

SECTION 00 11 16**INVITATION TO BID**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Design and Development will receive sealed bids in the Auditorium, DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover Delaware 19901, until 11:00 AM on October 29, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Auditorium. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bid received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

Project involves the construction of two wildlife viewing platforms at the Ted Harvey Conservation Area in Dover, Delaware. The platforms would be in 2 different locations on the property, about 1.1 miles apart. ADA accessible wooden plank walkways, approximately 100 feet long, will lead from the respective parking areas out to the edge of the delineated wetlands areas. The platforms will be approximately 7 feet above the existing landscape providing an unobstructed 220 degree viewshed in both locations.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on October 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM, at the Ted Harvey Conservation Area, 2016 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, Delaware, at the proposed northern viewing platform location, for the purpose of establishing the listing of subcontractors and to answer questions. Representatives of each party to any Joint Venture must attend this meeting. **ATTENDANCE OF THIS MEETING IS A PREREQUISITE FOR BIDDING ON THIS CONTRACT.**

Sealed bids shall be addressed to the following address. The outer envelope should clearly indicate **"DNREC CONTRACT NO. NAT26002-THWILDVIEW SEALED BID – DO NOT OPEN"**.

Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Division of Fish and Wildlife
89 Kings Highway, Dover DE 19901
Attn: Amanda Delayo, Phone Number: 302-739-9974

Bidding documents may be obtained electronically by request at dnrec.delawarebayshore@delaware.gov.

Bidding documents will be available for review at the following locations: Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Bidders will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration of this award, and Minority Business Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids on this contract. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to ten percent of the bid amount and all additive alternates. The successful bidder must post a performance bond and payment bond in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price upon execution of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities therein. The Owner may extend the time and place for the opening of the bids from that described in the advertisement, with not less than two calendar days' notice by certified delivery, facsimile machine or other electronic means to those bidders receiving plans.

Gregory Patterson, Secretary

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