

**Whatcom County
Invitation to Bid
Bid #23-30**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Purchasing at their office in the Administrative Services Finance Department in the Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue Suite 503, Bellingham WA 98225, for purchase of the following:

SUPPLY OF ROCK, GRAVEL, AND SOIL
UNTIL: 2:30 PM, Tuesday, May 9, 2023

At which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud (live via GoToMeeting). All bidders and any other interested people are invited to be present. Late bids will not be considered.

This bid is to establish a list of suppliers and firm prices for the supply of rock, gravel, and soil for Whatcom County Public Works, Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department, and other Whatcom County departments as needed.

Award will be made to the lowest and/or best bidder. In the absence of special circumstances, the County will select the supplier submitting the lowest bid price for the specific material item needed. However, under special circumstances, the County may select the supplier or suppliers not submitting the lowest bid, but in consideration of the special circumstances, meeting the County's requirements for the specified material needed. Special circumstances that may be considered include: differences in ability to deliver, delivery time, availability of material, special loading or unloading conditions, total cost including transport if not included with bid item, performance of the delivered material, location of the source, and proximity to the delivery point.

Further information is contained in the bid document, which can be downloaded at no charge from the Whatcom County Purchasing website at <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/Bids.aspx>, see "Related Documents" at the bottom of the bid posting page. If you are unable to download the pdf documents from this website, contact Purchasing at FN_Purchasing@co.whatcom.wa.us (preferred), or phone (360) 778-5330.

Whatcom County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any irregularities.

Whatcom County affirms it will not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting. Whatcom County encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women owned firms to respond.

Publication Dates: April 26, 2023.

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MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Sealed bid proposals are solicited and will be received only at the office of Whatcom County Administrative Services Finance/Purchasing on the fifth floor of the Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 503, Bellingham WA 98225.

Deliver responses between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday to Whatcom County Administrative Services Finance/Purchasing, located at 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 503, Bellingham WA 98225. **The deadline is 2:30 PM, Tuesday, May 9, 2023.**

All bids, received on time, will be opened in a public format via GoToMeeting at the above stated time. All interested people are invited to attend the virtual bid opening via GoToMeeting as follows:

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/273232365>

Or, join the meeting from your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3129

Access Code: 273-232-365

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/273232365>

Whatcom County does not consider:

- Late bids.
- E-mailed bids.
- Faxed bids.

Bid award and subsequent contract will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder that meets all of the minimum specifications to the satisfaction of the County. This includes, but is not limited to:

- The quality of the articles to be provided.
- Their conformity with the specifications.
- The warranty clause, if any, will be taken into consideration.
- Comparison to the Washington State contract pricing.

The purpose of this bid is to obtain a convenient, continuous, and readily available source for the supply of rock, gravel, and soil at the lowest cost in quantities and for jobs needed by Whatcom County Public Works, Whatcom County Parks & Recreation, and other Whatcom County departments as needed. The County intends to make agreements with all responsible and responsive bidders.

Whatcom County reserves the right to accept any bid that, in their opinion, serves the best interest of the County and to reject any bid or all bids.

Generally, the County will select the supplier submitting the lowest bid price for the specific material needed. However, under special circumstances, the County may select the supplier or suppliers that best meet the requirements for that particular job based on criteria other than lowest bid price.

Special circumstances which may be considered include:

- Differences in ability to deliver.
- Delivery time.
- Availability of material.
- Special loading or unloading conditions.
- Total cost including transport and or labor, if not included with bid item.
- Performance of the delivered material.
- Location of the source.
- Proximity to the delivery point.

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PERIOD

Any agreement made as a result of this bid will be for the period from the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Prices quoted will be considered firm during this period.

SALES TAX

Whatcom County will pay applicable Washington State sales tax upon receipt of a valid invoice.

Washington State sales tax is payable as “use tax” by the County, and paid directly to the State of Washington on purchases made from out-of-state vendors who do not have a Washington State sales tax number.

With the exception of Washington State sales tax, all other applicable taxes, permits, fees, or custom levies required to be in compliance with federal, state, provincial, or local rules or regulations, must be included in the bid prices offered.

