NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING

for

Dickinson County Nature Center Outdoor Learning Environment Project

Public notice is hereby given that the Dickinson County Conservation Board, in Dickinson County, Iowa, will meet on December 9th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at which time and place a public hearing will be held in the Board Room in the Dickinson County Nature Center located at 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, Iowa 51355 on the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Dickinson County Nature Center Outdoor Learning Environment Project for said Board. Sealed proposals will be received by the Conservation Board Executive Director for the Dickinson County Nature Center Outdoor Learning Environment Project before 2:00 P.M. on December 3rd, 2026, at the Dickinson County Nature Center, located at 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, Iowa 51355; at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Proposals will be acted on by the Dickinson County Conservation Board at the aforementioned public hearing or at such later time and place as may then be fixed.

Work to Be Done: Work generally consists of:

Construction of new playground, including associated site work, playground equipment, landscaping features, plantings, landscaping and seeding. Consisting of, but not limited to:

- Grading,
- Excavation,
- Underground Utilities,
- Underground Storm Sewer retention
- Playground Equipment
- Landscaping
- Temporary Traffic Control

See plans and specifications for additional information

Proposals: All proposals shall be made on official proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall contain worded and figured prices for the work bid on. All proposals shall be plainly legible, sealed, and addressed to the Dickinson County Conservation Board, Attn: Lee Sorensen, Executive Director, 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355. Bidder shall submit a Bidder Status Form with their bid. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed unresponsive and rejected. Bid security shall be provided in the form of a cashier's check or certified check drawn on a state chartered or federally chartered bank, or a certified share draft drawn on a state chartered or federally chartered credit union, or a bid bond of a reputable bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Iowa in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. The bid security shall be included in a separate sealed envelope, plainly marked "bid bond". The bid security shall be forfeited as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails proper execution of the contract documents. Materials and Product substitutions shall be submitted to the project engineer no later than 12 days prior to bid letting for pre bid approval. Approved substitutions will be issued as addenda to the bidding documents prior to bid. No substitutions shall be allowed after the bid.

The bid security of the lowest two or more bidders may be held for the earlier of 7 days after the effective date of the agreement or 61 days after the bid opening, whereupon Bid Security furnished by such bidders will be returned. Other bid security will be returned after the tabulation of bids is completed.

Performance and Payment Bonds: The successful bidder must execute performance and payment bonds, each in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) percent of the contract amount to ensure a timely, efficient, and complete performance. The bonds shall be issued from a reputable bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Iowa.

Liquidated Damages: Liquidated damages will be assessed the contractor in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per working day that the work remains uncompleted after the end of the contract period with due allowances for extensions due to conditions beyond the control of the contractor.

Withdrawal of Bids: No submitted bids may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days from the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

Payment: The Contractor will be paid monthly in an amount equal to ninety-seven percent (97%) of the Work completed during the previous month according to the Engineer's estimate. The final payment will be made not less than thirty (30) days after completion of the Work and acceptance by the Board. No final payment will be due until the Contractor has certified that the materials, labor, and services have been paid for in accordance with the Project Manual.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents at no charge by inputting Quest project #10373795 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, Beck Engineering Inc., 3301 Zenith Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360. A refundable deposit of $100.00 is required for the documents. Deposit will be returned if plans and project manual are returned in good condition within 14 days after award of the project.

Acceptance or Rejection of Bids: The right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive informalities is reserved.

Time Frame: The work shall be completed as follows:

Work shall be substantially completed within 50 working days once commenced.
All work regardless of working days shall be completed by June 25th, 2027.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa

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.

The award of the contract will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Dickinson County Conservation Board

By: /s/ Lee Sorensen .
Executive Director

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Douglas Nielsen .
Chair