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1. ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Email bids for Hershey Rail Package will be received by the OWNER, Nebraska International Port of the Plains (NIPP), at mijensen@gftinc.com until 2 p.m. (prevailing local time) on August 21, 2026. The bids will be publicly opened and read at the NIPP Board meeting at 2 p.m. (prevailing local time) on August 24, 2026, at 1101 Halligan Drive, Room 200, Hershey, NE 69143. BIDDERS can also view the bid opening virtually at:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/265210141370831?p=Hwfi1OjuhVJcP5VKL0>

Meeting ID: 265 210 141 370 831

Passcode: E6PX6XB7

The proposed work includes construction of a railroad infrastructure improvement project consisting of civil site work, track demolition, grading and excavation, storm drainage construction, track subgrade preparation, ballast installation, and the construction of railroad yard and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline tracks.

Experienced railroad and heavy civil contractors capable of performing all work in accordance with applicable engineering plans, specifications, railroad standards, regulatory requirements, and safety protocols are encouraged to submit bids.

Prospective BIDDERS may download the plans, specifications, and bid documents at <https://lincolncountyne.gov/inland-port-authority/>

All BIDDERS are encouraged to attend the optional virtual pre-bid meeting being held on **August 3rd at 1:00 pm CT**. The pre-bid meeting can be accessed at:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/263840785144218?p=FxS9F31PJC7sYBxRzj>

Meeting ID: 263 840 785 144 218

Passcode: uv3z9nd6

An optional site inspection will be available to BIDDERS on **August 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** (prevailing local time). The site inspection **will not** include access onto UPRR right of way. Any BIDDERS should notify mijensen@gftinc.com if planning to attend. All BIDDERS should bring personal protective equipment (PPE) that must be worn at all times on the site.

After awards, contractors and subcontractors for the Hershey Rail Package must ensure all on-site employees are **eRailSafe** certified prior to accessing the construction site. Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on public works projects must provide a 10-hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each BID.

Nebraska International Port of the Plains reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

2. INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

Email BIDS for Hershey Rail Package will be received by the OWNER, Nebraska International Port of the Plains (NIPP), at mijensen@gftinc.com until **2 p.m.** (prevailing local time) on **August 21, 2026**. The subject line of emailed proposals shall say “**Nebraska International Port of the Plains Proposal**” and directed to the following representatives:

A subsequent hard copy of the BID documents with original signatures **must** be submitted no later than **12:00 p.m.** (prevailing local time) on **August 24, 2026**, to be considered a responsive BIDDER. These hard copy proposals should be addressed to:

Gary Person, North Platte Area Chamber
RE: Nebraska International Port of the Plains Proposal
502 South Dewey
North Platte, NE 69101

The BIDS will be publicly opened and read at the NIPP Board meeting at **2 p.m.** (prevailing local time) on **August 24, 2026**, at 1101 Halligan Drive, Room 200, Hershey, NE 69143. BIDDERS can also view the bid opening virtually at:

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All BIDS must be made on the required BID form. Separate BID forms are included for Civil Work and Track Work. BIDDERS can choose to submit BIDS for the Civil Work, the Track Work, or both. All blank spaces for BID prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and each selected BID form must be fully completed and executed when submitted. In the event of discrepancies between unit prices and extensions or totals, unit prices shall govern. Only one copy of the BID form is required. In the event of discrepancies between the email bid submitted and the subsequent hard copy submittal, the email bid submittal shall govern.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or minor defects in the BIDS. The OWNER reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted.

Any BID may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of BIDS or authorized postponement thereof. Any BID received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No BIDDER may withdraw a BID within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Should there be reasons why the contract cannot be awarded within the specified period; the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the OWNER and the BIDDER.

BIDDERS must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the estimated quantities in the Bid Schedule by examination of the site and a review of the drawings and specifications including ADDENDA. After BIDS have been submitted, the BIDDER shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of WORK or of the nature of the WORK to be done.

The BID PACKAGE contains the provisions required for the construction of the PROJECT. Information obtained from an officer, agent, or employee of the OWNER or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the CONTRACTOR or relieve him from fulfilling any of the conditions of the contract.

A separate bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each Civil and Track BID submittal.

As part of its submission, the Contractor shall provide evidence from its insurance carrier demonstrating the ability to furnish the Railroad Protective Liability Insurance required by Union Pacific Railroad for this project. See [Railroad Protective Liability Insurance | Union Pacific](#) for insurance requirements.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the projects shall apply to the contract throughout.

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to his BID.

