastructure demands cost-effectively, the Municipality produces and stockpiles traffic gravel directly from the municipal pit located at SE 9-14-10E.

1.2 PROJECT SITE LOCATION

The RM pit is located:

- Approximately 2.1 KM off Milner ridge road south on Agassiz Road, SE 9-14-10E within the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet.

1.3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this Request for Tender (RFT) is to select a qualified contractor to complete the crushing and stockpiling of 70,000 cubic yards of aggregate—consisting of 42,000 cubic yards of LDB Spec #1 and 28,000 cubic yards of LDB Spec #2.

1.4 SCOPE OF WORK

Project Overview & Location

The Contractor shall provide all necessary labor, materials, supervision, fuel, mobilization, demobilization, crushing plants, screens, testing, and auxiliary equipment to process and stockpile **70,000 cubic yards** of crushed traffic gravel at the municipal pit.

- **Work Site Location:** Municipal Pit at SE 9-14-10E, Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet.
- **Target Completion Date:** All crushing, quality testing, and stockpiling must be fully completed no later than **December 1, 2026**.

Detailed Material Quantities & Gradation Specifications

The total volume shall be crushed and stockpiled into two (2) separate, distinct stockpiles as defined below:

LDB Spec #1 (42,000 yd^3)

- **Volume:** 42,000 cubic yards (60% of total contract volume).
- **Gradation Requirements:** Material shall be well-graded with a full range and even distribution of aggregate sizes conforming to the following sieve analysis:

Sieve Size (Imperial)	Sieve Size (Metric)	Percent Passing
1"	—	—
3/4"	19.0 mm	100%
1/2"	12.5 mm	70% – 90%
No. 4	4.75 mm	45% – 70%
No. 40	0.425 mm	10% – 35%
No. 200	0.075 mm	10% – 12%

Physical Properties:

Minimum Crush Count: 35%

Maximum Los Angeles (L.A.) Abrasion Loss: 45%

LDB Spec #2 (28,000 yd^3)

- **Volume:** 28,000 cubic yards (40% of total contract volume).
- **Gradation Requirements:** Material shall be well-graded with a full range and even distribution of aggregate sizes conforming to the following sieve analysis:

Sieve Size (Imperial)	Sieve Size (Metric)	Percent Passing
1"	25.0 mm	100%
3/4"	19.0 mm	80% – 95%
1/2"	12.5 mm	60% – 85%

Sieve Size (Imperial)	Sieve Size (Metric)	Percent Passing
No. 4	4.75 mm	30% – 65%
No. 40	0.425 mm	10% – 30%
No. 200	0.075 mm	10% – 12%

Physical Properties:

Minimum Crush Count: 35%

Maximum Los Angeles (L.A.) Abrasion Loss: 45%

Fines and Plasticity Requirements

To ensure optimal road compaction and binding characteristics:

- **Passing No. 200 Sieve:** Material passing the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve must remain strictly between **10% and 12% by weight** for both aggregate specifications.
- **Plasticity Index (PI):** The fine material must possess sufficient binding characteristics without causing excessive rutting or muddy conditions. The Plasticity Index (PI) shall be between **4 and 8**. Material failing to meet this binder standard may be subject to immediate rejection by the Municipality.

Contractor Responsibilities & Quality Control

Equipment & Operations

- **Standards:** The Contractor shall supply all crushing equipment, cone crushers, screeners, loaders, generators, and radial/telescopic stackers required to complete the work. All machinery must be in first-class operating condition, safe, fit for purpose, and legally compliant.
- **Equipment Restraints:** Only equipment explicitly listed on the submitted **Crushing Equipment List** and **Stockpiling Equipment List** may be utilized on site unless written permission for substitution is granted by the Contract Administrator.

