

## STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

September 2020

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community (“Tribe”), a federally-recognized Indian tribe, is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide professional Archaeological survey services to fulfill the Tribe’s objectives of the “Mohican Ox Roast/King Solomon Community Archaeology Project.” The project is funded by an award to the Tribe from the Town of Stockbridge Community Preservation Commission. The successful bidder will be expected to apply for a Massachusetts Historical Commission archaeology permit for the project and conduct a Phase II cultural resource survey to document cultural resource interests of the Tribe in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### II. SCHEDULE

Sealed proposals for the services requested in the RFP **will be received until Monday, October 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM**, Central Daylight Time. Proposal must be identified as being “Bid for Archeological Services” on the outside of the envelope. Proposals shall be sent by mail delivered to the:

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Secretary  
N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road  
P.O. Box 70  
Bowler, WI 54416  
Telephone: 715-793-4387

Email submissions are not accepted. The Tribe anticipates that a successful bidder will be selected by the Tribal Council on or about October 21, 2020.

#### III. PROJECT AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian tribe with a reservation in central Wisconsin. The Tribe has approximately 1,500 members and employs individuals both in tribal government operations as well as through a number of tribal enterprises. The Tribe has a Historic Preservation program which has offices both on the reservation and an extension office in Troy, New York. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) currently covers a territory of six eastern states and reviews more than 400 cultural resource projects annually. More information can be found within our website at [www.mohican.com](http://www.mohican.com)

The Tribe is requesting proposals for firms or individuals to provide professional archeological services for the Tribe’s Historic Preservation program to fulfill a funded research project, “Mohican Ox Roast/King Solomon Community Archaeology Project.” In 2019, the

Tribe successfully carried out an initial survey on this topic through metal detection and shovel test pits across a 5-acre survey area. This project is aimed at continuing to examine information regarding the location of a significant event in the Tribe's history, a 1783 Ox Roast feast sponsored by George Washington and offered for the Stockbridge Mohicans to honor the Tribe for service in the Revolutionary War. The location is also believed to be the homesite of Mohican Sachem "King" Solomon Uhhaunaunawmut. The archeologist will systematically survey and investigate this location for evidence of the 1783 Ox Roast and King Solomon homesite. The information on the sites will serve to revise and update the State and National Register listings and assist the Tribe and the Town in understanding, honoring and preserving this historic site.

More specifically, the Tribe requests that bidders provide the following services:

- Due to the location on Town land, prepare and submit Massachusetts Historical Commission **Permit Application**, including any necessary rounds of revisions, until permit is approved.
- Continue from 2019 work to conduct a **Phase II survey** targeting areas of interest: Additional **metal detector survey coverage** where artifacts were recovered, including recovery of MD signatures mapped in the vicinity of the King Solomon Site. **Close-interval (2.5m or 5m) testing** to further refine the site boundaries. Excavate expanded 1 x 1 meter test units in the location of STP A8-5mW to determine site stratigraphy and any potential disturbance to help define both the vertical and horizontal limits of the site. Tribe's THPO will partner on all aspects of the fieldwork.
- Process artifacts in an archaeological laboratory and produce a **final survey report** that will include catalogued artifacts, maps, GPS data and that is prepared to meet the standards of State (Massachusetts Historical Commission) guidelines. Update existing/generate new archeological site inventory forms as needed.
- As a result of testing, determine eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The site is currently determined "potentially eligible."

Due to funder timeframes, the final survey report and inventory form must be completed by July 2021.

#### IV. STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must meet Federal professional standards as described in *Archeology and Historic Preservation; Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines* (48 FR 44716-44742)
2. Demonstrate successful execution of Native American archeological research investigations within the Hudson River Valley region of New York or Housatonic River Valley region of Massachusetts.
3. Expertise in preparing technical reports documenting the results of archeological field surveys and excavations including producing documents and reports, compiling data, and producing maps and graphics, using Geographical Information System (GIS), database, and graphics software.

4. Prior experience with Massachusetts Historical Commission State Archaeologist's permit (950 CMR 70) process
5. Certified in archaeological metal detection by the Advanced Metal Detecting for the Archaeologist course and requisite experience hours on a metal detector.

## V. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

At a minimum, proposals must contain the following information. A proposal that does not contain this information shall be deemed non-responsible and is subject to rejection.

1. Identify the bidder's qualifications to provide the services.
2. Describe how bidder intends to provide these services.
3. Identify fee for these services and, if any reimbursable expenses, specify what such costs will be in detail.
4. Bidders should have a federal employer identification number.
5. Identify key personnel and the areas of responsibility, including the Owner's contact. Provide CV or resume for key personnel.
6. Describe your availability to complete this project and all reporting by July 2021, and your anticipated field schedule.
7. Provide at least 3 references
8. Identify any deviations from this RFP.

Applicants are encouraged to contact our Tribal Historic Preservation Manager, Ms. Bonney Hartley at [bonney.hartley@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:bonney.hartley@mohican-nsn.gov) to obtain a copy of the Phase 1 Survey Report.

Other written questions concerning this RFP shall be forwarded, by fax, email or mail, to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Secretary at N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, P.O. Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416 (fax: 715-793-4887) (email: [jody.hartwig@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:jody.hartwig@mohican-nsn.gov)).

## V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The successful bidder will be selected in accordance with tribal bid policies, as applicable. This RFP does not commit the Tribe to award a contract or pay any costs associated with the preparation and presentation of a proposal. The Tribe reserves the right to revise the selection process and, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all responses to this RFP. The Tribe may negotiate with or request additional information from any or all considered bidders. The Tribe may waive informalities or irregularities in a proposal.

The Tribe intends to hire the successful bidder as an independent contractor and such bidder will be required to enter into a written professional services contract with the Tribe. The successful bidder will be required to carry all appropriate insurance, such as professional liability, errors and omissions, general liability, vehicle and worker compensation coverages. The successful bidder must not engage in discriminatory conduct and may not be a barred contractor under tribal or federal contracting requirements.