



INVITATION TO BID

Bid Package
Montrose County

2026 Gravel Crushing Services

Bids Due and Opening
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Time 2:00 p.m.

Location
Montrose County Public Works Office
63160 LaSalle Rd
Montrose, CO 81401

General Conditions

Montrose County is accepting sealed bids for 2026 gravel crushing services. In general, work will consist of crushing approximately 180,000 tons of aggregate product in various pits operated by Montrose County.

Bid Packages can be downloaded from Montrose County's web site using the following link: <https://www.montrosecounty.net/Bids.aspx>. For further information, please contact Curtis Milton at 970-252-7003 or e-mail at cmilton@montrosecounty.net.

Bidder Instructions

Submitted bids must be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope marked **"2026 Gravel Crushing Services Bid"** with the name of the bidder and delivered to Montrose County Public Works, Attn: Brandon Wallace, 63160 LaSalle Rd, Montrose, CO 81401, no later than **Tuesday, 2:00 pm local time, April 21, 2026**. The bids will be opened immediately thereafter and read aloud. Bids received after the time due will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder un-opened.

A 5% bid security is required with the bid as outlined in C.R.S. 24-105-201. **The bid security shall be placed in a separate envelop marked "Bid Security"** that is either attached to the outside of the bid envelope or placed in a larger envelope that contains both the sealed bid envelope and the bid security envelope. Bids not including a bid security will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder un-opened.

Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Forms included within the bid package. Bidder must provide the Unit Bid Price, Bid Item Amount and Total Bid Price on the Bid Schedule Form. In case of discrepancy on the Bid Schedule Form, the Unit Bid Price governs.

Any bid questions must be received by 2 pm local time on April 13, 2026.

Any modifications to the Invitation to Bid package will be an Addendum and posted to the County website by 5 pm on April 14, 2026 and distributed to all known bidders. It is the responsibility of the bidder to verify if an addendum has been issued. **Bidder shall acknowledge Addenda in the Bid and Addenda Acknowledgment section of the Bid Form.**

General Conditions

All bids shall be irrevocable for 45 days from the date of the bid opening.

The successful bidding Contractor will be required to enter into an agreement with Montrose County. A sample copy of the agreement is included in this bid package. The final contract negotiated with the successful bidder may be modified from this sample.

A payment and performance bond equal to 100% of the bid amount will be required as outlined in C.R.S. 38-26-106 and the contract agreement for the successful bidder.

Contractor shall carry insurance coverage as outlined in the contract agreement.

Payment to Contractor will be made upon submission and approval of invoice(s). Payment will follow normal County payment processing cycles for issuance of checks.

Montrose County will pay all royalties that pertain to pits leased by the County.

Awarding of Bid

Award may be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting applicable county and state procurement requirements. In reviewing the bids received, the County reserves the right to reject, for any reason whatsoever, any and all bids, and to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The County reserves the right to accept the bid that provides the best value to the County in the County's sole discretion. The County reserves the right to make a determination in the County's sole discretion as to the sufficiency of qualifications of any bidder. The action to award a contract is subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The submission of a bid does not in any way commit the County to enter into an agreement or contract with that bidder.

Bidder must identify for non-disclosure purposes, any information contained within the proposal that is proprietary in nature or protected by copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property law. Montrose County will maintain confidentiality of such materials to the extent permitted by law, the County is subject to the provisions of the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. 24-72-201, et seq., and cannot therefor guarantee that any materials provided will not be produced in response to a CORA request.

It is anticipated that award of the contract will be made within three (3) weeks of the bid opening. All bidders will be notified of the Commissioners decision. A purchase order will be used for authorization to proceed.

Required of Successful Bidder

- A payment and performance bond equal to 100% of the bid amount will be required as outlined in C.R.S. 38-26-106 and the contract agreement
- Contractor shall provide a copy of all necessary APEN Permit(s) issued by CDPH&E
- Contractor shall provide proof of currency and compliance with MSHA Training Part 46.
- Furnish certificates of required insurance coverage.
- Furnish a completed Form W-9 "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification".
- Enter into a contract agreement with Montrose County.
- Furnish an Equal Employment Opportunity Certification letter.

