

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR TENDERS
INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE FOR THE ARANSAS PATHWAYS PROJECT
BID DUE DATE - NOVEMBER 7, 2013

The County of Aransas, Texas is seeking bids for signs which will be installed inside and outside an information pavilion which will be erected along the south side of Tule Creek and to the west of Highway 35 North in Rockport, Texas. These signs are to showcase the County's Aransas Pathways Project which has been established to develop amenities within the county. The Project will take advantage of the County's natural habitat and include amenities supporting bird watching, kayaking, hiking, biking and enjoyment of historic sites and the vibrant history of the community. The pavilion is intended as the centerpiece of the Project and the signs are intended to provide visitors with information about the amenities and activities which will grab their interest and encourage multi-night stays in the hotels and other accommodations within the City of Rockport, the town of Fulton and the County.

Technical committees have been established which support each of the areas of interest, i.e., birding, hiking and biking trails, kayaking and history. Each of these committees has been given the responsibility for developing information which will support the signage effort for their area of interest. The signs are to be two color signs for stand-alone text and full color where photographs or other art work is to be used. The signs will be 24" by 36" and will be constructed of materials which are weather and graffiti resistant. While the signs will be mounted under roof the pavilion is not enclosed and so the signs will be exposed to all season weather conditions.

SCOPE OF WORK

Phase 1.

1. Meet with each of the technical committees to review the information recommended by each committee.
2. Develop conceptual signs based on the Committee's input.
3. Develop a story board which illustrates the entire project and mockups of individual signs for review by the technical committees and project management.
4. Recommend materials of construction consistent with the environment and intended use.
5. Useful life of each sign to be furnished should be at least 15 years from installation.
6. Approximately 12-24 signs may be required.

Phase 2.

When invited, submit bids for the completion and production of the signs developed in accordance with the criteria in Phase 1.

Instructions to bidders:

Bidders should respond with pricing for Phase I in response to this request for tender. All responses should be mailed or otherwise delivered to: **Aransas County Auditor' Office, 301 North Live Oak Street, Rockport, Texas 78382.**

Tenders will be opened publicly at 2:00 P.M. CDT on November 7, 2013, in the County Auditor's Office. Any response received after the deadline will be returned un-opened.

Questions or concerns regarding this Request for Tenders should be directed to Tom Callan at (361) 729-7077 or Sandy Jumper at (361) 729-6455.

In Phase 2 the project will select one or more companies to submit bids for the signs as conceived under Phase 1.

Additional information about the Aransas Pathways Project may be found at aransaspathways.com.