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## **Aqua-Aerobic Preferred Bid Format**

### **Basis of Bid/Basis of Award Advantages**

- Provides major process equipment selection by the owner and engineer based on quality, service and life-cycle cost, rather than by the contractor based on lowest capital cost
- Lower cost options if the project is over the money or the ability to value engineer with specified supplier
- Does not force owner into accepting a lower capital cost and higher life-cycle cost system, which will be an ongoing cost throughout the life of the plant
- Does not force engineer into accepting lower quality equipment that may not last throughout the loan or be supported by an “Or Equal” supplier
- Does not force a supplier into providing equipment that they do not manufacture or can’t support
- Does not force the contractor into making the engineer’s and owner’s decision

### **Basis of Bid Format Key Elements**

- Award is based on the Specified Equipment
- Allows for substitutions to be presented with the bid and includes a Qualification Package for evaluation in the event the project goes over the money; Substitutes are required to provide detailed process and mechanical design information to insure system compatibility
- Allows for engineer/owner to value engineer with specified manufacturer to meet budget