

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

Removal of Abandoned & Derelict Vessels and Structures in Neah Bay, Washington

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Overview

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program and the Makah Tribe (collectively the representative agencies) require support for marine salvage work to remove abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) and derelict structures, including 16 derelict and sunken vessels and one bridge pontoon, from the Makah Marina and broader Neah Bay in Washington State. Neah Bay, in the Makah Usual and Accustomed Treaty Area (U&A), is a highly productive marine ecosystem that supports productive fisheries in the region. Removal of ADVs and derelict structures supports the holistic restoration of Neah Bay, promoting sustained ecological and economic function.

Scope of Work

Planning, Removal, and Disposal of ADV/Structures

The scope of work shall include all phases of planning, removal, and disposal including (1) pre-removal assessment, (2) removal plan development, (3) mobilization, (4) removal, (5) disposal, and (6) demobilization.

Pre-removal assessment, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, use of remotely operated vehicles, technical divers, or other means to assess the conditions of ADVs and structures to support the development of removal plans.

Removal plan development, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, collaboration with the Foundation and partners including NOAA and the Makah Tribe to finalize a removal plan. Contractors will be required to create and implement Spill Prevention Containment and Cleanup Plans (SPCC) to prevent releases of hazardous materials.

Mobilization, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of all onshore and in-water operations.

Removal, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, the operations and recovery of identified ADV and derelict structure targets.

Disposal, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, any testing, abatement, deconstruction, and disposal of removed ADVs/structures.

Demobilization, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, removal of all operations, including equipment and gear, from work locations.

The Contractor shall supply all labor, materials, tooling, engineering, and equipment, required by this document and by the representative agencies referenced herein to complete the work.

Insurance and Liabilities

Contractors will, at their own expense, provide and maintain all necessary insurances during the entire performance of the project and provide certificates of insurance to the Foundation.

Compliance

The Contractor shall follow all directives and regulations outlined by representative agencies and will comply with all applicable Federal and state safety and health standards and regulations applicable to this work, including but not limited to the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Act, 29 U.S.C. 651§ et seq. To the extent the Contractor relies on sub-contractors in executing this work, the Contractor will have sole responsibility for ensuring the sub-contractors are qualified, appropriately trained and outfitted, and comply with all applicable safety and health standards and regulations.

Permitting and Certifications

The Foundation will secure all permits required for conducting the work. The Foundation will confirm with the contractor that permits are in place before work may commence. Applicants must have proper certifications for conducting salvage operations.

Closeout

Documentation of completed work should contain pre- and post-bathymetric survey and/or GIS-linked underwater photography, or other form of underwater imagery. Please specify the proposed method in the proposal.

Provide disposal records that include the name and location of the disposal site, the volume/weight, and scale records.

Period of Performance

Overall period of performance: June 15, 2024 - November 15, 2024. In-water work to commence on July 15, 2024. If work is not completed by August 18, 2024, work must temporarily halt from August 19 - 26 due to cultural activities on the water.

Target Locations

The Makah Marina is within the Makah Tribe's U&A and is located Neah Bay, Washington (48.37, -124.61) at the northwest point of the Olympic Peninsula. The marina is inside a protected area of the bay, located on the northeast portion of the Makah Reservation, just outside the Olympic Coast NMS. Below is a list of targets to be removed.

#	Target	Debris Type	Location	Latitude	Longitude
1	Zebra	Lightered Derelict Vessel	Makah Marina	48.2205	-124.3642
2	Nestucca	Lightered Derelict Vessel	Makah Marina	48.2202	-124.3644
3	Angela Carol	Lightered Derelict Vessel	Makah Marina	48.2203	-124.3645
4	Midnight Charger	Lightered Derelict Vessel	Makah Marina	48.2204	-124.3641
5	Lauri Jean	To Be Lightered Derelict Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2205	-124.3634
6	Valorous	Sunken Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2202	-124.3644
7	Voyageur	Sunken Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2205	-124.3634
8	SticknStay	Sunken Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2206	-124.3642
9	White Eagle	Sunken Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2204	-124.3633
10	Unnamed (C-dock) small rec boat	Sunken Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2204	-124.3633
11	Pursuit	Sunken Vessels	Makah Marina	48.2206	-124.3642
14	Sea Otter	Sunken Vessels	Neah Bay	48.2229	-124.3724
15	Windwalker	Sunken Vessels	Neah Bay	48.2227	-124.3723
16	Solvang	Sunken Vessels	Neah Bay	48.2202	-124.3723
17	I-90 Bridge Pontoon	Derelict Structures	Neah Bay	48.3747	-124.6231

Funding Availability

This will be discussed during the negotiation process. However, funding may not exceed \$6,000,000.

Eligibility

Applicants must have a proven track record of doing similar projects in scope and scale, preferably within Washington State or surrounding areas (such as the Pacific Northwest part of the USA) and must have the technical ability to complete the project within the provided budget.

