

# **Request for Information (RFI) for Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Services for Equestrian Facilities**

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## **Introduction:**

WSSC Water is seeking information from qualified contractors to deliver or perform rehabilitation and rebuilding for a stable (also referred to as a barn), riding rings, and other equestrian facilities. This RFI aims to identify potential providers with the expertise and capability of rehabilitating and/or completing new construction at WSSC Water's property within the Avenel Community in Potomac, Maryland.

## **Background:**

The equestrian center, located near 10000 Oaklyn Dr, Potomac, MD 20854 spans approximately 150 acres and includes existing facilities: existing barn that is not currently fit or safe for use, riding ring(s), grazing areas, riding trails and auxiliary structures. The center previously offered equestrian boarding and, at times, various equestrian-related programs. A structural assessment of an existing structure on the property was recently completed and is available here: [www.wsscwater.com/avenel](http://www.wsscwater.com/avenel)

## **Objective:**

The objective of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather detailed information from qualified firms with experience and/or specialization in the rehabilitation and rebuilding of equestrian facilities. The purpose is to explore capabilities, gather insights into methodologies, and obtain pricing information to inform ongoing facilities planning processes. This RFI aims to identify experienced vendors who can effectively execute the reconstruction of an equestrian facility, ensuring compliance with industry standards, sustainability practices, and timelines.

## **Scope of Services:**

Respondents should provide information on best practices for the following areas:

1. Project Approach and Methodology:
  - What approach is typically taken to determine whether to rehabilitate an existing facility versus constructing new equestrian facilities?
  - What are the key factors that should be considered in a decision on new construction versus rehabilitation?
  - Are there specific benefits to either new construction or rehabilitation?
  - What considerations are given to environmental impacts during construction?
2. Materials and Construction Quality:

- What is the most common and cost-effective approach to construction of equestrian facilities?
- Are these facilities typically custom-built or based on prefabricated designs and manufacturing?
- What types of materials are recommended for equestrian construction and why?
- How is the quality and durability of materials used ensured and are there recommendations on materials for construction projects related to equestrian facilities?
- Are there any safety concerns that should be addressed specific to equestrian facilities?

### 3. Budget and Pricing:

- Please provide a detailed breakdown of the categories of costs associated with rehabilitating an equestrian facility to a level that could accommodate active and ongoing equestrian activities – this might include construction related costs, interior construction costs, additional required structures or facilities.
- Please provide a detailed breakdown of the categories of costs associated with constructing an equestrian facility to a level that could accommodate active and ongoing equestrian activities – this might include construction related costs, interior construction costs, and/or additional required structures.
- Are there structural elements or appurtenances that are critical to facilitating cost-effective equestrian operations (e.g. riding ring, equestrian-specific storage needs, etc.)?
- Are there any additional costs or contingencies that WSSC Water would need to consider?
- Are there ongoing maintenance needs and costs that would need to be considered due to construction type/form?

### 4. Compliance and Legal Considerations:

- Are there any compliance requirements (equestrian facility standards, state standards, or industry best practices/standards)? If so, what are they?
- Are there any legal considerations or permits required for this type of program?

### **Submission Requirements:**

Interested parties should provide the following information:

1. Submissions should, to the extent possible, address the questions listed above. WSSC Water welcomes narrative answers as well as additional information on the market for this type of services in the greater Baltimore-Washington area.
2. Company Overview:
  - Please provide a brief overview of your company, including its history, size, and organizational structure.
  - What experience does your company have in rehabilitating equestrian facilities and constructing equestrian facilities?
  - Beyond construction, what additional experience do you offer that could benefit an equestrian facility (e.g., maintenance, training, operations)?

### **Submission Instructions:**

Please submit your response to this RFI by 2:00 p.m. September 6, 2024. Submittals must be submitted via WSSC Water's supplier portal.

To be eligible to participate in WSSC Water solicitations, including this request for information (RFI) vendors must be registered in our WSSC Supplier Portal. The Procurement Office uses the industry classifications (North America Industry Classification System – NAICS codes) to send notifications about upcoming solicitations. The WSSC Supplier Portal allows suppliers to keep their information up to date to ensure they are receiving all applicable solicitation notifications based on their NAICS codes.

There is no cost to register in the WSSC Supplier Portal and receive notifications. For assistance registering use the [WSSC Supplier Training Manual](#) or visit our [Procurement FAQ](#) page.

[Click here to register for the supplier portal.](#)

### **Evaluation Process:**

Submissions are for informational purposes only and do not represent a commitment to procure services or provide funds for an equestrian facility in the future. This RFI is intended to provide key information to support WSSC Water's operations and future planning.