

# REQUEST FOR BIDS

LANGLADE COUNTY  
FORESTRY, PARKS, AND  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT  
1633 NEVA ROAD  
ANTIGO, WISCONSIN 54409



BID SPECIFICATIONS, BID  
FORMS AND RELATED  
DOCUMENTS FOR

**Gartzke Bridge Replacement**

September 2, 2025



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- PROJECT LOCATION MAP
- PROPOSED PLAN

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### GARTZKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

**Purpose:** Langlade County is issuing this request for bids for the replacement of a pedestrian bridge located at Gartzke Recreation Area in the Town of Polar, Langlade County. The project location is depicted in the attached map. Work will include removal and disposal of the existing bridge and furnishing and installing new pilings, abutments and a recreational bridge. Bids, complete with cost quotes, are requested from interested firms. Deadline for submission: Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Work will include:

- A. Provision of engineer approved and stamped plans for bridge, pilings (helical required) and abutments.
- B. Fabrication and furnishing of replacement bridge to design specifications
- C. Removal and disposal of the existing bridge
- D. Furnishing and installing pilings to and abutments to design specifications
- E. Installation of the replacement bridge to design specifications
- F. Furnishing and installation of weight limit signs

**Time and Place for Receiving Bids:** Langlade County will accept sealed bids from qualified firms until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the office of the Langlade County Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Department, 1633 Neva Road, Antigo, Wisconsin, 54409. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted. Actual receipt by said time is required and deposit in the U.S. mail is insufficient. The envelope containing the sealed bid shall bear the name and address of the interested firm and the notations: "Gartzke Bridge Replacement" on outside of envelope. Opening of the bids will take place in the Langlade County Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department following the 2:00 p.m. deadline.

**Instructions:** Instructions to interested firms may be obtained from Cody Brauner, Assistant Forest Administrator, Langlade County Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department, 1633 Neva Road, Antigo, Wisconsin, 54409, (715) 627-6300 or [cbrauner@co.langlade.wi.us](mailto:cbrauner@co.langlade.wi.us).

**Reservations:** Langlade County reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any and all bids, to waive any informalities, and to accept the bid(s) determined to be in the best interest of the County. This invitation may be canceled if determined to be in the best interest of the County.

**Ethics:** Langlade County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The General Code of the County of Langlade contains various purchasing policies which are applicable to this proposed procurement. These include prohibitions against gratuities and kickbacks. This request is governed by the Langlade County Purchasing Policy, a copy of which is available at the County Clerk 's office.

County of Langlade, Wisconsin by:  
Cody Brauner, Assistant Forest Administrator

## INSTRUCTIONS TO INTRESTED PARTIES

- I. **Bid Opening Date:** 2:00 p.m., September 30, 2025
- II. **Location:** Langlade County Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department  
1633 Neva Road, Antigo, Wisconsin, 54409
- III. Complete the Bid Form and return the entire RFB package in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Gartzke Bridge Replacement” in the lower left corner.
- IV. The County's representative on this project is Cody Brauner, Assistant Forest Administrator. Questions regarding this project or requests for site visits should be directed to him at the Langlade County Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department, 1633 Neva Road, Antigo, Wisconsin, 54409, (715) 627-6300 or [cbrauner@co.langlade.wi.us](mailto:cbrauner@co.langlade.wi.us).

## REQUIRED CLAUSES

### I. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until all insurance required under this paragraph is obtained, and such insurance has been approved by the county, nor shall Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on their subcontract until all similar insurance requirements have been obtained and approved.

- A. **Worker's Compensation Insurance.** Contractor shall obtain and maintain throughout the duration of this contract statutory Worker's Compensation insurance for all if its employees employed at the site or while working on this project. In case any work is sublet, Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees, unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by Contractor.
- B. **General Liability, Professional Liability and Property Damage Insurance.** Contractor shall secure and maintain in force throughout the duration of this contract such General Liability, Professional Liability and Property Damage Insurance as shall protect him/her and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages for personal injuries, including accidental death as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by Contractor, or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them; and the amount of such insurance shall be as follows:
  - Comprehensive General Liability, \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.
  - Professional Liability Coverage, \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate.
  - Automobile Liability, \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.

- Excess Liability Coverage, \$1,000,000 over the General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages.

## **II. Gratuities and Kickbacks**

It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any elected official, employee or former employee, or for any elected official, employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer for employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the contents of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceedings or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or bid therefore.

It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or a higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract, or order.

## **III. Other Required Clauses**

This request for bids and the awarding of the contract must follow the procedures outlined in State Statute Section 59.52 (29) and is governed by the Purchasing Policy for Langlade County as set forth in page 65 through 68 of the Langlade County Policy Manual, a complete copy of which may be obtained from the Office of the Langlade County Clerk, Langlade County Courthouse, 800 Clermont St., Antigo, Wisconsin.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **I. Provisions Regarding Safety, Health, and Sanitation**

- A. In the performance of a contract that results from this RFB, the contractor/vender must comply with all applicable federal, state, and county regulations, codes, and laws; and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds; and pay all applicable federal, state, and county taxes.

