NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR

2027

Rental for Light Towers, Generators and Distribution

Issued by:

Nebraska State Fair

PO Box 1387

Grand Island, NE 6880

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Section 1. RFP Timeline

The Request for Proposal timeline is as follows:

	Date
Request for Proposal Issuance:	November 18, 2026
Q&A Session:	December 8, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
Request for Proposal Due Date:	December 18, 2026
Meetings with Potential Candidates as Needed:	
Award:	January 8th, 2027

Zoom Link for Q&A Session:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3083821620?omn=83525299722

Meeting ID: 308 382 1620

Section 2. Introduction and Background

The Nebraska State Fair (NESF) is seeking proposals from qualified companies to provide rental generators, electrical distribution equipment and portable light towers for the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, Nebraska.

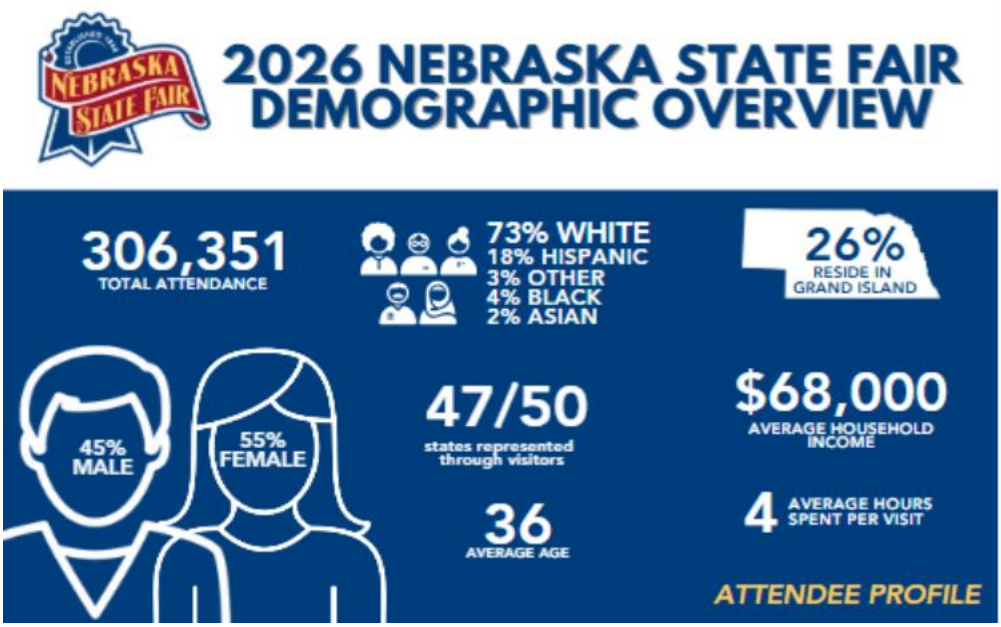
The Nebraska State Fair is interested in establishing a three-year agreement, 2027, 2028, and 2029 with a dependable provider capable of supplying high-quality equipment, timely delivery, technical support and reliable service throughout the annual 11-day event and the Aksarben Stock Show which is a 4-day event.

The selected provider will work closely with Nebraska State Fair staff and electricians to ensure all equipment is delivered, checked in, operational and maintained throughout the Fair, and is checked out and picked up after the fair.

About Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben Stock Show: Nebraska State Fair, entering its 158th year in 2027, is an event held at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska. The regional event is the largest celebration of Agriculture in Nebraska, drawing more than 300,000 patrons each year. Concerts, equine shows, carnival, dozens of free entertainment acts surround our core of 4-H, FFA, and Open Class livestock and competitive exhibit contests to create this robust 11-day-long event that ends on Labor Day.

