



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism  
1100 North Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**SOLICITATION DOCUMENT**

SOLICITATION INFORMATION			
Solicitation Number:	ADPHT-26-032	Solicitation Issued:	06/15/2026
Description:	Landscaping and Ground Maintenance for Arkansas Post Museum State Park		
Division/Agency:	Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism		

BID DUE DATE			
Bid Response Due Date:	06/24/2026	Time:	14:00 p.m., Central Time
Bid responses for this Invitation for Bid <b>must</b> be delivered to the <a href="#">Cane Creek State Park</a> on or before the submission deadline. Bids received after the submission deadline may be rejected as untimely.			

DELIVERY OF RESPONSE DOCUMENTS	
Delivery Address and IFB Opening Location	<p><a href="#">Cane Creek State Park</a> 50 State Pk Rd, Star City, AR 71667</p> <p>Delivery providers, USPS, UPS, and FedEx deliver mail to the delivery street address on a schedule determined by each individual provider. These providers will deliver based solely on the street address. <b>Prospective Contractors assume all risk for timely, properly submitted deliveries.</b></p>
Bid's Outer Packaging	<p>Seal outer packaging and properly mark with the following information. If outer packaging of bid submission is not properly marked, the package may be opened for bid identification purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solicitation number</li><li>• Date and time of bid opening</li><li>• Prospective Contractor's name and return address</li></ul>

DEPARTMENT NAME CONTACT INFORMATION			
Buyer:	Michael Hunter	Buyer's Direct Phone Number:	501-682-6919
Email Address:	michael.hunter@arkansas.gov	Department's Main Number:	501-324-9150
Department Website:	<a href="http://adpht.arkansas.gov">adpht.arkansas.gov</a>		

# SECTION 1 – INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is issued by the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to obtain pricing and a contract for landscaping service for Cane Creek State Park.

Direct all communications regarding this Solicitation to the Buyer on page one (1) of the IFB.

## 1.2 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

**TABLE A: TENTATIVE SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

ACTIVITY	DATE
IFB Release to Prospective Contractors	06/15/2026
Site Visit	06/17/2026 at 10:00 am
Deadline for Prospective Contractor Questions	06/18/2026 COB
Answers to Questions Posted to <a href="#">SAS OSP</a> website*	06/19/2026 COB
Response Due Date	06/24/2026 at 14:00 pm
Post Anticipation to Award*	06/25/2026
Award Contract*	07/9/2026

## 1.3 LIVE BID OPENING

Use the information below to view the bid opening online

Teams Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/299732144981103?p=9G9W97taocqXrwXB64>  
Meeting ID: 299 732 144 981 103  
Passcode: MK99xA6m  
Call-In Information:

## 1.4 TYPE OF CONTRACT

- A. As a result of this IFB, the Department intends to award a contract to a [single Contractor](#) (see *Contractor Selection*).
- B. The anticipated starting date for any resulting contract is July 9, 2026 except that the actual contract start date may be adjusted unilaterally by the State for up to three (3) calendar months. By submitting a signed bid in response to the IFB, the Prospective Contractor represents and warrants that it will honor its bid as being held open as irrevocable for this period.
- C. The initial term of the resulting contract will be for 1 year on mutual agreement by the Contractor and Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, the contract may be renewed by the State for terms of six additional 1-year period, not to exceed a total aggregate contract term of seven (7) consecutive years.

## 1.5 DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms defined in Arkansas Procurement Law have the same meaning herein.
- B. The terms "Invitation for Bid," "IFB," and "Solicitation" are used synonymously in this document.
- C. "Prospective Contractor" means a responsive and responsible bidder who submits a bid that meets the Requirements and criteria set forth in this Solicitation.
- D. "Requirement" means a term, condition, provision, deliverable, Specification, or a combination thereof, that is obligated under the Solicitation, resulting contract, or both.

- E. "Shall" and "must" mean the imperative and are used to identify Requirements and Specifications.
- F. "Specification" means any technical or purchase description or other description of the physical or functional characteristics, or of the nature, of a commodity or service. "Specification" may include a description of any Requirement for inspecting, testing, or preparing a commodity or service for delivery.
- G. "State" means the State of Arkansas. When the term "State" is used herein to reference any obligation of the State under a contract that results from this Solicitation, that obligation is limited to the Department using such a contract.

