

**METROPOLITAN ENTERTAINMENT & CONVENTION AUTHORITY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 26040  
CWS TENT RENTAL  
JANUARY 20, 2026**

**PART I - INTRODUCTION**

The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority ("MECA") is requesting proposals from qualified organizations interested in performing all services necessary for the rental of tents to be located at Charles Schwab Field Omaha ("CSFO") for use during the NCAA® Men's College World Series. MECA is responsible for managing the operations of this Facility.

**1. Anticipated RFP Schedule**

This Request for Proposal (RFP) and the guidelines set forth for responses hereto are intended to provide MECA with significant substantive information early in the negotiating process so that final agreement can be reached quickly. MECA has therefore established the following schedule:

RFP Issued	Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Final Questions Deadline	Monday, January 26, 2026, 10:00 am
Due/Public Opening	Thursday, January 29, 2026, 10:00 am

**2. Bidder Inquiries**

All inquiries regarding this RFP must be made in writing and addressed to kshiers@omahameca.com. Oral explanations or answers shall not be valid. Revisions, clarifications, and/or additional information will be issued to all Bidders in the form of an RFP addendum. All or any RFP addenda issued to the Bidders prior to the bid due date shall become a part of the bidding documents and the cost of such work shall be included in the bids.

**3. Delivery of Proposals**

Two printed copies and one electronic copy of proposals must be submitted and signed by an officer of the company, and delivered before the time set forth in Section 1 to MECA's offices:

MECA  
RE: Bid on Tent Rental 26040  
455 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68102

All proposals received will be publicly opened at MECA's offices at the time set forth in Section 1. Bidders may attend via teleconference; however, attendance is not required. MECA reserves the right to accept or reject late proposals or to extend the time for response for one or more respondents. If sending a bid electronically, email to: RFP@omahameca.com. Bid will not be accepted to a personal email box.

#### **4. Criteria for Evaluation of Proposals**

##### **4.1 Evaluation of Compliance with RFP Guidelines**

Each proposal received will be evaluated to determine whether it generally supplies the information requested in this RFP. MECA may (at its sole discretion) disqualify any proposal, which it deems non-compliant. All proposals shall be valid for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

##### **4.2 Evaluation of Proposals**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria: (a) the company profile, background, experience, and references of the proposing party; (b) pricing; (c) service and support; (d) ability to agree to the requested contractual terms and conditions; and (e) financial considerations. Other criteria may be considered by MECA based on the nature of the proposals received.

##### **4.3 Selection of Respondents**

Based on the foregoing criteria, MECA will select one or more entities for further negotiations. It is possible that based on the responses, MECA will elect to negotiate with more than one respondent. In such event, all selected entities will be informed that others have also been selected for negotiation, although MECA reserves the right to not disclose the identity of the other selected respondents.

MECA will notify the successful Bidder of the acceptance of its proposal. Such notice will be sent to the name and email address of the bidder as stated in its proposal.

##### **4.4 Reservations**

MECA reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all proposals, extend the time for receipt of proposals from all Bidders, waive defects or technicalities, correct discrepancies, advertise for new proposals, or to take any other action that MECA determines, at its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. MECA reserves the right to award the contract to other than the low bidder. Any such determinations or actions may be made without notice. All costs of preparation and submission of a proposal shall be at the risk and expense of the respondent. MECA shall have no liability in connection with a proposal or any respondent.

##### **4.5 Proposals**

All bids and proposals submitted by the various Bidders for this work become the property of MECA. Neither MECA nor the Bidders shall disclose the contents of any proposal to the other parties prior to the announcement of the award.

#### **5. Contractual Terms and Conditions**

Review and provide a detailed response whether the following contractual terms and conditions are agreeable. The Bidder's Proposal shall specifically note any requested modifications to this section, which MECA may take into consideration during the review process, at MECA's discretion.

5.1 Service Agreement and Payment

The successful Bidder will be required to execute a MECA Service Agreement prior to performing any portion of work required within the specifications of this RFP. A sample MECA Service Agreement is available upon request.

Payment terms will be Net 30 days from installation and acceptance by MECA.

5.2 Term

The initial term of this Agreement shall be for one (1) year beginning February 2, 2026, unless terminated sooner as hereinafter provided.

In addition to the initial term hereof and at the sole discretion of MECA, the Agreement may be renewed for four (4) successive one (1) year renewal periods. MECA agrees to exercise its option by providing written notice to Vendor no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the end of the then current term.

Any price increase for each renewal term shall be no more than the Consumer Price Index average of the twelve-months of the prior calendar year. [Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, U.S. City Average, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (1982-84=100)]. MECA must approve all increases.

5.3 Termination

The Agreement is terminable by MECA upon minimum sixty (60) days written notice, without penalty or cause, at any time during or after the second year of the Agreement.

5.4 Insurance

The successful Bidder must provide evidence of the following types of insurance during the term of the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, such coverage and limits are minimum requirements and shall not be deemed as a limitation on vendor's liability under any provision of any agreement. Approval of the insurance by MECA shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the vendor hereunder. Note any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits and coverage shall be available to an additional insured.