Quality Control (QC) & Testing

- **On-Site Personnel:** The Contractor must maintain full-time, trained QC personnel on site during all crushing operations.
- **Lab Certification:** All QC testing must be performed or verified by a **CCIL Certified Laboratory**.
- **Testing Frequency:** A minimum of **one (1) gradation test per 1,000 tonnes** (or equivalent cubic yards) produced is mandatory.
- **Data Availability:** Testing logs and sieve results must be made available to the Public Works Director immediately upon request.
- **Municipal Verification:** The Municipality reserves the right to take independent samples for testing at an independent lab. If verification tests fail to meet specification limits, all costs associated with non-compliant testing shall be invoiced to the Contractor.

Site Safety, Environmental & Pit Management

- **Worksite Safety:** The Contractor must maintain an active **Workplace Safety and Health Program** compliant with *The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba)*. COR/SECOR certification or equivalent safety standards must be maintained throughout the project duration.
- **Mine Plan Adherence:** All setup, equipment placement, fuel storage, mining progression, and stockpiling must strictly adhere to the approved **Mine Plan** submitted with the Bid.
- **Environmental Protection:** Fuel tanks must have appropriate secondary containment. Spill response equipment must be present on site during all active operational hours.
- **Pit Clean-up & Rehabilitation:** Upon completion of stockpiling, the Contractor must clear all debris, perform required site rehabilitation as outlined in the submitted Mine Plan, and leave the municipal pit in a safe, clean, and orderly condition.
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2 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Contractor, by submitting a bid, agrees that this bid and any resulting contract shall be subject to the following conditions, in addition to any other terms and conditions contained within this Request for Tender (RFT).

2.1 BID SUBMISSION

All Bids must be complete, signed by an authorized representative of the company, and submitted to the R.M. in accordance with the instructions contained herein. Bids received after the Submission Closing Date will not be considered. **The Submission Closing Date is August 28th,**

2026 at 12:00 pm (noon CST). Emailed revisions to the original submission will be accepted up to the Submission Closing Date.

The Bid submission shall consist of the following components:

- a) Company Experience – Proof of successful experience on at least three (3) comparable aggregate projects of similar scope, nature, and complexity (exceeding 30,000 cubic yards) performed within the last five (5) years. A detailed list of references for each comparable project, including project description, client name, primary contact name, telephone number, and email address, must be included.
- b) A detailed Mine Plan and Equipment List
- c) Construction Approach – Provide a brief description of the proposed construction approach:
 - Mobilization & Pit Setup,
 - Site Safety & Hazard Control,
 - Crushing & Aggregate Processing
 - On-Site Quality Control & Sampling,
 - Stockpiling Operations,
 - Demobilization & Pit Rehabilitation,
- d) Schedule – Provide a proposed construction schedule identifying anticipated mobilization, major construction activities, and project completion date. All Work shall be substantially completed by **December 1st, 2026** unless otherwise approved in writing by the R.M. of Lac Du Bonnet.
- e) Cost Proposal – Submit a separate attachment titled: **“Part B: Cost Proposal –Gravel Crushing RFT**
The cost proposal shall clearly identify:
 - Production & Stockpiling of **LDB Spec #1** (Estimated 42,000 *yd*³)
 - Production & Stockpiling of **LDB Spec #2** (Estimated 28,000 *yd*³)
 - Total bid price;
 - GST and PST shown separately;

2.2 ADDRESS OF SUBMISSION

Contractors are requested to submit Bids through MERX or deliver submissions on or before the Submission Closing Date to:

Attention: Andy Brandt, Acting Public Works Director
The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet
Email: operations@lacdubonnet.com

2.3 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Contractor shall be responsible for:

- Providing all labour, equipment, materials, supervision, and traffic control necessary to complete the Work;
- Coordinating construction activities and maintaining the project schedule;
- Maintaining safe access for staff throughout construction;
- Acting as Prime Contractor and complying with all applicable workplace safety legislation and regulations;
- Obtaining all required permits, approvals, and utility locates necessary to complete the Work;
- Obtain and provide material gradation test results upon request and cooperate with any quality assurance testing undertaken or requested by the R.M. in accordance with Section 1.4 Scope; Quality Control (QC) & Testing.
- Providing daily construction reports to the R.M. Project Manager summarizing Work completed, equipment and personnel onsite, material quantities, traffic control issues, weather delays, and any project concerns or anticipated challenges; and
- Completing all required cleanup and deficiency corrections associated with the Work.

