



SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA
INVITATION TO BID

Solicitation No.: ITB 04-2024
Title: RV Resort Park Office Stairwell Replacement (Big Cypress)
Description: The Building and Grounds Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide stairwell replacement services at Big Cypress Reservation.
Term/Duration: One Hundred and Twenty (120) calendar days following receipt of Purchase Order.
Solicitation Release Date: Friday, January 12, 2024

(MANDATORY)

Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 10:00 AM (ET)
Big Cypress RV Resort Park Office Building
34950 Halls Road
Clewiston, FL 33440

Deadline for Questions*: Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 5:00 PM (ET)

Bid Due Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 5:00 PM (ET)

Contact Person*: Send all questions and bids to the following email addresses:
TO: BidSubmissions@semtribe.com
CC: Angel Medina | AngelMedina@SemTribe.com

Submission Requirements: Email to the contact person(s) above. **All documents submitted must be signed by an officer of the company.**

*ALL QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES/COMMUNICATION MUST BE DIRECTED IN WRITING TO THE CONTACT PERSON, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF AN AWARD UNDER THIS SOLICITATION.

SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

The Seminole Tribe of Florida (hereinafter the “TRIBE” or “STOF”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended, 25 U.S.C. §5123. There are six (6) Seminole Indian Reservations in the State of Florida in Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood, Immokalee, Tampa, and Fort Pierce. Tribal Headquarters are located on the Hollywood Reservation in an urban environment in the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood, Florida area. Satellite offices are located on each of the other reservations or trust land. The TRIBE also maintains off-reservation offices in Naples, Fort Pierce, Hollywood, and Miami.

The TRIBE provides various governmental services to its members and residents of its reservations similar to those services provided at the municipal or county level. Examples of such services include, but are not limited to, public works, recreation and elder services programs, police, fire, and EMS services. The TRIBE also maintains health and dental clinics, an education program, preschools and schools, a museum, two rodeo arenas, etc. In addition to governmental services, the TRIBE and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. (hereinafter “STOFI”) also are engaged in various business activities including real estate, agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, gas station/convenience stores, and sales.

The terms “Vendor,” “Bidder,” and “Contractor” are used interchangeably in this document to refer to respondents of this ITB.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND SERVICES

The TRIBE may require additional items or services of similar nature, but not specifically listed in this solicitation. The selected CONTRACTOR(s) agrees to provide such items or services and shall provide the TRIBE prices on such additional items or services based upon a formula or method that is the same or similar to that used in establishing the fees as a result of this solicitation. If the fees offered are not acceptable to the TRIBE, and the situation cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the TRIBE, the TRIBE reserves the right to procure those items or services from others.

CONTRACTOR shall work cooperatively, when required, with any additional parties from which these services are obtained.

3. FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Any individual, corporation, or other entity that attempts to fulfill the requirements of this solicitation through fraud, misrepresentation, or material misstatement may be deemed non-responsible and such individual, corporation, or other entity’s qualification may be null and void.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY / NON-DISCLOSURE

BIDDER shall treat any information contained in this solicitation (or accumulated through other written or oral communication with the TRIBE) as confidential information. Any information provided by the TRIBE to BIDDER in this solicitation is to be used solely to

permit BIDDER to reply to the solicitation and BIDDER shall make no other use of the information, inclusive of sharing the information with corporate affiliates and subsidiaries without the prior written consent of the TRIBE. BIDDER shall hold the information contained in this solicitation in strict confidence and the information obtained will not be disclosed to any third-party, vendor affiliate, or subsidiary, without the TRIBE's prior written consent.

5. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is expressly understood that contractor selection does not grant CONTRACTOR an exclusive privilege to provide the TRIBE any or all of the goods and/or services that are the subject of this solicitation. The TRIBE reserves the right, as deemed in its best interest, to perform or cause to be performed the provision of the goods and/or services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit, including but not limited to award to multiple contractors, and contract with other contractor(s) for the provision of goods and/or services similar or identical to those that are the subject of this solicitation.

6. DISCLOSURE

BIDDER responding to this solicitation must disclose in detail any current or past relationships with the TRIBE, Seminole Gaming, and/or STOF and their employees.

