

Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District  
IL Batch and Build Pilot in Knox County 2025  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the water quality project described herein will be received at the office of the Knox County Soil and Water District (SWCD), Galesburg, IL until 8:00 A.M on October 31, 2025, and publicly opened at that time.

The proposed project is officially known as “IL Batch and Build Pilot in Knox County 2025” and consists of the installation of eight bioreactors in Knox and Warren County, Illinois. The purpose of this project is to improve water quality by reducing nutrient loss from tile drainage. The estimated cost range for this project is \$237,000-\$299,250. Work will be done at the edges of cropped fields adjacent to a creek. In general, the work involves, and is not limited to excavation, earthwork, grading, stabilization, and seeding. All sites are located within the 100-year floodplain, and any overhaul must be taken and disposed of in areas outside the 100-year floodplain.

This project is funded by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy, and other sources, and requires that their rules and regulations are adhered to.

A pre-bid conference (hybrid) is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM via Zoom. Participation is not mandatory. Please contact Knox County SWCD to receive the webinar link.

Prevailing wage must be paid to all involved with the project. The contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rates of wages to all laborers, workmen, truck drivers and mechanics performing work under this contract, and shall comply with the requirements of the Illinois Wages of Employees on Public Works Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).

The contractor and all subcontractors associated with the project will be required to submit all certified payroll sheets to the Knox County SWCD no later than the 15th of the month.

The Plans and Construction Specifications governing the construction of the proposed conservation practices have been prepared by ISG and stamped by a Professional Engineer. These plans and the bid packet will be posted to the Knox County SWCD website (<https://knoxcountylswcd.wixsite.com/knox>), and hard copies may be obtained at the Knox County SWCD office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proposals must be submitted on the form provided in the bid packet. Bids should be submitted for the batched construction of eight bioreactors. Bidders should consult the technical plans and specifications to develop bids based on the items of work required for each project site.

Project work may be started on December 1, 2025, and shall be completed no later than May 31, 2026. If this timeline cannot be met, Contractor shall give notice to the Knox County SWCD immediately after occurrence of an event that causes an excusable delay. Performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract price will be required of the accepted bidder at time of signing contract.

Prospective bidders shall be skilled in the type of work called for in this Project and shall demonstrate the same through the submission of a resume listing all pertinent projects performed and the equipment used within the last five (5) years. At project completion all disturbed areas along the staging areas shall be free of material and debris, leveled and ready to be prepared for seeding. Any overhaul must be taken and disposed of in areas outside the 100-year floodplain. The contractor must contact JULIE to have the location of any utilities marked.

The Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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PROJECT BID

Project: A contractor will construct eight denitrifying bioreactors in Knox (1) and Warren County (7), Illinois.

Construction plans and specifications may be picked up at the Knox County SWCD at 233 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Project start date is December 1, 2025, with a completion date of May 31, 2026. If your bid is accepted, the contractor/vendor must sign a contract, pay prevailing wage to all parties involved in the project, provide all certified payroll time sheets, provide performance/payment bond for 100% of the contract price and follow the provided job and standard specifications.

Contact Person: Kara Downin, [administrative questions](#) 309-342-5138 x 3  
Knox County SWCD Resource Conservationist

Owen Oeltjenbruns, [technical and engineering questions](#)  
515-243-9143 ISG Project Manager

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed bids by mail or in person no **later than 8:00 a.m., October 31, 2025**

to Knox County SWCD, 233 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 4, Galesburg, IL 61401

- To develop the total project bid, use the provided component list and sum each line item.
- Include a resume listing all pertinent projects performed and equipment used within the last five years.
- Must pay at or above prevailing wage to anyone involved with the project. Pay the higher rate between Knox and Warren County for the current month. <https://labor.illinois.gov/laws-rules/conmed/prevailing-wage-rates.html>
- Knox County SWCD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive technicalities.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

1. A pre-bid conference (hybrid) is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM via Zoom. Participation is not mandatory. Please contact Knox County SWCD to receive the webinar link. You are welcome to attend the Zoom meeting with SWCD at the office.
2. Sealed bids will be received by the Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District, 233 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL 61401 until 8:00 a.m. on October 31, 2025, and at that time, publicly opened. Include the component list along with a resume listing all pertinent projects performed and equipment used within the last five years.
3. Bids should be submitted for the entire job.
4. Performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract price will be required of the accepted bidder at the time the contract is signed.
5. The successful contractor shall agree to pay at, or above prevailing wages established for Knox County, Illinois to all parties involved with the project. All certified payroll time sheets must be submitted to Knox County SWCD no later than 15 th of each month. Prevailing wage will be paid to all parties involved in the project; this includes all equipment operators and supervisors. All rock tickets along with certified time sheets for each driver must be submitted to SWCD.
6. Prospective bidder shall be skilled in this type of work and shall demonstrate it through the submission of a resume listing all pertinent projects performed and the equipment used within the last five (5) years. Include resume with bid sheet.
7. Payment will be 6-8 weeks following the completion of the project.
8. The contractor must contact JULE to have utilities located.
9. The Knox County SWCD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive technicalities