2.4 RIGHT TO CANCEL RFT AND TO ACCEPT BIDS

The RFT is solely a Request for Tenders. No contractual or other legal obligations or relations between the R.M. and any other person can or will be created except in a written contract executed by an authorized signatory of the R.M. under the authority of an express resolution of the R.M. Council.

In considering any responses delivered in response to this RFT, the R.M. (including through the R.M.'s Representative) reserves the absolute and unfettered discretion to:

- accept or reject any Bid that fails to comply with the requirements set out in this RFT for the content of Bids.
- disqualify more than one bid from an individual, firm, partnership or association under the same or different names. Collusion between Contractors will be sufficient cause for rejection of all Bids so affected.
- assess Bids as it sees fit, without in any way being obliged to select any Bid or Contractor.
- assess and select Bids as it sees fit without being obliged in any way to select the Bid that offers the lowest price or cost;
- determine whether any Bid or Bids satisfactorily meet the selection criteria set out in this RFT;
- require clarification after the dates and times set out above from any one or more of the Contractors in respect of Bids submitted.
- communicate with, meet with or negotiate with any one or more of the Contractors respecting their Bids or any aspects of the Project.
- reject any or all Bids with or without cause, whether according to the selection criteria set out above or otherwise.

Each Contractor is solely responsible for the risk and cost of preparing and submitting its Bid in response to this RFT and neither the R.M. nor its officials, employees or consultants (including the R.M.'s Representative) are liable for the cost of doing so or obliged to remunerate or reimburse any Contractor for that cost.

By submitting its Bid to the R.M., each Contractor represents and warrants to the R.M. that the information contained within its Bid is accurate and complete.

This RFT does not impose on the R.M. any duty of fairness or natural justice to any or all respondents with respect to this RFT or the process it creates.

2.5 CHANGES TO THE REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Any changes or revisions to this RFT will be issued to all Contractors in writing as a formal addendum to the RFT.

Prior to the Submission Closing Date, the R.M. may modify any provision or part of the RFT at any time upon notice in writing to the Contractors, if a reasonable time is allowed by the R.M.

for the Contractors to respond to such modifications including, without limitation, the opportunity to make any necessary changes to their respective Tenders.

Any Bids that have been modified by the addition of clauses or qualifiers may not be accepted.

2.6 CLARIFICATION OF BIDS

The R.M. reserves the right to request that each Contractor clarify or make changes to its Bid. The R.M. may choose to meet with some or all the Contractors to discuss aspects of their Bids. The R.M. may require Contractors to submit supplementary documentation clarifying any matters contained in their Bids or the R.M. may prepare a written interpretation of any aspect of a Bid and seek the respective Contractors acknowledgement of that interpretation.

The supplementary documentation accepted by the R.M. and written interpretations which have been acknowledged by the relevant Contractors shall be considered to form part of the Bids received from those Contractors.

The R.M. is not obliged to seek clarification from any Contractor regarding any aspect of their Bid.

2.7 INQUIRIES

All requests for clarification or inquiries concerning this RFT should be forwarded in writing by no later than one week prior to the Submission Closing Date. Enquiries to be sent to the R.M.'s Representative:

RM of Lac du Bonnet
Andy Brandt, Acting Public Works Director
#4187 P.R. 317, PO Box 100
Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba R0E 1A0
Email: operations@lacdubonnet.com
Phone: (204) 270-0102

Responses to all requests for clarification will be provided in writing to the persons identified as the Contractors' representative.

