



BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County is accepting sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 325 W. James St., P.O. Box 156, Lawrence, MI 49064 until **11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026**, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read as follows:

- Contract Gravel; delivered and spread

All bids must be in a sealed envelope and plainly marked as to the item bid upon and the name of the bidder. All unmarked bids and/or bids received after the submitted deadline may be rejected.

Detailed specifications and bidding forms may be obtained at the office of the Road Commission.

The Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to award the contract in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

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VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

### **"2025 Contract Gravel"**

Proposals on forms provided by the Road Commission placed in a sealed envelope plainly marked, **"2025 Contract Gravel"** will be received by the Van Buren County Road Commission, 325 W. James Street, Post Office Box 156, Lawrence, Michigan 49064, until **11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026**, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read.

1. MDOT 22A Gravel & MDOT 23A Gravel shall meet the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction, 2020 edition.

\*\*\*Gradation and Specifications for 23A Mod

Modifications to MDOT Specification

# 200 (Loss by wash) % Passing 11-16

Crushed Material % min 60

\*\*\*Gradation and Specifications for 22A Mod

Modifications to MDOT Specification

# 200 (Loss by wash) % Passing 6-12

Crushed Material % min 50

2. Prior to the award of bids, the apparent low bidder for each garage shall provide the Road Commission with the pit location(s), and the location of the pile from which the contract shall be fulfilled. The Road Commission may conduct an initial verification test at its own expense.

**If there is any discrepancy**, the contractor shall be responsible for the cost of a second test to be ordered by the Road Commission at a testing facility of the Road Commission's choosing. If the second test passes, the Road Commission has the option to order a third discretionary test at the *Road Commission's expense*. If the second test fails, the contractor has the option to allow the Road Commission to order a third discretionary test at a testing facility of the Road Commission's choosing at the *contractor's expense*. (**Note:** If the cost of the second test remains unpaid by the Contractor despite requests for payment, the Road Commission reserves the right to deduct the cost of the second test from an invoice of the Contractor.)

3. Gravel shall be delivered and spread on specified roads. The leveling of gravel will be done using Van Buren County Road Commission staff and equipment. (Note: Gravel delivered to Garage/Pit Locations will be dumped in stockpile - not spread). Delivery must be made with either a train configuration or side dumps (approximately 50 tons per truck), but yet still be within legal weight. **A minimum of FOUR (4) trains per round is required** unless waived by the Operations Director. Bidder must notify the Road Commission of any shutdowns or truck problems immediately and must give a minimum 24-hours' notice for scheduling of work.

Successful bidder(s) will utilize approved methods to regulate the placement of the gravel. No stockpiling in the roadway will be permitted.

4. Estimated quantities and locations as of February 5, 2026. **No quantities are guaranteed:**

TOWNSHIP	QUANTITY (TONS)
ALMENA TOWNSHIP	2,000
ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP	1,000
BANGOR TOWNSHIP	2,500
BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP	2,600
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP	2,000
DECATUR TOWNSHIP	500
GENEVA TOWNSHIP	800
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP	4,000
KEELER TOWNSHIP	3,000
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP	7,500
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP	5,000
PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP	2,000
PORTER TOWNSHIP	3,000
WAVERLY TOWNSHIP	1,000
VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (Boudreau Pit) 46 <sup>th</sup> Street South of Territorial Road, Lawrence Twp.	3,500
VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BANGOR GARAGE, 66174 M-43 Highway	1,600
VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BLOOMINGDALE GARAGE, 325 W. Kalamazoo St.	2,000

Quantities for garage/stockpile locations are **estimated quantities only**. Also garage/stockpile locations require only that the material be dumped on site. Road Commission personnel will stockpile. **No quantities are guaranteed.**

5. Gravel shall be furnished and placed no later than **September 1, 2026**, or as otherwise mutually agreed by the Contractor and the Van Buren County Road Commission.

6. All quantities are approximate, and payment will be made only for tons of material delivered to the job sites. Original vendor weight tickets (no copies) shall be furnished with each load delivered at the time of delivery. No adjustment in unit prices will be made for either an increase or a decrease in quantities.

