



## **Request for Bids**

# **Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services Walking Path Installation and Danger Tree Removal**

**Wahkiakum County HHS  
42 Elochoman Valley Road**

**PO Box 696  
Cathlamet, WA 98612**



## **Overview**

Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking bids to install a walking path in an underdeveloped area of the campus located at 42 Elochoman Valley Road. This will include approximately 800' of four-foot-wide compacted 5/8 minus or smaller gravel walking paths; these paths shall be easily maintainable and free of tripping hazards. This bid shall also include the removal and cleanup of seven dangerous trees by or near buildings and over proposed walking path, one hemlock tree which threatens existing and future buildings, and cleanup of one large, downed maple tree. If during the path construction, there are plants discovered that are toxic these shall be removed. One possible path is shown on the included plan; contractors are encouraged to submit more detailed drawings especially pathways that offer crossing trails to allow for user novelty in their route. Work must be performed with proper mechanical equipment to minimize ground disturbance and protect surrounding woodlands/wetlands or with hand tools. Parts of this path will be through identified wetlands, this will limit the use of machinery. Work and Invoicing should be concluded by June 15th, 2023.

## **Proposal Content and Submittal Requirements**

### **Must be included in all bids:**

1. Warranty information for all work and materials.
2. Pricing for all materials and labor.
3. Relevant taxes.
4. Any required permits and the permit fees are the responsibility of the bidder.
5. Include any additional relevant information regarding your bid and qualifications to meet this request. Specifically, if any mechanical tools are to be used, the bid must include attestations that this equipment is suitable to use in sensitive areas.

## **Project**



The Elochoman Campus is home to most of the client facing services of the Department. Mental health and substance use therapeutic services are performed at this campus as well as a limited health clinic. This is also the location of the County's bus service, Wahkiakum on the Move. The installation of the walking path is intended to improve the retention and recruitment of the Department by providing a safe comfortable way for employees to de-stress on their breaks. Daily exercise has been shown repeatedly to improve the body's response to stress and increase overall wellness.

The path may cross areas that are soft or wet; in these areas the path may be elevated with a wooden structure which raises the path above grade the minimum amount to cross the wet area. Small footings may be built at either end to support this structure.

The path's route will be defined by a barrier of permeable cloth similar to weedblock and this shall be covered in gravel. The gravel shall be compacted using acceptable means. It is accepted that this gravel will not have raised edging and that gravel may sluff off and need replacement with regularity.

At no point shall powered equipment be allowed to enter sensitive areas beyond the path. Tree falling shall utilize power tools and these may be left down or removed without the use of large heavy equipment. In places where downed trees would interfere with the path route the tree may be cut and limbed and the brush cleared to allow safe walking passage.

The site shall be left in an attractive state without large visible slash piles and attractive nuisance locations.

**The deadline for submission of sealed bid responses is Monday, April 10th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. PST.** Mailed bids must be postmarked *before* April 10. Mail to Wahkiakum County HHS, PO Box 696, Cathlamet, WA 98612 or sealed bids must be hand delivered to 42 Elochoman Valley Road, Cathlamet, WA at the Health Department. All responses must be addressed to the attention of Chris Bischoff, HHS Director.

The sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the commissioners on April 11th around 9:45 am.

Questions regarding the bid should be directed to Chris Bischoff, Director at 360-795-6207 or by email at [bischoffc@co.wahkiakum.wa.us](mailto:bischoffc@co.wahkiakum.wa.us).



Submittals that are not received on or before the specified deadline will not be accepted (no exceptions). The County reserves the right to request follow-up information or clarification from vendors in consideration.

Wahkiakum County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bidding, and to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. All bids submitted shall include date of delivery.

Material differences in time of delivery may be considered by the County in determining the lowest and best bid.

We suggest for the bidders to schedule a time to meet and take an accurate account of the project for bidding purposes.

Each response to this RFB shall be done at the sole cost and expense of each proposing vendor and with the express understanding that no claims against the County for reimbursement will be accepted.

- A - STORM DRAIN
  - W - WATER LINE
  - C - CULVERT
  - 1 - GYM BUILDING
  - 2 - QUIET/MEDITATION ROOM
  - 3 - Deck
  - W - Walking path
  - E - Pod Orientation course
- S YARD HYDRANT  
1P 120V Power