Additional Terms and Scope of Services

1. The gravel crushed shall meet the **Gravel Crushing Sieve Specifications** as shown on **Attachment “A”**.
2. The Thompson Pit is located adjacent to the Neal Pit. Crushing will be continuous between the two pits. Since the Neal Pit is leased, quantities of material crushed in the Neal Pit will need to be tracked separately from the Thompson Pit material.
3. Material Testing:
 - a. Contractor shall have a qualified, independent laboratory perform a sieve analysis test at approximately 500 tons at the beginning of each crush, and thereafter shall run additional tests at approximately 3,000 ton intervals. Sieve analysis test and fractured face test results shall be given to the County Public Works Director or designee by end of business the work day following the sample day.
 - b. Material codes 509 and 510 require an Atterberg Limits (plasticity index) test per ASTM D4318 conducted in conjunction with each sieve test. Plasticity Index tests results shall be provided within three working days of the sample day.
 - c. All testing costs shall be the responsibility of the contractor. Montrose County may perform additional tests at its discretion and will bear the cost for such additional tests.
4. If a product is found to be out of specification on any test, and the contractor fails to meet specifications with any subsequent test, the County shall have the option to:
 - 1) Stop all crushing operations until the Contractor makes necessary corrections and can prove that specifications are being met;
 - 2) Negotiate a reduced compensation for the out of specification product. Compensation for the out-of-specification material shall be paid at a rate not to exceed 50% of bid price;
 - 3) Have the out-of-specification material reprocessed into a usable product that meets a different specification. Contractor shall only be paid at the bid unit rate for the reprocessed specified material. No payment will be made for the initial out-of-specification material;
 - 4) Request that additional material be crushed at contractor’s expense to make up for the out-of-specification material;
 - 5) Any combination of the above.
6. Consistent out-of-specification performance shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract and claim for damages including claims against contractor’s bond.
7. All gravel shall be measured using certified belt scales placed after the screen in the crushing circuit to capture the pay quantity(s). The County Public Works Director or designee shall be present for verification of the belt scale readings. Contractor shall notify the County Public Works Director or designee at least 24 hours in advance of a belt scale reading.

8. Scales shall be certified by a third party prior to the first crush in each pit.
9. Scale recertification will be done after half of the material is crushed in each pit and after each move within a pit. The recertification may be done using a County truck load of crushed material weighed at a separate certified scale. If scale agreement is not obtained after weighing three (3) truck loads, the contractor shall have a third party recertify the scales.
10. Locations and quantities to crush are outlined in the **Estimate of Gravel Crushing Quantities per Location** as shown on **Attachment “B”**.
11. The order and priority for County gravel crushing operations shall be determined by the County Public Works Director or designee, and may be negotiated with the Contractor with an attempt to minimize the number of moves for the crushing equipment.
12. Extraction locations and placement of stockpiles will be at the direction of Montrose Public Works Director or designee.
13. Montrose County will remove overburden and level a pad for the crusher prior to the crush; and push down high walls, slope/re-grade disturbed areas after crushing operations have ceased.
14. *Contractor shall push pit run to the crusher, maintain high walls during crushing operations, and move additional dirt within the pit as needed to meet the specification for dirty road base.
15. If necessary to meet gravel specifications, Montrose County will haul and stock pile dirt/fines not available at the pit site to an agreed upon location within the pit prior to crushing.
16. Contractor shall maintain, and leave a level pit floor after crushing is completed. Pit is to be left free of trash and debris. No onsite disposal of waste is permitted.
17. Contractor is responsible for dust control during crushing operations and for obtaining water for dust control, as required.
18. Montrose County may ask to haul gravel while crushing is in progress. The Road & Bridge Superintendent or designee will seek permission and coordinate with the crushing contractor should this occur. Contractor shall have control of the pit while crushing is being performed and must adhere to all applicable regulations; therefore, permission to haul is not guaranteed.
19. All costs except the mobilization costs are to be included in the bid price per ton. The “Mobilization to a Pit” bid price will be charged once for each pit. If a move within a pit becomes necessary and is approved by Montrose County, the “mobilization within a Pit” bid price will be used for payment.
20. Crushing times shall be from 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday. Work on weekends will be allowed on case by case basis, depending on the gravel pit.
21. Crushing in all pits shall be completed no later than November 8, 2026, unless written permission by the County is granted to extend the completion date.

22. The County may assess liquidated damages against the Contractor in the amount stated in the contract until the contract is finished if the deadline for crushing services is not met. The County may assess liquidated damages against the Contractor in the amount stated in the contract until the deadline is met if any of the pit specific deadlines are not met
23. Contractor is responsible for operating in performance with all applicable regulations, including but not limited to Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA), Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPH&E), Division of Minerals & Geology (DMG), OSHA, Montrose County Special Use criteria, Montrose County Gravel Pit Mitigation Standards, and any other applicable regulation.
24. Contractor is to provide a copy of applicable Construction Permit(s) (APEN) issued by CDPH&E, and proof of current MSHA Part 46 training upon notice of bid award.

