

December 9, 2025

Greater Augusta Utility District – Request for Proposals

Subject: Cleaning and inspection of drinking water storage tanks

The Greater Augusta Utility District (the District) requests quotations to use divers or submersible equipment to clean and inspect drinking water storage tanks located in and near Augusta, Maine.

GAUD has partnered with other nearby entities to allow one contractor to clean several local drinking water storage tanks under one contract. Exhibit A lists the 24 (twenty four) tanks to be inspected and cleaned.

Inspection and cleaning requirements:

- The original DVD or equivalent digital media used to document the inspection must be submitted with the inspection report.
- Inspection and cleaning shall not require draining the tank.
- Divers or robotic devices may be used to inspect and clean the tanks. Divers or robotic devices must be disinfected with bleach prior to entry. District personnel will witness and document the disinfection process.
- All equipment used during the inspection and/or cleaning must be disinfected prior to entry.
- The Contractor who is awarded the Contract shall be prepared to comply with requirements of AWWA standard C652-02, "Disinfection of Water-Storage Facilities", section 4.4, "Disinfection Procedures when Conducting Underwater Inspection of Potable-Water-Storage Facilities".
- All reasonable efforts will be made to prevent debris or other foreign materials from entering the tank.
- The contractor shall provide contractor's general liability and other insurance as follows and name the District as an additional insured party:
 - Commercial General Liability – One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars each occurrence and Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars in the aggregate
 - Automobile Liability – One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars
 - Workers Compensation – Statutory coverage
 - Employers' Liability – Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars each occurrence
 - The Contractor shall have the District added as a Certificate Holder and as an Additional Insured on the liability policies identified above. Contractor shall provide the District with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the policies and above limits prior to commencement of the Work.

Tank information:

Appendix A

Submittal information:

Interested vendors should submit a proposal describing their company's qualifications and how the tasks described above would be carried out no later than Wednesday, January 7 at 12 noon EST to:

Brian Tarbuck
General Manager
Greater Augusta Utility District
12 Williams Street
Augusta, ME 04330-5225
207-622-3701

Proposals may be emailed instead of using US Mail but **it is the responsibility of the sender to confirm receipt**. Email submittals to tank@gaud.ws. Electronic submittals must be in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format and must be less than 10 MB. The same date and time submittal deadline applies.

The estimate of fees to be charged must be described as follows:

- Inspection cost
- Cleaning cost

Fee estimates must include a description and details for all anticipated costs and assumptions about the work.

Provide an estimated completion date for the work.

Provide names and phone numbers from at least three other utilities who have been your clients during the last 18 months for performance references.

Work must be completed by November 1, 2026.

Contact Brian Tarbuck at 207-622-3701 or email tank@gaud.ws with any questions.

Appendix A

This RFP encompasses the inspection and cleaning of 24 (twenty four) drinking water storage tanks located in Kennebec County, Maine. Tanks listed as “above ground” are “on grade”.

Tanks are owned by six different entities. GAUD will be the sole point of contact for financial transactions. Once on station the selected vendor will be directed to consult with individual entities for tank access.

Utility	Town	Tank name	Material	Position	Shape	Height	L or Diam	W	#	Vol gals	Is there an operable entry hatch at the top of the tank that is at least 18" in diameter?	Can you keep the water level within 10' of the top of the tank during the inspection process?
Colby	Waterville	Colby water tower	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	27	30			140,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	Capen Tank	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	32	35			230,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Randolph	Windsor Tank	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	32	48			430,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	Libby Hill	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	75	28			350,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	Highland tank	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	72	46			890,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	Iron Mine	Steel, riveted	Above ground	Round	45	35			320,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	Cobbossee Tank	Concrete	Half above half below	Round	24	93			1,220,000	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	Clearwell Tank	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	12	100	100		897,600	Yes	Yes
Gardiner	Farmingdale	Fairlane Tank	Concrete	Above ground	Round	70	45			830,000	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	10.25	123	52		490,381	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	10.25	123	52		490,381	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	10.5	150	58		683,298	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	10.5	150	58		683,298	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	Malta Tank	Concrete	Above ground	Round	55	90			2,620,000	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Hallowell	Granite Hill Tank	Concrete	Above ground	Round	28	96			1,520,000	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	Eastern Avenue Tank, North	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	38.5	42			400,000	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	Eastern Avenue Tank, South	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	38.5	42			400,000	Yes	Yes
GAUD	Augusta	WHR east	Concrete	Above ground	Round	30	180			5,710,000	Yes	Yes
Hallowell WD	Chelsea	Chelsea Tank	Concrete	Kinda both	Round	35	41			350,000	Yes	Yes
Hallowell WD	Hallowell	High Street Tank	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	60	48			810,000	Yes	Yes
Hallowell WD	Farmingdale	High school	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	85	25			310,000	Yes	Yes
Togus	Augusta	Togus tank	Steel, welded	Above ground	Round	34	50			500,000	Yes	Yes
WUD	Winthrop	Metcalf Road Reservoir	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	14	70	20		146,608	24x30 hatch	Yes
WUD	Winthrop	Metcalf Road Reservoir	Concrete	Below ground	Rectangular	14	70	20		146,608	24x30 hatch	Yes

Utility	Town	Tank name	Do you care if the inspection is done by a diver or a ROV?	The mung at the bottom of the tank will be removed. Do you have a place on site to store this or otherwise dispose of it?	Do you require any particular security / background checks / special insurance for this work? if so provide a brief description below.	Can you drive to the tank with a pickup?	Is 110v power nearby?	How many hours can the tank be taken out of service for cleaning?
Colby	Waterville	Colby water tower	No	Maybe	College; security protocols	Yes	Yes	8
Gardiner	Gardiner	Capen Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Gardiner	Randolph	Windsor Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Gardiner	Gardiner	Libby Hill	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Gardiner	Gardiner	Highland tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Gardiner	Gardiner	Iron Mine	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Gardiner	Gardiner	Cobbossee Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Gardiner	Gardiner	Clearwell Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	0
Gardiner	Farmingdale	Fairlane Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
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GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
GAUD	Augusta	North Augusta Reservoir	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
GAUD	Augusta	Malta Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
GAUD	Hallowell	Granite Hill Tank	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
GAUD	Augusta	Eastern Avenue Tank, North	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
GAUD	Augusta	Eastern Avenue Tank, South	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
GAUD	Augusta	WHR east	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
Hallowell WD	Chelsea	Chelsea Tank	No	Maybe	no	Yes	No	4
Hallowell WD	Hallowell	High Street Tank	No	Maybe	no	Yes	Yes	0
Hallowell WD	Farmingdale	High school	No	Yes	no	Yes	No	0
Togus	Augusta	Togus tank	No	Yes	US VA hospital; security precautions required	Yes	Yes	0
WUD	Winthrop	Metcalf Road Reservoir	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	8
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