7. Pursuant to MDOT specifications for aggregates, the Road Commission will allow for moisture content up to 6%. If the gravel contains a moisture content in excess of 6%, the excess over will be deducted from the scale weight of the aggregate until such time as moisture tests indicate that the moisture content of the material is not more than 6%. See MDOT 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction, Section 109.01.B, Section 302.04 and Section 902. Periodic moisture testing will be done at the discretion of the Managing Director, or his representative, and may be without notice to the contractor. Moisture sampling may be done at the pit and/or at the tailgate upon site delivery. A field determination will then be done to determine the number of loads delivered prior to testing that day, if the moisture content is above 6% for that day's penalty. The

penalty will continue until the moisture content tested falls below 6% by weight. The VBCRC will only pay for two moisture tests per day. Any additional testing for moisture range (%) will be at the order of the contractor and paid for by the contractor. All testing is to be ordered by the Road Commission at a testing facility of the Road Commission's choosing.

If moisture content is over 6%, a correction will be calculated and subtracted from the unit volumes on the weight tickets per the MDOT standards.

8. Insurance Requirements: The successful bidder hereby covenants and agrees to take use, provide and make all proper, necessary and sufficient precautions, safeguards and protection against the occurrence of happenings of any accident, injuries, damages, or hurt to person or property during the course of the work herein covered as its sole responsibility.

The successful bidder further covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Van Buren (a/k/a the Van Buren County Road Commission) and its agents, employees or servants from liability, including all claims and losses, and all related costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgments, interest and penalties), accruing or resulting to any person or entity that may be injured arising from said contracted services.

The successful bidder shall maintain, during the life of the contract, sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workers Compensation, Automobile Liability, and Professional Liability as follows:

- **Workers' Compensation** insurance with Michigan statutory limits for all its employees assigned to perform services pursuant to the contract.
- **Automobile Liability** insurance on each vehicle owned, hired and/or non-owned while operating on the public highways during the life of this contract in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limits.
- **Professional Liability** insurance in the amount of not less than \$250,000 per occurrence.
- **Commercial General Liability** insurance with limits of liability not less than \$2,000,000.00 each occurrence.

9. In addition, the successful bidder must provide a Certificate of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, and the following language must appear in the "Additional Insured" area of the Insurance Certificate, without any changes or deviations from this specific language:

**"The Board of County Commissioners of Van Buren County, The Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County (a/k/a the Van Buren County Road Commission) and their officers and employees for claims arising out of, under, or by reason of operations covered by the permit issued to the permittee, as their interests may appear."**

and/or the Applicant must provide the Additional Insured Endorsement of the current policy and provide a Form CG 20 37 for Additional Insured Completed Operations.

10. Permit to Work in the County Road Right of Way: The successful Bidder(s) will be responsible for, and will procure all necessary permits, licenses, etc. as may be required by the applicable

governmental units, including, but not limited to a Permit to Work in the County Road Right-of-Way with the Van Buren County Road Commission.

11. "The Van Buren County Road Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of gender, disability, race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

12. The Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and award the contract in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Road Commission.

## **APPENDIX A**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor shall comply with the regulations relative to non-discrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulation, including employment practices, when the contractor covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Van Buren County Road Commission to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations or directives. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to the State highway department, or the Federal Highway Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. **Sanctions for Non-compliance:** In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Van Buren County Road Commission shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- (b) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Van Buren County Road Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the Van Buren County Road Commission to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the County, and, in addition, the contractor may request the State Highway Department to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State and/or the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**PROPOSAL**  
**MDOT-22A CONTRACT GRAVEL**

Van Buren County Road Commission  
325 West James Street, Post Office Box 156  
Lawrence, Michigan 49064

Gentlemen:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information provided in this Proposal submitted to the Van Buren County Road Commission is accurate and complete, and that I am duly authorized to submit the same. I hereby certify that I have reviewed all documents and requirements as set forth in the Specifications and accept their terms and conditions.

Township or Pit	Quantity	MDOT 22A	22A Mod.	MDOT 23A	23A Mod
ALMENA TOWNSHIP	2,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP	1,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
BANGOR TOWNSHIP	2,500	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
BLOOMINGDALE TWP	2,600	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP	2,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
DECATUR TOWNSHIP	500	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
GENEVA TOWNSHIP	800	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP	4,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
KEELER TOWNSHIP	3,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP	7,500	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP	5,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP	2,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
PORTER TOWNSHIP	3,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
WAVERLY TOWNSHIP	1,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
VBCRC Boudreau Pit	3,500	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
VBCRC Bangor Garage	1,600	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton
VBCRC Bloomingdale Garage	2,000	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton	\$ Ton

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

By: (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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