

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CAVALIER COUNTY CERP-1006(080) PCN 24083

Cavalier County will engage the services of a prequalified engineering firm to perform Construction Engineering on the following project in Cavalier County scheduled to be completed in 2026.

The project is located along Cavalier County Road 55 starting approximately 3.3 miles east of the intersection of Cavalier County Road 39 and going east approximately 2.2 miles to the Walhalla Country Club.

Key project elements include grading, drainage improvements, aggregate surfacing, erosion control and incidents.

Work to be performed by Consultant includes:

Construction Services: Perform Project Management, Project Administration, Construction Observation, Con-

struction Survey, Materials Testing, and Final Record Keeping. The work will need to follow NDDOT standards and procedures. Additional services, if required, may be negotiated and supplemental agreements issued based on the consultant's performance, the consultant's proposal and available funding.

Firms are invited to submit a proposal for the project listed above. The Proposals shall provide the following information:

- Past Performance
- Ability of professional personnel
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons and/or firms
- Related experience on similar projects
- Recent and current work for the County
- Project understanding, issues, & ap-

proach

The proposal pages shall be numbered and must be limited to 10 pages in length. Proposals that exceed the 10 page length requirement will not be considered. The cover letter will not be counted as one of the 10 pages. The proposal should list the personnel who will be assigned to work on the project, including titles, education, and work experience. Cavalier County will only consider proposals received prior to 10:00 AM, May 13, 2026. Late proposals will be deemed unresponsive.

The consultant's proposal may include an appendix. Resumes, references, a statement of qualifications and other materials outlining experience may be included in an appendix. The appendix will not be considered as a part of the 10 page proposal. Each proposal will be evaluated by a selection committee.

Cavalier County will conduct interviews. The County plans to interview up to three (3) of the most qualified engineering firms based on whose proposals most clearly meet the RFP requirements. Interviews will take place on a date to be determined by the County. Firms not selected to be interviewed will be notified in writing.

Fees shall be negotiated with the successful firm. If the fee cannot be agreed upon, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations, and then negotiate with the second and third ranked firms in order, if necessary, until a satisfactory contract has been negotiated.

All costs associated with the proposal shall be borne by the proposer. The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to not award contracts for any and/or all projects.

Engineering firms interested in performing the work shall submit six (6)

hard bound copies and an electronic pdf file of their proposal to:

Cavalier County Road Supervisor
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Cont'd. From Page A1 49ers Shrine Club carries on tradition of giving, community support

"The quality of care is great; the specialists are top notch."

Beyond fundraising, the 49ers Club also supports the broader mission of the Shriners, including events like the annual Shrine Circus. While the circus operates separately, local businesses often purchase tickets so area school-children can attend.

Gustafson said the organization's ultimate goal is simple: to continue helping those in need.

"We donate upwards of \$30,000 a year from our local unit," he said. "We'd like to continue and grow that." For members of the 49ers Club, the mission remains rooted in service made possible by strong community support and a shared commitment to helping others.

Cont'd. From Page A1 Cavalier County prepares for June 9 primary election with new vote-by-mail rules

and completed ballots.

Gellner encourages voters to take their time reviewing ballots and discuss options before submitting votes.

"Absentee ballots allow you to take all the time you need at the kitchen table and do your research," Gellner said.

Primary election rules

The June 9 election will include the Langdon City election as well as the primary for county and state offices. Voters are reminded that primary ballots require party-specific voting for offices such as Secretary of State and U.S. Senate and House positions. Votes crossing party lines in these sections will be invalid. General election ballots allow voters to mix party selections.

Following the June 9 election, Langdon City offices - including commission president, commissioners, and park board - will be determined. County and state office candidates will advance to the November general election for final results.



Cont'd. From Page A1 Donate Life Month: Langdon woman shares kidney transplant journey

paths.

Recovery has gone smoothly so far. Kruk said she was able to stand and walk the same day as surgery and was discharged just days later. She is currently staying near her care team while doctors monitor her progress and adjust medications.

"I wanted to get up and moving right away, and I think that made a huge difference," she said.

Though she will take immunosuppressant medications for life and must be cautious about illness, Kruk said the improvement has already been noticeable.

"I can breathe easier... and that's something I don't take for granted anymore."

Throughout her journey, Kruk credits her support system, especially her husband, along with family, friends and the local community.

"This experience shows you how much love you really have around you."

During Donate Life Month, Kruk hopes her story encourages others to

learn more about organ donation.

"Deceased donation and live donation are possible," she said. "You can be an organ donor easily when you pass away by indicating that on your driver's license."

Looking ahead, Kruk is focused on the simple things.

"I just want to be there for my family—and truly be part of life again."

