

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT No. 21-082

Issued: November 1, 2021

Vendors are advised that the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) intends to negotiate and direct award a contract to Nanaimo Forest Products Ltd. (Harmac Pacific) for the provision of biosolids management services from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

The estimated value of the four (4) year agreement may be greater than \$75,000.00.

The RDN wishes to direct award for the following reasons:

- At its May, 25 2021 meeting, the Board of Directors directed staff to continue working Nanaimo Forest Products Ltd. to develop long-term biosolids management options.
- The Regional District is unaware of any other proponent interested in accepting and beneficially using the biosolids in an alternate program that adds diversity to the existing forest fertilization program.

Vendors wishing to challenge the RDN's intention to negotiate and direct award a contract to Nanaimo Forest Products Ltd. (Harmac Pacific) must submit their objection, in writing, via email to the following person on, or before 3:00 p.m. PST on November 15, 2021:

Shelley Norum
Wastewater Program Coordinator, Wastewater Services
Regional District of Nanaimo
Email: snorum@rdn.bc.ca

Objections must be submitted on company letterhead and be signed by an individual authorized to represent the company submitting the objection. Vendors must clearly state the reasons why they believe they are qualified to supply the services that are being proposed to be negotiated and direct awarded and why the services should be competitively tendered.

Vendors should clearly demonstrate that:

- They have the necessary capacity, equipment and experience to accept and manage up to 1,375 tonnes of Class A biosolids per year in accordance with the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation.
- They have a beneficial use for the managed biosolids.
- They are suitably located to minimize transportation costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

The RDN retains the right to determine its future course of action depending on any responses received and to perform its due diligence as required prior to making a final decision.