

October 24, 2024

Adam Letendre **Purchasing Director** McHenry County Administration Building 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Room 200 Woodstock, Illinois 60098

## Dear Adam:

Axim Geospatial, LLC (Axim) is pleased to submit our contract rates in response to RFQ 22-5342 for GIS Consulting Services at McHenry County.

For over 31 years, Axim's core business has been location technology. We are the largest singular provider of end-to-end geospatial services and solutions in the U.S. serving the communities in which we live.

I hope you find this information helpful. If I can provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for your interest. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Theron Hodel

**Account Executive** 

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# I. Pricing

Axim Geospatial is offering the following rates table for the contract period 2023-2026. We recognize the proposed rates for the new contract period represent a significant increase over the rates McHenry received in the final year of the previous contract, which is the result of multiple factors. Axim Geospatial had not increased our commercial rate schedule for nearly four years (dating to 2018), which required an adjustment to market earlier this year. Additionally, the market itself has been volatile through and following the pandemic, creating increased competition for a limited labor and talent pool. The combined effect is significant but necessary to allow Axim to continue to provide the caliber of talent we and our clients expect.

Given our history of service and the volume of work McHenry County has contracted with Axim, we have offered a discounted rate for most labor categories, including the core technical roles used most frequently. The proposed rates and associated discounts are held consistent across contract Years 1 and 2 with the exception of the Sr. Geospatial Developer rate (the most heavily used labor category by McHenry County) with a higher discount in Year 1 that drops in Year 2. For Years 3 & 4 a 3% increase is applied across all labor categories.

Year 1 Rates (12/1/2022 - 11/30/2023)	
Labor Category	McHenry County Rate
Staff Geospatial Project Manager	\$207.81
Staff Solutions Architect	\$241.48
Staff Geospatial Developer	\$201.11
Sr Geospatial Developer	\$234.63
Staff Solutions Engineer	\$201.11
Sr Solutions Engineer	\$241.34

Year 2 Rates (12/1/2023 – 11/30/2024)	
Labor Category	McHenry County Rate
Staff Geospatial Project Manager	\$207.81
Staff Solutions Architect	\$241.48
Staff Geospatial Developer	\$201.11
Sr Geospatial Developer	\$241.34
Staff Solutions Engineer	\$201.11
Sr Solutions Engineer	\$241.34

Year 3 Rates (12/1/2024 – 11/30/2025)		
Labor Category	McHenry County Rate	
Staff Geospatial Project Manager	\$214.04	
Staff Solutions Architect	\$248.52	
Staff Geospatial Developer	\$207.14	
Sr Geospatial Developer	\$248.58	
Staff Solutions Engineer	\$207.14	
Sr Solutions Engineer	\$248.58	

Year 4 Rates (12/1/2025 – 11/30/2026)	
Labor Category	McHenry County Rate
Staff Geospatial Project Manager	\$214.04
Staff Solutions Architect	\$248.52
Staff Geospatial Developer	\$207.14
Sr Geospatial Developer	\$248.58
Staff Solutions Engineer	\$207.14
Sr Solutions Engineer	\$248.58

## Note:

- Based on our prior experience working with the County, Axim is assuming there will be no required expenses or other direct costs.
- Hourly rates for contract Year 3 (12/1/2024 to 11/30/2025) and Year 4 (12/1/2025 to 11/30/2026) now added to the above pricing schedule.
- If additional labor categories are requested or required based on identified tasking, Axim will provide a description, justification, and rate for review and approval by McHenry County (prior experience and delivery would indicate this will not be required).



## Standard Terms and Conditions

These standard terms and conditions ("Terms and Conditions") apply to any proposal, quotation and the resultant agreement relating to products and services sold by Axim Geospatial (herein after, "Axim") to a customer ("Customer"). These Terms and Conditions, together with the proposal, quotation and contract, including any statement of work, herein SOW, shall constitute the entire agreement ("Agreement") between the parties.

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the terms of the applicable License Agreement for any incorporated software ("License Agreement"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meaning set forth in the License Agreement.

### 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

This proposal including the SOW and all Terms and Conditions set forth herein, constitutes the entire agreement between Axim and Customer. The Terms and Conditions of the proposal shall govern and control the terms of any purchase order or purchase confirmation form from the Customer. Customer acknowledges that Axim has not authorized any of its sales agents or representatives to make any representations, warranties or agreements on behalf of, or to bind Axim in any way. This confidential proposal is valid for thirty (30) days and unless otherwise stated.

### 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

During the term of the Agreement, Axim shall furnish the services in accordance with the SOW set forth in the proposal.

### 3. WORK PERFORMANCE.

Axim agrees that all work performed hereunder shall be performed on a best effort basis by Axim's staff having an appropriate experience and skill level, and in compliance with the SOW.

### 4. TAXES.

Unless this Agreement specifies otherwise, the price included in the proposal does not include, and Customer is liable for and shall pay, all taxes, impositions, charges, and exactions imposed on or measured by this Agreement. Prices shall not include any taxes, impositions, charges, or exactions for which Customer has furnished a valid exemption certificate or evidence of exemption.

