



STATE OF INDIANA

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Award Recommendation Letter

Date: October 13, 2026

To: Kevin March, Category Director
Indiana Department of Administration

Signed by:

Kevin March
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From: Kristine Kruger, Procurement Consultant
Indiana Department of Administration

Subject: Negotiated Bid NB-88274
DNR Fish Feed

Recommendation of Award with an estimated amount of \$904,630.00.

Based on the evaluation of the responses received for Negotiated Bid 26-88274, Zeigler Brothers is recommended for award to provide Fish Feed for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Terms of this recommendation are outlined in this letter.

The State received bids from One (1) Respondents:

- Zeigler Brothers

The solicitation was issued as a Negotiated Bid of the following line items in Table 1:

Table 1

LINE ITEM	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	UOM	Quantity
1	Starter Feed, Fry Life-Stage #1, #2, 0.7 mm, and 1.0 mm	LB	15,000
2	Granule or Grower Feed, Fingerling Life-Stage, 1.5 mm and 2.0 mm	LB	33,000
3	Pellet Feed, Production and Broodstock Life-Stage 2.5 mm to 5.0 mm	LB	120,000
4	Pellet Feed, Fish Brood Life-Stage 6.0 mm	LB	2,500

Bid Summary

The bids were evaluated according to the criteria established in the bid documents and their adherence to requirements.

Award Summary

The State awarded to the overall lowest bidder. The evaluation details are listed in Table 2 below.

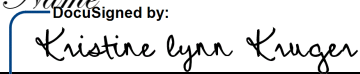
Table 2 - Total Bid Amount

Bidder	Total Bid Amount
Zeigler Brothers	\$904,603.00

During the course of evaluation, the State scrutinized the bids to determine the viability of the proposed business solution to meet the needs of the State. The Indiana Department of Administration evaluated the bids based on the stipulated criteria outlined in the bid documents.

Pending successful negotiations, there will be purchases made with Zeigler Brothers.

The term of the contract shall be for a period of four (4) years from the date of contract execution. There may be two (1) one-year extensions for a total of six (6) years at the State's option.

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