7. ADDENDA / REVISIONS TO SOLICITATION

If it becomes necessary to revise or clarify any part of this solicitation, the TRIBE will modify this solicitation by issuance of written addenda. All addenda will clearly be marked as such and shall become part of the solicitation documents.

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SECTION II – SCOPE OF SERVICES**1. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Details regarding this scope of work, including CONTRACTOR responsibilities, technical requirements, term/duration, etc., are available for BIDDER's review via *Attachment A – Scope of Work*. Bidders are expected to review this document in full to become familiar with the Scope of Work.

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SECTION III – QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

Bids shall be considered only from bidders normally engaged in performing the type of work specified in this solicitation. BIDDER must have adequate organizational resources, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to the TRIBE.

At a minimum, qualifying bids shall demonstrate that BIDDER possesses the qualifications necessary to provide high-quality services. To ensure BIDDER is capable of providing an acceptable level of service to the TRIBE, BIDDER shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Be the prime contractor and will only subcontract out work or partner with another firm if explicitly authorized in writing by the TRIBE.
 - The TRIBE must approve in advance any subcontractors related to this work. Bidders must clearly disclose in their bids any known or expected use of subcontractors. Failure to make such disclosure at the time of bid may result in rejection of the subcontractor and the resulting agreement. The TRIBE reserves the right to reject any subcontractors which, in the TRIBE’s sole opinion, are unfit to work on this project.
- Hold a current certified license relevant to these services, as described in *Attachment C – Contractor Licensing Requirements*.
- Maintain a fully equipped organization capable, technically, and financially, of performing the work required, and has performed similar work in a satisfactory manner.
- Carry and maintain adequate insurance consistent with the requirements listed in this solicitation.
- Meet any other requirements outlined in this solicitation.

2. PRE-BID CONFERENCE (MANDATORY)

A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for interested bidders to attend before the Bid Due Date for this solicitation. **Attendance is mandatory to be eligible for award.**

Bidders may ask questions during the Pre-Bid Conference. These questions may or may not be answered during the Pre-Bid Conference, as decided by the TRIBE. For questions which were not answered during the Pre-Bid Conference, the answers may be shared with prospective bidders via an official addendum.

Questions outside of the Pre-Bid Conference must be submitted to the Contact Person(s) in writing by the Deadline for Questions to receive a formal written response.

The date, time, and location of the Pre-Bid Conference are shown in the table below:

PRE-BID CONFERENCE	
Date:	Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Time:	10:00 AM (ET)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE	
Location:	Big Cypress RV Resort Park Office Building 34950 Halls Road Clewiston, FL 33440

An employee or representative of the prime BIDDER responding to this solicitation must attend the Pre-Bid Conference to receive credit for attendance. Subcontractors or other individuals may not attend for the prime BIDDER.

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SECTION IV – SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS**1. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

BIDDER must include the items listed below as part of their submission to be considered for award:

- Attachments & Exhibits Checklist – BIDDER must initial next to each attachment and exhibit listed in the two (2) tables in Section IV, Paragraph 5, to confirm BIDDER’s submission includes each applicable completed form.
- Compliance Documents – As described below (*Attachment G*):
 - A signed copy of BIDDER’s existing W-9;
 - A copy of BIDDER’s Certificate of Insurance;
 - A copy of BIDDER’s Florida Certificate of Authority or Florida Business Tax Receipt to prove authority to do business in the State of Florida. If incorporated elsewhere, similar document(s) from other state are acceptable; and
 - A copy of licenses, certificates, or registrations, as defined in this solicitation.
- All other required attachments, exhibits, and forms, according to Section IV, Paragraph 5 of this solicitation.

Failure to submit all information may result in disqualification or lower ranking due to not meeting these requirements.

2. PRICE

Prices stated in bid responses to this solicitation shall remain fixed and firm for all services to be performed for a minimum period of one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the Bid Due Date.

3. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Electronic submissions in response to this solicitation must be emailed to the Contact Person(s) listed in Section IV, Paragraph 4 by the Bid Due Date and time detailed in this solicitation.

