

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received and publicly opened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the hour of 11:45 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. Attendance will be in-person or remote by computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09> or by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980.

PROJECT TITLE: Temporary Passenger-Only Ferry Service between Anacortes and Guemes Island, WA

Skagit County is interested in obtaining bids for temporary passenger-only ferry service between Anacortes and Guemes Island, Washington. Temporary passenger-only service needs include, but may not be limited to, annual maintenance and dry-docking periods of the "M/V Guemes" or emergency situations due to mechanical failure of the ferry.

Skagit County is requesting bids from qualified vessel Contractors/Owners for a passenger-only vessel, and a United States Coast Guard licensed Operator, for shuttle service between Anacortes and Guemes Island, Washington. A qualifying vessel will be U.S. Coast Guard inspected and approved for operations as an "Operated Boat Charter". In addition, a qualifying vessel will be able to utilize Skagit County's existing dock facilities without modifications to such.

Skagit County estimates the value of the contract shall not exceed \$350,000.00. The estimate is based on past experience, and the actual value of the contract may vary. Skagit County will not guarantee the Contractor/Owner any amount of work for this contract period.

Bid documents, specifications and addenda for this project may be obtained beginning **January 30, 2025**, from the office of the Skagit County Public Works Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273-5625. You may receive the bid information electronically; copies are available at: <http://www.skagitcounty.net/rfp>.

All questions or correspondence relating to this contract shall be in writing and submitted **no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025** to Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager, or by e-mail to rrowe@co.skagit.wa.us with the subject line reading, "Temporary Passenger-Only Ferry Service". **All addendum will be posted online for this project by 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2025.**

All bid envelopes must be clearly marked on the outside, "**Sealed Bid, Temporary Passenger-Only Ferry Service between Anacortes and Guemes Island, WA**". Sealed bids shall be received by one of the following delivery methods no later than **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**, at the hour of **11:45 a.m.**

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.
2. **Via mail:** Bids shall be mailed to the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Proposals are to be submitted on the forms provided in the bid proposal packet. Incomplete proposals and proposals received after the time fixed for opening cannot be considered. Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, electronic or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

INSURANCE

Commercial General Liability Insurance, Business Automobile Liability Insurance, Industrial Insurance (Worker's Compensation) and USL&H (a/k/a "Longshore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act/Jones Act") are a requirement of this project. The Contractor/Owner will be responsible for their own hull and machinery insurance, and will be required to obtain and maintain Protection & Indemnity and General Comprehensive Liability insurance in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The Contractor/Owner must name Skagit County as additional insured on all insurance policies and shall provide Skagit County with a Certificate of Insurance at time of contract execution.

BID GUARANTY

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total estimated contract amount of \$350,000.

WITHDRAWAL OF BID

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 the bid opening. All bidders agree to be bound by their bids until the expiration of this stated time period.

TITLE VI

Persons with disabilities may request this information be prepared and supplied in alternate forms by calling Brenda Olson at (360) 416-1400 or email her at brendao@co.skagit.wa.us.

The Skagit County, in accordance with the provisions of 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 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.

NOTICE GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this

27 day of January, 2025.



Clerk of the Board

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