



ISSUE DATE: 10/06/2026

INVITATION TO BID
BID 08-26 Bowers Park Pool
Diving Stand and Board Replacement

Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority (PARA) will accept sealed bids for replacement of the diving stand and 16-foot diving board at Bowers Park Pool. Sealed bids will be opened on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. CST** in the Conference Room of Iron & Ember at the Jerry Pate Golf Center, Two Iron Dr, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406, and may not be withdrawn for thirty (30) days after such date and time, except as permitted by applicable law. Bid packets may be obtained from Taylor Lopez via email at tlopez@tcpara.org.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. PREPARATION OF BIDS

Bids will be prepared per the following:

- (a) The enclosed Bidder's Response Form will be used to submit your bid.
- (b) Unit prices shall be shown where applicable; where there is an error in price extension, the unit price shall govern. Complete all Base Bid items and Alternate No. 1.
- (c) Bidders shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding the site, facilities, and conditions required to deliver and install the equipment. No plea of ignorance resulting from failure to make necessary examinations or investigations, or to fulfill the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying PARA's requirements or the compensation to the Contractor. Unforeseen structural conditions shall be handled as provided in the Specifications.
- (d) All PARA contracts are subject to applicable purchasing requirements and state and federal statutes, including Alabama Title 39 public works requirements.

2. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES

Bidders shall submit data necessary to evaluate the quality, specifications, and compatibility of the equipment and installation being proposed.

3. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids and changes thereto shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to Taylor Lopez, PARA, PO Box 2496, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403. The bidder's name and address, date and hour of bid opening, and title "Bid 08-26 Bowers Park Pool – Diving Stand and Board Replacement" shall appear on the envelope. Bids may be mailed or delivered in person. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify timely receipt.

4. LATE BIDS OR MODIFICATIONS

Bids and modifications received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- (a) The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder based upon quality and conformity with specifications. PARA may award either the Base Bid or Alternate No. 1; all bids shall be compared on the same selected scope and its total price.
- (b) If two or more bids are for the same total amount or unit price, quality and service being equal, preference may be given to a local bidder to the extent permitted by applicable law.
- (c) Prices shall be FOB Bowers Park Pool, Tuscaloosa, with all transportation charges prepaid and all costs for a complete installation included.
- (d) A written award of acceptance (Purchase Order) furnished to the successful bidder shall result in a binding contract incorporating this Invitation to Bid, the accepted bid, and any written addenda. The Contractor shall not begin work until authorized by PARA.
- (e) PARA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive nonmaterial informalities, and request clarification, consistent with applicable law. Clarification shall not permit a material change to a bid after opening.

6. CLAIMS

The successful bidder shall make all claims against carriers for missing or damaged items.

7. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bidders shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders, and laws applicable to this bid and subsequent contract, including applicable contractor licensing, permit, insurance, and public works requirements.

This solicitation is for a public works contract anticipated to be less than \$100,000. No bid, performance, or payment bond is required by this Invitation to Bid for a contract below that amount. The performance/payment bond and completion-notice exceptions in Ala. Code §§ 39-1-1(e) and (g) apply only to contracts below \$100,000. If the proposed award is \$100,000 or more, PARA shall determine and satisfy applicable requirements before award and commencement of work.

8. COLLUSION

The bidder, by affixing a signature to this proposal, agrees to the following: "Bidder certifies that this bid is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a bid for the same items and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action."

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Project Overview

Provide all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, transportation, disposal, and incidentals necessary to remove the existing diving stand and diving board at Bowers Park Pool and furnish and install a new commercial-grade diving stand and new 16-foot commercial diving board compatible with the existing pool configuration.

2. Existing Conditions and Site Verification

The existing installation consists of a 16-foot diving board mounted on an approximately 2/3-meter (0.67 meter / approximately 26-inch) diving stand. Both the stand and board shall be replaced. The existing stand, anchor area, and surrounding deck exhibit visible age, corrosion, and deterioration. Field-verify conditions before bidding, ordering equipment, or beginning work.

- Verify existing board dimensions and installation configuration for selection of replacement equipment.
- Verify compatibility of the new stand and new 16-foot board with the pool configuration.
- Inspect the existing stand, anchors, mounting area, concrete deck, and surrounding pool configuration.
- Verify dimensions, elevations, board projection, diving area, water depths, and installation requirements necessary for a complete, code-compliant installation.
- Identify conditions affecting installation or requiring additional structural or concrete work.

3. Scope of Work – Base Bid

- Remove and properly dispose of the existing diving stand, existing 16-foot board, associated mounting hardware, and anchors as necessary.
- Furnish a new commercial/public-pool-grade diving stand with a nominal height of 2/3 meter, or an equivalent manufacturer-approved configuration compatible with the new 16-foot board and existing pool geometry.
- Provide all mounting hardware, anchors, fasteners, structural components, and accessories.
- Remove deteriorated concrete and prepare the substrate as necessary. Install new anchors and complete required concrete repair, patching, grouting, sealing, and deck restoration.
- Furnish and install a new 16-foot commercial diving board with all required mounting hardware.
- Align, secure, and test the installation in accordance with the manufacturer's written requirements.
- Remove debris and leave the work area clean and ready for operation.

SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

4. Equipment Requirements

The stand and board shall be designed and manufactured for commercial/public swimming pool use and compatible with each other and the existing pool configuration. Include the following with the bid:

- Manufacturer and complete model number of the proposed stand and proposed new 16-foot board.
- Product data sheets and installation instructions.
- Written confirmation of stand/board compatibility, identifying any additional components required.
- Dimensions, board mounting configuration, and required foundation/anchor details.
- Manufacturer warranty information for the stand and board.
- Expected equipment lead time and estimated installation duration.