The contractor/vendor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment and take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility or as the County may determine reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

### **III. Payment for County Purchases**

Contracts will be issued after the RFB is reviewed and payment will be made by Langlade County 30 days after commodities and/or services have been received, accepted, and properly invoiced as indicated in the contract.

**IV. Suitable Materials, Etc.**

Unless otherwise specified, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a Proposer shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model or crop and of recent manufacture. Unless otherwise specified in the RFB, product names or model numbers are examples of the type and of product quality required, and are not statements of preference. If the specifications describing an item conflict with a brand name or model number with a description of the item, the specifications govern. Reference to brand name or number does not preclude an offer of a comparable or better product, if full specifications and descriptive literature are provided for the product. For example, if the specifications call for 98 decibel alarm and the product has only 95, the County reserves the right to consider the 95-decibel alarm offering as adequate. Failure to provide such specifications and descriptive literature may be cause for rejection of the offer.

**V. Firm Offer**

For the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this RFB must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of quote opening or the date of complete delivery of the order placed whichever is later. The County anticipates selection within 10 business days after the bid are opened.

**VI. Bid Preparation Costs**

The County is not liable for any costs incurred by the in preparation of bids.

**VII. Default**

In case of default by the contractor/vendor, for any reason whatsoever, Langlade County may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor/vendor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law or equity.

**VIII. Continuing Obligation of Contractor**

Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this RFB, the contractor/vendor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

**IX. Billing Instructions**

Invoices must be billed to the Langlade County Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Department at the address shown in the Contract. Questions concerning payment should be addressed to the Langlade County Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Department.

**X. Discrimination Clause**

Langlade County is an equal opportunity entity and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, national origin, religion or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, activities, or in its awarding of such bids.

## **HOLD HARMLESS**

Contractor/vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Langlade County, their officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all judgments, damages, penalties, losses, costs, claims, expenses, suits, demands, debts, actions and/or causes of action of any type or nature whatsoever, including actual and reasonable attorney 's fees, which may be sustained or to which they may be exposed, directly or indirectly, by reason of personal injury, death, property damage, or other liability, alleged or proven, resulting from or arising out of the performance of Contractor, its officers, officials, employees, agent or assigns. Langlade County does not waive, and specifically reserves, its right to assert any and all affirmative defenses and limitations of liability as specifically set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 893 and related statutes.

**BID FORM GARTZKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**  
**BID FORM**

Having carefully examined the RFB and specification, including the INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS, REQUIRED CLAUSES, GENERAL CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS, and having understood that Llanglade County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or parts thereof, and to award to the proposer who in the judgment of the County will best serve the County; the undersigned proposes to furnish all materials, and services essential to the successful completion of the contract work for the following:

- A. Provision of engineer approved and stamped plans for bridge, pilings (helical required) and abutments.  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- B. Fabrication and furnishing of replacement bridge to design specifications  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- C. Removal and disposal of the existing bridge  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- D. Furnishing and installing pilings to and abutments to design specifications  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- E. Installation of the replacement bridge to design specifications  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- F. Furnishing and installing weight limit signs based upon design specifications  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Cost** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bidders may include a separate itemized cost schedule with the bid but shall include the total project cost on this page.

All work on this project must be completed on or before December 31, 2026.

Project Schedule: Non-binding anticipated project completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Certification**

I/we understand this bid is good for ninety (90) days and if accepted by the County will be used as the basis for a contract for the work covered within the RFB documents and specifications and the contract documents.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or Print)

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or Print)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or Print)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or Print)

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or Print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIFICATIONS**  
**Gartzke Bridge Replacement**

**DESIGN**

**RECREATIONAL BRIDGE**

Structural design of the bridge shall be by a professional engineer registered in the State of Wisconsin and experienced in recreational bridge design. The manufacturer shall be regularly engaged in the production of the specified product or item and be able to furnish independent records or references of competence and satisfaction of this fact upon the request of the County. Calculations shall verify species, size and grade of materials to be used in the manufacture of the bridge.

Bridge shall be a steel truss or steel stringer bridge with a wood deck with timber or steel abutments with supported on helical piles in accordance with the approved bridge permit.

Bridge shall be designed with an 8% arch as shown in the attached drawing.

Deck panels shall be designed for a 2" (nominal) timber wear surface.

Bearing elevations, structure depth, clearance and profile grade must conform to the site and the conditions approved in the bridge permit.

**SUBSTRUCTURE**

Foundation design shall be the responsibility of the contractor and as shown in the plans.

Bridge shall be founded on helical pile abutments with timber backing (as needed) sufficiently capped to provide foundation for the bridge. The substructure shall be designed to support the design load of the bridge. Number of piles, pile capacity and final driven length of pile to be determined by installing contractor to meet minimum bearing capacity required based on bridge manufactures plans.

Adequate erosion and scour protection shall be provided.

Bridge anchorage details must be shown in the shop drawings. The County reserves the right to have an independent Engineer oversee installation and/or inspect all records of pile installation to ensure compliance with requirements in this section.

**DESIGN CODES**

Design of bridge superstructure shall conform to industry standards for design of pedestrian bridges.

