

ROCK ISLAND

Illinois

Levee Vegetation Control Contract: 2026-2030

The City of Rock Island, IL

Municipal Services Division

1309 Mill Street

Rock Island, IL 61201

309-732-2200

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Rock Island is seeking proposals for vegetation control services for the levee for five years. This is a five-year contract with an option to extend for one year.

Sealed bids will be accepted by the City of Rock Island Public Works Department until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 for the following project:

**** [MAP OF LOCATIONS](#) ****

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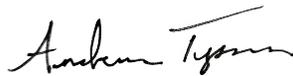
Levee Vegetation Control Contract: 2026 - 2030

For questions on this contract please contact Andy Tysma – Stormwater Supervisor at 309-732-2235 or Tysma.Andrew@rigov.org

A digital copy of the specifications may be downloaded from the City's website at: <https://rigov.org/bids.aspx>

The Contractor will be responsible for complying with all local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to this project.

It is the intent of the City of Rock Island to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder provided the bid has been submitted in accordance with the bidding requirements. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or technicalities.



Andy Tysma
Stormwater Supervisor

BIDS DUE BY Thursday, April 9th, 2026
9:00 a.m. Central Time
Public Works Department
1309 Mill Street
Rock Island, IL 61201

PROJECT: Levee Vegetation Control Contract: 2026 - 2030

OWNER: City of Rock Island
1528 Third Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

Sealed bids will be received, opened at 9:00 a.m. on April 9th, 2026 or at such later time and place as may then be fixed.

Bids may be hand carried or mailed and will be received at the City of Rock Island Public Works Facility, 1309 Mill Street, Rock Island, IL 61201 until 9:00 a.m. on April 9th, 2026. Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked "VEGETATION CONTROL CONTRACT"

Each Bidder shall accompany the Bid with a Bid security, in a separate envelope, as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work. The bidder's security shall be in an amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, and shall be in the form of a cashier's or certified check drawn on a bank in Illinois or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States of America, or a certified bank share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States of America or a bid bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Owner.

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

Mayor

Ashley Harris

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	<u>Ward</u>
Glen Evans Sr	1
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Linda Barnes	3
Jenni Swanson	4
Dylan Parker	5
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City Manager

Todd Thompson

Public Works Director

Michael T. Bartels

City Engineer

Michael J. Kane, P.E.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. This work consists of applying an herbicide mixture to levee locations in the City. There are four separate application periods using herbicides. The type and mixture should be submitted and approved by the City of Rock Island. The chemical should also include a pre-emergent which will not allow new growth but should kill any existing vegetation as well.
2. Contractor is expected to be familiar with all areas and locations of the work and if they are not, shall have those questions answered before commencing work on this contract.
3. Contractor must be able to receive requests via email, phone and text messages.
4. The contractor shall have previous experience with the use of herbicides. The contractor shall have had at least three seasons of experience in the use of herbicide chemicals on the public right-of-way, or at least three seasons of experience in the use of herbicides in farm or custom spraying.
5. The contractor shall provide as part of the proposal, a list of any current or previous contracts for similar services. The list shall include the contracting agency, years of experience in this field, and an estimated number of services performed this year. The contractor shall also provide a list of equipment available to perform the work. *All of the above information shall be submitted as part of the sealed bid proposal.*
6. The contractor shall obtain and keep in force the insurance coverage specified in article 107.27 of the Standard Specifications. The insurance coverage shall name the City of Rock Island, its' officers and employees as additional insured with respect to the liability coverage. Certified copies of the original policy, or certificate(s) of insurance, by the issuing insurer(s) the policies and endorsements shall be submitted to the City prior to the beginning of the work. All costs for insurance specified herein shall be incidental to this contract.
7. The contractor shall be properly licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture as provided by Illinois law. *The contractor is required to submit a copy of the license as part of the proposal.*
8. The Public Works Director or designee(s) shall be the sole judge as to whether the Contractor's work conforms to the specifications.

