

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY SKAGIT COUNTY that sealed bids will be received and publicly opened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, on **Monday, March 16, 2026, at the hour of 11:45 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. Attendance will be in-person or remote by computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09> or by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980

PROJECT TITLE: 2026 M/V Guemes Pierside Maintenance Project #FEHO26-1

BID DOCUMENTS

Information, copies of bid documents, drawings and other reference material and addenda for this project will be available on-line beginning **February 19, 2026**, at <http://www.skagitcounty.net/rfp> or obtained at Skagit County Public Works Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington; (360) 416-1400. Contractors who download plans and specifications are advised to e-mail brendao@co.skagit.wa.us to be added to plan holders list to receive any addenda that may be issued.

All bid envelopes must be clearly marked on the outside, "**Sealed Bid 2026 M/V Guemes Pierside Maintenance**". Sealed bids shall be received by one of the following delivery methods before **Monday, March 16, 2026; at the hour of 11:45 a.m.** Proposals are to be submitted on the forms provided in the Bid Proposal Packet. Incomplete proposals and proposals received after the time fixed for the opening cannot be considered. Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, electronic or faxed proposals will not be accepted. All bidding shall be based upon compliance with the Contract Provisions and Plans.

1. **Hand-delivered:** Bids delivered in person shall be received only at the office of the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Reception Desk, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
2. **Via mail:** Bids shall be mailed to the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

TIME PERIOD FOR PIERSIDE MAINTENANCE

The performance period for the pierside maintenance shall be ten (10) working days, and work can start as early as April 28th, 2026, or one day after contract execution, whichever comes first. Time starts the day the vessel is delivered to the Contractor's facility and this shall be considered working day one (1). The vessel shall depart the Contractor's facility no later than 8:00 a.m. following the last contracted date, unless otherwise authorized by the Ferry Operations Division Manager. Contracted work must be completed, and the vessel must be back in service on or before May 21, 2026.

Contractor must specify preferred pierside maintenance dates on the bid proposal. **If the Contractor has concerns about the number of working days provided or the dates within which the work must be complete, the Contractor shall utilize the bidding period opportunity (with questions due February 27, 2026) to bring concerns forward to Skagit County.**

By signing the bid proposal, the Contractor is agreeing to reserve space in the Contractor's facility for the M/V Guemes for the available dates listed by the Contractor. Skagit County shall reserve the right to choose a pierside maintenance schedule based on preferred dates, shipyard availability and operational needs and considerations. Upon execution of a bid award resolution, Skagit County will contact the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder to confirm the pierside maintenance schedule.

PRE-BID MEETING & SHIP CHECK

The pre-bid meeting and ship check is **highly recommended** for all Bidders and will be held on site at **11:45 a.m. on February 25, 2026**, at the Anacortes ferry terminal located at **500 I Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221**. **All questions must be submitted in writing no later than February 27, 2026, by 5:00**

p.m. to Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager at: 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, 98273, or at rowe@co.skagit.wa.us. All addenda will be issued by **March 4, 2026, no later than 5:00 p.m.** Questions submitted after 5:00 p.m. February 27, 2026, will not be considered, no answers will be provided, and no addenda will be issued.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

Maintenance performed by a Contractor on a County-owned ferry is considered a public works project as defined in RCW 39.04, and therefore, Washington State Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this Contract and Bidders are advised to consider this charge when tabulating bids.

INSURANCE

Commercial General Liability Insurance, Business Automobile Liability Insurance, Industrial Insurance (Workers' Compensation) and USL&H Insurance (a/k/a "Long shore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act/Jones Act) are a requirement of this project.

BID GUARANTY

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a surety company bid bond, or a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of Skagit County for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. A Contract Bond covering performance and payment will be required with the Contract.

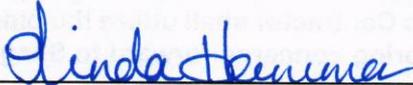
Skagit County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid or in any bidding and to further award the Project to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder whose bid complies with all of the prescribed formalities, as it best serves the interest of Skagit County. After the date and hour set for the opening of bids, no bidder may withdraw its bid unless the award of the Contract is delayed for a period exceeding sixty (60) calendar days following bid opening. All Bidders agree to be bound by their bids until the expiration of this stated time period.

The Skagit County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, you may contact the Public Works Department's Title VI Coordinator, Michael See, at (360) 416-1400.

The Board of Skagit County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this 17 day of February, 2026.


Clerk of the Board

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