

Request for Proposals:

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Realty Program is seeking formal proposals from qualified agricultural service providers, farm labor contractors, or project management firms to support our tribal farming operations for the 2026 agricultural harvesting season.

Scope of work:

Acreage is in Roberts County, South Dakota with a total of 1,367 acres of soybeans. Contract term will be from the beginning of harvest season to the end of harvest season.

The selected contractor will collaborate with the Tribal Realty Program to handle some or all of the following operations:

1. Harvesting & Post-Harvest Processing
 - Skilled operation of harvesting equipment
 - Sorting, washing, packing, and preparing crops for transport or storage
 - Maintaining strict food safety and handling records
2. Labor & compliance
 - Providing a trained, legally compliant, and reliable agricultural workforce
 - Adhering to all federal, state and Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) regulations

Evaluation Process will be conducted using the following criteria:

1. Price (Value and clarity of the financial proposal) (30 points)
2. Qualifications and Experience (Track record in regional agriculture) (30 points)
3. Capacity to Perform (Sustainability practices and operational plan) (20 points)
4. Indian Preference (TERO compliance and native hiring goals) (20 points)

Required Documentation:

All proposals must include:

1. Company Profile: Brief history of your firm, structural overview, and proof of licensing/bonding.

2. Experience & References: Documented experience with similar-scale operations. Please highlight any prior work with tribal communities or indigenous agricultural systems.
3. Work Plan: A brief operational strategy detailing how you plan to manage labor timelines, equipment, and crop harvest.
4. Cost Proposal: Itemized pricing breakdown (e.g., hourly labor rates, per-acre management fees, or flat-rate seasonal billing).
5. TERO Compliance Strategy: A brief statement explaining your plan to prioritize native and local hiring.
6. Copy of SWO Business License
7. Completed W-9 Form and other IRS documentation
8. TERO and Tribal Tax
 - a. TERO Tax -4.00 %
 - b. SWO Tribal Use Tax-5.50%
 - c. SWO Tribal Excise Tax -2.00%
9. Liability Insurance
10. Workman's Comp (if required)

Any questions regarding TERO and SWO Tribal Tax please contact the SWO TERO office or SWO Tribal Tax Office at (605) 698-3911.

All acceptable bids received by open until filled and will be opened in the Procurement Office by the Procurement Officer with the Program representative in attendance.

Submit proposals to:

SWO Procurement Office
Attn: Vern Vallie
PO Box 509
Agency Village, SD 57262
vvallie@swo-nsn.gov

***Any bids not turned in to the Procurement Department may be considered nonresponsive.**
Please submit project name clearly visible – RFP #0901-2

All interested parties acknowledge that any Agreement executed and performed within the Tribe's exclusive jurisdiction is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. All interested parties acknowledge that they must comply with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Ordinances: TERO Chapter 59 Requirements, Wage Rates & Compliance Plan; Business License Ordinance Chapter 53 and Tax Ordinance.