Structural members shall be designed in accordance with recognized engineering practices and principles.

**DIMENSIONS AND LOADING**

**Bridge dimensions:**

1. Bridge length = 90' As measured from end to end of deck. Bridge length shall be as a clear span.
2. Clear bridge width = Shall be 8' as measured between inside faces of railing.
3. Total rail height shall measure at least 42" above the deck surface

**Live loads:**

1. 60 psf pedestrian load.
2. Applied separate from the pedestrian load, a 15,000 lb vehicle load. GVW positioned to produce the maximum load effect.

Bearing elevations, structure depth, clearance and profile grade must conform to site conditions.

**RAILING**

Total rail height shall measure at least 42" above deck surface.

Safety rails shall contain a 6" sphere.

Railing shall include 4" minimum toe rails located no more than 2" clear above the deck.

**SUBMITTALS****SEALED PLAN AND CALCULATIONS**

A detailed bridge plan and supporting calculations sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Wisconsin and experienced in recreational bridge design shall be submitted to the County within 30 days from award of the contract. The County must approve the bridge plan prior to any construction work.

The bridge plan shall include all design details and all details necessary for the fabrication and installation of the bridge superstructure. Details of individual fabricated pieces are not required.

Structural calculations for the design of the bridge superstructure shall include complete design, analysis and code checks.

**PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT**

Lumber and timber used for substructure, deck panels, spreader beams, rail posts and railing shall be pressure treated.

**HARDWARE**

All hardware (machine bolts, carriage bolts, drift pins, lag screws, dowels, rods, nails, spikes, washers, connectors, etc.) shall conform to ASTM Standards.

All hardware shall be hot-dipped galvanized.

**OTHER MATERIALS**

Materials not specified shall conform to applicable ASTM specifications.

**EXECUTION****MANUFACTURE**

All material shall be well manufactured. All lumber and timber shall be straight, well sawed, sawed squared at ends and have opposite surfaces parallel unless otherwise required by the plans and specifications. Steel shall be of the type and size specified in the plans and be free of dents and deformations.

## **WORKMANSHIP**

All work including manufacture of the bridge, construction of piles, bridge foundation and installation of the bridge shall be performed in a workman like manner consistent with industry standards.

## **HANDLING**

The bridge and all components shall be handled with sufficient care to avoid breaking or otherwise damage any component of the bridge, abutments or pilings in a manner that may compromise the function or longevity of that component.

## **DELIVERY**

The Contractor shall coordinate with the Bridge Manufacturer in the delivery and erection schedule. Delivery to the work area will be by truck(s). Site restrictions that could impact delivery are present and the contractor is highly encouraged to inspect the site prior to submitting a bid. Some assembly of the structure will be necessary on-site due to limitations of the roads present. Improvements to the existing trail required for delivery are the responsibility of the contractor.

The Bridge Manufacturer shall provide detailed, written instruction procedures for proper lifting and splicing of bridge components. Instructions shall be considered typical. Actual means and methods of erection and installation may warrant site specific considerations and shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

## **INSTALLATION**

Installation shall be completed by December 1, 2026. Contractor shall provide a minimum of ten (10) business days notice to the County prior to beginning any on-site work.

Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions of the approved general permit for waterway crossings GP-NO-2025-34-01353. A copy of the permit is available upon request to the County's Representative.

Contractor is responsible for coordinating with DNRs Water Management Specialist for approval of any instream work prior to beginning instream work. Contractor shall acquire any necessary wetland permits needed for use of timber mats or other incidental wetland disturbance not covered in the Bridge permit. No excavation or addition of fill will be allowed in any wetland.

Installation shall include driving of helical pilings, installation of abutments, soil dams, and the recreational bridge and complete any grading of the approaches to match the bridge deck shall be completed as specified in the bridge plans, specifications and conform to site conditions. Installation costs shall include all labor, equipment, materials, and other incidental supplies to fully complete installation of the bridge.

Bridge shall be installed to have a 5 foot vertical clearance from ordinary high water line the in the middle of the structure.

Instream work will not occur between September 15, thru May 15. Contractor will comply with all applicable permit requirements.

Contractor shall also supply and install the following signs:

Weight limit signs posted on both sides of the bridge (black and white) showing weight rating of the bridge as determined in the sealed drawings. Minimum size is 12" x 18".

All signs shall have high intensity prismatic reflective surface. Signs shall be installed in appropriate locations on standard steel sign post or treated 4x4s or on the bridge as appropriate and approved by the County. The top of the signs shall be at least 48" above the ground surface.

### **WARRANTY**

Contractor/vendor shall warranty bridges against all defects in material and workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year of delivery unless stated differently here within. Any defects found within the warranty period shall be replaced or repaired at contractor's/vendors expense. This warranty shall include parts, labor and delivery.

### **PLANS**

The intent of the plans and specifications contained herein is to illustrate the intent of the project. Some minor deviations from the enclosed plans may be permissible, however the contractor must clearly indicate and describe any deviation in their bid. The County reserves the right to evaluate any and all bids, and reject any bid that does not meet the County's intent of these specifications.