PAYMENT TERMS

Whatcom County intends to take advantage of prompt payment terms offered. Prompt payment discounts of 20 calendar days or more after receipt of correct material and invoice will be considered in evaluating bids as a constant percentage of dollar reduction to unit bid price.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids must be submitted bids on these forms, using ink or computer, and supplying all the information requested. **To be considered, bids must be signed and original documents submitted.**

Submit bids in a sealed package, plainly marked on the outside as follows:

- Name of Submitter
- Bid #23-30 Rock, Gravel, and Soil

Send or deliver bid **no later than 2:30 PM, Tuesday, May 9, 2023** to:

Attn: Sara Winger, Senior Purchasing Coordinator
Whatcom County AS Finance/Purchasing
311 Grand Ave Suite 503
Bellingham WA 98225

It is the bidder’s responsibility to deliver their bid to the proper address by the assigned date and time. **Whatcom County accepts no responsibility for misdirected or lost bids.**

CANADIAN BIDDERS

Canadian bidders must quote prices in U.S. tons and U.S. dollars. Canadian suppliers will be expected to invoice the County in U.S. tons and U.S. dollars. Canadian bidders must include in their bid price all U.S. and/or Canadian customs charges to be levied against delivered rock, gravel and soil entering the United States. Whatcom County will not pay any additional entry charges.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE ACT (WASHINGTON STATE RCW 39.34)

Bidders are requested to indicate if other municipalities or political subdivisions may purchase the same material from the vendor over the subsequent time period for which the vendor is willing to honor the bid price.

CONTACT

Direct all questions regarding the specifications, in writing, to all three contacts below:

Gina Miller, Assistant Superintendent, [gmiller@co.whatcom.us.wa](mailto:gmilller@co.whatcom.us.wa)

Brett Piepel, Assistant Superintendent of Equipment Services, bpiepel@co.whatcom.wa.us

John DeLappe, Purchasing Coordinator, jdelappe@co.whatcom.wa.us

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bids are solicited for furnishing quarry rock, gravel and soil in the specific dimensions listed in further detail below under Material Specifications.

ORDER QUANTITY

There are no guarantees regarding minimum or maximum order quantities. Orders will be issued on an as needed basis. Bidders must indicate minimum order quantities and any other special terms and conditions on the Bid Response Forms.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

For a bid to be considered, **all information requested on the Bid Response Forms is required** to be listed in its entirety.

The following are examples of the requested information:

- Product Name/Description Used by Bidder
- Product Code – **must match product code listed on vendor's weight slips**
- Price per Ton – loaded by vendor
- Mining Location – whether pit run or quarry
- Stockpile Location

Whatcom County reserves the right to reject any or all bids that do not supply the above required information.

Price per ton is requested for material loaded by the vendor into County-owned trucks at the stockpile location. Vendors must note stockpile location on the Bid Response Forms. If offering materials from more than one location, copy the Bid Response Forms and submit a separate bid for each location.

Accurate weighing devices must be available and load slips must be submitted with invoices.

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MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Bids are solicited for furnishing the following rock, gravel and soil in the specific dimensions listed below and is to be constructed in conformance to Whatcom County specifications. Additional material may be offered by listing it under "Section F, Other Offers" on the Bid Response Forms.

SECTION A: ROCK			
1.	1-1/4" Minus, Crushed	Material passes through 1-1/4" screen	
2.	2" Minus, Crushed	Material passes through 2" screen	
3.	4" Minus, Crushed	Material passes through 4" screen	
4.	Quarry Spalls, 8" Minus	Material passes through 8" screen	
5.	12" Minus	Material passes through 12" screen	
6.	2' Minus		
7.	Light Loose Riprap		
8.	Heavy Loose Riprap		
9.	3' Minus	50% to 90% Total fragments 20% to 50% Total fragments 10% to 20% Total fragments	2,000 lbs. to 4,000 lbs. 400 lbs. to 2,000 lbs. 200 lbs. or less
10.	4' Minus	50% to 90% Total fragments 30% to 50% Total fragments 10% to 30% Total fragments	3,000 lbs. to 8,000 lbs. 800 lbs. to 3,000 lbs. 800 lbs. or less
11.	3' Plus, Building Stone	100% Total fragments	3,000 lbs. to 9,000 lbs.
12.	4" to 8" Clean	No fines	
13.	One Man Rock, 12" to 18"		
14.	Two Man Rock, 18" to 28"		
15.	Three Man Rock, 28" to 36"		
16.	Four Man Rock, 36" to 48"		
17.	Five Man Rock, 48" to 54"		
18.	Six Man Rock, 54" to 60"		
19.	4-Man Drilled Ballast Rock, 36" to 48"	Drilled rock with a 2-1/2" to 3" diameter hole	
20.	5-Man Drilled Ballast Rock, 48" to 54"	Drilled rock with a 2-1/2" to 3" diameter hole	
21.	6-Man Drilled Ballast Rock, 54" to 60"	Drilled rock with a 2-1/2" to 3" diameter hole	

SECTION B: GRAVEL		
22.	1/4" Modified Chips - Maintenance Rock	Gradation the same as the standard specifications, except 100% passes through 1/4" screen
23.	1/2" Crushed Surfacing	Gradation the same as the standard specifications, except 100% passes through 1/2" screen
24.	3/8" Crushed Surfacing	Gradation the same as the standard specifications, except 100% passes through 3/8" screen
25.	5/8" Crushed Surfacing	Gradation the same as the standard specifications, except 100% passes through 5/8" screen
26.	3/4" Crushed Surfacing	Gradation the same as the standard specifications, except 100% passes through 3/4" screen
27.	1-1/4" Crushed Surfacing	
28.	1-1/4" Minus Cracked Ballast	
29.	2" Minus Cracked Ballast	
30.	3" to 4" Minus Cracked Ballast	
31.	Pit Run	
32.	Pit Run, 2" Screened	

