

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**IOWA CONFLUENCE WATER TRAILS**  
**RACCOON RIVER IMPROVEMENTS AT FLEUR DRIVE – GATE EQUIPMENT**

Notice is hereby given that ***Iowa Confluence Water Trails (ICON)***, hereinafter called the “Jurisdiction”, “Owner”, “Purchaser”, or “Contracting Authority”, is requesting proposals from qualified contractors for the ***Raccoon River Improvements at Fleur Drive – Gate Equipment***.

General Nature of Proposed Improvement

For the design, fabrication, delivery, and installation supervision of three 25’ long by 5’ high gates, along with control systems, and appurtenances necessary to maintain an upstream pool elevation and control the water profile in the waterway.

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 10, 2025**, 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

Electronic proposals will be opened, and bids tabulated, at **2:00 P.M. on March 10, 2025**. 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 27, 2025**.

***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right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Commencement of Work

Work on the improvements shall 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 written notification to Iowa Confluence Water Trails from the City of Des Moines that it has completed a federally required environmental review or that it has determined that the purchase is exempt from federal environmental review. The Notice to Proceed is expected to occur **July 1, 2025**.

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 ***“Raccoon River Improvements at Fleur Drive – Gate Equipment.”*** 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.

## Iowa Preference

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.

## 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

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the wage rate requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, codified at 40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5; and the Build America, Buy America requirements as specified in the Iowa DOT Standard Specifications, Section 1107.06 and Materials I.M. 107.

## Completion of Work

The Gate Equipment Contractor shall coordinate with the In-River Contractor (to be selected under a separate proposal in June 2025) to establish a mutually agreed-upon delivery date for the gate equipment. The date for delivery shall be no earlier than November 20, 2025. If the Gate Equipment Contractor fails to deliver the equipment by the agreed-upon date, liquidated damages in the amount of ***\$1,000*** per calendar day will be assessed for delays beyond the designated contract term.