

# BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

### Aadizookaan (Ojibwe Storytelling) Community Feast

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for: a **qualified food service provider to prepare and provide a community feast in conjunction with an Aadizookaan (Ojibwe storytelling) Night**. The meal will serve as a cultural gathering component and should reflect respect for Anishinaabe values and community needs.

#### Event Details

- **Event Name: Aadizookaan (Ojibwe Storytelling) Night**
- **Event Date: March 5, 2026**
- **Estimated Attendance: 80 people**

Proposals are required to contain the following information:

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#### Scope of Work

The selected proposer will be responsible for:

- **Preparing and providing a meal for approximately 100 attendees**
- **Meal must include:**
  - **One (1) main entrée**
  - **Two (2) side dishes**
  - **One (1) dessert**
- **Cultural foods (fish-free and nut-free) are strongly preferred, when feasible and appropriate (examples include dishes made with manoomin, venison, berries, zhiwaagamizigan, squash, corn & etc.)**
- **Food must be suitable for a community, family-friendly event**

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#### Allergy & Food Safety Requirements

- **Fish and nut allergies are present**
- **All food must be prepared WITHOUT fish or nuts**
- **Strict avoidance of cross-contamination with fish and/or nuts is required during sourcing, preparation, and serving**
- **Proposer must demonstrate awareness of and ability to comply with food safety and allergy-safe preparation standards**

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#### Budget

- **Total budget shall not exceed \$1,000.00**
- **Proposals must clearly state the total cost, inclusive of all food, preparation, disposable dishware and silverware, and related expenses**
- **Proposals exceeding the budget will not be considered**

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#### Proposal Submission Requirements

Each proposal must include:

1. **Total Cost**
  - **Itemized or summarized cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00**

2. Menu Description

- o Proposed main entrée, sides, and dessert
- o Identification of any cultural or traditional elements included

3. Experience and Qualifications

- o Brief resume or description of prior experience providing meals for community, cultural, or large-group events

4. Food Safety Statement

- o Confirmation of ability to prepare food free from fish and nut allergens
- o Description of steps taken to prevent cross-contamination

5. Availability Confirmation

- o Written confirmation of availability to prepare and deliver food for March 5, 2026

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Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Menu quality and cultural appropriateness
- Demonstrated experience and reliability
- Compliance with allergy and food safety requirements
- Cost effectiveness and adherence to budget

Indian Preference may apply in accordance with applicable Tribal and federal requirements.

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 476. 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.

Sealed bids must be labeled "Aadizookaan (Ojibwe Storytelling) Community Feast" and submitted by Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Bad River Tribe  
Chief Blackbird Center  
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Questions regarding this project can be directed to **Brianna Cody, Director of Bad River Head Start, (715)682-7144 ext. 1469 b.cody@badriver-nsn.gov 53552 Abinoojilyag Rd, Ashland, WI 54806**

Bid opening will be scheduled at Chief Blackbird Center; 72682 Maple St, Odanah, WI 54861 on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

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

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