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Board of Lucas County Commissioners adopts Responsible Contractor Policy

TOLEDO, Ohio — The Board of Lucas County Commissioners has adopted a policy to ensure County-supported construction projects are delivered safely, on time, and by qualified contractors or businesses that meet high standards for workforce quality, training, and compliance.

Beginning January 1, 2026, all contractors and subcontractors seeking to do construction work for Lucas County must be prequalified as responsible before any work may be assigned or awarded.

Prequalification applications are accepted throughout the year and can be submitted electronically via: <https://co.lucas.oh.us/3740/Construction-Prequalification>.

“We are pleased to present this new policy that will protect our taxpayers, support safe and skilled job sites, and deliver high-quality projects across our County,” the **Lucas County Commissioners** said in a joint statement. “This is a necessary step to ensure we’re providing fair and equitable evaluations of all entities seeking to do construction business with Lucas County. This policy also aligns with goals spelled out in our strategic plan to optimize our operations and processes to create a more efficient government for our residents.”

The Lucas County Responsible Contractor Policy:

- Requires prequalification of all vendors that seek to be awarded or perform any County construction services work, regardless of amount or procurement method.
- Applies to every procurement method (formal bid, request for proposals, request for qualifications, quotes, emergency procurement, interagency) and applies to any dollar amount.
- Covers all construction work supported in whole or part by County funds, under County authority, or on County property or in County facilities.
- Includes subcontractors and licensed trades, not just prime contractors.

Vendors can submit applications to become prequalified through the online application portal or by emailing responsiblecontractor@co.lucas.oh.us with the subject line “Prequalification Application.” Applications will also be accepted via mail or drop off to ATTN: Justin L. Richmond, One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, OH 43604.

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The 2026 Sewer Tapper's Applications for Licensing are now ready and are being emailed to you. Included is an application, a revised copy of the rules and regulations for building sewers for you to keep, and a questionnaire which must be completed by all applicants. **The 2026 packet must be returned with all original paperwork and bonds.**

Any person working on a part of the Lucas County sanitary sewer system (including new construction, repair of existing or abandonment) or making a service connection, shall obtain a license from Lucas County.

The bond format is a two-page bond form in the amount of **\$50,000.00**. The bond form must have the insurance company's seal affixed and a power of attorney attached. Please remember, this is a new bond for each calendar year and **not a continuation of the previous year's bond.**

The license application, questionnaire, bond form, proof of worker's compensation, and proof of insurance (bodily injury-\$1,000,000 each person; bodily injury-\$1,000,000 each accident; property damage-\$500,000 each accident) must be returned to our office for processing. Worker's Compensation certificates and insurance liability must be updated upon expiration throughout the year. **Also the "Certificate Holder" on the proof of insurance must name the Lucas County Commissioners, One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, OH 43604 – NOT THE SANITARY ENGINEER**

All licensing applications must be submitted completely, including liability insurance, workers compensation, bonds and affidavits or they will be returned. We will not accept partial applications. Forms may also be obtained via the web: www.co.lucas.oh.us/SanitaryEngineer

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

Nathaniel L. Inkrott, P.E.
Lucas County Sanitary Engineer

Debra Smith
Secretary
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The fee for the application is \$150.00. Please make all checks payable to the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer.

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