

# Request for Information



State of Alaska  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Division of Administrative Services

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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) 2526H165 BARGE SUPPORT FOR SUSITNA RIVER GEOTECHNICAL DRILLING

### Introduction:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Northern Region Design, Engineering and Construction, Geology Division, is requesting information from vendors capable of providing specialized marine support services for geotechnical drilling operations on the Susitna River or similar shallow draft waterways with variable currents and ice conditions. Specifically, DOT&PF is seeking vendors capable of providing a tugboat with crew and a modular barge system equipped with a spud system (a barge anchoring and stabilization system) or State approved equivalent to support drilling activities near the Deshka River area. The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to identify vendors with the capabilities, equipment, and experience necessary to provide barge and tug services in remote river environments with variable water and ice conditions.

### Background Information:

DOT&PF anticipates conducting geotechnical drilling activities within the Susitna River area near Deshka Landing. These activities require a stable modular barge platform capable of supporting drilling equipment and maintaining position in river currents. Onsite availability beginning May 1, 2026, to start assembling and connecting marine assets to be mobilized at the Deshka boat launch site by May 15, 2026, depending on river conditions and site access. The project will require a minimum engagement period of 30 days, with the potential for additional days depending on operational needs. Upon completion of the project, the tug, barges, and all support equipment will be demobilized and returned to their respective points of origin.

### Required Tasks and Deliverables:

Vendors responding to this RFI should be capable of providing the following services and equipment:

#### **Marine Equipment**

- Tugboat with qualified crew capable of operating in Susitna River conditions.
- Modular 56' x 30' Flexifloat barge assembly consisting of eight (8) units, or State approved equivalent essential to accommodate drilling operations from barge and spud system.
- Two-part spud system with moon pool or State approved equivalent capable of supporting geotechnical drilling activities.
- Barge configuration capable of supporting drilling equipment and maintaining stability during operations.

#### **Mobilization and Demobilization**

- Transport of tug, barges, and all associated equipment to the Deshka boat launch site.
- Mobilization completed by May 15, 2026.
- Full demobilization and return of all equipment to the respective points of origin at the completion of the project.

**Operational Support**

- Tugboat operations including crew, fuel, and lube oil.
- Onsite crane and crew at Deshka Landing to support assembly, positioning, and operations of the barge system.
- Daily operational support including vessel operation, positioning of barge system, and crew services.

**Rental Duration**

- Minimum 30-day service period required.
- Barge and spud system rental assumed for up to 60 days, including time required for transport, staging, or awaiting linehaul barge or trucking services secured by vendor.

**Operating Conditions**

Services will be subject to the following operational considerations:

- Service is subject to site inspection, assessment, and approval of river conditions, including potential hazards or adverse ice conditions as determined by vendor.
- Tug captain will determine safe working hours based on crew rest requirements, river conditions, and visibility.
- If assets remain engaged onsite beyond the initial 30-day minimum, a daily charge will apply which includes:
  - Tug
  - Crew
  - Barge system
  - Spud system
  - Fuel

For planning purposes only, DOT&PF anticipates that a future solicitation may include elements such as (For Capability Description Only – Do Not Provide Pricing)

Respondents should assume that services would include the following elements:

- Fuel for tugboat and barge operations up to an established price per gallon.
- Lube oil and routine vessel consumables.
- Tugboat and qualified operating crew.
- Modular Flexifloat barge assembly (56' x 30') comprised of eight units or State approved equivalent.
- Two-part spud system with moon pool designed for drilling operations or State approved equivalent.
- Up to 60 days of rental for the barge and spud system.
- Additional rental days if required while awaiting transportation services for demobilization.
- All transport costs for mobilization and demobilization to and from Deshka Landing.
- Onsite crane and crew at Deshka Landing for assembly and operational support.

Required Minimum Qualifications:

Responding vendors should demonstrate the following:

- Competent with capability navigating barge operations with geotechnical drilling in this waterway, Big Susitna River or similar shallow draft waterways with variable currents and ice conditions. Minimum 5 years' experience.
- Capability to mobilize modular barge systems to remote river locations.
- Availability of properly crewed tugboats and support personnel.
- Ability to provide modular barges with spud systems and 8 flexifloat units or State approved equivalent suitable for drilling support.

Response Information:

**Interested parties are invited to submit responses to the following:**

Responses must include:

- Identify the individual or firm name (including the business website address is applicable) with a contact person and their phone number/email address.
- Provide a detailed description of your company's capabilities and experience related to providing assistance with each required task and deliverable, including how your company meets each of the required minimum qualifications.

Responses to this RFI are for informational purposes only. Do not include cost estimates as they will not be considered in a response.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** DOT&PF will not award a contract from this RFI, nor will DOT&PF be financially responsible for the preparation, or administrative costs incurred in developing responses to this RFI. All costs associated with responding will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future request for proposal (RFP), if any is issued. DOT&PF may or may not choose to meet with potential offerors to get further clarification of potential capability to meet requirements

This RFI does not extend any rights to prospective vendors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation or purchase any goods or services.

It is the responsibility of the interested party to follow up with the Procurement Officer listed to ensure your response was received prior to the time and date specified.

Procurement Officer contact information:

Interested parties must submit a written response to the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 pm Alaska Time, April 6, 2026:

Chris Hunt  
Procurement Officer  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Division of Program Management and Administrative Services

Phone: (907) 465-8448  
Email: [chris.hunt@alaska.gov](mailto:chris.hunt@alaska.gov)

Emailed or hard copy responses are acceptable. If sending a hard copy response, send the response to the following address:

U.S. Mail:  
P.O. Box 112500  
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Delivery Service (FedEx, UPS):  
3132 Channel Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801

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