5. Concrete, Deck, and Anchor Work

The Base Bid shall include all normal demolition, concrete preparation, anchoring, and restoration necessary for a complete installation. Major unforeseen structural conditions that could not reasonably be determined during site inspection shall be documented and presented to PARA before additional work is performed. Changes in scope, price, or time require PARA's written approval before the changed work begins.

- Remove existing anchors and deteriorated mounting components as necessary.
- Saw cut, demolish, excavate, and prepare the deck as required by the manufacturer's installation details.
- Install new anchors, embedded components, reinforcement, grout, and other required materials.
- Place and finish concrete to match surrounding deck elevation and texture as closely as practical.
- Seal or finish repaired areas for a durable pool-deck installation.

6. Safety, Compliance, and Acceptance

Perform all work in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local requirements; applicable swimming pool and building codes; regulatory authority requirements; and the manufacturer's written specifications and installation instructions.

Verify equipment suitability for the pool configuration, diving area, and water depths. Do not proceed with an installation known or reasonably suspected to be incompatible. Notify PARA and obtain approval of a compliant resolution before proceeding; PARA authorization does not waive code or manufacturer requirements.

Upon completion, provide PARA with:

- Product information, installation documentation, and warranty documentation.
- Final model and equipment identification.
- Confirmation of installation in accordance with the manufacturer's written requirements.
- Recommended inspection, maintenance, and operational requirements.

SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

7. Contractor Qualifications

Bidders shall demonstrate experience furnishing and/or installing commercial swimming pool diving equipment. PARA may request additional information to verify qualifications. Provide:

- Company name, address, and primary contact.
- Applicable contractor license numbers/classifications and insurance information.
- Description of relevant commercial aquatic or diving equipment experience.
- At least three references for comparable projects, if requested by PARA.
- List of proposed subcontractors.

Maintain licenses and insurance required for the work. Where the scope is subject to Alabama swimming pool contractor licensing requirements, the applicable \$5,000 swimming pool threshold applies; the general \$100,000 licensing threshold does not waive that requirement. Provide evidence of any required license with the bid.

8. Project Schedule

The bidder shall state the anticipated equipment lead time and the estimated calendar days needed to complete installation. Work shall be coordinated with PARA to minimize disruption to pool operations. The successful bidder shall not begin work until authorized by PARA.

9. Alternate No. 1 – PARA Removal of Existing Diving Stand

Bidders shall provide a separate, complete alternate total price for PARA to remove the existing diving stand before the Contractor's work. The Contractor shall furnish and install a new commercial-grade 2/3-meter stand (or compliant equivalent) and a new 16-foot commercial diving board.

The alternate shall include removal and disposal of the existing board; removal of remaining mounting hardware and anchors as necessary after PARA removes the stand; concrete/deck preparation and restoration; new anchors and mounting hardware; furnishing and installation of the new stand and board; alignment, testing, cleanup; and all other work necessary for a complete, properly functioning installation.

Clearly identify all work PARA must complete before installation begins. Only removal of the existing stand is assigned to PARA. Unless expressly described above, the same technical, safety, warranty, and acceptance requirements apply to the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1.

10. Substitutions and Equivalents

- Equivalent products from other manufacturers are acceptable when they meet or exceed the specified requirements.
- Document compliance and compatibility of any proposed equivalent stand/board configuration.
- Identify proposed substitutions and any deviations in the bid; acceptance is subject to PARA's evaluation.

BIDDER'S RESPONSE FORM

Bid 08-26 Bowers Park Pool

Diving Stand and Board Replacement

Complete all Base Bid line items and Alternate No. 1. Include all labor, materials, equipment, freight, supervision, disposal, and incidentals. Allocate each cost once; do not duplicate amounts between line items. The Base Bid total is the sum of Items 1–8. Alternate No. 1 is a separate total price, not an amount added to or deducted from the Base Bid.

Item	Description	Price
1	New commercial 2/3-meter diving stand (or compliant equivalent)	\$ _____
2	Removal and disposal of existing diving stand	\$ _____
3	Removal of existing anchors / mounting components	\$ _____
4	Concrete/deck demolition and preparation	\$ _____
5	New anchors, hardware, and installation materials	\$ _____
6	Concrete/deck repair and restoration	\$ _____
7	Remove existing board; furnish new 16-foot commercial diving board	\$ _____
8	Labor/installation, equipment, cleanup, and all incidentals not included above	\$ _____
	TOTAL BASE BID (Items 1–8)	\$ _____
ALT. 1	TOTAL ALTERNATE NO. 1 – PARA removes existing stand; Contractor completes remaining work, including new stand and new 16-foot board	\$ _____

Equipment lead time: _____ calendar days

Installation duration: _____ calendar days

PARA work required before Alternate No. 1 installation:

Attach additional detail if needed. Complete and sign the continuation page.

BIDDER'S RESPONSE FORM (CONTINUED)

Bid 08-26 Bowers Park Pool

Proposed Equipment and Supporting Information

Diving stand manufacturer / model: _____

Diving board manufacturer / model: _____

Stand / board warranty terms: _____

Contractor license number / classification (if applicable): _____

Attach product data, installation instructions, compatibility confirmation, dimensions and foundation/anchor details, warranties, insurance information, relevant experience, proposed subcontractors, and any proposed substitutions or deviations. Provide three comparable-project references if requested by PARA.

Bidder Certification

The undersigned certifies that the bid is true and complete; the bidder has reviewed the project requirements and existing site conditions; and the bidder agrees to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary to complete the selected scope for the stated price. The bidder acknowledges the General Conditions, Specifications, and noncollusion certification in this Invitation to Bid.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Authorized Representative / Title: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Addenda acknowledged (number / date, or "None"): _____