Responses to all inquiries where the inquiry does not amount to a clarification will be provided by the R.M. in writing only to the Contractor making the inquiry. (e.g., inquiry as to whether proprietary technology proposed to be used by the Contractor is acceptable to the R.M.)

2.8 AMENDMENTS TO BIDS BEFORE SUBMISSION DATE

A Contractor is entitled to amend its Bid at any time before the Submission Closing Date.

2.9 WITHDRAWAL OF BID

The Contractor may withdraw their Bid at any time before the Submission Closing Date.

2.10 INCOMPLETE BIDS

The R.M. reserves the right to reject any Bid whether completed properly and whether or not it contains all the required information. Without prejudice to this right, the R.M. may request clarification where any Contractor's intent is unclear and may waive or request amendment where, in the opinion of the R.M., there is a minor irregularity or omission in the information that is to be submitted in a Bid.

2.11 MISLEADING OR FALSE INFORMATION

If the R.M. determines that a Bid contains false or misleading information, the R.M. is entitled to reject that Bid at any time as being invalid.

2.12 CONFIDENTIALITY OF BIDS

The R.M. is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. That Act creates a right of access to records in the custody or under control of the RM, subject to the specific exceptions in that right set out in the Act. The R.M. will receive all Bids submitted in response to this RFT in confidence. Because of the right of access to information created by that Act, the R.M. does not guarantee that information contained in any Bids will remain confidential if a request for access in respect of any Bid is made under the Act.

Contractors are required to keep their Bids confidential and must not disclose their Bids or information contained in them, to anyone else without the prior written consent of the R.M.

2.13 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

If a Contractor considers that any part of its Bid is proprietary, including by reason of its being copyright, the Bid must clearly identify those portions that are considered proprietary.

2.14 WAIVER AND ALLOCATION OF RISK

The R.M. accepts no responsibility or liability for the accuracy or completeness of this RFT (including schedules or appendices to it) or of any recorded or oral information communicated or made available for inspection by the R.M. (including through the R.M.'s Representative or any other individual) and no representation or warranty, either express or implied, is made or given by the R.M. with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of those things. The sole risk, responsibility and liability connected with reliance by any Contractor or any other person on this RFT or any other such information as is described in this paragraph is solely that of each Contractor. Each Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is solely responsible for obtaining its own independent financial, legal, accounting, engineering and other advice with respect to the contents of this RFT or any such information as described in this paragraph. Each Contractor who submits a Bid to the R.M. is deemed to have released the R.M. from, and waived, any action, cause of action, claim, liability, demand, loss, damage, cost or expense, of every kind, in any way connected with or arising out of the contents of this RFT or any such information as is described in this paragraph. Each Contractor who submits a Bid is deemed to have agreed that it is solely responsible and liable to ensure that it has obtained and considered all information necessary to enable it to understand the requirements of this RFT, and of the project, and to prepare its Bid.

2.15 LOWEST PRICE

The Bid with the lowest quoted cost(s) or other quoted amounts will not necessarily be selected. While cost is an important element in the selection process, it is to be clearly understood that it is only one of the many factors that the R.M. will consider in evaluating Bids as described in a following section.

2.16 LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, BY-LAWS AND CODES

Each Contractor and/or any Person acting under its direction, must identify and comply with all laws, regulations, by-laws, rules and codes relating to the project imposed by any governmental authority. This will include compliance with the regulatory and approval requirements of the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba and the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

2.17 CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DUE DILIGENCE

It is each Contractor's responsibility to ensure that it has all necessary information concerning the intent and requirements of this RFT and the Project.

Each Contractor is solely responsible for the examination and review of all documents and information provided or required hereunder, for satisfying itself as to the nature of the Project, the general and local conditions to be encountered in the implementation of the Project and all other matters which may in any way affect the project or the cost or time required to complete the Project.

2.18 NEGOTIATIONS WITH PREFERRED CONTRACTOR

The R.M. reserves the right to negotiate with the preferred Contractor regarding scope, schedule, pricing, or other contract details prior to award of the Contract.