Commercial General Liability Insurance (including premises operation liability, contractual liability and product/completed operations liability) and Automobile Liability coverage (owned, non-owned and hired coverages) with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit (Auto Liability), and \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence, and \$2,000,000 General Aggregate. Commercial General Liability aggregate limit will apply on a "per location" basis. The insurance must protect the Bidder and MECA from claims for personal injury (including bodily injury and death) and property damage which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Bidder's services hereunder or from or out of any negligent act or omission of the Bidder, its officers, directors, agents or employees.

Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by applicable law. Policy shall be endorsed to include Waiver of Subrogation against MECA, the City of Omaha, their employees, officers and legal representatives.

Employer's Liability Insurance with minimum limits of:

\$500,000 Each Accident—Bodily Injury by Accident

\$1,000,000 Policy Limit—Bodily Injury by Disease

\$500,000 Each Employee—Bodily Injury by Disease

Umbrella or Excess Liability: additional \$5,000,000. Coverage is to apply to excess of Commercial General, Employer's Liability, and Automobile Liability policies.

All such insurance required above shall be with companies and on forms acceptable to MECA and shall provide that the coverage thereunder may not be reduced or canceled unless thirty (30) days unrestricted prior written notice thereof is furnished to MECA. All insurance shall be primary and not contributory. All insurance shall be written by companies with a Best's Key Rating Guide (Property-Casualty, United States) rating of A or better and a Best's Financial Size Category of Class VI or better. Within thirty (30) days of the date on which coverage is to be provided hereunder, the successful Bidder shall furnish to MECA certificates of insurance along with copies of endorsements evidencing compliance to the above requirements. Such certificates and insurance policies shall name MECA and the City of Omaha as additional insureds on a primary basis, and contain a waiver of subrogation, in which the insurer waives any claim or right to recover against MECA, the City of Omaha, their officers, agents or employees. The additional insured requirement does not apply to Workers' Compensation.

#### 5.5 Indemnification

Bidder does hereby covenant and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless MECA, and the City of Omaha, their officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives, from and against all claims, demands, losses, suits, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or relating to any claim, demand or judgment for property loss or damage (including loss of use of the Facility), and/or personal injury, including death, arising out of the Products and Services furnished hereunder by Bidder and Bidder's Personnel except to the extent same is caused by the negligence or reckless conduct of MECA or its employees or agents.

MECA is not responsible for any equipment, furnishings, supplies or other property or Products owned by Bidder and used or stored at the Facility, nor is it responsible for damage resulting from power failure, flood, fire, explosion or other similar causes.

The provisions requiring the furnishing of personal injury liability or property damage liability insurance shall not be construed to affect or impair the generality of the foregoing.

The successful Bidder shall represent and warrant in the contract that the components of this RFP to be purchased for the Facility shall not violate or infringe upon any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual or proprietary right of any third party. The Bidder shall agree to defend, protect and hold harmless MECA and its related parties from and against any and all liabilities,

actions, losses, awards, damages, costs, claims or expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by them as a result of any claim that the components of this RFP to be purchased for the Facility are illegal or infringe upon any third party patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual or proprietary right.

5.6 RFP and Bidder's Proposal

This RFP and the Bidder's proposal thereto shall become part of any contract that may be entered into as a result of this RFP.

5.7 Warranty

The Bidder shall warrant in the contract that the components of this RFP to be purchased for the Facility shall be new and of good and workmanlike quality and fit for the use intended. The Bidder shall further warrant that during the manufacturer's warranty period that the components will operate in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. The manufacturer's warranty period shall be specified on the Bidder's proposal and shall begin on the date of MECA's acceptance of the installation. All other specific promises and warranties made by Bidder in the RFP Response or bid process generally shall also be included in the final contract.

5.8 Scope, Quality of Work Guarantee

The successful Bidder shall furnish all equipment, labor, personnel, and Facility necessary to perform and complete the work.

5.9 Conduct of Personnel

No business, other than that specifically outlined in the RFP, may be conducted by personnel of the Bidder while on the premises of the Facility.

The Bidder shall be responsible for all actions of its employees, while they are assigned to the Facility. The employees shall at all times comply with applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of local, state, and federal agencies, along with all regulations, policies, and procedures of MECA.

Bidder certifies and agrees that, with respect to its staff and employees who will participate in the performance of this Agreement, the Bidder shall maintain a workplace free of drugs and alcohol during the term of this contract.

If, for whatever reason, MECA determines that personnel assigned to the Facility are unsatisfactory, the Bidder shall replace the individual or as mutually agreed upon.

5.10 Sales Tax

All federal, state and local taxes, including without limitation sales, use, excise, privilege, transactional, gross receipts, ad valorem or any other transactional tax or customs and duties ("Tax" or "Taxes") paid or payable by Bidder, however designated, levied or based on amounts payable to Bidder under or in connection with the RFP have been included in the pricing set forth on Attachment A – Proposal Form as required by the relative taxing authorities.