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Meeting ID: 263 840 785 144 218

Passcode: uv3z9nd6

An optional site inspection will be available to BIDDERS on **August 11, 2026**, at **10:00 a.m.** (prevailing local time) at 18610 West Highway 30, Hershey, NE 69143

The site inspection **will not** include access onto UPRR right of way. Any BIDDERS should notify mijensen@gftinc.com if planning to attend. All BIDDERS should bring personal protective equipment (PPE) that must be worn at all times on the site.

Questions during the bid process should be submitted to mijensen@gftinc.com until the close of business on **August 14th at 2:00 pm CT**. Responses to all questions received will be posted on <https://lincolncountyne.gov/inland-port-authority/>.

Site survey has been performed by TC Engineering. Bidders are welcome to reach out to TC Engineering for a quote for construction staking to be included with your bid. The contact is Brent Burkland, 308-534-9245 brb@tcengineeringinc.com. Contractors are not required to use TC Engineering for your construction staking.

BIDS will be evaluated based on the lowest, responsible, responsive bid separately for the Civil Scope of Work and the Track Scope of Work. Civil and Track scopes of work will be awarded separately.

Failure to include all bid documents at the times stated above can result in the BID being declared nonresponsive. BIDDERS will be declared not responsible if the contractor is suspended or disbarred.

The party to whom the contract is awarded will be required to execute the Agreement and obtain the performance bond and payment bond within ten calendar days from the date when NOTICE OF AWARD is delivered to the bidder. The NOTICE OF AWARD shall be accompanied by the necessary Agreement and bond forms.

The OWNER within 10 days of receipt of acceptable performance bond, payment bond and Agreement signed by the party to whom the Agreement was awarded shall sign the Agreement and return to such party an executed duplicate of the Agreement. Should the OWNER not execute the Agreement within such period, the BIDDER may by written notice withdraw his signed Agreement. Such notice of withdrawal shall be effective upon receipt of the notice by the OWNER.

NOTICE TO PROCEED shall be issued after execution of a contract between OWNER and the selected BIDDER.

Successful BIDDERS must apply for and receive a Right to Entry Permit from UPRR before accessing any UPRR property.

The selected BIDDER must supply the names and addresses of major material suppliers and subcontractors when requested to do so by the OWNER.

Anticipated Schedule

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME (prevailing local time unless otherwise noted)
Request for Bids	https://lincolncountyne.gov/inland-port-authority/ .	July 30, 2026	
Pre-bid Meeting	https://teams.microsoft.com/meet Meeting ID: 263 840 785 144 218 Passcode: uv3z9nd6	August 3, 2026	1:00 P.M. CT
Site Visit Available	18610 W. Highway 30, Hershey, NE 69143 Notify mijensen@gftinc.com if attending	August 11, 2026	10:00 A.M.
Contractor Questions Due	mijensen@gftinc.com	August 14, 2026	2:00 P.M. CT
Electronic Bids Due	mijensen@gftinc.com	August 21, 2026	2:00 P.M.
Original Signature Hard Copy Bids due	Gary Person, North Platte Area Chamber RE: Nebraska International Port of the Plains Proposal 502 South Dewey North Platte, NE 69101	August 24, 2026	12:00 P.M.
Public Opening of Bids	1101 Halligan Drive, Room 200, Hershey, NE 69143 https://teams.microsoft.com/meet Meeting ID: 265 210 141 370 831 Passcode: E6PX6XB7	August 24, 2026	2:00 P.M.
Notice to Proceed		September 21, 2026	
Civil construction substantially complete		March 31, 2027	
Track Construction complete		June 30, 2027.	

3. BID FORM

Bidder: _____

Bid for: _____

Bid to: _____

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with OWNER in the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the Contract Price and within the Contract Time indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
2. BIDDER accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid and Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for sixty (60) days after the day of Bid opening. BIDDER will sign and submit the Agreement with the Bonds and other documents required by the Bidding Requirements within ten (10) days after the date of OWNER's Notice of Award.
3. In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement, that:

- (a) Bidder has examined copies of all the Bidding Documents and of the following Addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

- (b) BIDDER has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, site, locality, and all local conditions and Laws and Regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.
 - (c) BIDDER has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that it has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to BIDDER.

- (d) This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over OWNER.

4. BIDDER will complete the Work for the unit price(s) (See attached Bid Form).

5. The following documents are attached to and made a condition of this Bid:

- (a) Required Bid Security in the form _____.
- (b) Required Contractor Proof of Railroad Protective Liability Insurance in the form _____.
- (c) Statement that contractor is complying with and will continue to comply with, fair labor standards in the pursuit of its business and in the execution of the contract on which he is bidding.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is understood that the right to waive any informalities or minor defects or reject any and all bids has been reserved by the Owner and that this bid may not be withdrawn for a period as specified in the Information for Bidders.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Bidder: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____