## **1.6 CONTRACTOR SELECTION**

- A. Award is expected to be made to the responsive and responsible Prospective Contractor determined to have submitted the lowest bid that meets the Requirements and criteria set forth in the IFB, based on the [total annual cost](#) on the [Official Bid Price Sheet](#) submitted by the Prospective Contractor.
- B. The State reserves the right to determine that received costs from any vendor are unreasonable (too high for the requirements of the subject solicitation) or unrealistic (too low to reflect the ability of the offeror to meet the requirements of the solicitation). When it is determined by the State that pricing is potentially unrealistic or unreasonable, the State may request an offeror to clarify elements of pricing, and the offeror may be removed from consideration for a solicitation, at the sole discretion of the State.
- C. If the State chooses, negotiations may be conducted with the lowest-bidding, responsive and responsible Prospective Contractor if:
  - 1. All bids received from responsive and responsible bidders exceed available funding; or
  - 2. It appears that additional savings to the state may result from negotiation.
- D. If negotiations fail to result in a contract, the State may negotiate with the next lowest-bidding, responsive and responsible Prospective Contractor.
  - 1. The negotiation process may be repeated until an acceptable lower bid price is negotiated, or until such time the State determines negotiations are no longer in the best interest of the state.
  - 2. Negotiations are conducted at the sole discretion of the State.
- E. Once the anticipated awardee has been determined, the anticipated award will be posted to [the Solicitation posting](#), generally for a period of fourteen (14) days prior to the issuance of a contract. The postings are anticipated awards only, subject to protest.
- F. A contract is not effective prior to final award being made by the State; some contracts may be subject to Legislative review prior to final award.

## **1.7 CLARIFICATION OF SOLICITATION**

- A. Submit questions regarding this Solicitation [via email to the Buyer on page one \(1\) of the IFB](#) by midnight, Central Time on or before 6/18/2026.
  - 1. For each question submitted, Prospective Contractor should reference the specific Solicitation item number to which the question refers, as applicable.
  - 2. Prospective Contractors' written questions will be consolidated and answered by the State as deemed appropriate. The State's consolidated written response is anticipated to be [posted to the Solicitation posting](#) by the close of business on 6/19/2026. If Prospective Contractor questions are unclear or non-substantive in nature, the State may request clarification of a question(s) or decline to answer.
- B. The Prospective Contractor should notify the Buyer of any term, condition, etc., that precludes the Prospective Contractor from submitting a Responsive Bid. Prospective Contractors should note that it

is the responsibility of the Prospective Contractor to seek resolution of all such issues, including those relating to the terms and conditions of the contract, prior to the submission of a bid.

- C. Prospective Contractors may contact the Buyer with non-substantive questions at any time prior to the bid opening.
- D. An oral statement by the Department will not be part of any contract resulting from this Solicitation and may not reasonably be relied on by any Prospective Contractor as an aid to interpretation unless it is reduced to writing and expressly adopted by the Department.

## 1.8 RESPONSE DOCUMENTS

- A. All bids **must** be submitted to the delivery address and by the submission deadline on page one (1) of the IFB.
- B. *Bid Response Packet*
  - 1. Prospective Contractors **shall** utilize the *Bid Response Packet* attached to the Solicitation to submit their bids.
  - 2. The following are bid submission Requirements and **must** be submitted as part of a Prospective Contractor's bid.
    - a. Signed *Bid Signature Page*; signature may be ink or digital.
    - b. Completed *Bid Response Packet*, which **must** be in English.
    - c. Completed *Official Bid Price Sheet in Bid Response Packet*
      - i. Pricing **must** be proposed in U.S. dollars and cents.
      - ii. Quantities stated are estimates only and are not guaranteed. Prospective Contractor **must** bid unit price on the estimated quantity and unit of measure specified.
        - The State may order more or less than the estimated quantity on term contracts, and the Contractor **shall** sell to the Department quantities ordered at no more than the bid price.
      - iii. If pricing documents do not allow for accurate pricing, Prospective Contractor should notify the Buyer at least seventy-two (72) hours before the bid opening time.
      - iv. Prices **must** be firm offers and adjustments may be negotiated at the time of contract renewal.
        - A request for a price increase **must** include supporting documentation demonstrating that the increase in contract price is based on an increased cost to the Contractor and that the proposed pricing is still competitive in the marketplace. The State has the right to approve or deny any request for a price adjustment.
      - v. Discount from list bids pricing is not acceptable unless requested elsewhere in the Solicitation.
      - vi. State and local sales taxes should not be included in the bid price. Trade discounts should be deducted from the unit price and the net price should be shown in the bid.
    - d. *Proposed Subcontractors Form* (see [SRV-1](#) section 14)
    - e. *Site Visit Verification form signed by ADPHT representative*
  - 3. The following items, which **must** be submitted prior to a contract award to the Prospective Contractor, may also be included with the Prospective Contractor's bid response:

