



## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

335 West Colorado Ave, Telluride Colorado (WEST WING) AUDIO ONLY  
Telluride, Colorado

1. **NEW Meeting ID as of April 3,2020 12:45 PM CALL TO ORDER - ZOOM Special Daily Meeting (Audio only) - 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592 Meeting Id # 534.180.495- NO PASSWORD NEEDED UNLESS YOU ARE THE HOST - AUDIO ONLY- Use \*6 to mute and unmute.**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - a. Approval of Chair's signature on a 2020 Dust Retardant contract to GMCO for in the amount not to exceed \$188,598.
  - b. Other, as needed.
3. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
  - a. Discussion and update with the San Miguel County Commissioners on the virus outbreak via San Miguel County staff and others, if needed.  
Mike Bordogna, County Manager
  - b. Late Addition: Consideration of Commissioner's signature on a letter to Governor Polis and the newly formed Emergency Advisory Council for stimulus support for the recycling industry to provide essential service and shift toward circular economy. /MOTION  
Kris Holstrom, Commissioner
  - c. Late Addition: Consideration of Commissioner's signature on a letter supporting stimulus for the recycling industry to provide essential service and shift toward a circular economy./MOTION  
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  - d. Executive Session: Discussion on whether the county is interested in joining potential litigation, citation (4)(b).  
Amy Markwell, County Attorney
  - e. Executive Session: Questions with an attorney about our COVID-19 test in contract, citation (4)(b).

f. Other, as needed.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM - 2.a.

**TITLE:**

Approval of Chair's signature on a 2020 Dust Retardant contract to GMCO for in the amount not to exceed \$188,598.

**Presented by:**

**Time needed:**

**PREPARED BY:**

Ryan Righetti, County Road and Bridge

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:**

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

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2020 Memo and Dust Retardant Bids

Upload Date

4/7/2020



## ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

RYAN RIGHETTI, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Ryan Righetti, Road and Bridge Superintendent *RR*  
DATE: Monday, April 6, 2020  
RE: 2020 Dust Retardant Bids

The Road Department recently requested bids from local suppliers to provide and apply the following dust control products. Two bids were submitted. GMCO submitted the lowest bid.

The following bids were received.

#### GMCO

IntegriBlend M Magnesium Chloride (30% minimum)

0.853 per gallon delivered and applied

0.813 per gallon delivered

IntegriBlend 80/20 CS (80% magnesium chloride 20% lignin complex sugar)

0.945 per gallon delivered & applied

0.905 per gallon delivered

#### ENVIROTECH

Roadsaver (Straight Magnesium Chloride)

0.99 per gallon delivered and applied

0.95 per gallon delivered

Mag/Lig Blend

1.03 per gallon delivered and applied

0.98 per gallon delivered

The County would like to award the 2020 Dust Retardant contract to GMCO for 140,000 gallons of IntegriBlend 80/20 CS for \$.945 per gallon delivered and applied; and 66,000 gallons of IntegriBlend M Magnesium Chloride for \$.853 per gallon delivered and applied, in the amount of \$188,598. If approved a Notice of Award along with the County's Standard Agreement of Services will be provided to the contractor for its signature and must be returned with the required insurance endorsement. Once we receive the signed agreement with the insurance certificate, I would request that the Chair of the Board sign the Agreement at which time a fully executed copy will be returned to GMCO with a Notice to Proceed.



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gmcocorp.com

March 18, 2020

San Miguel County Road & Bridge  
P.O. Box 426  
Norwood CO 81423

2020 Magnesium Chloride

Dear Ryan Righetti, Road & Bridge Director

GMCO Corporation proposes the following pricing for full truckloads of approximately 4500 gallons delivered and applied.

