

DOCUMENT 000115 - NOTICE OF HEARING AND LETTING

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that Jasper County Conservation will hold a public hearing on the proposed Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the construction of the Geisler-Penquite Land Stewardship Lab project. The public hearing will be held at the Conservation Board's normally scheduled meeting at 8:30am (Central Time) on December 2, 2025, in the Board Room at Jasper County Conservation Department located at 1030 W 2nd Street S, Newton, Iowa 50208. Any person interested may appear and file objections to the proposed Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the project described below.

Time and Place for Filing and Opening of Sealed Bid Proposals

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the Jasper County Conservation Board until 10:00am (Central Time) on January 8, 2026, at the NEW Environmental Education Center, located at 5284 Liberty Avenue, Newton, IA 50208 for the project described below. Bid Proposals will be opened and read aloud at that time. Only single bid proposals for General Construction will be accepted.

Time and Place Bid Proposals will be Considered

Bid Proposals will be Considered and acted upon by the Jasper County Conservation Board at the Board's normally scheduled meeting at 8:30am (Central Time) on February 3, 2026 (or at such later time and place as may then be fixed), in the NEW Environmental Education Center, located at 5284 Liberty Avenue, Newton, IA 50208. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any or all technicalities or irregularities.

Project Description

Construction of a wood-framed storage and maintenance facility and greenhouse. The scope includes but is not limited to:

1. Site preparation, paving and gravel parking
2. Construction of pre-engineered wood framed pole building.
3. Electrical (Power and Lighting)
4. Mechanical (Plumbing and HVAC)

Time for Commencement and Completion of the Project

The Project site will be available to commence work starting on Feb 9, 2026. The project shall be substantially complete by October 30, 2026 with final completion on or before November 27, 2026.

Documents

The Contract Documents, including Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract will be available at qualified plan rooms and at the Iowa Reprographics Online Plan Distribution website (iowarepro.com/plan-distributions). Physical copies are available at the Iowa Reprographics

Print Shop, located at 3 College Avenue, Suite 3; Des Moines, Iowa 50314. Qualified plan houses receive sets free of charge, provided they log all usage of the documents and return them, in a reusable condition, within fourteen (14) days after award of the project. Sets are available to bidding contractors for a deposit of \$200.00 USD, which shall be refunded, provided that the documents are returned, in a reusable condition, within fourteen (14) days after award of the project. If the Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract are not returned in a timely manner or in a reusable condition, the deposit shall be forfeited.

Bid Security

Bid Proposals must be accompanied by a bid security of five percent (5%) from bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check in the same amount. The bid security shall be provided to Jasper County Conservation as security that if the bidder is awarded the contract, the bidder will enter into a contract on the form provided by Jasper County Conservation at the price bid and shall furnish the required performance bond, payment bond and Certificate of Insurance. If the bidder fails to execute the contract and to furnish an acceptable performance bond, payment bond or Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after acceptance of the bid, the bid security may be forfeited or cashed by Jasper County Conservation as liquidated damages.

Bidder's Qualifications

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades. Bidders may be required to provide evidence of experience with similar project types of similar scale. The Jasper County Conservation Board reserves the right to conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to assist in evaluation of bid proposals and to establish the responsibilities, qualifications, and financial abilities of the proposed bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, or other organizations. By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor.

Pre-Bid Meeting and Walkthrough

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 2:00pm on December 11, 2025 at the Environmental Education Center located at 5284 Liberty Avenue, Newton, Iowa 50208. It is requested that all prospective bidders visit the project site prior to bid submission, but a site visit is not mandatory. Site visits shall be coordinated with Jasper County Conservation prior to the visit.

1. Bidders' Questions: For additional information contact Michael Stanley at Studio MELEE by phone at (630) 546-6362 or by email at michael@studiomelee.com.
2. Architect will provide responses at Pre-bid Meeting to bidders' questions and will publish via addenda.

Published this 25th day of November, by order of the Jasper County Conservation Board, located in Newton, Iowa.

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