- a. *EO 98-04 Contract & Grant Disclosure Form* (see [SRV-1](#) section 11)
- b. Copy of Prospective Contractor's *Equal Opportunity Policy*
  - i. Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-60-104, OSP requires a Prospective Contractor bidding on a state contract to submit a copy of the Prospective Contractor's *Equal Opportunity (EO) Policy*. Prospective Contractors not required by law to have an *EO Policy* **must** submit a written statement to that effect.
- 4. Prospective Contractors should not include any other documents or ancillary information, such as a cover letter or promotional marketing information.
- C. Prospective Contractors should not alter any language in Solicitation document(s) or *Official Bid Price Sheet* provided by the State.
- D. Prospective Contractors' bids cannot be altered or amended after the bid opening except as permitted by law or rule.
- E. As requested, Prospective Contractors **shall** provide clarification regarding Prospective Contractor's bid response.
- F. Prospective Contractors may submit multiple bids.

## SECTION 2 – SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

### 2.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Contractor **shall complete the Scope of Work as defined in Exhibit A.**

### 2.1 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- A. State law requires that contracts for services include Performance Standards for measuring the overall quality of services that a Contractor **shall** provide.
- B. The State may be open to negotiations of Performance Standards prior to contract award, prior to the commencement of services, or at times throughout the contract duration. [Table A: Performance Standards](#) identifies expected deliverables, performance measures, or outcomes; and defines the acceptable standards.
- C. Performance Standards **shall not** be amended unless they are agreed to in writing and signed by the parties.
- D. Failure to meet the minimum Performance Standards as specified will result in the assessment of damages.
- E. In the event a Performance Standards are not met, the Contractor will have the opportunity to defend or respond to the insufficiency. The State has the right to waive damages if it determines there were extenuating factors beyond the control of the Contractor that hindered the performance of services. In these instances, the State has final determination of the performance acceptability.
- F. Should any compensation be owed to the Department due to the assessment of damages, the Contractor **shall** follow the direction of the Department regarding the required compensation process.

## PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Criteria	Standard	Damages
Mowing, trimming, weed eating, blowing and removing all lawn clippings, leaves and debris.	Requirements are outlined in section 2.2 to be completed as needed.	Vendor is expected to determine when the service is needed based on their expertise unless specifically noted in 2.2. If Superintendent feels the need to request a service earlier or redo it, the vendor will complete the service within 5 days or agreed upon timeline. Contract termination possible for repeated violations .
Weed control in all walkways and along the split rail fence.	Requirements are outlined in section 2.2 to be completed as needed.	Vendor is expected to determine when the service is needed based on their expertise. If Superintendent feels the need to request a service earlier, the vendor will complete the service within 5 days or agreed upon timeline.
Mulch application to all landscape beds and maintain healthy appearance throughout year.	Requirements are outlined in section 2.2 to be completed as needed.	Vendor is expected to determine when the service is needed based on their expertise. If Superintendent feels the need to request a service earlier, the vendor will complete the service within 5 days or agreed upon timeline.