### CHANGES.

No changes, modification, amendment shall be binding upon Axim unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Customer's authorized representative may in writing, direct changes within the general scope of the Agreement. If such change increases or decreases the cost or time required to perform this Agreement, Customer and Axim shall negotiate an equitable adjustment in the price and schedule to reflect the appropriate change. Axim shall adjust the proposal to reflect the change. Customer shall modify any purchase order or confirmation form and reissue to Axim accordingly.

### 6. INVOICE AND PAYMENT.

Customer shall pay Axim within thirty (30) days after receipt of invoice or as per the terms indicated in the proposal. Axim will bill Customer monthly for all travel expenses and labor costs based on hours worked.

## 7. CANCELLATION.

Customer shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to Axim prior to canceling an order. Customer will compensate Axim for all authorized services satisfactorily performed through the cancellation date under the payment terms in section 6 of these Terms and Conditions.

### 8. ASSIGNMENT.

Neither party shall assign any of its rights or interest in this Agreement or subcontract all or substantially all of its performance of this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent.

## 9. INDEMNITY.

The parties shall indemnify and hold harmless the other, its officers and employees from and against damages, claims liabilities, fines, penalties and expenses (to include reasonable attorney's fees) due to its negligent acts, willful misconduct, errors or omissions of any Axim employee during the performance of its obligations hereunder that arise out of (1) injuries or death to persons or damage to property, (2) services and/or deliverables agreed to under this order (3) violation of any federal, state, county or municipal laws. Axim's total liability to Customer for any reason shall not exceed the total amount paid to Axim by Customer for the services provided under this Agreement.

Axim's duty to defend and hold harmless Customer shall not apply to any liability claim for damages or injuries arising from or as a result of the negligence of Customer or employees / agents of Customer.

Axim shall have no liability for any claim of infringement to the extent based on (1) the use of a superseded or altered version of any Axim provided product or framework or (2) the combination, operation or use of the Axim provided product with software, hardware or other materials not furnished or authorized to be used by Axim.

To the extent permitted by law, in no event shall either party be liable to the other for any lost revenues, lost profits, incidental, indirect, consequential, special or punitive damages of any kind.

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### 10. WARRANTY.

Axim warrants that it will perform the services in good faith and in conformance with professional industry standards. All Axim employees, that work on the project, shall have the knowledge, education, training, skills and experience of the subject matter to which they will be performing services.

Axim warrants the completed application against bugs and defects for a period of 30 days after acceptance. Ongoing support, functional enhancements, or performance issues caused by a change in the customer's IT environment are not included in the warranty. Coverage for these items will require a separate agreement.

## 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION HEREOF, AXIM SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY LOSS, DAMAGE, COST OR EXPENSE (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST PROFITS AND OPPORTUNITY COSTS), EVEN IF THE CUSTOMER HAS BEEN ADVISED, OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. AXIM'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF, RELATING TO OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES, THIS AGREEMENT, ITS NEGOTIATION OR TERMINATION, OR PURSUANT TO ANY SOW (WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT) SHALL IN NO EVENT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FEES RECEIVED BY AXIM FROM CUSTOMER PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SOW UNDER WHICH THE ALLEGED LIABILITY AROSE.

### 12. FORCE MAJEURE.

Neither party will be liable to the other for delays in performing any obligations under the Agreement due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to revolts, insurrections, riots, wars, acts of enemies, national emergency, strikes, floods, earthquake, embargo, inability to secure materials or transportation, and acts of God, and other events beyond the reasonable control of the parties caused by nature or governmental authorities.

### 13. SERVERABILITY.

If any provision of the Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then, notwithstanding such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, the Agreement and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect. In this event the parties will agree upon a valid, binding and enforceable substitute provision which shall be as close as possible to the commercial interests of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

## 14. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE.

As indicated in the proposal, if applicable, this Agreement incorporates and shall be governed by the terms of a General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule entered by Axim and the U.S. Government. Axim's GSA Schedule number: GS-35F-682R.

### 15. GOVERNING LAW.

This Agreement and any disputes arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin without regard to the conflict of law rules thereof, provided that (i) contract provisions that have been incorporated directly from or by express reference to the Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR"), FAR supplements or GSA schedule terms, (ii) contract provisions that have been flowed down from a contract with the U.S. Government, and (iii) the Changes and Termination for Convenience articles, shall be construed and interpreted according to the federal common law of government contracts, as enunciated and applied by federal judicial bodies, boards of contract appeals, and quasi-judicial agencies of the federal government.

## 16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

Customer and Axim shall endeavor to resolve any controversy, claim or dispute arising out of or relating to the Agreement, or the performance or breach thereof, by negotiation. Any claim that is not resolved by negotiation within thirty (30) days of notification shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The hearing locale will be held in the AAA office closest to Axim corporate headquarters.

# 17. OTHER.

This Agreement shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin without regard to conflicts of laws provisions thereof.

Both Axim and Customer will comply with all laws applicable to the Agreement.

All notices given under the Agreement will be effective when received in writing. Notices to the Customer and Axim will be sent to the address provided in the proposal.

Changes to the Agreement must be in writing and must be signed by both parties.

## 18. COMPLETE AGREEMENT.

Customer acknowledges it has read the Agreement, understands it and agrees to be bound by its Terms and Conditions. This contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements, understandings and communications between Customer and Axim related to the subject matter of this contract. No amendment or modification of this contract shall bind either party unless it is in writing and is signed by Customer's authorized representative and an authorized representative of Axim.

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