

CITY OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
INFORMAL BID REQUEST NO. **IBR #2044-26**  
**05/15/2026**

**ZODIAC RESCUE BOAT**

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-131 bids for a Zodiac Rescue Boat for the City of Asheville will be received by Beatrice Abernathy, Purchasing Specialist, by email until **3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2026**. Questions are due by 3:00 p.m., May 19, 2026. This is funded by The Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Proposal forms, instructions and specifications may be obtained at <http://www.ashevollenc.gov/bids>. If bid addenda are issued, they will be posted to this web site no less than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date. Each addendum will be identified by number. Bidders are urged to check this page prior to submitting a bid response to assure that they have obtained all addenda that may have been issued for the bid package in question. Bid addenda should be acknowledged (signed) and included with the bid response. Bid responses submitted without acknowledged addenda may be rejected.

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE):**

a. The City has established a DBE Program pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The requirements and procedures of the City's DBE Program are hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. The Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. Failure by the Contractor to carry out the City's DBE Program procedures and requirements or applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may be grounds for termination of this Contract, or other such remedy as the City deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to withholding monthly payments, assessing sanctions, liquidated damages, and/or disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. The Contractor shall ensure that compliance with the City's DBE Program and the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 be included in any and all subcontracts entered into which arise out of or are related to this Contract. The City has an annual DBE goal of 8/6 percent.

b. The Contractor must take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have a fair opportunity to participate in this Contract. If the Contractor qualifies as a certified DBE in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26, Subpart D, or is joint venturing with a DBE certified in accordance with the cited regulations, a copy of the DBE certification(s) issued by a Unified Certification Program (UCP) in accordance with the cited regulations, and a description of the dollar value of the proposed work that it intends to perform with its own forces, together with a statement of the percentage interest in the Contract held by a joint venture DBE must be submitted. The Contractor must provide (1) written documentation of the Contractor's commitment to use identified DBEs; and (2) written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the Contract. The City will accept DBE certifications issued by the following entities:

North Carolina Department of Transportation  
Contractual Services Unit  
1509 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1509  
Phone: (919) 707-4800  
Fax: (919) 733-3584  
A directory of certified DBEs is available at  
[NC DOT DBE Directory of Firms](#)

Bidders are notified of a City policy that prohibits contracting with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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