Safety	Zero OSHA, PPE, or state/local environmental violations attributable to Contractor.	Contract termination possible for repeated violations
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## SECTION 3 – SOLICITATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 3.1. ACCEPTANCE OF REQUIREMENTS

- A. A Prospective Contractor's past performance with the State may be used to determine if the Prospective Contractor is responsible (19-CAR § 1-401).
  - 1. Bids submitted by Prospective Contractors determined to be non-responsible will be rejected.
- B. A single Prospective Contractor **must** be identified as the prime contractor.
  - 1. The prime Contractor **shall** be responsible for the resulting contract and jointly and severally liable with any of its subcontractors, affiliates, or agents to the State for the performance thereof.
- C. By submitting a bid, the Prospective Contractor represents and warrants:
  - 1. That the prices in the bid have been arrived at independently, without any collusion with another competing Prospective Contractor.
    - a. Collusion violates Arkansas Procurement Law and can lead to suspension, debarment, and can be referred to the Attorney General's officer for investigation and appropriate legal action (Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-61-403 and 19-61-702).
  - 2. That the Prospective Contractor has not retained a person to solicit or secure the resulting contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the Prospective Contractor for the purpose of securing business.
- D. Qualifications, services, and commodities **must** meet or exceed the required Specifications as set forth in the Solicitation.

### 3.2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. The Contractor **must** be registered as a vendor to receive payment and may register online by visiting [ark.org/vendor/index](http://ark.org/vendor/index) and clicking the *Start Here* button.
- B. All payments to the Contractor under the resulting contract **shall** be made exclusively through ACH (Automated Clearing House) direct deposit.
  - 1. The Contractor **shall** provide the necessary banking information, including account number, routing number, and any other details required to facilitate ACH direct deposits.
  - 2. The Contractor **shall** be responsible for ensuring that the provided banking information is accurate and up to date. Any delays or errors in payment caused by incorrect or outdated information provided by the Contractor **shall not** be the responsibility of the Department.
  - 3. The Department will process payments according to the agreed payment schedule, and all payments made via ACH direct deposit **shall be** considered as duly received upon successful transmission to the Contractor's designated bank account.
- C. Pursuant to Arkansas State Procurement Law, the Contractor **shall** certify that, unless they offer to provide the goods or services for at least twenty percent (20%) less than the lowest certifying Prospective Contractor:
  - 1. They are not engaged in and **shall not**, during the aggregate term of the resulting contract, engage in a boycott of Israel (Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-1-503),
  - 2. They are not engaged in and **shall not**, during the aggregate term of the resulting contract, engage in a boycott of an Energy, Fossil Fuel, Firearms, or Ammunition Industry (Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-1-1102).



- D. Pursuant to Arkansas Procurement Law, the Contractor **shall** certify that the Contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with illegal immigrants and that the Contractor **shall not** knowingly employ or contract with illegal immigrants during the aggregate term of any contract with the State or any of its departments, institutions, or political subdivisions (Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-60-105).
- E. The Contractor **shall** invoice the State as required by the Department and should not invoice the State in advance of delivery and acceptance of any commodities or services (Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-4-1206).
  - 1. The Contractor should invoice the agency by an itemized list of charges. The Department's purchase order number and/or the contract number should be referenced on each invoice.
  - 2. Payment will be made in accordance with applicable State of Arkansas accounting procedures upon acceptance of commodities and services by the Department.
  - 3. Payment will be made only after the Contractor has successfully satisfied the Department as to the reliability and effectiveness of the commodities or services purchased as a whole.
- F. The Contractor should be able to accept the State's authorized VISA Procurement Card (p-card) as a method of payment. Price changes or additional fee(s) **must not** be levied against the State when accepting the p-card as a form of payment.
- G. The Prospective Contractor **shall** certify that they are not a company owned in whole or with a majority ownership by the government of the People's Republic of China (a "Scrutinized Company") and that they do not and **shall not** during the aggregate term of the resulting contract employ a Scrutinized Company as a contractor (Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-1-1203).
- H. This IFB incorporates all terms of the *Services Contract (SRV-1) Fillable Form*
  - 1. The contract template is attached to the Solicitation as a sample for your information only.
  - 2. A Prospective Contractor's bid may be rejected if a Prospective Contractor takes exception to any terms, conditions, or Requirements in this IFB.
- I. The Prospective Contractor agrees and **shall** adhere to all terms, conditions, and Requirements if selected as the Contractor.
  - 1. Items may only be modified if the legal requirement is satisfied and approved by the State during negotiations.
- J. Pursuant to Arkansas State Procurement Law, the Contractor **shall** in all other respects comply with the laws, rules, and executive orders of the state that apply to the Contractor's performance under a resulting contract.