Aksarben Stock Show celebrates 100 years of livestock contest in 2027. This four-day event is hosted just 2 weeks after the annual State Fair. Aksarben holds a contest of beef, swine, sheep, goat, broiler, and rabbits for Exhibitor youth age 9 – 19 who reside in our 14 mid-western states eligible. In addition to livestock shows, Aksarben hosts one of the first seasonal national livestock judging shows (over 500 high school and collegiate youth). Aksarben also hosts national quiz bowl, and public speaking satellite contests. There is also a large shopping trade show, study hall, ag themed child's play area, and concessions enhancing the four-day event. Aksarben will be held Sept 23 – 26 in 2027.

Fair Demographics:



Section 3. Instructions

I. Review this document carefully.
II. RFP questions should be directed by e-mail to Tina Thuernagle at TTHUERNAGLE@STATEFAIR.ORG
III. Interpretations, corrections, revisions, and amendments to this request for proposal shall be issued to all known RFP recipients in the form of written addenda.
IV. Proposals are due by hand delivery of sealed package, USPS mail or e-mail and due before December 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM to:

Physical Address:
501 E Fonner Park Road, Suite #200
Grand Island, NE 68801
E-Mail:
TTHUERNAGLE@STATEFAIR.ORG

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1387
Grand Island, NE 68802

Section 4. Overall Scope

I. **Terms:** The Nebraska State Fair intends to award a three-year agreement for the rental and support of generators, electrical distribution equipment and portable light towers. The agreement will cover three consecutive Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben Stock Show events, beginning in 2027 and concluding in 2029. Pricing should be submitted for each of the three contract years. When agreeable by both parties, there is an option for up to two (2) additional 2-year terms.
II. **Other Promoters:** Any other promoters facilitating business with NESF, including Fonner Park and its partners, or the Grand Island Expo and its partners, shall not be bound by any agreement made as the result of this request for proposal.
III. **Agreements Made:** NESF may accept a proposal as written by issuing a written agreement with the Awardee. This agreement will be signed by both parties.
IV. **Exceptions:** Any exceptions or exclusion to any part of this RFP shall be noted on the Proposal Addendum, Attachment A, and submitted.
V. **Contracts:** To be executed between NESF and Awardee. All contracts shall be carried out by the NESF Director of Operations or Executive Director.
VI. **Responsible Parties:** NESF final decisions remain with the Operations Director, in cooperation with the Executive Director, and panel of Directors or NESF Board.

Section 5. Conditions

I. **Laws:** Terms and provisions of this solicitation and any agreement resulting from this shall follow any governing law applicable to this process. Any litigation or action in connection with this proposal and subsequent award shall be instituted in the appropriate Nebraska courts.
II. **Assignment:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation may not be assigned, transferred, or delegated as a whole or in part by the Awardee, without the prior written consent of NESF.
III. **Termination:** NESF may terminate any agreement made as a result of this process at any time that the awardee fails to carry out the provisions under the agreed-upon terms.

a. Upon termination, NESF shall provide written notice within 10 days of termination. Any monies owed to NESF shall be due within 30 days of written notice, and vice versa.

IV. **Indemnification:** NESF hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *Awardee*, as well as their agents, representatives, and directors from and against any loss, damage or expense associated with a claim arising out of the negligence of NESF. *Awardee* hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *NESF* for any loss, damage or expense associated with a claim arising out of the negligence of the *Awardee*.

V. **Insurance:** NESF shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of no less than One Million Dollars per occurrence from an A- or better rated carrier. This policy shall name the Awardee and their agents, representatives, and directors as additional insured as it pertains to the negligence of the NESF. Awardee shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of no less than One Million Dollars per occurrence from an A- or better rated carrier. This policy shall name the NESF, and their agents, representatives and directors as stated in Addendum B as additional insured as it pertains to the negligence of the Awardee.

VI. **Retention of Rights:** The Awardee shall not have any rights to use the name, logos, trademarks, or copyrights of NESF outside of the purposes of promotion related to NESF, without written permission.

a. NESF reserves the right to not award this offer to any company based on any reason.

VII. **Winning Bid Transparency:** The Nebraska State Fair is a 501(c)(5) non-profit entity. The organization does follow public/private transparency guidelines. Winning bids, after contract execution and if requested, may be shared.

