

# Request For Proposals (RFP)

POSTED DATE: February 1, 2022

DEADLINE: February 22, 2022, 2:00 pm



## Noxious Weed Spraying for Railroad Right-of-Way

### Project Introduction

Barton County is accepting bids for noxious weed spraying for the K&O railroad right-of-way in Barton County.

### Project Requirements

Spraying for noxious weed includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Bindweed
- Musk Thistle
- Johnson Grass
- Bur Ragweed
- Sericea Lespedeza
- Leafy Spurge
- Canada Thistle

Barton County will supply the chemical. Spraying for noxious weed will be for the K&O Railroad right-of-way in Barton County. The successful bidder must be licensed, insured, and accepts all liabilities regarding the contractual work. Application of chemical is to be completed between April and September 2022. The Barton County Noxious Weed Department must approve the herbicide application rate.

### Project Inquiries

Questions concerning this Request for Proposal may be addressed to:

Darren Williams  
County Works Director  
2300 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
620-793-1936  
dwilliams@bartoncounty.org

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## Submission Procedures

There are two submission options for formal procurement methods.

- 1) *Vendors may receive electronic notifications and submit bids/proposals electronically through Vendor Registry, a link found under the Procurement tab at [www.bartoncounty.org](http://www.bartoncounty.org).*
- OR*
- 2) *Bids/proposals may also be submitted via mail or courier in a sealed envelope, with the exterior marked with the Bid Number/Description, to the Barton County Clerk, 1400 Main Street, Room 202, Great Bend, KS 67530.*

Barton County will not consider any bids/proposals not prepared and not submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids/proposals. Any bids/proposals may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bids/proposals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Bids/proposals submitted after the closing date and time will be returned unopened. Bids/proposals may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

## Opening and Tabulation

Bids/proposals will not be opened until after the published deadline and at the time and place prescribed in the invitation. The bids/proposals must be opened publicly. Electronic bid/proposal submission software does not permit the opening prior to the published deadlines. Mailed bids/proposals will be received and date/time stamped in the County Clerk's office.

Following the deadline, bids/proposals may be opened by the initiating Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator, or Department Head, and anyone may attend.

The County Administrator or requesting Department Head will furnish tabulation sheets to the County Commissioners. Tabulation sheets will vary depending on the type of expenditure and may include such as information about delivery, installation, project timeline, product features, warranties, etc.

## Awarding Bids/Proposals

Barton County reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and award in the County's best interests. Barton County will award bids/proposals only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. In addition, consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, a record of past performance, delivery, warranty, integration, and financial and technical resources.

Bid results are available by a written request. Please send requests to the Freedom of Information Officer (FIO).

Barton County cannot enter into contracts with vendors that have been suspended or debarred from participating in contracts supported with federal funds. For contracts over \$25,000 supported with federal funds, Barton County will verify that a vendor/contractor is not excluded or disqualified by either:

- Checking SAM ([www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov));
- Collecting a certification from that contractor; or
- Adding a clause or condition to the cover transaction with that contractor.

## False or Misleading Statements

In the opinion of Barton County, if a vendor's bid/proposal contains false or misleading statements or references which do not support the function, attribute, capability, or condition of their company and the products and services outlined in their bid/proposal, their bid/proposal shall be rejected.

## Conflicts of Interest

Barton County Commissioners, the County Administrator, Department Heads, and vendors shall list any current or potential clients or projects which may be (or cause) a conflict of interest in working for Barton County and describe the possible extent of the conflict.

## Modification of Bids/Proposals

Modifications to bids/proposals already submitted will be allowed if submitted following the submission procedures before the deadline.