### 3.3. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

- A. The release of public records is governed by the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-19-101 et. seq.).
- B. Submission documents pertaining to the Solicitation become the property of the State and may be subject to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- C. In accordance with FOIA, and to promote maximum competition in the State competitive sealed bidding, the State may maintain the confidentiality of certain types of information described in FOIA. Such information may include trade secrets and other information exempted from public disclosure pursuant to FOIA.
- D. Under no circumstances will pricing information submitted in response to an invitation for sealed bids be designated as confidential after the sealed bids have been opened.
- E. Consistent with and to the extent permitted under FOIA, any Prospective Contractor may designate appropriate portions of a bid as confidential by submitting a redacted copy of the bid. By so redacting

any information contained in the bid, the Prospective Contractor warrants that, after having received such necessary or proper review by counsel or other knowledgeable advisors, it has formed a good faith opinion that the portions redacted are not considered public records under FOIA.

- F. If a Prospective Contractor deems part of the information contained in a response not to be a public record, the Prospective Contractor should submit one (1) complete copy of the submission documents from which any proprietary or confidential information has been redacted in their bid response. Except for the redacted information, the redacted copy **must** be identical to the original copy, reflecting the same pagination as the original and showing the space from which information was redacted.
- G. The Prospective Contractor is responsible for identifying all proprietary information and for ensuring the electronic copy is protected against restoration of redacted data.
- H. The redacted copy will be open to public inspection under the FOIA without further notice to the Prospective Contractor. If the State deems redacted information to be subject to a public record request under FOIA, the State will endeavor to notify the Prospective Contractor prior to release of the redacted record.
- I. The State has no liability to a Prospective Contractor with respect to the disclosure of Prospective Contractor's confidential or proprietary information ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to FOIA or other applicable law.

## **Exhibit A**

### **General Scope of Work Landscaping and Ground Maintenance**

#### **Arkansas Post Museum State Park**

- 1. Vendor shall furnish all labor, tools, specialized equipment, material, supplies, supervision and transportation and incidentals necessary to perform landscape maintenance services as specifically outlined in this section. Services should be performed in a professional manner consistent with accepted commercial landscaping practices.
- 2. The vendor must visit Arkansas Post Museum State Park a minimum of at least (1) time per week. The vendor is required to provide via email the dates they visited and the work that was completed to the park superintendent or designee.
- 3. The vendor will provide complete lawn maintenance services that include at a minimum:
  - Mowing all lawn areas on a weekly basis during growing season to maintain a neat appearance; in non-growing seasons monitoring lawn and perform mowing as needed. Goal is to maintain healthy mowing heights and promote growth creating a neat appearance.
  - Trimming and weed eating around landscape beds, trees, signs, structures, sidewalks, curbs and other items.
  - Blowing and removing lawn clippings, leaves, debris from walkways, and parking areas.
  - Repair any rutting or lawn damage caused by vendor equipment
  - Remove and dispose of offsite all litter and any fallen limbs, leaves or vegetation.

4. The vendor will maintain all landscaped beds, shrubs and ornamental plantings that include at a minimum:
  - Remove dead and damaged branches and plant material
  - Apply mulch to all landscape beds every spring and maintain a healthy depth and appearance throughout the year by refreshing or redistributing mulch as needed. The goal is a fresh and appealing appearance
  - Landscaped beds will continue to be defined and have clean edges
  - Report any shrubs or plant concerns in weekly report to superintendent
5. The vendor will pull up or apply herbicide to control weeds on walkways and fences. This will include at minimum:
  - Using herbicide or pulling weeds in sidewalks, brick walkways, wooden walkways, and gravel path by the dog trot cabin.
  - Herbicide will also be used to control weeds and grass along the Split-Rail Fence at the dog trot cabin to remove the need to weed eat which damages the base of the fence.
6. If the above work does not occur this contract can be cancelled.