

# Request for Proposals SMALL-SCALE FARMING OPPORTUNITY



# **Summary**

The City of Urbana is seeking an agricultural tenant to lease the 6.99-acre site located at the intersection of Lincoln and Olympian Drives. The City will prioritize proposals for agricultural uses, which will benefit the community including but not limited to specialty crop production, value-added product development, and/or educational farms.

# Contact

Interested parties may submit proposals and refer "pre-submittal" questions or concerns to:

Brandon Boys

Economic Development Manager
(217) 384-2444
bsboys@urbanaillinois.us

# **Property Description**

# **Current Site Conditions**

The 6.99 acre site is located at Lincoln Avenue and Olympian

Drive in Somer Township in unincorporated Champaign County with a permanent index number of 25-15-29-400-023. The property is currently farmed with corn and bean crop.

# **Utilities**

In an initial assessment, the City found no City utilities present at the site. The City makes no representations or warranties concerning utilities present at the site, and further investigation would be the responsibility of the lessee. The lessee may request access to water from the detention pond located to the north of the property. The tenant would contract and pay for all utilities, water, fertilizer, and other supplies used on the site.

## **Zoning**

The selected tenant's use of the premises is subject to all zoning regulations, restrictions, encumbrances, covenants, rules, ordinances, and other laws and regulations now in effect or hereafter adopted by any governmental authority having jurisdiction. With a location in un-incorporated Champaign County, agricultural use would be permitted by-right, heavier uses may require a special use permit.

## Lease of Property

The lease rate and term are negotiable, subject to City approval. The tenant must obtain permission from the City prior to the installation of any permanent improvements or structures. The tenant will be responsible for removing any such improvements at its own expense upon termination of the lease.

# PROPERTY DETAILS

#### SITE AREA

6.99 Acres

#### **ZONING**

Agriculture Permitted By-Right

**RFP Issuance Date** 

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**RFP Responses Due** 

August 21st, 2019

# **Additional Information**

The following documents are included as attachments to this RFP:

- Site Location
- Site Elevation (2008)
- Site Aerial Photography (1940, 1973, 1988, 2002, 2008, 2014, 2017)
- Site Flood Zone

# **Submittals**

## **Desired Outcome**

All agricultural uses will be considered, however, the City envisions agricultural uses, which will benefit the community including but not limited to specialty crop production, value-added product development, and/or educational farms. Priority will be given to uses which support the regional food economy, such as crops intended for direct human consumption, value-added product development for human consumption, and agritourism-related uses. Interested tenants are encouraged to submit proposals which represent the agricultural approach they believe would be most successful, even if it is not fully consistent with the desired outcomes described above.

#### **Proposal Content Requirements**

To be considered for this agricultural opportunity, interested parties must submit the following information:

- 1. **Project Concept** discussing the details of the overall concept of the proposed agricultural use.
- 2. Proposed Schedule For Use including the desired lease term
- 3. Proposed Budget including a description of funding sources and proposed lease price
- 4. **Agricultural Team's Experience** Please describe past experience as it relates to the proposed use and identify the project manager including contact information (i.e., phone number and email address).

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals at its own discretion.

#### Proposal Review Criteria

The City is committed to a thorough and objective review of all qualifying proposals. Consideration will be given to the following criteria, which are not necessarily exhaustive:

- 1. The quality of the proposed project concept in terms of its alignment with the goals and vision set out in this RFP.
- 2. The qualifications and experience of the project team.
- 3. Proposed lease price.

#### **Proposal Submission**

Submit proposal electronically to: <a href="mailto:bsboys@urbanaillinois.us">bsboys@urbanaillinois.us</a>

All proposals must be submitted before the submittal deadline of August 21, 2019.



