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SECTION B: GRAVEL (continued)		
33.	Pit Run, 4" Screened	
34.	1-1/2" Drain Rock, Washed	
35.	2-1/2" Rounded Washed Rock	100% material passes through 2-1/2" sieve size 20% material passes through 1-1/2" sieve size 2% material passes through 1/2" sieve size
36.	1-1/2" to 6" Cobblestone	Aggregate size between 1-1/2" and 6"
37.	Sand	
38.	1/4" Minus Winter Maintenance Sand	100% passing 3/8" sieve 90% to 100% passing 1/4" sieve 40% to 75% passing US Standard #10 sieve 10% to 30% passing US Standard #40 sieve 0% to 5% passing US Standard #200 sieve

SECTION C: SOIL		
39.	Top Soil	

SECTION D: MISCELLANEOUS		
40.	3/4" Crushed Limestone	
41.	3/4" Crushed Black Limestone	
42.	5/8" Crushed Limestone	
43.	RAP (Recycled Asphalt Product)	
44.	Levee Clay Fill	20% to 40% material passes through US Standard #200 sieve
45.	3/8" Pea Gravel, Washed	
46.	3/8" Pea Gravel, Double Washed	

SECTION E: DISPOSALS		
47.	Asphalt	
48.	Concrete With Rebar	
49.	Concrete Without Rebar	
50.	Dirt Spoils (No Woody Debris)	
51.	Woody Debris (Miscellaneous)	
52.	Brush and/or Branches	
53.	Logs	
54.	Stumps	

SECTION F: OTHER OFFERS		

Except as amended here, all material must be in accordance with the latest edition of the **Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction** (Standard Specifications), as published by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). Any reference to the State of Washington or to an officer thereof will be construed to mean Whatcom County or the appropriate equivalent official of Whatcom

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County. All material supplied must conform to the appropriate specifications required by the Standard Specifications with the following supplemental specifications.

TOP SOIL

Topsoil must be natural loam, sandy loam, silt loam, or clay loam humus-bearing soil containing a limited amount of organic material and not a mixture of contrasting textured subsoil. It must be free of foreign material such as hard pan, stones larger than 1/4-inch diameter, concrete, cinders, brick, asphalt, or other undesirable materials. Topsoil shall be reasonably free of weeds and other objectionable plant material.

All topsoil shall be tested for correct nutrients (nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium) and proper pH level, neither excessively acidic or alkalinity and must be amended as per the soil test recommendation. Topsoil must be free of contaminants that may be harmful to the environment.

LEVEE CLAY FILL

Material shall be a clay based material with a 20% to 40% fines passing the US Standard #200 sieve with no organic material and limited oversize particles (e.g., 75 mm minus).

RIGHT OF REFUSAL

Whatcom County reserves the right to refuse any item that is defective, substandard, or does not meet the stated specifications. All items purchased as a result of this bid are subject to the approval of the Whatcom County Public Works Department.

Any item rejected, because of nonconformance with the terms and conditions of this bid, whether held by the County or returned, will be at the vendor's own risk and expense.

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BID RESPONSE FORMS

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Please complete and include all pages of Bid Response Forms.

Please print (in ink) or type all information on the Bid Response Forms, with exception to the signature field.

Submit Sealed Bids Before:	2:30 PM, Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Deliver Bids To:	Whatcom County AS Finance/Purchasing 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 503, Bellingham WA 98225
F.O.B. Delivery Point:	Per Specifications
Prices Quoted are Firm Through:	June 30, 2024

Prices **do not** include Washington State sales tax, but do include all other applicable taxes, permits, fees, and custom levies.
Indicate on the bid forms any minimum order quantities or any other special conditions.

In accordance with the attached specifications, we are submitting a bid offering the following materials:

PLEASE CHECK	SECTION	PAGE	DESCRIPTION
	A	2-3 of 6	Rock
	B	4 of 6	Gravel
	C	5 of 6	Soil
	D	5 of 6	Miscellaneous
	E	6 of 6	Soil Disposal
	F	6 of 6	Other Offers

WA STATE INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE ACT 39.34

Other municipalities or political subdivisions may purchase the same material from the vendor over the subsequent time period for which the vendor is willing to honor the bid price.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Prompt Payment Discount Offered: _____

BIDDER IDENTIFICATION

Supplier Name _____

Address _____

Submitted By _____

(Print Name & Title)

Signature _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____ Fax _____

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Company Name

Stockpile Site

SECTION A ROCK						
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>						
MATERIAL		MINED FROM		REQUIRED		PRICE PER TON LOADED BY VENDOR
		PIT RUN	QUARRY	SUPPLIER PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT CODE*	
1.	1-1/4" Minus, Crushed					\$
2.	2" Minus, Crushed					\$
3.	4" Minus, Crushed					\$
4.	Quarry Spalls, 8" Minus					\$
5.	12" Minus					\$
6.	2' Minus					\$
7.	Light Loose Riprap					\$
8.	Heavy Loose Riprap					\$
9.	3' Minus					\$
10.	4' Minus					\$
11.	3' Plus, Building Stone					\$
12.	4" to 8" Clean					\$
13.	One Man Rock, 12" to 18"					\$
14.	Two Man Rock, 18" to 28"					\$
15.	Three Man Rock, 28" to 36"					\$
16.	Four Man Rock, 36" to 48"					\$
Minimum order quantities or other special conditions:						

***Product code listed above must match product code listed on vendor's weight slips.**

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SECTION A ROCK, <i>continued</i>						
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>						
MATERIAL		MINED FROM		REQUIRED		PRICE PER TON LOADED BY VENDOR
		PIT RUN	QUARRY	SUPPLIER PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT CODE*	
17.	Five Man Rock, 48" to 54"					\$
18.	Six Man Rock, 54" to 60"					\$
19.	4-Man Drilled Ballast Rock, 36" to 48"					\$
20.	5-Man Drilled Ballast Rock, 48" to 54"					\$
21.	6-Man Drilled Ballast Rock, 54" to 60"					\$
Minimum order quantities or other special conditions:						

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Company Name

Stockpile Site

SECTION B GRAVEL						
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>						
MATERIAL		MINED FROM		REQUIRED		PRICE PER TON LOADED BY VENDOR
		PIT RUN	QUARRY	SUPPLIER PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT CODE*	
22.	1/4" Modified Chips - Maintenance Rock					\$
23.	1/2" Crushed Surfacing					\$
24.	3/8" Crushed Surfacing					\$
25.	5/8" Crushed Surfacing					\$
26.	3/4" Crushed Surfacing					\$
27.	1-1/4" Crushed Surfacing					\$
28.	1-1/4" Minus Cracked Ballast					\$
29.	2" Minus Cracked Ballast					\$
30.	3" to 4" Minus Cracked Ballast					\$
31.	Pit Run					\$
32.	Pit Run 2" Screened					\$
33.	Pit Run 4" Screened					\$
34.	1-1/2" Drain Rock, Washed					\$
35.	2-1/2" Rounded Washed Rock					\$
36.	1-1/2" to 6" Cobblestone					\$
37.	Sand					\$
38.	1/4" Minus Winter Maintenance Sand					\$
Minimum order quantities or other special conditions:						

***Product code listed above must match product code listed on vendor's weight slips.**

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SECTION C SOIL						
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>						
MATERIAL		MINED FROM		REQUIRED		PRICE PER TON LOADED BY VENDOR
		PIT RUN	QUARRY	SUPPLIER PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT CODE*	
39.	Topsoil (specify contents – natural loam, etc.)					\$
Minimum order quantities or other special conditions:						

SECTION D MISCELLANEOUS						
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>						
MATERIAL		MINED FROM		REQUIRED		PRICE PER TON LOADED BY VENDOR
		PIT RUN	QUARRY	SUPPLIER PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT CODE*	
40.	3/4" Crushed Limestone					\$
41.	3/4" Crushed Black Limestone					\$
42.	5/8" Crushed Limestone					\$
43.	RAP (Recycled Asphalt Product)					\$
44.	Levee Clay Fill					\$
45.	3/8" Pea Gravel (Washed)					\$
46.	3/8" Pea Gravel (Double Washed)					\$
Minimum order quantities or other special conditions:						

***Product code listed above must match product code listed on vendor's weight slips.**

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Company Name

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SECTION E DISPOSALS	
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>	
MATERIAL	PRICE PER TON DELIVERED TO VENDOR
47. Asphalt	\$
48. Concrete With Rebar	\$
51. Concrete Without Rebar (Clean)	\$
52. Dirt Spoils (No Woody Debris)	\$
53. Woody Debris (Miscellaneous)	\$
54. Brush and/or Branches	\$
55. Logs	\$
56. Stumps	\$
Other special conditions:	

SECTION F OTHER OFFERS					
F.O.B. Delivery Point <u>Stockpile Site</u>					
MATERIAL	MINED FROM		REQUIRED		PRICE PER TON LOADED BY VENDOR
	PIT RUN	QUARRY	SUPPLIER PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT CODE*	
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$

Minimum order quantities or other special conditions:

***Product code listed above must match product code listed on vendor's weight slips.**