ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

YEAR-END AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SCHEDULE (subject to change)Issue RFPAugust 1, 2025Proposals DueAugust 29, 2025Selection of ConsultantSeptember 18, 2025Notification of Project AwardSeptember 19, 2025Contract PreparationOctober - November, 2025Begin ProjectJanuary 1, 2026

Issue Date: August 1, 2025

NOTICE TO FINANCIAL AUDITORS YEAR-END AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District ("District") is seeking the services of a qualified FINANCIAL AUDITOR to perform the year-end audit of financial statements for fiscal years ending 12/31/25, 12/31/26 and 12/31/27. Interested parties are now requested to submit Proposals for this service. The Request for Proposals ("RFP") will be published in accordance with District policies.

The objective of this RFP is to review proposals from financial auditors who are interested in providing this service and who will effectively execute all aspects of the contract in a quality, timely and effective manner; and to select a financial auditor who has the staff, municipal audit experience, and expertise to plan, organize, and successfully complete the audits.

If you are interested in submitting a Proposal, the complete RFP and all addenda may be obtained by calling the District office at (802) 388-2333, or from the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

The deadline for receiving Proposals is 4:00 PM, on Friday, August 29, 2025.

Mail, fax or e-mail all Proposals to:

Addison County Solid Waste Management District ATTN: Drew Pettis, CPA - Business Manager 1223 Route 7 South Middlebury, Vermont 05753

OR

Fax to: (802) 388-0271

OR

E-Mail to: drew@acswmd.org

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) are encouraged to participate.

Dated this 1st day of August 2025.

ACSWMD, By

Donald Maglienti, District Manager

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Issued by:	Addison County Solid Waste Management District 1223 Route 7 South Middlebury, VT 05753
Contact:	Drew Pettis, CPA - Business Manager 802-388-2333 (Tel) 802-388-0271 (Fax) drew@acswmd.org (e-mail)
Date Issued:	Friday, August 1, 2025
Date Proposals Are Due:	Friday August 29, 2025, by 4:00 PM
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BACKGROUND

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District ("the District"), a union municipal district, is comprised of 21 towns of Addison County, with an estimated population of 37,578. The District owns and operates a solid waste transfer station situated on 9.8 acres, on Route 7 South, in Middlebury, Vermont and a regional residential transfer station situated on 3.4 acres, on 65 Campground Road, in New Haven, Vermont. The District office is co-located at the Middlebury transfer station. Office hours are normally 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, M-F.

The District is interested in receiving lump sum, not-to-exceed cost proposals for the performance of a year-end financial audit for each of the calendar years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Outputs

1. Perform an audit of the financial statements of the District for each of the 12-month periods ending December 31, 2025, December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027. The audit should be in accordance with GASB34 standards and include procedures that the Consultant considers necessary in order to express an opinion as to the fairness of the financial statements. In determining the extent of test procedures, the Consultant should give full consideration to the apparent effectiveness of the system of internal accounting control and internal checks. The feasibility of recommendations for improvements in the internal accounting system should be discussed with District staff during the course of the fieldwork. A formal letter outlining improvements or required corrective action should be submitted outlining such recommendations. 2. At the conclusion of the audit, meet with the District Board of Supervisors (Board) to discuss the findings resulting from the audit and to review draft copies of the financial statements before such statements are issued.

Preferred Schedule for Year-End 2025

- January 1, 2026 Begin Audit
- March 31, 2026 Complete Audit
- March 31, 2026 Deliver Draft Report
- April 8, 2026 Review Draft Report with Executive Board
- April 14, 2026 Final Report Delivered

The schedule for the subsequent years will be similar to the above schedule, and will be mutually finalized on an annual basis.

PROPOSALS

Proposal Submittal

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Proposal Elements

The essential elements to be included in the Proposal are:

- A total lump sum, not-to-exceed bid for each of the three years;
- A detailed description of staff levels and hours included in the bid, the hourly rates for each staff level, and direct costs;
- A summary of staff expertise and credentials;
- A schedule for performance of the audit and delivery of draft and final reports;
- A list of references from current or former clients with similar work scopes.

CONSULTANT SELECTION

Evaluation of Proposals

The Board will evaluate Proposals based on the following criteria:

- 1. Experience and familiarity of the Consultant with audits of municipal financial statements;
- 2. Resources available to the Consultant;
- 3. Favorable references from clients;
- 4. Availability to meet time schedule of project;
- 5. General quality and responsiveness of Proposal;
- 6. Cost, including reasonableness of billing rates as related to quality of personnel.

The Board will award the contract to the selected Consultant.

COST OF PROPOSAL PREPARATION

The District is not liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP. Consultants shall bear the full cost of preparation, attending any pre-submission interviews if requested, and negotiating the final contract if selected by the District. There may be no claims whatsoever for reimbursement from the District for costs and expenses associated with this process.

REVISIONS TO RFP

If it becomes necessary to revise any portion of this RFP, the addenda will be sent to all providers who were mailed the original RFP and any parties who were provided copies of this RFP, and the District will post the addendum on its website.

DISTRICT RIGHTS

The District reserves the rights to modify or issue changes to the original RFP, and to reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the District. The District also reserves the right to select the Consultant that, in the best judgment of the District, will perform in a satisfactory and timely manner irrespective of the estimated fee for completing the service. The District may also negotiate with the Consultant to modify or amend certain portions of the Proposal. Proposals received after the deadline may be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the District.