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ATTAWAPISKAT FIRST NATION

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS – WINTER ROAD CONSTRUCTION 2026-2027

The Attawapiskat First Nation (AFN) is seeking proposals from Attawapiskat based contractors for the construction of the James Bay Winter Road from Attawapiskat to Big Willow.

AFN wishes to engage and assign the local contractors the responsibility to construct, maintain, and repair the Winter Road on its' behalf.

The contractor, acting for AFN, will also report to AFN on the progress and when milestones are achieved. AFN reserves the right to request updates of the construction progress from time to time as necessary.

Construction standards, and requirements will be established by Kimesskanemenow as per its agreement with the ownership communities, and its funding partners.

The First Nations is requesting that invited Attawapiskat based contractors submit a submission containing details as to the identified use of equipment, crews, and workers from Attawapiskat to construct the road as per the following specifications, with payments to be made on milestone achievements as specified.

Each contractor shall include details on how, and to what extent they include the resources of other Attawapiskat owned community entities using available Attawapiskat based equipment, and workers.

Each contractor shall provide a schedule and timelines of each the construction phases and milestones with plans of how to achieve each of the milestones.

Each contractor shall provide a plan for the Health and Safety aspect of the Winter Road and what steps will be taken to ensure the safety for the workers and for all those travelling on this road.

Use of local resources is a priority of this submission, as well as the demonstrated intent to share portions of the work with other Attawapiskat based contractors for this project.

Recommendations for award will be based on

1. Technical capacity, or experience of submitter to successfully undertake the scope of work as to the specifications mandated, and schedule of critical dates.
2. Details pertaining to planning, timelines and schedules
3. Details of the Safety program
4. Ability to effectively cash manage the project, including payment of contractor expenses, and employee wages in a timely manner.
5. Maximum use of Attawapiskat based equipment, and workers.
6. Sharing of portions of the scope of work with other Attawapiskat based equipment, and workers, in the construction, and maintenance phase of this project.
7. Previous work experience and performance with Contractor will be taken into consideration.

Submissions shall be formatted in the following format based on completed milestones as established by Kimesskanemenow.

PROJECT PRICE

The total cost payable to the Contractor for the Work shall be equal to the following below, and payable in the installments upon successful completion of the applicable Project Milestones as set out below:

Project Milestone	**Amount payable upon completion of Project Milestone**
Upon Signing of Contract	$25,000.00
Initial Road Clearing/Advance	$97,250.00
Heavy Compaction	$97,250.00
Road Open to Heavy Traffic	$97,250.00
Maintenance -March 15, 2027	$ _____
10% Holdback	$45,000.00

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance will be performed as necessary according to road and weather conditions.

Please submit your plans costs for the Maintenance portion for the Road along with your own timeline and approach of maintaining the road after construction. The winning bidder will be contacted with further contract details.

The amount for construction is an upset limit and there will be no additional payments for maintenance, idling or storm clean up.

HOLDBACK

There will be a 10% holdback on all work performed. Work will need to be completed and approved by Kimesskanemenow. Sub-Contractors clearance (if applicable) will be required prior to releasing any holdback.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Please provide a copy of WSIB certificate and Insurance.

Proposals shall be returned in a sealed envelope no later than **4:00pm on December 3, 2026** to:

Pauline Tookate,
Director of Operations
Attawapiskat First Nation
P.O. Box 248,
Attawapiskat, ON P0L 1A0

Final review, and award shall be given by Monday, December 7, 2025 upon submission of all required elements required as per the Kimesskanemenow specifications.

Note: Attawapiskat First Nation reserves the right to adjust/change accordingly