SPECIFICATIONS

PRODUCT AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PRODUCT

Levee – Round-Up Custom Aquatic (or equal)

APPLICATIONS

For year one of this contract, the first application has already been completed. Year one of this contract will only require three applications (2nd, 3rd, and 4th), with the following years requiring all four.

First Application

The contractor may begin the first spraying as soon as weather permits. Request of the first round of spraying prior to April 1, must be approved by the City. All first spraying operations must be complete on or before May 1.

Second Application

The contractor may not begin the second spraying prior to June 3. All second spraying operations must be complete on or before June 28, 2019.

Third Application

The contractor may not begin the third spraying prior to July 15. All third spraying operations must be complete on or before August 16.

Fourth Application

The contractor may not begin the fourth spraying prior to September 2. All fourth spraying operations must be complete on or before September 27.

NOTICE

Prior to any application, a 24-hour notice must be provided in email to the Municipal Services Superintendent

EQUIPMENT

The capacity of the equipment shall be sufficient to perform the work as specified and meet the approval of the Engineer. It is imperative that the equipment used can uniformly apply material to the woody growth at the toe (bottom) of the levee slopes as described in Section 7 above.

The equipment shall consist of a vehicle mounted tank, pump, broadcast jet, hand spray gun and/or spray bar together with other necessary accessories. All tanks shall have an accurate external calibration device. Spray booms, if used shall be constructed so that a portion may be shut down while the balance is operating to properly spray narrow median areas.

The pump shall have a volume and pressure capacity range sufficient to deliver the mixture at a pressure that provides the required coverage while allowing a full and steady spray pattern without pulsation or excessive pressure to cause fogging.

A quick-acting shutoff valve shall be provided to stop the spray pattern when necessary with a minimum drip. Inaccessible areas where the material must be sprayed by walking with handguns, the guns shall have broad jet nozzles in order to insure a high volume and uniform distribution. The handgun shall be used for spraying steep slope sections, bottoms of slopes, around signs, posts, and other inaccessible areas where mechanical spraying can't reach. Guardrail spraying shall be done with equipment capable of uniformly applying the herbicide a distance of two feet on both sides of the guardrail with minimal drifting.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Roads shall be kept open to traffic at all times. Equipment shall be parked off the pavement when mixing or loading. The contractor should refer to standards 701426 and 702001 for appropriate signs and arrow board usage when spraying in areas that are greater than 45 mph zones. All of the road spraying equipment shall be equipped with revolving amber lights.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment will be made in four equal installments at the end of each treatment cycle. Each payment must be invoiced upon the completion of the treatment.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Federal and State laws prohibit discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, age and physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability. They further require elimination of discrimination in employment with regards to upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, forms of compensation, selection for training (including apprenticeship) of employees, as well as any other personnel actions.

A. The contractor agrees to post Equal Employment Opportunity notices in conspicuous places (e.g. at company headquarters, around time clocks, at work sites, on company bulletin boards, in lunchrooms) available to employees and applicants for employment.

B. The contractor shall in all solicitation or advertisements for employees to be hired under this contract state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, or age.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

If any types of weeds are noticed throughout the contract the contractor will be required to address the issue within one week after notification from the City of Rock Island and will be performed at no cost to the City of Rock Island.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The City of Rock Island requests that contractors interested submit a cost schedule for the treatment of areas mentioned in this document (see maps).

All bidders must provide a list of equipment they will use to complete the project.

Proposal Items to be Signed and/or filled in:

1. Proposal Form
2. Proposal Guaranty (Bid Bond, Bank Draft, Bank Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Local Agency Proposal Bid Bond)
3. Equipment List

Performance, Labor, Material and Maintenance Bond

The successful bidder shall be required to provide a Performance, Labor, Material and Maintenance Bond.

Refer to the [MAP LINK](#) for location details.

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LOCATION	COST
LEVEE CONTROL - Year 1	
LEVEE CONTROL – Year 2	
LEVEE CONTROL – Year 3	
LEVEE CONTROL – Year 4	
LEVEE CONTROL – Year 5	
Total Cost =	

Company Name:

Name of Person Completing Form:

Signature:

Date:
