

Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC)

Tree Farm Services

REQUEST FOR INTEREST

in advance of contract

STATEMENT OF NEED

The Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) is preparing to solicit contract services for poplar tree farm management beginning in 2026 at its Biocycle Farm site in Eugene, Oregon. The MWMC is preferably seeking a qualified general contractor or project manager to oversee all aspects of the project needs and coordinate subcontracted services.

The scope of the contracted project management services will be shaped by responses to this Request for Interest (RFI). The requested services may encompass all or part of three major phases of work (tree harvesting and sales, site cleanup and restoration, and replanting and establishment), as well as single-unit short-term or multi-unit long-term contract durations. The minimum contract duration will be for the 2026-2027 harvest and replanting of a 77-acre unit. The maximum duration would be for the 2026-2036 complete harvest and replanting of six units comprising approximately 400 acres of trees.

Past services have resulted in expenses of \$350,000 to \$500,000 per rotation unit (dependent on total acres and scope of services), excluding revenues from timber sales. The MWMC projects that a contract for the full suite of services across six planting units could exceed \$2,000,000. The MWMC is seeking the most streamlined and cost-effective project delivery of future services and would greatly benefit from a project manager to oversee all phases of work. Depending on the responses to this RFI, the MWMC may solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for alternative project delivery recommendations, or an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for a cost-based fixed-scope approach to services.

ABOUT THE BIOCYCLE FARM

The Biocycle Farm is located at 29689 Awbrey Lane in Eugene, Oregon, collocated with the MWMC's Biosolids Management Facility. The farm is classed as farmed wetlands, and its primary purpose is for seasonal land application of nutrient-rich biosolids recovered from the wastewater treatment process. Under Oregon statute, farmed poplar trees must be harvested within 12 years of growth. During the wet season, heavy equipment work is damaging to the site and wetland functions. Therefore, the schedule of work activities is driven by harvest deadlines and seasonal site conditions.

Month of Year	Needed Activity
May (earliest) - July	Tree harvest and log/chip sales
August	Slash processing and stump grinding
September - October	Field restoration, reseeding, herbicide, and mulching
November (or earlier)	Surveying of tree rows for replanting
December - January	Replanting stock procurement
March - April	Replanting
As needed	Tree pruning and weed control

The MWMC manages the Biocycle Farm in three primary management units (MUs) each divided into a north and south block for a total of six rotational units. Each MU was replanted as a single block resulting in three rotation ages. Starting with the 2026 harvest, each of the six units will begin an alternating year harvest and replanting schedule, resulting in six rotation ages upon replanting. This will ensure the completion of necessary field work during the dry season as well as provide a steady, regular contract service need and flow of poplar product to market.

The MWMC seeks the highest and best use of harvested poplar and return of revenue to offset the operating expenses of the Biocycle Farm. Based on past markets, the MWMC expects the contractor to arrange for and sell all pulpwood to regional mills. Based on past harvest yields, age of rotation, and acreage of harvest, yields are projected to vary as forecast below.

Unit	Acres	# Trees (approx)	Year to be Harvested	Unit Age (years)	Year to be Replanted	Projected Pulpwood Yield (dry tons) Low and High Estimate		Projected Hogfuel Yield (dry tons)
MU1S	77	17,072	2026	10	2027	2,922	3,214	1,023
MU1N	79	17,560	2028	12	2029	3,955	4,351	1,384
MU2S	56	12,521	2029	10	2031	2,143	2,358	750
MU2N	66	14,563	2031	12	2032	3,280	3,608	1,148
MU3S	57	12,610	2033	10	2034	2,158	2,374	755
MU3N	60	13,209	2035	12	2036	2,975	3,273	1,041
Total	394	87,535				17,434	19,177	6,102


LEARN MORE

Information about the MWMC Biocycle Farm, including a video on past harvest and replanting activities, is available on the MWMC website at the following links:

- <https://mwmcpartners.org/facilities/biocycle-farm/poplarharvest/>
- bit.ly/MWMC-Biocycle

HOW TO RESPOND

Complete the attached RFI Response Form in either PDF via email, hard copy via US Mail, or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PoplarRFI> or use the QR Code below. The MWMC will base its contracting procurement on responses received by **September 15, 2025**. The MWMC invites and will continue to accept RFI responses after that date. All respondents will be notified of any advertisement of procurement and be placed on an interested parties list.