- The TRIBE has an email size limit of 15MB per email. Larger files must be split into 15MB emails and sent separately.
- Physical correspondence, flash drives, or any other physical media shall not be accepted. Links to file sharing websites or portals will not be accepted.

The Subject Line of all emailed correspondence from BIDDER to the TRIBE regarding this solicitation will follow the format shown below, accordingly:

- Subject Line for questions: ITB 04-2024 – [BIDDER’s Company Name] – Question
- Subject Line for submission: ITB 04-2024 – [BIDDER’s Company Name] – Submission
 - If there are multiple emails for your submission, please number them sequentially in the following manner to ensure all emails are received: Submission 1 of 3, Submission 2 of 3, Submission 3 of 3, etc.

All parts, pages, figures, and tables should be numbered and labeled clearly. If submitting separate files, the File Name of each submitted attachment and exhibit must include the

assigned letter; for example, *Attachment A*'s File Name must state, at a minimum, "Attachment A." BIDDER may include additional information in the File Name, if needed.

Submissions must be clear, concise, organized, and easy to read and navigate. Submissions not organized in the order shown above may be returned to BIDDER and required to be reorganized and resubmitted.

In order to fairly evaluate all responses, bidders should not include additional information other than what is asked to be provided. This includes any information related to BIDDER's organization that was not specifically asked to be provided.

4. CONTACT PERSON(S)

Responses to this solicitation, in addition to all questions, inquiries, and communication, must be routed through:

TO: BidSubmissions@SemTribe.com
CC: Angel Medina | AngelMedina@SemTribe.com

Bidders shall not contact any other employee of the TRIBE for information with respect to this solicitation. Any violation of the restriction imposed above regarding correspondence may constitute grounds for rejection of a response at any time.

All questions submitted by prospective bidders will be answered via an official addendum to ensure all prospective bidders have access to the TRIBE's answers.

5. ATTACHMENTS & EXHIBITS CHECKLIST

BIDDER must initial next to each required Attachment and Exhibit listed in the tables below to confirm BIDDER's submission includes the completed form.

All documents submitted must be signed by an officer of the company.

Should any of the Attachments and Exhibits not be applicable to your firm, you must still provide the signed Attachment and Exhibit indicating "Not Applicable."

- **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment	Description	Submission Instructions	BIDDER's Initials
Attachment A	Scope of Work	Review information. Initial in next cell to confirm this document has been reviewed. No further action needed.	
Attachment B	Insurance Requirements	Review information. Initial in next cell to confirm this document has been reviewed. No further action needed.	

Attachment C	Contractor Licensing Requirement	Review information. Initial in next cell to confirm this document has been reviewed. No further action needed.	
Attachment D	Structural Drawing	Review information. Initial in next cell to confirm this document has been reviewed. No further action needed.	
Attachment E	Site Photos	Review information. Initial in next cell to confirm this document has been reviewed. No further action needed.	
Attachment F	Drawings	Review information. Initial in next cell to confirm this document has been reviewed. No further action needed.	
Attachment G	Compliance Documents	<p>To be submitted by BIDDER. Review this attachment's requirements in Section IV, Paragraph 1 "Compliance Documents." This file must be clearly labeled in BIDDER's submission as <i>Attachment G</i>.</p> <p>If BIDDER does not have an existing signed W-9, BIDDER may request a W-9 template from the Contact Person(s).</p>	

- EXHIBITS:**

Exhibits	Description	Submission Instructions	BIDDER's Initials
Exhibit A	Schedule of Values	<p>Review all tabs and fill-in required information. Provide two (2) copies of this document, as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A filled-in and signed version in PDF format 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A filled-in and unsigned version in .xlsx Excel format 	
Exhibit B	Bid Form	Complete, sign, and submit. The Total should be the BIDDER's base bid, and should not include optional/add-on services, unless specifically requested by the TRIBE to include.	
Exhibit C	Statement of Qualifications	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit D	Contractor Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit E	Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit F	Proposed Subcontractor List	Complete, sign, and submit. If no subcontractors are expected to be used, please note, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit G	Contractor Acknowledgement of Project Conditions	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit H-1	List of Recently Completed Projects and Contract Amounts	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit I	List of References	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit J	Workers Compensation Exemption Affidavit	If applicable, complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit K	Form Certification	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit L	Drug-Free Workplace Form	Complete, sign, and submit.	
Exhibit Z	Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda	Complete, sign, and submit form <u>ONLY</u> if an addendum has been issued.	