MECA is a sales taxable entity and as such, Bidder warrants that sales tax is included in the price provided on Attachment A – Proposal Form. Notwithstanding

anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the successful Bidder shall indemnify and defend MECA for any sales tax audit assessment against MECA relating to the amount of Nebraska sales tax charged under this Agreement.

## **PART II - SCOPE OF PROJECT**

This bid is for the rental of three (3) tents for use during the NCAA® Men's College World Series at Charles Schwab Field Omaha ("CSFO"). The successful Bidder is responsible for providing all labor, tools, equipment, accessories and materials for setting up and removing the tents. The tents will be placed at the bottom of gates 2, 3, and 4 on the grounds of CSFO. All tents will be located at street level on a concrete surface at CSFO.

The success Bidder must have tents set-up /in place by noon on June 10, 2026 through June 22, 2026. Tents must be removed no later than 6:00 pm on June 24, 2026. Liquidated damages of \$500.00 per day after June 10, 2026, will be assessed if tent setup is not completed, unless discussed and approved with MECA.

### **Tent Specifications**

Tents must be white in color and like-new in condition with no holes (major or minor), patches or tears. Tents will be exposed to multiple outside climates/weather elements. The quality, durability, and colorfastness of each tent is essential to withstand multiple weather conditions including high winds. All tent frames shall be composed of durable aluminum to withstand high winds.

Bidder must provide specification sheets and photos of proposed tents.

### **Base Bid**

- Tent Size: 10'x40'
  - Quantity: 2
- Tent Size: 10'x30'
  - Quantity: 1
- Side Walls: 10' sections
  - Quantity: 6 (two 10' sections for the ends of each tent)

### **Set-Up and Tear-Down**

All tents must be set-up to the reasonable satisfaction of MECA. If a set-up is found to be unacceptable, the successful bidder will make every effort to correct the problem within the designated set-up timeframe. Installation of all tents must be done taking all commercially reasonable safety precautions necessary to reduce the opportunity for personal injury.

All tents must be tethered with water barrels or weights. Staking into pavement, concrete, or landscaping/soils is not allowed. Access to water will be made available to the successful bidder to fill the water barrels, if applicable.

The successful bidder and MECA will set mutually agreed upon hours of set-up and tear-down times. A maintenance technician must be assigned to the project for the duration of the rental period. The technician must be available by cell phone/business phone twenty-four (24) hours per day/seven (7) days a week during the rental period. The technician must be on site within 4 hours of receiving an emergency call from MECA.

### **General Information**

1. This is a lump sum, not-to-exceed, agreement. At no time will MECA pay additional fees for overtime or non-business hours worked.
2. Products must be installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications.
3. The successful Bidder shall adhere to all codes, ordinances, or other regulatory requirements covering the scope of this project.
4. The successful Bidder is responsible for local, state and federal permits, if required.
5. The successful Bidder must be on site to receive delivery of their materials. If delivery date differs from install date, it must be scheduled with MECA.
6. Bidder must protect all adjacent areas not receiving work under the project and repair any damage to these areas at their own expense
7. Bidder is responsible for keeping work areas safe, neat and in a tidy manner limiting the footprint as much as possible. Bidder is responsible for cleaning work area upon completion of each day and at conclusion of the install.

### **PART III - Information to be Supplied by Bidder**

For ease of evaluation and given the fast-track that MECA desires to pursue to reach final agreement, MECA requests that each proposal submitted incorporate the same general structure. Proposals must include the following sections:

#### **1. Attachment A - Proposal Form**

Attachment A – Proposal Form, must be completed, signed and submitted as the first page of the Proposal.

#### **2. Company Profile**

The Bidder should provide information about the company, including the following information:

1. Company name, address, telephone number and contact person.
2. Brief company history, which can be in the form of a company brochure.

#### **3. Subcontractors**

A minimum of 50% of the scope of work must be performed by the Bidding Company. MECA will not accept bids where more than 50% of the work is being Subcontracted. In order that MECA may be assured that only qualified and competent subcontractors will be retained for the service, each Bidder shall submit with his/her name a list of all subcontractors that the Bidder intends to use. No change shall be made in the list of subcontractors after the receipt of proposals, unless agreed to in writing by MECA.

#### **4. References**

Bidders shall supply a list of three references that you have provided similar product/service for, including names and telephone numbers of the customer's contact person. Provide a brief description of product/service for each reference listed.

#### **5. Resumes**

Bidder shall provide resumes or bios of key staff assigned to the project highlighting qualifications and experience. Information must include all relevant certifications and/or training.

**6. Specification Sheets and Photos**

Bidder shall provide detailed specification sheets and photos of proposed tents and anchors (ex. water barrels, concrete weights, etc.).

**7. Deviations from Scope of Project**

Bidders must document all deviations from the specifications outlined in the Scope of Project in Part II.

**8. Contractual Terms and Conditions**

The Bidder shall review and provide a response whether the contractual terms and conditions set forth in Part 1, Section 5 are agreeable. A detailed response is required if a bidder is not agreeable to one or more of the terms and conditions set forth in Part 1, Section 5.