REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Project Name: Cocopah West Restoration Project – Earthwork, Structures, & Water Delivery
Project Number: WRP-2026-1
Submittal Deadline: September 4, 2026, 3:00 PM
Submittal Location: Cocopah Tribal Headquarters, 14515 S. Veterans Drive, Somerton, AZ 85350
Staff Contact: Jen Alspach, Environmental Protection Office Director (928) 627-2025 or alspachj@cocopah.gov

RFP available at: https://www.cocopah.com/business-opportunities.html

1.0 Request for Proposal

The Cocopah Indian Tribe (Cocopah) invites qualified Construction firms to submit a Bid for Proposal (Bids) for the above referenced project (the "Cocopah West Restoration Project – Earthwork, Structures, & Water Delivery").

2.0 General Description of the Project

The earthwork and structures component of the project entails site preparation, grading and construction of civil structures to restore 405 acres of habitat along the Colorado River, to be built in accordance with a previously designed set of engineered plans and associated technical specifications. An engineered plan set and technical specifications will be emailed to any interested irrigation design firm upon request. Strict adherence to the supplied plans and specifications will be required and modifications shall be subject to approval by the Project Engineer.

The water delivery component of the project includes both design and construction of water delivery infrastructure to irrigate cottonwood/willow, mesquite, and upland habitats through both flood and drip irrigation as specified in the restoration design plans.

Earthwork and Structures- Construction phase services may include:

- Site preparation, grading and construction of civil structures to restore 405 acres of habitat along the Colorado River floodplain
- Coordinate with Cocopah Tribe, Border Patrol, and stakeholders throughout the construction period
- Arrange for procurement of material and equipment
- Schedule and manage site operations in coordination with Cocopah Tribe, Border Patrol, contractors, and other stakeholders
- Provide quality control
- Bond and insurance for construction
- Meet all federal, state, and local requirements
- Maintain a safe work site
- Operate in a timely and efficient manner

Water Delivery- Design and Construction phase services may include:

- Design of a water delivery system to irrigate cottonwood/willow, mesquite, and upland habitats
- Arrange for procurement of material and equipment
- Installation of water infrastructure, pumps, and tubing
- Schedule and manage site operations in coordination with Cocopah Tribe, Border Patrol, contractors,

and other stakeholders
- Provide quality control
- Bond and insurance for construction
- Meet all federal, state, and local requirements
- Maintain a safe work site
- Operate in a timely and efficient manner

3.0 Instructions

Sealed bids from qualified Construction firms will be received at the location listed above by 3:00 PM, AZ Time on 9/04/2026. A total of 5 copies of the bid must be provided. Bids must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The Bids shall include a one-page cover letter plus a maximum of 15 pages to address the bid criteria specified. Supplemental resumes in the appendix are not allowable and will be cause for disqualification.

Adherence to the maximum page criteria is critical; each page side (maximum 8-1/2" x 11") with criteria information will be counted. Pages and tabs that have photos, charts, graphs, or criteria information will be counted towards the maximum number of pages. The minimum allowable font size shall be 11.

Please include the following as attachments:

1. Statement of Insurability, Bondability, and Financial Security – Certificate of insurance, bondability, and a letter from bank stating financial security will be required from the selected firm, and are NOT required with submittal. Please provide a brief statement of your firm's ability to provide these documents if selected.
2. Capability Statement
3. Past Performance (Recent relevant projects)

Proposed Schedule

The proposed schedule for the submittal reviews, notification and interviews is as follows:

Activity	Date
Advertise RFP	7/23/2026 – 9/4/2026
Pre-Proposal Meeting & Site Visit	8/05/2026
Question Submission Deadline	8/25/2026
Deadline for Submission	9/04/2026
Council Approval	9/30/2026

Please be advised that failure to comply with the requirements of this RFP may result in disqualification:

A pre-proposal meeting will be scheduled with interested firms on 8/05/2026 at 8:30 AM at the Cocopah Cultural Center at 14533 South Veterans Drive in Somerton, AZ. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory as vital information necessary to the understanding of the project, scope of work, and the selection process will be discussed. Interested firms must reach out to the staff contact by phone or email to RSVP for the meeting. The deadline to RSVP is 8/04/2026 at 12:00 PM. Cocopah reserves the right to reschedule this meeting as needed.

4.0 RFP Format and Scoring

The selection criteria and relative weights for evaluating proposals:

Criteria	Maximum Score
Project Schedule and Construction Timeline	15
Methodology and Approach	20
Construction Firm Experience & Capability to Perform Work	25
Cost Proposal and Quality Control Ability	30
Completed Proposal Submission	10
Total Maximum Points	**100**

RFP's must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP must include all information items listed in the RFP in the order listed.