<u>Submit Responses to:</u>	<u>Complete Responses at:</u>
<p>Mr. Bryan Robinson, Environmental Management Analyst City of Springfield – Public Works Department Environmental Services Division 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR 97477 brobinson@springfield-or.gov</p>	 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PoplarRFI





Poplar – Request for Interest (RFI)

Please complete the following questionnaire and submit it according to the instructions in the Request for Interest background information sheet.

*Note that all MWMC contracts are government contracts falling under the State of Oregon and MWMC procurement rules. Contractors are required to be registered for business in Oregon by the Oregon Secretary of State, have financial capacity to be bonded for certain services, and have a minimum of \$3 million of liability, umbrella, and loggers broad form insurance, as applicable, plus other indemnification requirements.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION		Date:	
Please provide your contact information. This will help the MWMC better respond to your interests and match our project needs to the qualified respondents.			
Name of Respondent (company or organization):			
Name of Contact Person:		Contact Phone No.:	Contact E-mail:
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:

Experience and Interest:

Please review these service type descriptions to answer question #1.

General Contractor / Project Manager · Oversee all aspects and phases of services. · Provide or subcontract requisite professional services. · Coordinate and manage project implementation and outcomes for best efficiency and cost-effectiveness for the MWMC.

Field Coordinator · Oversee and coordinate field activities for implementation efficiency, responsiveness, and effectiveness. · MWMC contracts out services for harvest, restoration, and replanting.

Field Services · Provide one or more suites of services to fulfill harvest, restoration, and/or replanting needs. · MWMC provides project management, either in-house or through a third-party contractor.

Q1: Based on the above descriptions, please select any or all of the service types you would be capable of performing and have interest in doing so.

General Contractor/Project Manager

Field Coordinator

Field Services Provider

Contract Duration:

Please answer question #2 based on the contract duration types outlined in the Request for Interest background information sheet.

Q2: Please select all potential contract duration types that would be of interest to you.

MU1S only - 2026 to 2027 duration

MU1S and MU1N only - 2026 to 2029 duration

All units MU1, MU2, and MU3 - 2026 to 2036 duration

Contract Procurement:

Please review the following procurement type descriptions to answer question #3.

Request for Proposal (RFP) · Present your proposed approach to project management to provide efficient delivery of services, including what scope and suite of services you will provide, and total cost of services. This provides the best opportunity for flexibility and alternative project delivery approaches.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) · Present a firm cost bid on a fixed scope of work outlined by the MWMC. This provides the best certainty and scope commitment for project delivery.

Q3: Please select the type of procurement method you have interest and time to respond to.

Request for Proposal (RFP) will work best for me

Invitation to Bid (ITB) will work best for me

Either type will work for me as I don't have preference

Contract Services Capability:

Within each of the following contract service categories, please check type of service that you can directly provide or can provide through a subcontractor.

Q4: Logging and Sales Services:

Pre-harvest stand assessment

Tree felling and processing

Log decking and sorting

Chip processing

Trucking

Mill sales - logs and/or chips

Q5: Field Restoration:

Slash management and cleanup

Hog Fuel processing

Biochar production from slash

Stump grinding at a minimum 3-inch below grade

Soil raking, tilling, and discing

Soil amendment and mixing with hog fuel and/or biochar

Grass seeding

Pre-emergent herbicide application in the fall

Q6: Replanting:

Tree row surveying, staking and GIS mapping

Planting stock procurement; self-collected or nursery sourced

Planting stock cold storage on- or off-site

Replanting cutting stock on 14-foot centers

Weed control around new trees; mechanical or chemical

Pruning and singling of new trees

Regrowth verification and health assessment of new trees

Thank you for completing this Request for Interest survey.