BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin
54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Indigenous Arts and Sciences Summer Youth Cultural Workshops

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for an individual or individuals who will lead cultural workshops including traditional crafts, skills, and teachings for the IAS Summer Youth Program for 10-20 youth at a time. Some possible examples of workshops include: baaga'adowewin sticks, traditional woodland flutes, Ojibwe-style moccasins, black ash baskets, traditional birch craft, manoomin-oriented skills, crafts, or teachings, and other such traditional skills, teachings, and crafts. Depending on the number of eligible applicants and proposed costs, we will likely choose multiple applicants. All associated craft materials must be prepped and provided by presenter unless otherwise specified.

Proposals are required to contain the following information:

- Total Cost per workshop (including preparation, gathering of materials if applicable, and teardown/clean up)
- Documentation of relevant experience in the craft including photos or physical examples

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 "**IAS Summer Youth Workshop**" and submitted by **Friday, May 29th, 2026 at 2pm** to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
PO Box 39/72682 Maple St
Odanah, WI 54861

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Nathanael Secor, Indigenous Arts and Sciences Coordinator ias@badriver-nsn.gov or 715-292-0944.

Bid opening will be scheduled for the Chief Blackbird Center on Friday, May 29th at 2:30pm.

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

Program: _____
Accounting: _____
Posted: May 19, 2026
2:00 am/pm