

NOTICE

SMD Notice: 2022-09

**REQUEST FOR BIDS: REMOVAL OF ABANDONED AQUACULTURE ENCLOSURES,
WITHIN THE WESTERN BRANCH, LYNNHAVEN RIVER, LONG CREEK AND BROAD
BAY, IN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**

VMRC is seeking to contract for the removal of abandoned aquaculture enclosures at numerous locations Virginia Beach, Virginia.

THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION:

Successful bidders shall provide information demonstrating that they have equipment that is capable of removing the enclosures entirely from the substrate.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

VMRC is seeking to contract for the removal of abandoned aquaculture enclosures at numerous locations Virginia Beach, Virginia. The enclosures are located within the Western Branch Lynnhaven River, Long Creek, and Broad Bay as shown on the attached aerial maps. Some of the aquaculture cage enclosures are empty and intact. Others are full of oysters, and/or shell, and may be somewhat imbedded into the bottomland areas. Complete removal of the enclosures is required. Any live oysters found within any such enclosures shall be placed on an existing VMRC approved reef site within close proximity to the work area. All dead oysters and/or oyster shell shall be left upon the subaqueous bottomlands at the removal location. Strike attached to such enclosures can remain on the enclosure and retained by the successful bidder. All removed enclosures or portions of such enclosures that are not in usable condition shall be taken to a pre-approved disposal site. All bids shall be received no later than August 31, 2022.

Preference will be given to contractors that are registered with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, and a contract and current Tax form (W-9) completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Payment will be made after the Conservation and Replenishment Department has received the invoice and all supporting documentation.

The Marine Resources Commission will provide all contractors with information, so that they, if not already registered, can promptly register as a small, woman, or minority owned company with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises.

SELECTION:

Bid price can be for all sites, or specific to a one or more location. A VMRC observer will be required during the removal of the enclosures (and for placement of all live shellstock on an approved reef site). Since any useable enclosures will become the property of the selected bidder, **a \$0 dollar bid is acceptable.**

VMRC plans to select up to two (2) contractors to perform the work. If more than two (2) responses are received from qualified contractors, then selection will be made by lottery.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

All bids shall be received no later than **August 31, 2022**. Successful bidders will be notified on or about **September 9, 2022**. All removal work must be completed no later than **October 31, 2022**.

Information required for eligibility to participate in this project: Name, address, telephone no., description of equipment intended for operation on this project and your boat's name or number. Also, describe your experience and work performed with this type of equipment from 1997-2022.

LOTTERY:

If more than two (2) qualified applicants with identical bid prices, should respond, a lottery will be held on **September 8, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m.** at the VMRC office located at Fort Monroe. Building address is: VMRC, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, Virginia. The lottery will be open to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

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