

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for St. Francois County (hereinafter "Owner") Owl Creek Park Project Phase 2 (hereinafter "Project") will be received by St. Francois County Clerk's Office, until 10:00 a.m. local time, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Scope of Work includes trail development within St. Francois County – Owl Creek Park and provides for pavement preparation, asphalt trail, concrete bench pads, signage, and other incidental items and work described in the Project Manual, or reasonably inferable therefrom. St. Francois County anticipates issuing notice to proceed on January 1, 2026.

To ensure that you receive all addenda, request the bid documents by email from Becky Toney at btoney@cochraneng.com. Bid packages will be distributed electronically at no cost to the bidder. When requesting the documents, you will be required to provide your company name, a contact person and phone number, a complete company address and an e-mail address to be added to the Plan Holders List and for receiving official bidding communications and addenda. If you are not on the Plan Holders List, you will not receive any addenda issued. Hard copies will not be available for purchase. Bidders may make printed copies of the bid documents (plans, project manual, and a bid packet) at their own expense. Project and bidding questions shall be conducted exclusively via e-mail. Any questions regarding this project must be submitted to: mspalding@cochraneng.com, by 4:00 pm local time on October 14, 2025. No written questions after this date or any verbal questions will be recognized.

A bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount must accompany each bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in this specification (Missouri Annual Wage Order #32 attached).

This project is being partially funded with federal funds, and all relevant federal, state, and local requirements apply.

Projects with a Federal Award \$500,000 or less: USDOT issued a public interest waiver for Buy America requirements effective 8/16/23 for specific projects of \$500,000 or less, subject to the following limitations. The waiver is from Buy America (BABA) requirements for De Minimis Costs and Small Grants to prepare for full compliance with the BIL's new Made in America standards for construction materials. The public interest waiver of BABA's domestic preferences is for projects funded under DOT-administered financial assistance programs, including the Recreational Trails Program administered in Missouri by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, for iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials under a single financial assistance award for which the total amount of Federal financial assistance applied to the project, through awards or subawards, is below \$500,000. The waiver is applicable only to awards that are obligated, or subawards that are made, on or after the effective date of the waiver, 8/16/23.

Effective January 1, 2009 and pursuant to RSMo 285.530 (1), No business entity or employer shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the state of Missouri. The successful bidder must submit a sworn affidavit and documentation affirming the business entity's enrollment and participation in the federal work authorization program and that all of its employees working for the contracted services are not illegal immigrants.

Upon signing the contract, the successful contractor and any subcontractor performing the work shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) construction safety program for their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

St. Francois County Missouri hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

THE OWNER INTENDS TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. THE OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OWNER.