If you are interested in living organ or tissue donation, contact the medical facility or national group (such as the National Kidney or Liver Registries) you are interested in donating with, as each has their own eligibility criteria.

Don't forget - There is a benefit planned for Dawn Thronset Kruk on Friday, May 8, the Langdon Eagles Club. The event will feature a great meal, excellent desserts, and a bake sale, along with a silent auction, offering attendees a fun evening while supporting a meaningful cause. The benefit is being organized to help with medical expenses, as friends, family and community members come together to show their support for Kruk and her family as she recovers from a kidney transplant.

Cont'd. From Page A3 Fertilizer, diesel woes make for difficult spring planting decisions

price increases. Matt Perdue, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, said the skyrocketing costs of fuel and fertilizer are a major concern.

"It's important to recognize that in the case of fertilizer, costs were already at elevated levels," Perdue said. "It's a major challenge for producers in terms of what it means right now going into this growing season."

One of the biggest concerns is for farmers who did not secure contracts. "The ones who have not purchased fertilizer yet are the ones who are most financially leveraged, and they're struggling to put together an operating budget that is going to work for them," Perdue said.

Even with supply constraints and potential shortages, pre-booked fertilizer doesn't necessarily mean it will get to the farm in a timely manner.

"Another issue we have to consider, just because you contracted that fuel and that fertilizer, unless you took possession of it at the time, unless you actually took delivery, you're not guaranteed the product," Wagner said.

"I've heard a lot of people concerned about whether or not they're actually going to be able to get in everything that they contracted because it just may not be available to them," she said.

A needed shift
Higher prices and potential shortages could mean less fertilizer use and lower crop yields.

The Persian Gulf accounts for 36% of global supply of urea, 29% of an-

hydrous ammonia, 26% of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and 13% of monoammonium phosphate (MAP), almost all of which is shipped through the contested Strait of Hormuz.

"If we have fertilizer shortages, it's going to be impossible to make up for that shortfall," Perdue said. "There's no great plan B for covering that shortfall."

Looking further out, Perdue and others hope this can spur the U.S. industry to increase its domestic supply and production of fertilizers as well as more competition in the marketplace. "The fertilizer market is heavily consolidated," Perdue said. "Four players control the vast majority of the nitrogen fertilizer market. Phosphorus, potash, those are even more heavily consolidated."

"There's been some positive movement with the federal administration investigating that, but ultimately we need to see real action to provide real relief. This level of consolidation is just leaving farmers exposed when we have market shocks like this," Perdue said.

While a shift to more domestic production would be welcome, it wouldn't happen overnight.

"Any time you can source domestically and not get caught up in any type of geopolitical or international disputes, that's better, but that's a long-term process," said Josh Gackle, chairman of the American Soybean Association. "You don't start up a fertilizer plant in six months," Gackle said. "It's a big investment, it takes a lot of time. What we really need is just more certainty on the traditional supply of fertilizer and fuel products."

The addition of soybean crushing facilities in North Dakota and elsewhere has helped increase the domestic market for soybean producers and a push for more domestic production of renewable ethanol, diesel and other biofuels could also help.

"We're hoping that the industry, the crushing plants in North Dakota and others, can continue to keep their operations going and grow and expand and continue to build that domestic market for what we're growing here as farmers," said Gackle.

State support already at record levels In mid-March, the North Dakota Industrial Commission allocated another \$100 million for the Bank of North Dakota's 2026 Farm Stability Loan Program on top of the nearly \$400 million already set aside for the program.

The total is more than double the record of \$190 million previously set aside for the program and fast approaching triple if more allocations are made.

The program helps producers restructure debts incurred in the past two years at lower interest rates.

"Producers are facing an unusual convergence of challenges, from severe weather last summer to high input costs, trade policy uncertainty and low commodity prices," said a joint statement from the Commission composed of Gov. Kelly Armstrong, Attorney General Drew Wrigley and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.

John Bitzan, Menard Family Director of the Sheila and Robert Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth at North Dakota State University, said the program was boosted both be-

cause of continued high input prices and also fallout from U.S. tariffs and trade retaliation from China.

"This means U.S. farmers are able to sell less of their products. That has put financial pressure on them. And now, with the current war, this is causing more distress to farmers and uncertainty as well for the future," Bitzan said.

Increased inflation also leads to producers putting off large purchases of machinery and other equipment, which impacts implement producers and dealers.

"Obviously the agricultural economy is an important part of North Dakota's economy, so negative impacts to the agricultural producers are not good for our economy," Bitzan said.

Perdue said options for producers include shifting to other commodities, including pulse crops, soybeans, lentils, and peas that may need less fertilizer.

"I think some producers are going to be making those decisions anyway, given the price pressure," Perdue said. "If there are significant shortages at the local level, you're going to see producers have to make some game time decisions on what they're planting and what their application rates are."

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