BIDDER INFORMATION
2026 Gravel Crushing Services

Bidder: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number : _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Representative's Signature _____

Printed Name of Signer _____

Title _____

Date _____

Exceptions or Comments

BID SCHEDULE FORM 2026 Gravel Crushing Services

Mat'l Code	Description	Estimated Quantity*	Unit	Unit Bid Price	Bid Item Amount
507	3/4-inch Surface Course Dirty Rd Base	30,000	tons		
508	CDOT Class 6 Aggregate Base Course	50,000	tons		
509	7/8-inch Surface Course Dirty Road Base	90,000	tons		
513	CDOT Class 1 Aggregate Base Course	10,000	tons		
	Mobilization to a Pit	3	each		
	Mobilization within a Pit	2	each		
Total Bid Price					

*Estimated Quantities are for bidding purposes and are subject to change

BID AND ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT
2026 Gravel Crushing Services

The undersigned, having carefully read and considered the Invitation to Bid for the Montrose County **2026 Gravel Crushing Services**, does hereby offer to supply such services to the County of Montrose, Colorado in the manner described and subject to the Contract Documents.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of addenda (if any). **The undersigned shall initial after the appropriate item(s):**

Acknowledgment of Addendum #1: _____

Acknowledgment of Addendum #2: _____

Acknowledgment of Addendum #3: _____

The undersigned further states that this bid is made and submitted in good faith and is not founded on, or in consequence of, any collusion, anticompetitive agreement or other type of anticompetitive activities between themselves and any other interested party, in restraint of free competition.

The undersigned agrees that any information contained within the proposal that is proprietary in nature or protected by copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property law has been clearly identified for non-disclosure purposes. The undersigned understands that Montrose County agrees to maintain confidentiality of such materials to the extent permitted by law, but also understands that the County is subject to the provisions of the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. 24-72-201, et seq., and cannot therefor guarantee that any materials provided will not be produced in response to a CORA request.

Bidder Business Name _____

Authorized Representative Signature _____

Authorized Representative Name & Title (print)

Date _____

Attachment A Gravel Crushing Sieve Specifications

Material Code 507 - Montrose County 3/4" Surface Course Dirty Road Base:

<i>Sieve</i>	<i>Percent Passing</i>
3/4"	100
1/2"	65-95
#4	35-65
#8	25-55
#200	8-16 (refer to Note 3)

CDOT Class 6 Aggregate Base Course (Material Code 508):

<i>Sieve</i>	<i>Percent Passing</i>
1"	100
3/4"	95-100
#4	30-65
#8	25-55
#200	3-12

Montrose County 7/8" Surface Course Dirty Road Base (Material Code 509):

<i>Sieve</i>	<i>Percent Passing</i>
7/8"	100
3/4"	80-95
1/2"	65-85
#4	30-60
#8	20-45
#200	8-16 (refer to Note 3)

CDOT Class 1 Aggregate Base Course (Material Code 513):

<i>Sieve</i>	<i>Percent Passing</i>
2.5"	100
2"	95-100
#4	30-65
#200	3-10 (refer to note #2)

Notes

1. All materials shall have at least 1 mechanically induced fractured face on 50% or more of the aggregate retained above the #4 sieve.
2. Class 1 and Class 6 materials are standard CDOT specified materials, except that the maximum amount passing the #200 sieve has been changed from 15% to 10% for CDOT Class 1 material.
3. Montrose County Surface Course Dirty Road Base materials (material codes 509 and 510) are typically applied to gravel surfaced roads, which required higher fines content for binder. Montrose County will import additional fines to the pit where naturally occurring fines are not adequate. Contractor is responsible to add and mix these fines prior to, or as part of, the primary crusher feed as necessary to achieve the specified fines content.

Attachment B

Estimate of Gravel Crushing Quantities per Location

<u>Gravel Pit</u>	<u>Material Code & Description</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
<u>Nucla/BLM Pit</u> 27884 DD Rd. Nucla, CO 81424	509: 7/8-inch Surface Course Dirty Road Base	<u>60,000 Tons</u> 60,000 Tons
<u>Thompson Pit</u> 6647 5700 Rd	507: 3/4-inch Dirty 509: 7/8-inch Surface Course Dirty Road Base	30,000 Tons <u>30,000 Tons</u> 60,000 Tons
<u>Neal Pit</u> 6990 5750 Road	508: CDOT Class 6 Aggregate Base Course 513: Class 1 - 2.5" Minus Road Base	10,000 Tons <u>10,000 Tons</u> 20,000 Tons
<u>LaSalle Pit</u> 61935 LaSalle Rd	508: 7/8-inch Surface Course Dirty Road Base	<u>40,000 Tons</u> 40,000 Tons
Total		180,000 Tons

Note: These quantities are preliminary and may change.