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TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LABORATORY SERVICES

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
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 2:00 pm. at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, Tinley Park, Illinois, on October 27, 2026. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center at:

2:00 pm on October 27, 2026

FORMER TINLEY PARK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: SITE REMEDIATION PROGRAM INVESTIGATION
LABORATORY SERVICES
10388056

BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.
BID OPENING TIME 2:00 P.M.

Prospective Bidders must purchase bidding, contract, and specification documents through Quest Construction Data Network (QUESTCDN) starting October 12, 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 10388056 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 to Bids (ITB) seeks a contractor to provide laboratory services for the analysis of soil, sediment, surface water, groundwater and soil gas samples taken 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's) contractors will be taking soil, sediment and surface water samples and, if encountered, groundwater 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% and Owner is required to meet this goal. To the extent possible, Owner is asking each Bidder to submit with its bid response a BEP utilization plan that includes: any BEP Vendor(s) to be used by Bidder for the work; the certification designation for each BEP Vendor (MBE/WBE/WMBE/PBE); and a detailed description of the work to be performed by the BEP Vendor(s). 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. If no certified BEP vendor is available to perform the work requested through this IFB, please state so in the Bid Response. Owner will consider any utilization plan submitted by a Bidder as part of the responsiveness prong of the award evaluation process.

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.

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 responsibleness 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