

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

FOR

The Preparation of an Environmental Report FOR A YOUTH CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FUNDED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

US Department of Treasury and US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for preparation of an Environmental Report for its Youth Center Construction Project. The site has been chosen by Tribal Council Resolution and consists of approximately 3 acres in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 in Section 32 of T48N, R2W, Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin.

It is necessary for the Bad River Band to have an Environmental Report (ER) prepared by a qualified civil engineering or environmental services firm. The Bad River Band invites civil engineering and environmental services firms to submit proposals for conducting an ER that will provide appropriate technical information for the Band's decision-making. It is the Band's goal to ensure a successful building project that ensures residents', youth, and staff health and permits the Band's continued sustainable youth services growth and development.

BACKGROUND

Location of Community The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians homeland is located in northern Wisconsin along the south shore of Lake Superior, in current-day Ashland County. There are four communities within the Reservation, the largest being New Odanah, which includes the Band's Tribal Government facilities and enterprises.

Existing Youth Building and Current Problem The existing youth building, on a site approximately one mile from building site, is no longer adequate for its use and needs replacement. The proposed community facility project is to construct a new building in New Odanah, on what is now a wooded, undeveloped site, in proximity to the Band's new Wellness and Fitness Center and Early Head Start and Head Start.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work will consist of the preparation of an Environmental Report. The ER should thoroughly examine the environmental factors associated with the various alternatives outlined by the Band. The ER Scope of work must comply with the details described in Grants: 7 CFR Part 3570 Subpart A; Environmental Policies at: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/7/part-1970/subpart-A>; and Environmental Review at: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/7/part-1970/subpart-C> (last updated Jan 1, 2025). The ER shall also address the environmental concerns raised by the Bad River Natural Resources Department (NRD) including, but not limited to, the identification of harm- avoidance, -minimization, and -mitigation strategies. NRD Contact: Russ Corbine, Jr. Russ Corbine Jr., MSIOP, Deputy Director, Mashkiziibii Natural Resources Dept. NRDeputy@badriver-nsn.gov.

The selected engineering or environmental firm will provide the Bad River Band with 5 hard copies of the final ER, an electronic copy of the final ER, and an ArcMap-optimized electronic copy of any data collected or analyzed to develop the ER by March 31, 2026.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 5123. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing

and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

Proposals shall consist of 1 flash drive with complete proposal, and three hard copies of complete proposal. These may be submitted in person, by delivery service or by regular mail, to the Executive Secretary at the following address labeled '**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT BID – YOUTH BUILDING**' by January 20____, 20_26_ at 4:30 pm to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
72682 Maple St/PO Box 39
Odanah, WI 54861-0039
p.dax@badriver-nsn.gov

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Melanie Plucinski, Tribal Planner, 715-682-7111 x1521, planner@badriver-nsn.gov

Bid opening will be scheduled at the Chief Blackbird Center, 72682 Maple St, Odanah, WI 54861 on January 21, 2026 at 10:00 am (Bad River will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders within 10 calendar days if bid is \$25,000 or greater)

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

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