

PATRIOT'S POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PROVIDE ALL SERVICES TO SUPPLY BARGE, LOADING AND TRANSPORT PERSONNEL SERVICES FOR ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW AT PATRIOTS POINT

SOLICITATION # P36-0710_2027 JULY4TH

GENREAL DESCRIPTION

Patriots Point Naval and Maritime is home to several World War II naval vessels with the aircraft carrier, USS YORKTOWN as its centerpiece. Patriots Point is located on the Charleston Harbor, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum is managed and operated by the Patriots Point Development Authority ("PPDA"), an agency of the State of South Carolina.

The agency's intention is to support the Town of Mt Pleasant's annual July 4th fireworks celebration.

VENDER REQUIREMENTS

Since PPDA is an agency of the State of South Carolina, all bidders must possess a valid "SC vendor number" at the **time of submittal**. Bidder must also agree to accept a purchase order with payment terms as set forth by the State of South Carolina.

To obtain a State Vendor Number, visit the [South Carolina Procurement Information Center](#) website and select "New Vendor Registration". To determine if your business is already registered, select "Vendor Search". After completing the registration process, you will be assigned a State Vendor Number, as well as a User ID and Password that will allow you submit online bids and update your vendor information. Vendors must keep their vendor information current. If you are already registered, you can update your information by selecting "Update/View Existing Vendor Registration".

The Vendor must be engaged in a daily business of providing marine transportation, floating crane services and support as detailed below.

BID SUBMITTAL

All bids will be accepted by "PPDA" until 30 minutes prior to the closing date and time. (Please see the SCBO ad for more information.) We are located at the following address:

Patriots Point
40 Patriots Point Road
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Bids must be delivered in one of two ways:

Dropped off at our pier security guard station next to the gift shop at the head of the main pier. 40 Patriots Point Road, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464. Mark your envelope with the following:

"July 4th Barge, Tug and Loading Support"
"Attention: David Coates/ Chief Engineer"

Or

Emailed with time stamp 30 minutes prior to the opening time listed in SCBO solicitation.
The email address to be used is dcoates@patriotspoint.org

The Bidder's contact information and South Carolina 'Vendor Registration Number' must be on the front of the envelope on subsequent lines or clearly stated in the emailed offer. The offer sheet shall include Vendor's contact information, email address, phone number and be signed by an authorized party.

PPDA reserves the right to use other sources should the product delivery be delayed or if supply issues develop and/or cancel should the Town or Patriots Point Development Authority decide to do so.

PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

Successful bidder will provide one spudded barge on which all fireworks will be loaded for the annual fireworks evolution along with personnel necessary to transport and moor the barge. The barge will be equipped with all safety features for mooring off the port bow of the ex-USS Yorktown's permanent location at Patriot's Point Naval & Maritime Museum with typical night safety lighting. The successful bidder will provide pier space at the barge location, within a 25 mile radius from the museum site for loading the fireworks. Fork lift service for an 8 hour period before and after will be required for installation and removal of equipment and fireworks. To be included in bid.

The schedule is as follows:

The successful bidder will make the barge available starting on 06/30/2026 at 0700 for loading.

Patriots Point will install boarding ladders both port & starboard sides, both fore and aft ends. These are typically chained to bits or cleats. No hot work on the barge is intended.

Patriots Point will install two each life rings and attached rescue line on deck.

The barge will be moved to the fireworks shoot station off "ex-USS Yorktown" on 07/02 afternoon high tide.

Patriots Point provides coordinates for exact barge mooring site and give OK prior to spud drop.

After fireworks shoot the barge requires a cooling off period.

On July 5th successful bidder will return the barge back to the original pier for unloading.

Notes: Barge can draw no more than 4 feet due to shallowness in the shoot area.

Barge size used in 2025 evolution was 30' x 120' x 4' draft (or less) with anchoring spuds. Size must be similar. USCG will inspect prior to departing the pier. Fire Marshall will inspect sometime before shoot.

CONCLUSION

PPDA will publish a bidders list to all respondents of bid results once the bids are opened.

Any questions concerning this solicitation should be emailed to our Point of Contact's email, DCoates@patriotspoint.org. Please allow a response time of one business day.

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