



Request for Statement of Interest

Date: August 30, 2021

To: Interested Consultant

Subject: Fort Sisseton Master Plan
Fort Sisseton Historic State Park
Lake City, South Dakota

The Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is soliciting Statements of Interest from firms interested in providing master planning services for the project referenced.

Named after the nearby Sisseton Indian Tribe, this historic fort is now a picturesque state park that unfolds the area's past. Fourteen of the original buildings are still standing. The buildings include the oldest residence in the state of South Dakota, the officers' quarters, stone barracks, powder magazine, guard house, and other buildings. This 1864 fort, atop the Coteau des Prairies (or hills of the prairies), was originally a frontier army outpost called Fort Wadsworth. The site was chosen because it provided a strong natural defense, an ample supply of lime and clay for making bricks, an abundance of lake water for drinking and a thick stand of trees for timber and fuel.

Fort Sisseton Historic State Park is vital to South Dakota's history. There are three major components of the park. The Fort Proper includes eleven original buildings which houses a visitor's center, offices, museum displays, classroom, and artifact rooms. The grounds are also the site of the military parade grounds, wedding site and the Andrew Fisk trail. Outside of the Fort Proper includes three original buildings, historical cemetery, picnic shelter and historical building foundations. The third component of the park is the campground, walking trails and boat ramp. The campground includes ten electrical sites, four non-electric site, two full hookups and four cabins. The boat ramp allows access during all seasons onto Kettle Lake.

Fort Sisseton Historic State Park is the host site for the Northern Fort Playhouse, weddings, school tours, bus tours, Boy Scout Jamboree, and the annual Fort Sisseton Historical Festival.

Scope of Work:

- The scope will include the development of a master plan to serve as a blueprint for the future expansion of Fort Sisseton Historic State Park while tying it to South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks mission and goals.

The plan should include, but not limited to:

- Identify infrastructure development, planning, acquisition, and sustainability such as but not limited to restoration and preservation of current historical buildings, exhibition renderings, a new Visitor Center and Campground Development
- Long term investment plan including but not limited to sustainable funding, events, and marketing.
- Public elements including but not limited to public input and interest
- Prioritization the overall needs of Fort Sisseton Historic State Park

The Master Plan must be able to identify organizational needs for anywhere from one to twenty years into the future and must allow for regular updates to the plan as it will be imperative to evaluate development or infrastructure needs as Fort Sisseton Historic State Park evolves.



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Firms wishing to be considered for providing Inspection/Administration Services for this project should send a Statement of Interest that outlines their qualifications and experience relative to this project. Statements of Interest must include at a minimum:

- Specialized expertise, capabilities, and experience as demonstrated by the teams' capabilities, and the proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements. (30%)
- Resources available to perform the work, including any specialized services, within the specified time limits for the project. Include resumes of all personnel, including all sub-consultants who will be assigned to this project. (30%)
- Record of past performance, including price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and contract administration. (10%)
- Availability to project locale. (5%)
- Ability and proven history in handling special project constraints. (15%)
- Proposed project management techniques. (5%)
- Familiarity with project locale. (5%)

The intention is for the selection to be made by the technical review committee, based upon the contents of the Statements of Interest received, though an interview process may be utilized for the final selection of the consultant.

The committee respectfully requests that statements of interest be limited to 25 pages or less. This is not a requirement, merely a request.

Copies of the Statement of Interest must be submitted by 5:00 PM CT on September 21, 2021. Please send an electronic copy (media, FTP Site, or e-mail attachment) to:

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Those firms that desire additional information specific to the project may contact Ali Tonsfeldt at 605-448-5474 or email alicia.tonsfeldt@state.sd.us

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Ali Jo Tonsfeldt (Sep 1, 2021 10:54 CDT)

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