

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by SKAGIT COUNTY that sealed bids will be received and publicly opened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 on **Monday, December 4, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. Attendance is in person in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon with the option to attend remote by computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://bit.ly/SkagitBoCCMtg> or by telephone: 1 (253) 215-8782; Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980 Passcode: 143573.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Guemes Island Electric Ferry Project #ESMVGUE-1 Funded through Move Ahead Washington - Capital Projects

This Contract provides for the construction and delivery of a 28-car double-ended ROPAX Subchapter-T ferry for service between Anacortes and Guemes Island in Skagit County, WA.

The ferry has a steel hull and aluminum superstructure. The propulsion plant consists of two azimuthing thrusters, electrically driven by a battery-electric system charged from shore. Batteries are sized for round-trip operation; shore charging occurs in Anacortes only.

The time limit for physical completion of work: The vessel shall be physically complete by March 31, 2026, or Contractor Specified Date, whichever date occurs first.

Note: It is anticipated the Notice to Proceed will be issued to the Contractor approximately three-months from the Bid Opening date.

The Engineer's Estimate Range is \$19,500,000 - \$22,200,000

The Contractor is alerted that this is a State funded project. The Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) mandatory goal is Zero (0%) for this project. Certification is not required, but the contractor agrees to take all necessary and responsible steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that DBE have an opportunity to participate in the performance of this project.

Contractors are alerted and notified that this project is bid and shall be contracted and managed in accordance with Washington state laws, rules, and regulations. Washington state law shall govern and apply to this project (regardless of the physical location[s] of the Contractor, the physical location[s] of Contractor's subcontractor[s], the physical location of the Contractor's shipyard[s], and/or state of incorporation for Contractor).

Information, copies of maps, plans, specifications, and addenda for this project will be available on-line beginning **September 14, 2023**, at <http://www.skagitcounty.net/rfp> or obtained at Skagit County Public Works Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington: (360) 416-1400. Contractors who download plans and specifications are advised to e-mail kelleym@co.skagit.wa.us to be added to the plan holders list to receive any addenda that may be issued.

The first round of technical questions regarding this project are to be submitted **no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023**, in writing to Jacob Gerlach, Marine Engineer, Glosten at jmgerlach@glosten.com with a cc: to Kelley Marriott, Contract Administrator, kelleym@co.skagit.wa.us with the subject line reading, "**Guemes Island Electric Ferry Project ESMVGUE-1**". All project specific questions and response to answers for this project will be available on-line as received. **The Addenda resulting from the first round will be posted on-line for this Project by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023.**

The second round of technical questions regarding this project are to be submitted **no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, November 2, 2023**, in writing to Jacob Gerlach, Marine Engineer, Glosten at jmgerlach@glosten.com with a cc: to Kelley Marriott, Contract Administrator, kelleym@co.skagit.wa.us with the subject line reading, "**Guemes Island Electric Ferry Project ESMVGUE-1**". All project specific questions and response to answers for this project will be available on-line as received. **The Addenda resulting from the second round will be posted on-line for this Project by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023.** If further Addenda are required to be issued, the bid opening will be postponed.

All bid envelopes must be plainly marked on the outside, "**Guemes Island Electric Ferry Project ESMVGUE-1**". Sealed bids shall be received by one of the following delivery methods before **Monday, December 4, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m.** Proposals are to be submitted on the forms provided in the Bid Proposal Packet. Incomplete proposals and proposals received after the time fixed for the opening cannot be considered. Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, electronic or faxed proposals will not be accepted. All bidding shall be based upon compliance with the Contract Provisions and Plans.

1. **Hand delivered:** Bids delivered in person shall be received only at the office of the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Reception Desk, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5625.
2. **Via mail:** Bids shall be mailed to the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5625.

BID GUARANTY: No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a surety company bid bond, or a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of Skagit County for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. A Contract Bond covering performance and payment will be required with the contract. Washington State Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this contract and bidders are advised to consider this charge when tabulating bids if applicable.


Skagit County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid or in any bidding and to further award the Project to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder whose bid complies with all the prescribed formalities, as it best serves the interest of Skagit County. After the date and hour set for the opening of bids, no bidder may withdraw its bid unless the award of the contract is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) calendar days following bid opening. All bidders agree to be bound by their bids until the expiration of this stated time period.

Skagit County, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair 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.

For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, you may contact the Public Works Department's Title VI Coordinator, Michael See, at (360) 416-1400.

The Board of Skagit County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this 12
day of September, 2023.



Clerk of the Board

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