



INVITATION TO BID

October 4, 2016

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, a federally Recognized Indian Tribe, invites your business to submit a Bid to conduct Boat Traffic Study on Little Traverse Bay for 2017.

Included with this letter are:

- 1.) Provisions governing this ITB.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mandy Szocinski".

Mandy Szocinski
Accounting

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I. BIDS DUE

- A. All bids must be received by Mandy Szocinski in the Accounting Department by **October 28, 2016** no later than 4:30pm prevailing local time. **Submittals received after deadline will not be considered.**
- B. Bids will be accepted in the following four methods:
 1. In person: Accounting Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 2. By Fax: 231-242-1449
 3. By E-Mail: mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
 4. U.S. Mail to: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Attn: Mandy Szocinski
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
- C. Any questions regarding the bid process may be directed to Mandy Szocinski, at 231-242-1439.
- D. All bids will be reviewed in the Accounting Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

II. SCOPE

- A. Conduct a study that describes distribution, type, and intensity of boat traffic and use on Little Traverse Bay on a monthly basis during the ice free season.
- B. Study should include the area encompassing Little Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan, see map included in Exhibit A.
- C. Study must use scientifically defensible, credible, and/or standardized methodology.
- D. Study should accomplish the following:
 - distribution and intensity of use of Little Traverse Bay on a monthly basis during the ice-free season by user type (i.e. sailboat, large vessel, small pleasure craft, commercial vessel, trolling fisherman, cast and retrieve fisherman)
 - distribution and intensity of use of Little Traverse Bay on a monthly basis during the ice-free season by user heading and/or destination (i.e. Harbor Springs to Petoskey, Petoskey to Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor to Charlevoix)

III. QUALIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTOR,

- A. Must not appear as listed as parties that are excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits, pursuant to the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 6101, note, E.O. 12549, E.O. 12689, 48 CFR 9.404, and each agency's codification of the Common Rule for Nonprocurement suspension and debarment.
- B. The Parties understand that LTBB has enacted a statute, WOS 2012-008, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute, to fulfill the obligations of sex offender registration and notification. All contractors, including their employees including all subcontractors and their employees that are sex offenders that are mandated to register are required to update their registry with the LTBB Law Enforcement when working on sites under the jurisdiction of LTBB.
- C. Minimum of 5 years of experience conducting similar studies.
- D. Knowledge of area encompassing Little Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan.

IV. PREFERENCES FOR CONTRACTOR

- A. Native American Preference shall apply.
 1. Citizens of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians,
 2. Citizens of Other Federally Recognized Tribes, as certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- B. Special consideration shall also be given to firms proven to be minority owned and/or classified as small business, see item 4 of "Bid Package" submittal for documentation needed.
- C. Knowledge of and/or experience with marine trends will be preferred.

V. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor must meet and agree to maintain during the term of the Contract, the following insurance coverage as required by law. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan.

- A. The Contractor shall carry Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Coverage.
- B. The Contractor shall be responsible for insuring all its vehicles, equipment, tools and all materials which it may use at the work site during contract period. LTBB shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the Contractor's vehicles, equipment, tools and materials.
- C. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the term of the contract Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "occurrence basis" with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit, for Personal injury, Bodily injury and Property Damage. Coverage shall include the following extensions: 1.) Contractual Liability; 2.) Products and Completed Operations Coverage; 3.) Independent Contractors Coverage; and 4.) Broad Form General Liability Extensions or equivalent.
- D. The Contractor shall maintain Vehicle Liability Coverage and Michigan No-Fault coverage including all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit.
- E. If any of the above coverage expires during the term of the contract, the Contractor's insurer shall deliver renewal certification and/or policies to: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Accounting Contracts Personnel, and 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740.

VI. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

This project is funded 100% with funds available through Bureau of Indian Affairs. Contractors submitting bids and awarded this project MUST comply with the any special terms and conditions that may apply.

VII. CONTRACT AWARD

The LTBB Natural Resources Director, the LTBB Contracts Personnel, and the LTBB Tribal Administrator will evaluate the bids and make a decision to award the contract to one or more of the most responsive, responsible bidder(s) having proven experience in the services as described above. Native American Preference shall apply.

The award may be split, at the LTBB's discretion, between two (2) or more contractors to better service specific locations.

LTBB may make a determination that the rejection of all bids is in the best interest of LTBB. LTBB will not pay for any information herein requested, nor is it liable for any costs incurred by the bidder.

BID PACKAGE

Contractors must submit a response in the form of a bid that includes the following sections:

- A. TRANSMITTAL LETTER – This letter is to be a brief letter, addressed to Mandy Szocinski
 - 1. Name, address, telephone number, and email of the contact person including the signature, typed name and title of the individual who is authorized to commit the contractor to the proposal.
- B. BID
 - 1. Introduction
 - a. Company Profile including the date organized to provide services
 - b. Key staff who will perform the tasks for this project
 - c. List of References
 - d. List and provide contact information for any subcontractors for the project
 - e. Description of credentials and experience

2. Work Plan – describe in detail the tasks, timeline and deliverables to complete the project as it relates to the Scope of Services. Must include a detailed explanation of methods proposed to accomplish study goals. Include equipment and/or technologies to be used. Clearly indicate which tasks will be completed by subcontractors (if applicable).
3. The total estimated cost of the services for the Contract term as noted in Section II of this invitation.
4. Documentation Required for Preferences Listed in Section IV—All things being equal, the following types of firms would receive special consideration, in the award of this contract:
 - Indian Owned— Indian owned is defined as, at least 51% Indian owned & controlled by person(s) of certified (federally recognized) Native American heritage; SBA or Tribal certification required.
 - Minority Owned— Minority owned is a firm that is at least 51% owned and controlled by a minority and so documented; SBA 8-a certification required.
 - Small Business— Small business for this purpose is firm doing less than \$2 million annually as verified by gross receipts, SBA certification required.
5. A copy of the Certificates of Insurance for the Contract term as noted in Section V of this invitation.

Exhibit A

