

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**IOWA CONFLUENCE WATER TRAILS**  
**BIRDLAND MARINA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that ***Iowa Confluence Water Trails (ICON)***, hereinafter called the “Client”, “Jurisdiction”, “Owner”, “Purchaser”, or “Contracting Authority”, is requesting proposals from qualified contractors for the ***Birdland Marina Improvements*** project.

General Nature of Proposed Improvement

Major items of work include Class 10 and Class 12 Excavation; topsoil stripping and respreading; clearing and grubbing of stumps; reinforced concrete launches + sidewalk; void-permeated boulders; revetment stone; regional water trail wayfinding & informational signage; erosion stone and grout; and site plantings.

Also includes site electrical; PCC paving and sidewalk; storm sewer, structures, and related appurtenances; traffic control; tree protection and fencing; erosion and sediment control, SWPPP, and maintenance; seeding, fertilizing, M/BFM mulching, and mowing; and construction survey.

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals

Electronic bids for the work comprising each improvement as stated below must be filed before ***2:00, P.M. on March 24, 2026***, local time. Bids shall be submitted electronically via the QuestCDN VirtuBid system. No alternate electronic bid submittals or paper bids will be accepted. Bids will not be able to be electronically submitted after the deadline. Refer to the Instructions to Bidders for additional information.

Bid Letting

A pre-bid conference will be held on ***March 11, 2026 at 10:00***. The pre-bid conference will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and teleconference. A link will be sent to all planholders the day before the meeting.

Electronic proposals will be opened, and bids tabulated, at ***2:00 P.M. on March 24, 2026***. The bid opening will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and teleconference. A link and phone number will be sent to all plan holders 1-week prior to the bid opening. The bid results will be read aloud and posted in the Teams meeting. Results will be considered by the Owner at its meeting on ***March 26, 2026***.

***Iowa Confluence Water Trails*** does hereby reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Owner. ***Iowa Confluence Water Trails*** reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Contract Documents

Electronic contract documents are available by clicking on the “Bids” link at [www.snyder-associates.com](http://www.snyder-associates.com) and choosing ***“Birdland Marina Improvements.”*** Project information including plans, engineer’s cost opinion, and the plan holders list may be examined at this site without providing login information, but downloads and bidding require the user to register for a free membership at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com).

Hard copies of the project documents may be obtained from ***Snyder & Associates, Inc., 2727 SW Snyder Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023*** at no charge. You must call ***(515) 964-2020*** in advance to reserve a paper copy.

Contract documents are on file with ***Snyder & Associates, Inc.*** and may be examined at ***Snyder & Associates, Inc., 2727 SW Snyder Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50023*** during normal business hours.

## Bid Security

Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of contract a corporate surety bond, in a form acceptable to the ***Owner***, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount fixed in the Instruction to Bidders and shall be in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on an FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on an FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a bid bond on the form provided in the contract documents with corporate surety satisfactory to the ***Owner***. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

## Commencement of Work

Work on the improvements may be commenced immediately upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will be issued upon approval of the contract by ***Iowa Confluence Water Trails*** and completion of a preconstruction conference. The Notice to Proceed is expected to occur **April 1, 2026**. Work shall be commenced on or before **July 6, 2026**.

## Completion of Work

The Contractor shall achieve Substantially Completion of the project no later than December 15, 2026. Substantial Completion means that all required work has been completed and the owner may occupy and utilize the facility for its intended purpose, and only final seeding, site cleanup, and punch list items remain. If the contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion by the date above, liquidated damages of \$2,000 per calendar day will be assessed until Substantial Completion is achieved.

The Contractor shall achieve Final Completion, including seeding, cleanup, and punch list items, no later than May 15, 2027. Failure to achieve Final Completion by this date will result in liquidated damages of \$2,000 per calendar day until Final Completion is achieved.

Timely completion is of the essence. As required by the project's funding conditions, the work must be fully completed and accepted by the Client no later than July 31, 2027. Failure to meet this deadline, may result in the loss of project funding.

If the Contractor's failure to meet the required completion timeframes results in the loss of project funding, the Contractor shall be responsible for additional liquidated damages equal to the amount of funding lost by the Client. However, these additional liquidated damages shall not exceed 20% of the original contract amount.

## Nondiscrimination

***Iowa Confluence Water Trails***, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises 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, or national origin in consideration for an award.

## Federal Requirements

Federal funds will be utilized to finance this project. As such, bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the following which are further described in Contract Attachment 1:

- Build America, Buy America Requirements
- Davis-Bacon Wage Rate Requirements
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards
- Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- Federal Nondiscrimination Requirements
- Section 106 and NEPA
- Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
- Federal Audit Requirements
- Equal Employment Opportunity

## Iowa Requirements

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

## Project Requirements

- Sales Tax: ICON Water Trails is not a sales-tax exempt entity. All sales and use taxes shall be paid by the Contractor. Refer to the Special Provisions for additional information
- Insurance and Indemnification: The project funding requires the Contractor to provide Insurance and Indemnification coverage for the City of Des Moines and Contracting Authority. Refer to the Special Provisions for additional information.
- Grant Requirements: Comply with the requirements of the project grants as applicable to the Contractor.