Section 6. Proposal

I. General Information

a. List the following:
   i. Company Name
   ii. Contact info for Talent Buyer:
   Physical Address
   City, State, Zip
   Phone
   Email
   Contact Name of Person Responsible for this RFP
   Title
   Phone
   Email
b. Provide a Letter of interest
c. Provide Company History
d. Describe three (3) examples of your Company's past performance success with other clients.
e. Provide three (3) references from clients on your CURRENT client list.

II. Scope

a) **Generator Rental**: Provide generators of various sizes and capacities based on Nebraska State Fair requirements. All generators and equipment must be serviced less than 50 hours of use since last service and must be in good operating condition upon receipt. Ensure all generators are in safe, reliable working conditions prior to delivery. Provide on-site maintenance, troubleshooting and repairs throughout the Fair. Provide timely replacement equipment in the event of a failure. Coordinate generators drop off and pick up and check-in and check-out of all equipment in coordination with Nebraska State Fair Operations Director or their representative.

b) Electrical Distribution Equipment: Provide temporary electrical distribution equipment as specified by the Nebraska State Fair. Equipment may include distribution panels, electrical cables, connectors, and other necessary components. All electrical distribution equipment must meet applicable electrical codes and safety standards. Equipment must be inspected and in proper working condition before delivery. The awardee shall coordinate equipment delivery and pick up with Nebraska State Fair personnel.

c) **Electrical Connection and Disconnection Responsibilities:** Nebraska State Fair selected electricians will be responsible for connecting and disconnecting the temporary electrical distribution equipment. The awardee shall provide the necessary equipment and technical assistance to support these operations. The awardee's on-site technician must be available to assist with equipment-related questions, troubleshooting, and coordination as needed. All electrical connection and disconnection work will be performed by authorized Nebraska State Fair electricians.

d) Portable Light Towers: Provide portable light towers as requested by the Nebraska State Fair. Ensure all light towers are fully operational upon delivery. Provide timely maintenance, repairs, and replacement equipment, as necessary. The awardee shall coordinate equipment delivery, check-in, and check–out, pick up with Nebraska State Fair personnel.

e) **On-Site Technician Requirement:** The awardee must provide a qualified technician on-site for all 11 days of the Nebraska State Fair and on delivery of all equipment to inventory per load verification, what is delivered along with the Nebraska State Fair electricians. The technician shall be knowledgeable about the generators, electrical distribution equipment and portable light towers provided under this agreement. The technician shall be available to troubleshoot equipment issues and perform necessary maintenance or repairs by responding promptly, with-in 30 minutes to regular issues and with-in 15 minutes to all out door concerts, to equipment failures or operational concerns. Coordinate directly with Nebraska State Fair Electricians and Nebraska State Fair Operations Director. The Technician shall assist with equipment-related technical needs throughout the event and must have access to necessary tools and resources to address equipment failures. The Nebraska State Fair will provide a designated camper/RV location on the fairgrounds for the contractor's on-site technician during the 11-day State Fair event. The contractor shall be responsible for providing its own camper or RV and any other accommodation or personal necessities. Proposals should identify the contractor's expected response times for emergency repairs and the process for obtaining replacement equipment.

III. Bid

Proposals must include an itemized pricing schedule for each year of the three-year agreement.

Pricing should clearly identify**:**

a) Generator rental rates by size and capacity.
b) Electrical distribution equipment rental rates: cords, panels, I-lines, etc. Full list of 2026 Equipment is below.
c) Portable light tower rental rates.
d) Delivery, pickup, check-in, check–out fees if applicable.
e) On-site technician costs for all 11 days, 15 minutes response at outdoor concerts and with in 30 min response at Fair general.
f) Maintenance and service charges, if applicable.
g) Any additional fees or expenses like environmental fees.
h) List any other fees or changes in Addendum A.
i) Clearly identify any discounts available through a three-year agreement.
j) All proposed pricing should specify whether rates are fixed for the contract term or subject to annual adjustments and list the adjustment rates.
k) Generators and Equipment must be in good working order and shall have no more than 20 hours use since last mainteance service.