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SECTION V – SELECTION PROCESS

1. SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR(S)

The TRIBE will conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation of all documents received in response to this solicitation.

The TRIBE will select the lowest-priced bid, so long as the bidder is responsive, responsible, and qualified, based on evaluation of responses to this solicitation, as deemed relevant to the TRIBE. The TRIBE may select one, some, or none of the respondents to provide the solicited services.

This solicitation and selection process shall in no way be deemed to create a binding contract, agreement, or offer of any kind between the TRIBE and any entity. If the TRIBE selects a CONTRACTOR(s) to provide the services described in this solicitation, any legal rights and obligations between the successful CONTRACTOR(s), if any, and the TRIBE will come into existence only when an agreement is fully executed by the parties, and the legal rights and obligations of each party shall at that time be only those rights and obligations which are set forth in the agreement and any other documents specifically referred to in that agreement and executed by the parties.

2. RIGHT TO RESCIND AWARD

The TRIBE reserves the right to rescind an award or eliminate any submission should the awardee or bidder have poor or unsatisfactory performance in performing similar or dissimilar services for the TRIBE in the past.

The awarded CONTRACTOR(s) will be required to enter into a formal agreement for these services after award. The TRIBE expects the awardee to suggest minimal revisions to this agreement. The TRIBE reserves the right to rescind an award should the awardee be considered, in the TRIBE's sole opinion, to be inflexible in its agreement negotiations.

3. SEMINOLE TRIBAL MEMBER VENDOR PREFERENCE

The TRIBE encourages its Members who own their own business, or who are majority owners of a business, to bid on goods and services through the competitive bidding process.

The TRIBE will give preference to qualified business entities certified by the TRIBE. "Qualified" shall mean, notwithstanding the above:

A Tribal Member, spouse, child, or business entity who:

- Is actively involved in the business and owns 51% or more of the business;
- Can provide goods or services at competitive prices;
- Has demonstrated skills and abilities to perform the task to be undertaken in an acceptable manner; and
- Can meet the application, bonding, and licensing requirements.

For construction projects, preference will be given to bids submitted by Tribal Members as long as the bid is equal to or less than 4% (not to exceed \$200,000) of the lowest non-Tribal member bid.

For non-construction projects, preference will be given to bids submitted by Tribal Members as long as the bid is equal to or less than 3% (not to exceed \$100,000) of the lowest non-Tribal Member bid.

4. VENDOR APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Because the TRIBE is engaged in Indian tribal gaming in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the regulations promulgated by the National Indian Gaming Commission, the TRIBE cannot engage in significant transactions with individuals or business entities whom, because of past or continuing activities, associations, or reputation, might bring discredit to the TRIBE and its gaming operations. Thus, the TRIBE has adopted a program whereby it reviews significant transactions and the persons or entities involved with those transactions to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to gaming.

If not already an approved and registered vendor with the TRIBE, the highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s) will be required to submit a completed and fully executed Vendor Application and Registration Form to the TRIBE's Purchasing Department. The highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s) shall not initiate this process until requested by the TRIBE's Purchasing Department.

Upon successful completion of an investigation into the past and current activities, associations, and reputation of the applicant, the TRIBE will assign a vendor number and the vendor will be added to its Master Vendor File. The TRIBE may not enter into any business transactions with any vendor whose name does not appear on its Master Vendor File.

Should the highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s) be unresponsive or unable to successfully complete the vendor registration process, the TRIBE reserves the right to halt the vendor registration process with the highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s) and move onto the next highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s). Should the next highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s) be unresponsive or unable to complete the vendor registration process, the TRIBE will continue to halt the vendor registration process and move onto the next highest scoring or lowest-priced vendor(s) until a vendor(s) is successfully registered.

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