1. IntegriBlend M magnesium chloride (30% minimum) for Norwood, Dry Creek Basin and Deep Creek areas
  - a. \$0.853 per gallon delivered & applied
  - b. \$0.813 per gallon delivered
2. IntegriBlend 80/20 CS (80% magnesium chloride 20% lignin complex sugar) for Deep Creek area
  - a. \$0.945 per gallon delivered & applied
  - b. \$0.905 per gallon delivered

GMCO has changed the product name of Dustgard to IntegriBlend M and GMCO 80/20 to IntegriBlend 80/20 CS. These are the same products offered last year and only reflect a name change within our product line.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Juelfs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" and last name "Juelfs" clearly visible.

Bruce Juelfs  
VP of Sales & Marketing  
970-541-8834  
bjuelfs@gmcocorp.com



910 54<sup>th</sup> Ave – Suite 230 – Greeley CO 80634  
970-346-3900 – [www.envirotechservices.com](http://www.envirotechservices.com)

April 2, 2020

San Miguel County  
Road & Bridge Department  
Ryan Righetti, Director  
[ryanr@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:ryanr@sanmiguelcountyco.gov)

**2020 Dust Suppressant Bid**

Dear Ryan,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a bid to San Miguel County for your Dust Control solutions. EnviroTech Services, Inc. is a 30-year-old company providing quality dust control and road stabilization products all over North America.

**Bid Pricing**

1. 66,000 gallons of Roadsaver (Straight Magnesium Chloride) for Norwood, Dry Creek Basin and Deep Creek areas.
  - a. Delivered Only: \$0.95 per gallon
  - b. Delivered and Applied: \$0.99 per gallon
2. 140,000 gallons of Mag/Lig Blend for Deep Creek area.
  - a. Delivered Only: \$0.98 per gallon
  - b. Delivered and Applied: \$1.03 per gallon

If you have any questions – please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SD', enclosed within a large, loopy oval.

Shane Danhoff  
EnviroTech Services, Inc  
970-397-3923  
[sdanhoff@envirotechservices.com](mailto:sdanhoff@envirotechservices.com)



# ROADSAVER<sup>®</sup>

FROM ENVIROTECH



Dust control & soil stabilization technology from EnviroTech



People Helping People Improve Their Environment

RoadSaver is a high purity grade of magnesium chloride ( $MgCl_2$ ) used as a dust control and soil stabilization agent.

Magnesium chloride is a hygroscopic compound that attracts moisture from the air and resists evaporation. RoadSaver binds fine dust and aggregate to keep surfaces stable and dust free.

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## Testimonial

"EnviroTech's product is always within the guidelines set in the contract."

*Jake B. Mall, Garfield County, CO, Road & Bridge Department*

"We have used everything from tree sap to calcium chloride and waste oil. To date, magnesium chloride [RoadSaver] is the best thing we've used."

*William J. Hoffbeck, City of Lakeville, MN*

## Performance

RoadSaver is the least harmful of common dust suppressants to vegetation and groundwater according to independent studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is non-irritating and safer to handle and won't cause burning or stinging associated with some of the other dust control products. RoadSaver is free of toxic metals and substances, is used as an ice control agent, and also as a fertilizer for crops such as turf and small grains.

## Features and Benefits

- Allows for cleaner air and reduces dust to PM10 Standard
- Improves road quality with fewer pot holes and less wash-boarding
- Ensures public safety
- Reduces road maintenance while creating more value for the dollar
- Can be used on many soil types

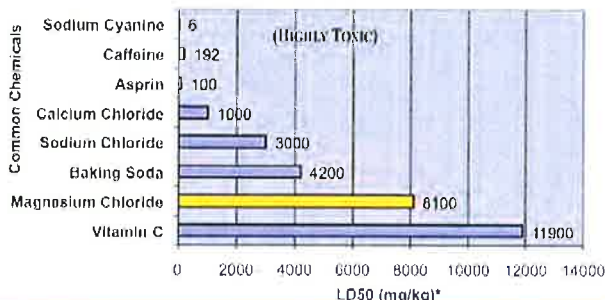
## Uses and Applications

Road surface preparation is extremely important in all application techniques. However, these preparations do not need to be time consuming or costly. The better the road conditions, the more successful the application will be. The following four factors work together to achieve optimum results:

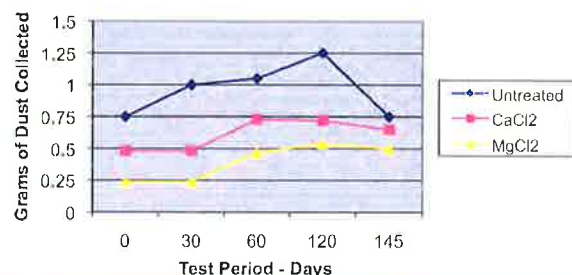
1. Quality and composition of aggregate
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Contact EnviroTech Services for a complete evaluation of your road preparation and dust control needs.

Toxicity of Common Chemicals



Fugitive Dust Collected





# ET-820 / ET-730 / ET-550™

FROM ENVIROTECH



Dust control & soil stabilization technology from EnviroTech



People Helping People Improve Their Environment

ET-820, ET-730 and ET-550 are three unique dust control products for your unique situation.

Depending on your road base, these custom-blended solutions provide effective results that address the specific needs of counties and municipalities.

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# ET-820 / ET-730 / ET-550\*



## Performance

These three products are specifically formulated blends of both our RoadSaver (MgCl<sub>2</sub>) and Lignosulfonate products. They work well together to provide dust control and road stabilization. RoadSaver works by drawing moisture from the air to the soil, while Lignosulfonate works by "gluing" road base particles together. Combining these products at different concentration rates increases their individual strengths and lengthens their staying power.

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## Areas of Usage

Custom blends work to control dust and stabilize aggregate and dirt surfaces on almost any type of road such as:

- State, county and township unpaved roads
- Private and rural roads
- Federal/state parks
- Mine haul roads
- Construction site haul roads
- Forest/timber haul roads
- Quarries/mines
- Military roads
- Agricultural roads
- Parking lot surfaces
- Tree/flower/shrub nurseries/Orchards
- Industrial and federal project roads
- Construction staging areas
- Airfields and helicopter pads

## Features and Benefits

- Increases dust suppression, improving surface durability
- Reduce dust to PM10 Standards
- Can be used on many soil types
- Allows for cleaner air
- Safer roads and driving conditions with less potholes and washboarding
- Longer lasting road stabilization
- Job customization possible
- Increased road base strength & reduction in compaction costs
- Firm, tight surface on shoulders that increases safety and reduces maintenance costs



## ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

RYAN RIGHETTI, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Pat Henrickson  
GMCO Corporation

Via email: [phenrickson@gmcocorp.com](mailto:phenrickson@gmcocorp.com)

Dear Pat:

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Please price each product separately in the following manner:

- a. including delivery and application, and
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San Miguel County may award all or part of the requested products to one or more bidders.

Please submit bids no later than April 6, 2020.

A detailed schedule will be arranged with the successful bidder but it is expected to be from April 28<sup>th</sup> through mid-June.

Please contact me at (970) 327-4835 if you have questions.

Thank you,

Ryan Righetti  
Road & Bridge Director



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RYAN RIGHETTI, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Shane Danhoff  
Envirotech Services

Via email: [sdanhoff@envirotechservices.com](mailto:sdanhoff@envirotechservices.com)

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**Presented by:** Mike Bordogna, County Manager

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AGENDA ITEM - 3.b.

**TITLE:**

Late Addition: Consideration of Commissioner's signature on a letter to Governor Polis and the newly formed Emergency Advisory Council for stimulus support for the recycling industry to provide essential service and shift toward circular economy. /MOTION

**Presented by:** Kris Holstrom, Commissioner

**Time needed:**

**PREPARED BY:**

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See attached letter of support - example.

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Example letter to Gov. Polis

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RE: Stimulus support for recycling industry to provide essential service and shift toward circular economy

Dear Governor Polis, Mayor Fredrico Peña and the Colorado Emergency Economic Advisory Council;

We first want to thank you for your tremendous leadership during this time of national crisis. We are incredibly grateful for the endless hours put in by you and your staff.

