



INDUSTRY DAY ANNOUNCEMENT **for the** **FOUR HORNS DAM MODIFICATION PROJECT**

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To: All Interested Parties

From: Blackfeet Nation

Subject: Four Horns Dam Modification Project – Industry Day Announcement

The Blackfeet Nation will be hosting an Industry Day for the Four Horns Dam Modification Project. The purpose of this Industry Day is to introduce the project, get construction feedback, and gain an understanding of how the construction industry can support this project in preparation for bidding. The Industry Day will be held as follows:

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
2520 14th Street SW
Great Falls, MT 59404

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

RSVP: If attending, please submit your company name and total number of individuals participating to Flora Big Hair at Flora.Bighair@neciusa.com by February 11, 2020.

Project Information

The Blackfeet Nation is seeking qualified contractors to reconstruct Four Horns Dam on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Glacier County, Montana. The Blackfeet Nation will be administering this project as part of a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The purpose of this project is to correct operational and potential dam safety deficiencies, as well as restore historic reservoir storage.

Primary construction components of the Four Horns Dam Modification Project include:

- Earthen Dam Reconstruction – Excavation of the existing Four Horns Dam and construction of a zoned earthen embankment with sand filters, toe drains, and riprap

protection. The maximum embankment height is approximately 51 feet and the embankment length is approximately 1,350 feet. Dewatering and water diversion are expected to be necessary for project construction since the project is located within an active irrigation reservoir.

- **Outlet Works Reconstruction** – Removal of the existing outlet works and construction of a new 276-foot long outlet works generally consisting of the following:
 - Steel lined concrete conduit
 - Concrete inlet structure with steel trash racks
 - Concrete tower structure with a precast building and gates
 - Concrete impact basin structure with chain link fencing and a ladder

- **Access Road Improvements** – Approximately 2,550 feet of access road grading located immediately north of Four Horns Dam. The contractor shall also conduct access road improvements at his discretion along the legal access from Badger Creek Road to Four Horns Dam as necessary for the contractor's access to the site.

- **Lower Spillway Reconstruction** – Removal of the existing spillway located along the Four Horns Dam outlet canal and construction of a new concrete labyrinth spillway, check structure, baffled apron drop structure, and associated earthen berms.

The estimated construction cost range of the Four Horns Dam Modification Project is between \$5 and \$10 million.

The Blackfeet Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) requires that employers give preference in employment and in subcontracting to Indians and to certified Indian Organizations and Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises. This Ordinance and all other applicable Tribal laws, regulations, ordinances and resolutions not in conflict with any applicable federal laws or regulations, will govern all employment activities conducted during the Project – including recruiting, hiring, training and promotion of employees, and awarding contracts, and subcontracts. Blackfeet TERO staff will be available at the Industry Day to provide additional TERO information.

Project Status and Schedule

Pre-final design has been completed for the Four Horns Dam Modification Project and final construction plans will be complete in March 2020. Construction is expected to begin in August 2020 and is expected to occur until fall 2021.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has issued a Clean Water Act, Section 404 exemption for this project. A final Environmental Assessment (EA) has been developed for this project and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is expected to be issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in early 2020. Consent to Grant Right-of-Way for the existing earthen access road from Badger Creek Road to Four Horns Dam has been received for trust tracts.

Project Bidding

The Blackfeet Nation anticipates advertising for proposals in April 2020. In addition to cost proposals, bidders will be required to include a statement of qualifications. Additional information regarding qualification statements will be provided at the Industry Day and will be contained within the project bid documents.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding this Industry Day or the Four Horns Dam Reconstruction Project, please contact:

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