

# BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

CONDUCTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON RESTORATION OF THE KAKAGON RIVER HEADWATERS  
BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA  
MASHKIIZIIBII NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
ODANAH, WISCONSIN

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The Bad River Tribe is seeking proposals for a contractor to complete a feasibility study focused on determining the possible benefits and impacts of restoring the Kakagon River headwaters on the Bad River Reservation. The analysis must take all of the project's relevant factors into account—including economic, technical, legal, and scheduling considerations—to ascertain the likelihood of completing the project successfully. Specifically, the Tribe wants the study to address not only whether the current land use would allow for the restoration but whether there would be community support, projected ecological benefits seen to the Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs ecosystem, and if it would increase resiliency of the manoomin (wild rice beds). Funding for this effort comes from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and are allocated to progressing restoration efforts in the Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs

Proposals are required to contain the following information:

**Proposals should be itemized by task and encompass all costs associated with the tasks of creating the study.**

**Those tasks are:**

- The feasibility study will identify restoration objectives, priorities, and goals to guide NRD's long term planning related to the monitoring, protection, management of manoomin taking into consideration current and future land uses that includes a tribal hatchery and pow wow grounds. This will also take into account flooding events related to the Bad River system.
- The study will consider Traditional Ecological Knowledge concepts and other cultural connections to manoomin.
- Climate changing patterns will be intergrated into the restoration design of the Kakagon River headwaters to ensure improved resiliency for the headwaters and improved resiliency of the downstream wild rice waters, including the evaluation of nutrient dynamics over time, to create a long-range plan that can guide and prioritize our future wild rice management decisions.
- MNRD will be able to provide additional data to the contractor who is awarded the bid, including LiDAR data and other information, though some field survey work is expected as part of the contract.
- Collaboration will include three Zoom conferences . First, with the Manoomin Work Group and MNRD. The Second, with the community and tribal government to solicit input on development of proposed objectives, priorities, and goals.
- Two drafts will be provided for review and comment before the plan is finalized. First draft review by MNRD, second draft for review by Community and the MNRD, then finalization based on comments received.
- Third Zoom, presenting the final product to MNRD, if needed.

**Deliverable:**

- A final feasibility report showing the results of the study for the Kakagon River Headwaters Restoration in electronic and hardcopy form. Format should follow widely-accepted, standardized method.
- Raw data and notes used for the feasibility study.
- Any spatial or data files developed in support of this study.

**Proposals are required to contain the following information:**

- A comprehensive cost analysis of the proposed contractual services, which provides budget details per deliverable.
- A proposed project schedule and ability to complete the projects in a timely manner.
- Qualifications of the person(s) anticipated to be involved in the project, including experience working on manoomin/wetland related projects (which is preferred) and documents such as insurance or certificates if required.

This project is funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Anticipated completion date is 30, December, 2021.

Upon request an electronic copy of the proposed mapping of the Kakagon HW area will be provided to bidder.

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 'Feasibility Study on Kakagon River Headwaters Proposal' and submitted by June 9, 2021 at 4:30pm.

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Bid opening will be scheduled at Chief Blackbird Center Conference Rm C June 11, 2021 2:00p.m. TIME. During the Bid Opening all bidders will have access to a GoToMeeting invitation to monitor process.

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

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