



***The Paradise Center  
Northwest Gateway for Community, Visitors & the Arts***

April 9, 2024

**INVITATION FOR BID (RFB): ROUNDHOUSE SIDING**

The Paradise Center has substantially completed construction of a reduced-size replica (1262 square-feet) of the railroad roundhouse that once was located between Paradise and Plains, Montana. This “mini-roundhouse” is located on the playground of the Center (formerly the Paradise Elementary School) located at 2 School House Hill Road, Paradise, MT 59856.

Work that remains to be done includes the construction and installation of front doors on each of the five bays of the roundhouse, which is being undertaken by owner, and siding, for which the Center is now accepting bids. We seek completion by June 1, 2024, so we can open the space to summer visitor.

The Paradise Center is a Montana nonprofit corporation managing the 114-year-old school under a long-term lease with Sanders County, owner of the property. The site and buildings are being preserved and repurposed as a community, visitors, and arts center for the county. Grants from the Montana Department of Commerce and other sources make possible this capital improvement. These grants constitute the sole sources of funding for this project.

The original Paradise roundhouse was built and operated by the Northern Pacific Railway to service locomotives and rollingstock until the structure became obsolete. The mini-roundhouse will help honor Paradise’s railroad history by providing additional exhibit space for railroad items too large for the Center’s main buildings.

***Contractors are invited to bid on the following scope of work and materials:***

**Provide all materials and install unpainted metal soffit under all eaves:**

- Approximately 100 lineal feet with average width of 12 inches
- Approximately 55 lineal feet with average width of 18 inches
- Approximately 75 lineal feet with average width of 24 inches

**Provide all materials and install unpainted corrugated steel siding on back side of Roundhouse:**

- Five (5) sections, each section at an angle to the neighboring section
- Each section approximately 10' H x 15' L
- Approximately 750 sq. ft. total
- 7/8 in. x 37 in coverage; 22 or 24 gauge
- Bid should include, but is not limited to, base flashing and top metal trim, inside and outside closures, and metal outside corners

**Provide all materials and install brick veneer on both Roundhouse sides:**

- Approximately 257 sq. ft. on each side for a total of 514 sq. ft. for both sides
- Bid should include, but is not limited to cement board, base and door flashing and top metal trim, bricks (approximately 7-5/8 x 2-1/4 x 1/2 inches @), corner bricks, water proofing, adhesive, and grout
- See HomeDepot Boston Mill (oldmillbrick) for acceptable style and color

**Provide all materials and install horizontal lap siding on Roundhouse front side:**

- This wood or composite siding will surround the five (5) bay doors to be installed by owner and the five (5) sets of clerestory windows already installed
- Diamond Kote 8 in. RigidStack Cascade Woodgrain, or equivalent product, would be acceptable
- Owner to specify pre-painted color

Note: At the moment, electricity is not available at the Roundhouse.

***Other requirements for responding to this Request for Bid:***

- 1—Bids should be inclusive of materials and labor (including installation), separately itemized.
- 2—Bidder should make own estimate of square footage and quantity of product and fasteners.
- 3—Bidders are invited to make suggestions that would reduce cost or construction time.
- 4—The successful bidder will provide evidence of a comprehensive general liability insurance policy, covering this project and benefitting both Sanders County and The Paradise Center. Bidders should specify the amount of coverage they carry.
- 5—The successful bidder must provide evidence of workers compensation insurance coverage in Montana or a Montana Independent Contractor Exemption Certificate throughout the duration of the project.
- 6—The bid should indicate when the bidder would anticipate completion.

7—The bid should specify what warranty will be extended by the bidder.

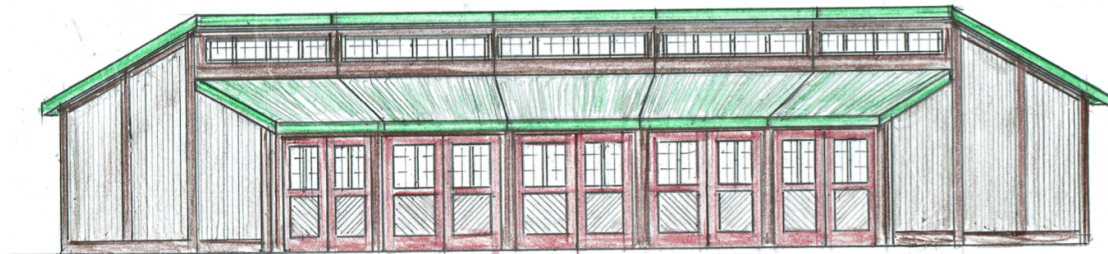
8—Please provide a reference and/or photographs for one or more projects you have completed in the last three years.

9—The Paradise Center reserves the rights to reject any or all proposals received, waive any requirements of this RFB, postpone the award of the contract, and accept any responsible bid that is in the best interest of the organization.

10—Send bids by email to John E. Thorson, Treasurer, The Paradise Center, and Mac Hall, Board Member. The email addresses are [johnethorson@mac.com](mailto:johnethorson@mac.com) and [mac.comserve@gmail.com](mailto:mac.comserve@gmail.com).

11—Bids are being accepted now and will continue to be accepted until a satisfactory bid has been accepted or this RFB withdrawn. Please indicate as soon as possible if you are preparing and plan to submit a bid.

For more information about the specifications or to arrange a site visit (the exterior is accessible without an appointment), please contact John Thorson (406) 826-0500 or Mac Hall (509) 844-6982.



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