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**TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING ASSISTANCE**

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the following item will be received by the Secretary of the Tinley Park-Park District until 11:00 am. at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, Tinley Park, Illinois, on September 21, 2026. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center at:

11:00 am on September 21, 2026

FORMER TINLEY PARK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: SITE REMEDIATION PROGRAM INVESTIGATION
ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING ASSISTANCE
#10263700

BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 11:00 A.M.
BID OPENING TIME 11:00 A.M.

Prospective Bidders must purchase bidding, contract, and specification documents through Quest Construction Data Network (QUESTCDN) starting September 10, 2026. This can be done via a link at www.tinleyparkdistrict.org or the QUESTCDN website (www.questcdn.com). QUESTCDN is a web-based platform for construction project advertisements, bid documents distribution and plan holder lists. Prospective bidders will need the seven-digit QUESTCDN project number 10263700 to locate the job on the QUESTCDN website search page. There is a \$22.00 non-refundable cost for downloading the documents in a pdf format. Bids will not be accepted from any prospective bidder who has not purchased the documents through QUESTCDN.

Please contact Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks, with general questions regarding this project at telephone 708-342-4200 or email ryan.veldman@tinleyparkdistrict.org

The contract will be considered for award at an upcoming meeting of the Tinley Park-Park District Board of Commissioners.

This Invitation for Bids (IFB) seeks a contractor to provide environmental sampling assistance at the site of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center, 7400-7600 West 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Cook County, Illinois (Site). The Site is enrolled in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Site Remediation Program (SRP). As part of the required investigation under the SRP, Tinley Park-Park District (Owner) (through its contractors) will be drilling borings for soil sampling and, if encountered, groundwater sampling. Owner seeks a contractor to provide assistance to Tetra Tech, Inc. during environmental investigations performed at the Site. The selected contractor will log soil borings, and collect soil, sediment, surface water, groundwater, and soil gas samples. Bidders should consult the IFB for more information.

This project is being funded through a State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant to the Tinley Park-Park District (Owner). Among other things, the DCEO grant is subject to the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01 *et seq.*). This Act requires certain DCEO grants include goals for contracting with businesses that have been certified as Minority-owned Business

Enterprises (MBE), Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE), Women/Minority Business Enterprises (WMBE), and/or Persons with Disabilities-owned Business Enterprises (PBE) (“BEP Vendors, collectively”). The Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Vendor utilization goal set by DCEO for this project, as of May 14, 2026, is 28%. In order to comply with this goal, Bidders must either: 1.) be a BEP Vendor who will entirely self-perform thereby achieving at least the 28% goal directly through its own performance or 2.) submit with its bid response a BEP utilization plan that includes: the BEP Vendor(s) to be used; the certification designation for each BEP Vendor (MBE/WBE/WMBE/PBE); a detailed description of the work to be performed by the BEP Vendor(s); and an explanation as to how at least the 28% goal will assuredly be achieved; or 3) be a BEP Vendor that will partially perform but intends to use other BEP Vendor(s) to achieve at least the 28% goal. In this case, the Bidder must submit with its bid response a BEP utilization plan that includes: the additional BEP Vendor(s) to be used; the certification designation for each additional BEP Vendor (MBE/WBE/WMBE/PBE); a detailed description of the work to be performed by all BEP Vendors performing the work; and an explanation as to how at least the 28% goal will assuredly be achieved. Please note that only Bidders and subcontractors/suppliers certified through the State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion Business Enterprise Program will count towards meeting the utilization goal set by DCEO. A Bidder who is either not a BEP Vendor itself who will self-perform or has not demonstrated through its submitted utilization plan that at least the 28% utilization goal will otherwise be achieved, will be deemed non-responsive and not considered for award.

Project Statement of Work: This project is for services needed as part of the required investigation under the Site Remediation Program. The Site is divided into three portions for planning and scheduling purposes. Therefore, the scope of work is divided into three portions. The three portions are shown on Figure 1, attached to the IFB. Prospective bidders should assume that the site work will either be performed consecutively or simultaneously, at Owner’s discretion, therefore requiring that adequate staffing and equipment be available for either work approach. Bidders are required to address their readiness to perform under either work scenario in its response to the IFB.

Tetra Tech, Inc. personnel will be onsite to provide technical supervision, provide locations for sample collection and provide contact with the client, as necessary. In addition, Tetra Tech personnel will provide sample collection and boring log services. Tetra Tech will arrange and provide all sampling equipment and sample bottleware.

Bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walk on September 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 7400 183rd Street (project trailer) in Tinley Park, Illinois. Interested bidders must contact the Owner before the pre-bid conference to indicate their interest and to confirm the place and time of the pre-bid conference. Immediately following this conference, all interested bidders that attended the pre-bid conference may participate in a site walk to conduct comprehensive inspections to fully understand all aspects of the required work. Access will be provided by the Owner or its designee(s) so long as the prospective bidders provide proof of insurance, wear appropriate Level D personal protective equipment (PPE), and comply with occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) requirements. See Section G and Attachment 1 of the IFB for mandatory requirements for participating in the site walk.

The Owner reserves the right to waive all technicalities, to accept or reject any or all bids, to accept only portions of a proposal and reject the remainder without disclosure for any reason. Failure to make such a disclosure will not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any Bidder against the Owner. After bid opening, no bids may be withdrawn. All bids shall remain firm for ninety (90) days.

Bids shall not include federal excise tax or state sales tax for materials and equipment to be incorporated in, or fully consumed in the performance of, the Work. An Exemption Certificate will be furnished by the Owner on request of the Bidder, for use in connection with this Project only.

All bid proposals must also be accompanied by a bid bond or bank cashier’s check payable to the “Tinley Park-Park District” for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by such bond or check.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the bid documents. The IFB sets forth specific requirements and evaluation criteria to determine the responsiveness and responsibility of prospective bidders. Only after both are determined to be met by a bidder will the Owner determine the lowest bidder from the pool of qualified bidders. The Owner reserves the right to select a contractor from the pool of qualified bidders who is not the lowest bidder upon the determination that the award of the contract to another bidder is in the Owner’s and State’s best interest.

Ashley Rubino
Secretary