

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Public Safety
Division of Administrative Services



Naknek River Float Plane Dock Replacement

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Amendment#1

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This amendment is being issued to *provide clarification for float dock requirements and extend bid deadline.*

Important Note to Offerors: You must sign and return this page of the amendment document with your proposal. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your proposal. Only the RFP terms and conditions referenced in this amendment are being changed. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain the same.

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COMPANY SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

Changes to the IFQ:

Change 1: Deadline for bids is extended to February 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. AKST.

Questions submitted by potential offerors and answers from the state:

Question #1:

We are a dealer for Connect-A-Dock brand modular dock, not Polydock. So the dimensions of our docks are a bit different. Basically, the dimensions of our product would give you a ramp deck that is 20x24 (instead of 18x24). And the 4x14 requested fingers would be 4x16 instead. Wanted to be sure that these dimensions are satisfactory before moving forward on it.

Answer #1:

The extra 2' on the deck width should not be an issue. The deck needs to be able to support the 5000-pound ramp that rides back and forth on it. As long as the ramp is supported, alternative dimensions within a close range of those originally requested will be accepted.

Question #2:

A dock this size will not fit into 2 connex containers. I'd have to do the math, but I think you're going to need at least 1 more, even if you have a team hand-load them. (take them off the pallets and fit them into the connexes by hand) And don't necessarily recommend this anyway, as it will make much more sense to have them loaded with forklifts. These units are up to 400 lbs. each. Keep in mind that each float section is 20" deep.

Answer #2:

The state will take that into consideration and will take care of that after delivery. We need the dock FOB to Anchorage, but it does not need to be packaged to fit inside two connexes.

Question #3:

Clarification on the following request: "including piano hinges that have pipe in the hinges as the river gets around 3' waves on occasion, shall be provided." Modular style docks don't have hinges connecting one unit to the next. Each block fits to its neighbor with a special connector that gives the dock some flex with water movement, but still feel very secure and stable when walking. Assuming someone is trying to combine the connection method used for wood frame docks, with the modular style, but it doesn't exist. Requesting want confirmation that it's understood by those that will be utilizing it.

Answer #3:

Due to the dock's length and the tidal flow changing direction, the structure experiences oscillations in larger waves, often at different rates between the main deck and the fingers. The state has observed similar modular docks with specialized connectors fail under these conditions (brand unknown). The connectors must accommodate easy in-water assembly and disassembly each winter (see Question 6).

If an alternative product is proposed within the parameters of the solicitation and any subsequent amendments, the state reserves the right to determine whether the proposed product meets its needs.

Question #4:

Connect-A-Dock offers an 8" cleat that is typically used for tying off vessels to the dock. Will this cleat be acceptable for the anchoring with screw anchors and the mid dock anchor cleats as well?

Answer #4:

The 8" cleats will be suitable for anchoring boats and planes, provided the screw anchors can withstand the rough river conditions and waves affecting the dock.

Question #5:

We would never recommend anchoring with cleats. They are not designed for that, especially in rough water. Going to put into the estimate a more suitable product that will hold up to being chained to a Deadman instead.

Answer #5:

The state will accept an alternative "suitable product" with the quote, provided it can be easily and quickly attached and detached. The dock is secured by four large anchors on the riverbed. Recommendations on whether this anchoring system is sufficient are welcome, as well as any suggestions for additional anchors that may be necessary to ensure the dock remains securely in place.

Question #6:

Do you intend to remove the dock in the winter? Or is it going to stay in the water year around? The reason I ask is because if you want 6ft wide units, they are much heavier and larger, and not as convenient to disassemble annually as the 4ft wide units. I just wanted to be sure you've factored that in.

Answer #6:

Yes, the dock must be removed each winter; otherwise, during breakup, it would be subjected to ice chunks as large as pickup trucks from both sides, depending on the tide. The removal process involves disassembling the dock in the water and extracting each section individually using a specially designed trailer that lifts the dock from opposing ends. There is no capability to lift dock sections from the middle.

Here is the trailer we use to put the dock sections into the river and remove them. The section in it is a 6'x24' piece.