5.0 Selection Process

5.1 Selection Committee: A Selection Committee will review all sealed Proposals, with a minimum of three (3) firms responding to the RFP. If fewer than three (3) firms respond to the RFP, or if one or more firms drops out of the procurement or is disqualified so that there are fewer than three (3) firms participating in the RFP, Cocopah may elect to proceed with the RFP with responsive and responsible firms. The proposals will be evaluated according to the selection criteria in section 4.0. The Selection Committee will use the criteria in Section 4.0 to determine the proposal that provides the best overall value to Cocopah, considering both qualitative and quantitative factors. Cocopah reserves the right to accept the proposal that is, in its sole judgment, the most advantageous to the organization.

Following the evaluation of written proposals, Cocopah may invite a shortlist of firms to participate in interviews. If held, the purpose of the interviews is to allow firms to respond to questions from the selection committee to further demonstrate the firm's qualifications and approach. Participation in interviews is by invitation only and does not guarantee selection.

Final selection will be based on the combined results of the written proposal evaluation and the interview, if conducted.

5.2 Contract Negotiation: Upon completion of the selection process, Cocopah will promptly enter into contract negotiations with the selected firm. If a contract cannot be successfully negotiated with the selected firm within a reasonable timeframe, then negotiations will be terminated with that firm and Cocopah will enter into negotiations with the next highest ranked firm until an agreement is reached or an impasse is declared.

5.3 Key Personnel: The Firm shall ensure that Key Personnel identified in its proposal shall be the Key Personnel assigned to the Project. Such Key Personnel shall not be replaced without prior written acceptance of Cocopah. Unauthorized replacements will result in disqualification of the proposal or breach of the Construction Contract.

6.0 Contents of Proposal

Bid proposal shall be scored in accordance with Section 4.0 and contain the following information:

6.1 Project Schedule and Construction Timeline: The project schedule is important to meet grant funding deadlines and milestones. The proposed schedule must include:

- Mobilization/demobilization proposed dates
- Ground/grading work timeframe
- Utilities relocations, if needed
- Building phases timeframes

6.2 Methodology and Approach: Bids shall describe construction methods and approach to successfully complete the project according to specifications and timelines. Include equipment, subcontractors, consultants, and clarify roles and responsibilities. In addition, proposals must demonstrate firm's ability to provide quality control oversight of construction activities and product through all phases of the Project.

6.3 Firm Experience and Capability for Work: Bids shall list a minimum of three (3) similar projects awarded to your firm for Construction services during the last five (5) years (Arizona projects are preferred). For each project provide a description of the project, client name and contact, award date (note if pending), construction cost, status of completion, and estimated completion date. As part of the selection process Cocopah will consider the size and complexity of the project under consideration, the resource investment of the firm in other current projects, and the amount of previous work recently performed.

6.4 Cost Proposal: Cost proposal must utilize the Unit Price Table provided in the RFP packet. Special conditions, inclusions, and explanatory notes related to any items in the unit price table must be detailed using the Unit Price Annotations sheet. For personnel costs, Davis Bacon prevailing wages must be used, under Yuma County- construction type "Heavy": https://sam.gov/wage-determination/AZ20250062/2

6.5 Completed Proposal Submission: The completion of the submitted proposal with the inclusion of all requested material.

7.0 Cocopah Indian Tribe Contact

All communications concerning this solicitation must be directed to the Staff Contact named at the top of this RFP. All questions must be submitted in writing. No other official or employee is empowered to speak for Cocopah with respect to this RFP. Any firm seeking to obtain information, clarification, or interpretations from any official or employee other than submittal of a written question to the Staff Contact named is advised that such material is used at the firm's own risk. Cocopah will not be bound by any such information, clarification, or interpretation.

Because any questions submitted require adequate time for response preparation, firms are asked to submit all questions by the date and time indicated below.

Questions must be received by 11:00 AM AZ time on 8/25/2026 so that a response may be issued as an addendum to the RFP.

8.0 Terms and Conditions

This RFP does not commit Cocopah to award a contract, to defray any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to procure or contract for services.

8.1 Cocopah reserves the right to extend the date by which the submittals are due.

8.2 Cocopah reserves the right to cancel, in part or in its entirety, this RFP including but not limited to: selection schedule, submittal date, and submittal requirements. If Cocopah cancels or

revises the RFP all known potential respondents of record will be notified.

8.3 All submittals become the property of Cocopah. Except for the name of firms on the final list, no information contained in a Request for Proposals shall be made public until after award and execution of a contract with a Construction firm.

8.4 Cocopah reserves the right to request additional information and/or clarifications from any or all respondents to this RFP.

9.0 Equal Opportunity

Cocopah is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women's business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals for the Project.

10.0 Protest Policy

10.1 Respondents may file a protest regarding the selection process and/or award of the associated contract to the Tribal Administrator. The protest shall be submitted in writing to the Tribal Administrator within ten business days after the proposer knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. The Administrator shall have ten business days to resolve the protest. The Administrator shall place the protest on the next Tribal Council agenda if not resolved prior to that time.

10.2 If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Staff Contact shall issue notice in writing of the Council's decision. The notice shall state the reasons for the action taken. A copy of the decision under this section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestor and any other party intervening.

10.3 Nothing in this RFP waives the Sovereign Immunity of the Cocopah Indian Tribe.