Contractors are encouraged to submit their best offer in response to this RFT.

The R.M. is not obligated to negotiate with any Contractor and reserves the right to terminate negotiations and proceed with another Contractor at its sole discretion.

2.19 AWARD OF CONTRACT

Award of this Contract is subject to the approval of R.M. Council.

3 BIDDING PROCEDURES

3.1 SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

The following dates are a requirement to be met:

- RFT Issuance August 10th, 2026
- RFT Close August 28th, 2026
- Anticipated Award of Contract September 8th, 2026

3.2 MANDATORY SITE VIEWING

Work site viewing is **mandatory**. Site viewing will take place at 10:00 am local time on August 19th, 2026 at the pit location SE 9-14-10E

Contractors are solely responsible for familiarizing themselves with existing site conditions, access constraints, and all factors that may affect the Work or associated costs.

3.3 ADDENDA

The R.M.'s Representative may, at any time prior to the submission deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies, or omissions in the Request for Tender, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

The R.M.'s Representative will issue each addendum at least two (2) business days prior to the submission deadline or extend the submission deadline by two (2) business days.

The Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum within their Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Bid non-responsive.

3.4 QUALIFICATION

The Contractor shall:

- a) Be in good standing under the Corporations Act (Manitoba), properly registered under the Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba.
- b) Be financially capable of completing the Work described in this RFT.
- c) Have the necessary experience, personnel, equipment, and resources to complete the Work in accordance with the requirements of this RFT.
- d) Demonstrate the ability to mobilize personnel, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the Work within the project schedule.
- e) Demonstrate experience completing similar municipal road construction projects in Manitoba.

3.5 OPENING OF BIDS

Bids will be opened publicly and accepted by council resolution following the Submission Closing Date. Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria identified within this RFT.

3.6 EVALUATION OF BIDS

Bids will be evaluated by members of a selection committee, which will be comprised of staff and management from the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet's Public Works Department.

Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Company Experience	/20

Mine Plan and Equipment list	/15
Construction Approach	/25
Schedule	/10
Cost Proposal	/30
TOTAL	/100

3.7 AWARD OF CONTRACT

The R.M. of Lac du Bonnet will give notice of the award of contract or will give notice that no award will be made. Where an award is made, the contract shall be awarded to the Contractor submitting the best overall value to the R.M. as determined by the R.M.

If, after award of the Contract, the project is cancelled or delayed, the R.M. reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The successful Contractor shall be compensated for Work satisfactorily completed to the date of termination.

3.8 INSURANCE

The successful Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its own expense, insurance policies with limits no less than those identified below.

As a minimum, the successful Contractor shall maintain, without limiting its obligations or liabilities under any contract with the R.M., the following insurance coverage:

- Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate, covering bodily injury, death, property damage, products and completed operations, and contractual liability arising from the Work.
- Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, leased, or operated vehicles used in connection with the Work, with limits of not less than \$2,000,000.
- Workers Compensation Board (WCB) coverage in accordance with Manitoba legislation.

The Commercial General Liability policy shall include coverage for all sums which the successful Contractor becomes legally obligated to pay as damages arising from bodily injury, death, or property damage caused by an occurrence or accident arising out of or related to the Work or operations carried out in connection with this Contract.

The R.M. of Lac du Bonnet shall be named as an additional insured under the Commercial General Liability policy.

The successful Contractor shall provide certificates of insurance and proof of WCB clearance to the Project Manager no less than two (2) business days prior to commencement of the Work.

Policies shall provide the RM with not less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change.

The Contractor shall, upon request, provide certified copies of insurance policies.

The Contractor may obtain any additional insurance coverage it considers necessary. Any such additional insurance shall be obtained at no cost to the R.M.

3.9 SAFE WORK PLAN

The successful Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with a Safe Work Plan at least five (5) business days prior to the commencement of any Work on Site.