



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TRAIL BUILDING SERVICES

WEST AVON PRESERVE AVON, COLORADO

The Town of Avon, Colorado, invites qualified individuals and firms to submit a proposal for soft trail design services for trail reroute sections in the West Avon Preserve.

Proposals are due not later than October 26, 5pm, MDT.

Please submit digital copy of proposal in PDF format to:

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BACKGROUND

The West Avon Preserve is enjoyed by thousands of locals and visitors on an annual basis and has easily become the most popular trail system in Eagle County. In the spring of 2020, Holy Cross Energy began a project to replace aging overhead power lines. In order to access these sites, they re-graded old access roads on their easement. The grading activities resulted in the loss of portions of the Avon Singletree Connector (ASC) and Saddleridge single-track trails.

Now, trail re-alignments are necessary so that the single-track trails are moved off the Holy Cross Energy access roads as much as possible to ensure an improved user experience and limited potential impacts to the trails in the future. The Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance (VVMTA) will be assisting with remediation efforts and the construction of two of the reroute sections.

The project scope defined within this document and proposals is limited to activities and contract obligations for areas within the West Avon Preserve property. The *actual* project scope is larger and includes areas outside the West Avon Preserve and the Town of Avon. It is anticipated that the selected contractor will be engaged (separately) by Berry Creek Metropolitan District for work outside the West Avon Preserve.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- A. Design/Construction of Reroute Segments 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Route flagging has already been flagged by VVMTA.
 - 1. Approximately 4,600 ft of new trail.
 - 2. Four (4) HCE road crossings will be constructed to ensure users stay on existing trails.
 - 3. Work may be performed using hand tools and mechanized equipment. If mechanized equipment is used, impacts to native vegetation and soils adjacent to the trail shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.
 - 4. Note. Scope does NOT include areas between West Avon Preserve and Singletree community. Anticipated additional new trail construction on Berry Creek Metro District property is estimated at 1,500' linear feet. This is NOT part of this RFP. Contractor(s) must coordinate with Berry Creek Metro District for all services, scope, and/or bid for those areas.

Reroute #	Length (feet)
1	237
2	398
3	340
4	1,807
5	275
6	533
7	1,311
8	301
Total	5,202
VVMTA Volunteer	
Professional Trail Builder	

**Route GPS files are available upon request.*

- B. Decommissioning various segments of closed trails:
 - 1. .25 miles (or 1,320 ft) of single-track trail decommissioning.
 - 2. Preparation of soils by relieving compaction, scarifying the surfaces, reseeding, and scattering of organic debris.
 - 3. Decommissioning may be performed using hand tools and mechanized equipment. If mechanized equipment is used, impacts to native vegetation and soils adjacent to the trail shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.

C. Special Considerations

Due to the sensitive nature of the property, and occurrence of Harrington Penstemon plant species, special care and attention must be followed and made part of contractor agreement. A field study was conducted by Western Biology, LLC in order to identify occurrences of Penstemon. The attached report includes recommendations that will be made into requirements of successful trail building company contract.

**Detailed GPS track data and individual Penstemon point data are available upon request*

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Qualifications.** Briefly explain your company's qualifications to provide the services requested, e.g., years in business, staffing, and experience.
2. **Experience.** Provide resumes or narratives describing the professional experience for each staff member that will be working on this specific project. Provide a list and description of trail planning/construction projects your firm has completed which are similar in scope.
3. **Project Approach.** Describe the type of trail construction methods you are recommending for construction (i.e., hand tools, excavator, dozer, etc.). Please also describe what you feel might set your firm apart in terms of your project approach.
4. **Schedule.** Assume that no work can commence until at least October 30, 2020. Priority will be given to proposers who can accommodate work before December 15, 2020, weather permitting, and not later than Spring 2021.
5. **Budget/Pricing.** Respondents must provide a fixed fee price. The bid total must include all fees, including all labor, equipment rental, materials, sub-contractor fees, reimbursables, lodging, per diem, and any other costs associated with the project. If the Scope of Services is modified and agreed to through proposal negotiations, or during the work, an agreement shall be reached in writing on the change in cost, if any, due to the modification.
6. **References.** Please provide three (3) references from current or recent clients that received similar trail construction service(s). Include name of entity, contact name and telephone number.

SELECTION PROCESS

Town of Avon staff will review submitted proposals and shall rate each submittal based upon the following factors:

1. Experience with similar projects
2. Quality, innovation, timelessness, compatibility with site, environmental sensitivity (i.e. familiarity with Harrington's Penstemon, sustainable trail building, etc.)
3. Schedule with Fall 2020 (December 15 property closes) prioritized over Spring 2021.
4. Cost of Services

ATTACHMENTS

- Trail Map showing existing trail alignments, Holy Cross Electric service roads, and proposed re-routes (in red).
- Western Biology, LLC Penstemon Report and Recommendations

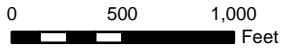
RIGHT TO REJECT

The Town of Avon reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities. This RFP does not commit the Town of Avon to award or contract, nor pay any costs incurred, in the preparation and submission of proposals or presentations to the Town Council, in the anticipation of a contract. The Town intends to select a proposer that demonstrates, in the Town's sole opinion, that it is the most highly qualified individual or entity to provide the Scope of Services described in this RFP based upon its demonstrated competence and qualifications and that provides the best value to the Town. With the most highly qualified proposer, the Town will seek to negotiate a contract for the provision of those services at a fair and reasonable price. If a negotiated agreement cannot be reached, the Town may terminate negotiations with the most highly qualified proposer and open negotiations with the proposer which demonstrates the next highest degree of qualification, and so on until a contract is achieved. The Town will not bear any expense for the preparation or submittal of the proposals. The Town retains all rights to solicit and enter into agreements with the successful proposer for additional services or projects deemed necessary by the Town.

West Avon Preserve 2020 Trail Re-Alignments



-  Existing Trails
-  Proposed Re-Alignments
-  Holy Cross Access Roads



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