By submitting an offer in response to this RFP, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. The Foundation will not award a contract to any firm that is debarred, suspended,

or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government.

Applicants must have proper certifications for conducting salvage operations.

How to Apply

The Foundation and the Makah Tribe will host a pre-bid meeting at Makah Marina in Neah Bay, Washington on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 1 pm - 3 pm. For more details, please send your intent to apply email to rfp@marinesanctuary.org, by Friday, March 22, 2024. A proposal can still be submitted, even if the Contractor did not attend the pre-bid meeting.

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation requires responses to this RFP to be delivered electronically, via email as a pdf file to rfp@marinesanctuary.org.

Please include “Marine Salvage in Neah Bay” in the subject line. Proposals must be received electronically no later than April 10, 2024 by 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation will send a confirmation by email within five business days of receiving your submission that your proposal was received, and all files are accessible.

It is the submitter’s responsibility to ensure that the Foundation receives the proposal prior to the specified closing date.

Proposals should include the following elements:

1. A proposal narrative that includes a description of the company with an explanation of why you are qualified to complete this project, a description of removal operations, resources to be utilized including subcontractors and equipment, project timeline, Spill Prevention Containment and Cleanup Plans (SPCC), and regulatory compliance;
2. A budget proposal by project phase;
3. Two examples of past work; and
4. Three references. Please include their names, email addresses, phone numbers, and in what capacity you worked with them.

Questions regarding the technical requirements of this RFP and questions regarding the administrative requirements of this RFP may be submitted by email to rfp@marinesanctuary.org.

Questions must be submitted in writing; phone calls will not be accepted. Questions and requests for clarification—and the responses thereto—the Foundation believes may be of interest to other offerors will be circulated to all RFP recipients who have indicated an interest in bidding.

Only written answers to questions via email issued by the Foundation will be considered official and carry weight in the RFP process and subsequent evaluation. Any verbal information received from employees or any other entity should not be considered as an official response to any questions regarding this RFP.

Budget Requirements

When budgeting for this proposal, please ensure that you outline the budget for all six phases (Pre-assessment, Workplan, Mobilization, Removal, Disposal, and Demobilization).

Required Attachments

We require the following attachments to complete the proposal:

- Proposal narrative;
- Budget;
- Two examples of past work; and
- Three references. Please include their names, email addresses, phone numbers, and in what capacity you worked with them.

All proposals must also include the following information:

- Company Name;
- Company's Person of Contact (POC) and title;
- The POC's email address;
- Company Address;
- Company Website;
- Company Phone Number; and
- Company Tax ID Number.

Review Process

Evaluation Criteria

All applications will be screened for relevance and completeness, and will then be evaluated based on the extent to which they meet the following criteria and how they are weighted:

Technical Criteria - total 75 maximum points:

- Eligibility – as noted above, if the company is not eligible, your proposal will be removed and not graded;
- Geographic background – has worked within the Olympic Coast of Washington or surrounding areas (such as the Pacific northwest part of the USA) (*Total maximum of 15 points*)
 - *Please provide examples of the projects within near proximity*
- Experience– Proven history of executing similar jobs in similar conditions with positive outcomes (*Total maximum of 30 points*)
- Workplan– thoroughness of project narrative, clear and feasible workplan that meets deliverables within required timelines. (Total maximum of 30 points)

Financial Criteria- Total of 25 maximum points

- The budget line items and overall pricing for each of the phases (*Total of 25 maximum points*)

Application Logistics

Review/Proposal Timeline

- Submit intent to apply to attend Pre-bid Day: March 22, 2024
- Pre-bid Meeting Day: March 26, 2024
- RFP closes: April 10, 2024
- Review/Negotiation period: April 11 - May 16, 2024
- Estimated Contract Start Date: June 15, 2024

Terms & Conditions

This is a Request for Proposals only. Issuance of this RFP does not in any way obligate the Foundation to make an award or pay for costs incurred by potential offerors in the preparation and submission of an offer. In addition:

- (a) The Foundation may cancel RFP and not award;
- (b) The Foundation may reject any or all responses received;
- (c) Issuance of RFP does not constitute award commitment by The Foundation;
- (d) The Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow RFP instructions;
- (e) The Foundation will not compensate offerors for a response to RFP;
- (f) The Foundation reserves the right to issue an award based on an initial evaluation of offers without further discussion;
- (g) The Foundation may negotiate with short-listed offerors for their best and final offer;
- (h) The Foundation reserves the right to order additional quantities or units with the selected offeror;
- (i) The Foundation may reissue the solicitation or issue formal amendments revising the original RFP specifications and evaluation criteria before or after receipt of proposals;
- (j) The Foundation may modify the specifications without issuing a formal notice to all offerors when the revisions are immaterial to the scope of the RFP;
- (l) The Foundation reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.