The list below is what the Nebraska State Fair used during the event:

ITEM	Quantity
Generator 20KW	4
Generator 30KW	9
Generator 40KW	2
Generator 60KW	5
Generator 80KW	3
Generator 100KW	9
Generator 150KW	1
Generator 200KW	3
I Line panel 800 AMP	10
50 AMP Cable 50ft ea.	315
2/5 Cables	45
4/O Cable 50ft ea.	110
Spider Box 50 AMP	75
RV Gang Box	84
4/O Cable Female tail	72
4/O Cable Male tail	6
Cable Ramp	500
ADA Cable Ramps	100
2/5 Female Tails	28
2/5 Male Tails	10
400 Amp Camper 50 Amp Pannel	15

Towable Tight Towers	38

The list below is what the Aksarben Stock show used during the event:

ITEM	Quantity
Light Towers	10
Generator 20KW	1
Generator 30KW	1
2/5 cables	1
2/5 tails	1
6 position cali panel	1
Spider box	8
50 AMP Cable 50ft ea	15

Nebraska State Fair will fuel all equipment before it gets checked out. Devilvery and check in of equipment for 2027 Nebraska State Fair will be no later than August 19th 2027 and checked out and picked up on September 8th 2027. Devilvery and check in of equipment for Aksarben Stock Show will be no later than September 21st and checked out and picked up September 28th 2027.

Section 7. Evaluation of Proposal

I. Evaluation of all proposals shall be performed by NESF officials. Evaluation shall be based on, but not limited to, the complete bid in no order or weight. Businesses with previous Fair experience will be scored accordingly.

II. Evaluation committee shall consist of:

Jaime Parr, Executive Director
Tina Thuernagle, Operations Director
Nebraska State Fair Board and Staff as applicable

Section 8. Certification

Include this form with your proposal

Name of Company _____

Physical Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Contact Name of Person Responsible for RFP _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Manager Name (If different from above) _____

The Business representative hereby certifies by signing below that this proposal is genuine and is made under no false pretense.

_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Proposal Addendum – Attachment A

EXCEPTIONS TO PROPOSAL AS NOTED.

The following exceptions to this request for proposal are listed as such:

RFP ITEM NUMBER	COMMENTS

Print Name	Signature	Date

Proposal Addendum - Attachment B

INSURANCE

Company submitting a proposal are required to make evident certificates of the following minimum coverage. Such certificates shall be included with the proposal:

- Workers Compensation Insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the State of Nebraska.
- Employers' Liability Insurance providing limits of liability in the following amounts:
    a. Bodily injury by accident: $100,000 each accident
    b. Bodily injury by disease: $500,000 policy limit
    c. Bodily injury by disease: $100,000 each employee
- Commercial General Liability insurance providing limits of liability in the following amounts, with aggregates applying separately on a "per project" basis:
    a. General aggregate: $2,000,000
    b. Product/completed operations aggregate $2,000,000
    c. Personal and advertising injury liability $1,000,000
    d. Per occurrence $1,000,000
    e. Fire legal liability $50,000
    f. Automobile $1,000,000

If the Awardee does not carry its own required insurance coverage or fails to return proof of such ay the due date, Nebraska State Fair may at its option obtain through an insurance carrier the necessary coverages noted by this agreement. The expense of this coverage will be billed to the Awardee.

Nebraska State Fair Board, Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, The Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, and the City of Grand Island shall be listed as additional insured at no cost to the Nebraska State Fair.

LIABILITY

The Awardee agrees to hold Nebraska State Fair Board (legal entities, employees, board members and thereof) harmless from any liability, cost or expense in connection with or growing out of any claim whatsoever for injury, loss or damage to person and/or property at activities involved with this agreement in or upon the Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fair premises, its facilities and appurtenances OR upon the hotel premises, facilities and appurtenances including any transportation of persons, property or items in any way related to Nebraska State Fair.

I acknowledge that I have read the above insurance and liability requirements and acknowledge my organization's responsibility as such.

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Print Name	Signature	Date