We also appreciate Governor Polis' recognition of the recycling, composting and waste management industries as essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hard at work every day to protect public health and our environment by properly managing discarded materials. While we continue to operate every day, there have been substantial impacts to our industry, and we are in need of both short- and long-term support to maintain our critical operations.

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#### **SHORT-TERM SUPPORT NEEDED FOR A CRITICAL, FRONTLINES INDUSTRY**

We ask that any stimulus packages, both short- and long-term, include specific provisions for the recycling, reuse and composting industries to create circular economies within our state, bolster sustainable industries and create a cleaner, more resilient economy in the future. Short-term priorities should include:

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## **LONG-TERM SUPPORT TO TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

As we work to recover from the impacts of the coronavirus, we ask you to **use this historic moment to make a down payment on a regenerative, circular economy here in Colorado**. Recycling, reusing and remanufacturing efforts already generate over \$8.7 billion in economic benefits in Colorado annually. However, over 95% of Colorado's waste could be diverted from landfills to serve as feedstock for businesses to make new products. In 2016, Colorado threw away nearly \$265 million worth of recyclable material such as aluminum, cardboard, paper, glass and plastics. Instead, these materials could have been recycled here in Colorado, creating local jobs and building more resilient, local economies that protect businesses and residents from global shocks in the supply chain.

Additionally, recycling, composting and waste reduction are also some of the fastest, easiest local actions to reduce our climate impact. Increasing our recycling rate by just 10% could save at least an additional 160,000 tons of carbon emissions, the equivalent of taking at least 34,000 cars off the road each year.

Now is a critical time to build Colorado's recycling economy by implementing policies and programs that:

- **Shift the costs and responsibility for the post-consumer management** of products and packaging from local governments to producers through extended producer responsibility (EPR) for printed materials and packaging. As local governments need to prioritize spending under tighter budgets, brand manufacturers should pay for the costs of managing their discarded products.
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Sincerely,





## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HILARY COOPER KRIS HOLSTROM LANCE WARING

April 8, 2020

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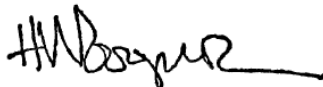
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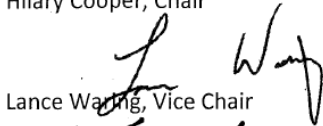
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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HILARY COOPER KRIS HOLSTROM LANCE WARING

April 8, 2020

RE: Stimulus support for recycling industry to provide essential service and shift toward circular economy

Dear State Legislators;

We first want to thank you for your leadership during this time of national crisis. We are grateful Governor Polis has recognized the recycling, composting and waste management industries as essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hard at work every day to protect public health and our environment by properly managing discarded materials. While we continue to operate every day, there have been substantial impacts to our industry, and we are in need of both short- and long-term support to maintain our critical operations.

In just a few short weeks, recycling operators have seen [many increased costs](#) related to employee safety, such as enhanced personal protection equipment (PPE) and increased cleaning procedures, labor shortages and hazard pay for workers. This has been coupled with [significant lost revenues from commercial accounts](#) and [closures to drop-off centers](#) and other public-facing services. The recycling market, which was already struggling with record-low commodity prices, is further impacted by reduced manufacturing operations, constrained shipping, and further projected market declines due to a potential economic recession.

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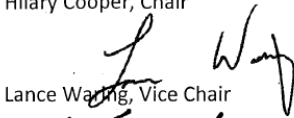
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AGENDA ITEM - 3.d.

**TITLE:**

Executive Session: Discussion on whether the county is interested in joining potential litigation, citation (4)(b).

**Presented by:** Amy Markwell, County Attorney

**Time needed:**

**PREPARED BY:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:**

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AGENDA ITEM - 3.e.

**TITLE:**

Executive Session: Questions with an attorney about our COVID-19 test in contract, citation (4)(b).

**Presented by:**

**Time needed:**

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