

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Removal of M/V *Unwind* La Push, WA

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Overview

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (Foundation) is a leading voice for U.S. protected waters, working with communities to conserve and expand those special places for a healthy ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes. Working together, we safeguard species and the places they call home, and preserve America's maritime history.

The Foundation, in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, and the Quileute Tribe (collectively the representative agencies), requires support for marine salvage work to remove the M/V *Unwind*, a 48-foot sport fishing vessel that sank on March 20, 2021, approximately five miles offshore of La Push, WA. The vessel is located in Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and the Quileute Usual and Accustomed Treaty Fishing Area. The vessel is located at a depth of 130 feet.

Scope of Work

Planning, Removal, and Disposal of M/V *Unwind*

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 condition of M/V *Unwind* to support the development of a removal plan.

Removal plan development, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, collaboration with the Foundation and partners including NOAA 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 off-shore operations.

Removal, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, the operations and recovery of M/V *Unwind*.

Disposal, as used in this contract includes, but is not limited to, any testing, abatement, deconstruction, and disposal of M/V *Unwind*.

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

Project Specifications

Labor and Equipment

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

the work.

Preference for Transport by Barge

The preferred method for transporting the sunken vessel once lifted is on a barge or similar versus towing of the vessel.

Spill Response and Containment

The Contractor must ensure the containment of fuel leaks and have oil spill response equipment such as boom and absorbent pads on-site during salvage operations. Proposals should include Spill Prevention Containment and Cleanup Plans (SPCC) to prevent releases of hazardous materials.

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 & Certifications

The contractor must secure a permit from Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary for all aspects of this work, including the pre-removal assessment if proposing to use a remotely operated vehicle. The Foundation will secure other required permits.

Applicants must have proper certifications for conducting salvage operations.

Target Location

The vessel is located approximately 5 miles west of La Push, Washington in 130 feet of water. The coordinates are roughly: 47°53'10"N 124°43'42"W.

Period of Performance

Overall period of performance: June 15, 2024 - October 15, 2024.

Closeout

Documentation of completed work should contain pre- and post-bathymetric survey and/or GIS-linked underwater photography, or other forms 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.

Funding Availability

This will be discussed during the negotiation process. However, funding may not exceed \$1,925,000.

Eligibility

Applicants must have a proven track record of doing similar open ocean salvage 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 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 "Removal of M/V *Unwind*" 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 including those in open ocean environments, resources to be utilized including subcontractors and equipment, personnel, project timeline, Spill Prevention Containment and Cleanup Plans (SPCC), and regulatory compliance;
2. A budget proposal;
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 below criteria and how they are weighted. Proposals may be evaluated by technical experts outside of the collective representative agencies.

Technical Criteria - total 80 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*
- Qualifications– Experience and proven history of executing similar open ocean salvage jobs in similar conditions with positive outcomes *(Total maximum of 30 points)*
- Requirements- Demonstrates ability to meet the requirements outlined in RFP (Total maximum 20 points)
- Workplan- thoroughness of project narrative, clear and feasible workplan that meets

deliverables within required timelines. (Total maximum of 15 points)

Financial Criteria- Total of 20 maximum points

- The budget line items and overall pricing (*Total of 20 maximum points*)

Application Logistics

Review/Proposal Timeline

- 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.

The Foundation currently has an open Request for Proposals for salvage removal in the same geographic region. Additional information on that request can be found [here](#). There is no contingent status between the two requests.