



# Schoharie County Flood Committee

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**TO: All Interested Parties**

**RE: Request for Proposals, Audible Warning System**

NOTE: This RFP consists of 4 pages and 9 maps

You are invited to submit a cost proposal for audible warning system equipment and its installation (specifically for dam break) for the Schoharie Valley in the County of Schoharie, New York.

## I. Background

The Schoharie Valley is a rural area approximately 40 miles west of Albany, NY. The Schoharie Creek originates in the northern Catskill Mountains and flows north to the Mohawk River. Where the Schoharie Creek enters southern Schoharie County, the City of New York constructed a dam in the 1920s to create a reservoir as part of a water supply system for the City. Approximately 4 miles north, the New York Power Authority constructed a dam in the 1970s as part of a hydroelectric project. The Schoharie Valley is 40 miles long from the New York City Schoharie Reservoir (Gilboa) Dam in the south to the Montgomery County line in the north. The valley is approximately 1.5 miles wide at the widest point. The Valley contains three incorporated Villages (Middleburgh – 1,398 people, Schoharie – 1,030 people, and Esperance – 380 people) and several unincorporated hamlets (Central Bridge, Watsonville, Fultonham, Breakabeen, North Blenheim). The County currently does not have an audible warning system in place.

## II. Specifications

**A. System:** The system should be designed for use in many emergencies but, a unique, dedicated tone must be used for a dam break alert. The system must be an in-house activation system. However, activation of a dam break alert may be initiated by, or in

cooperation with, the agencies that will most likely detect a dam break at the earliest time (New York City Department of Environmental Protection and/or the New York Power Authority). The County desires to have the alert audible at a decibel level sufficient to warn residents to an emergency within the entire Schoharie County dam break analysis inundation zone as devised and provided in the Emergency Action Plan for the Gilboa Dam of Schoharie Reservoir prepared for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection – Bureau of Water Supply, August 2005 (maps attached). If entire coverage is not feasible, the major population centers in the inundation zone are a priority. Phone and electric service may not be operable in the event of a dam break.

**B. Reliability:** 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

**C. Security:** The system must support security codes for user access.

**D. Training:** The Contractor must provide training for the system for up to 10 employees.

**E. Delivery and Installation:** Due to urgent circumstances, the system shall be delivered and installed within 30 days after receipt of a signed Agreement. Contractor shall determine the means and mode of transport consistent with the 30 day delivery requirement. If the indicated date cannot be met, the Contractor shall state its best delivery time.

**F. Performance:** Contractor shall guarantee that the software and equipment they propose to furnish shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and shall perform the function for which they were designed and manufactured. The Contractor shall provide all standard manufacturers' warranties, guarantees, and/or exchange policies for defective items purchased under this Agreement. In addition, full warranty, including labor for all items supplied as part of any resulting Agreement shall be provided for no less than one year from date of acceptance by the County.

**G. Maintenance:** Contractor shall provide routine maintenance services. Contractor shall assist in testing system at least once. Contractor shall respond to emergency service requests within a negotiated, reasonable time period and replace defective parts within 24 hours after determining part is defective. The Contractor must provide maintenance for the first 2 years.

### **III. Proposal Submission**

**A. Inclusions and Pricing:** To receive consideration, proposals must clearly and specifically address how all aspects of Section II - Specifications will be met. Pricing must include all hardware, software, installation, testing and training costs. Before submitting a proposal, respondents shall inform themselves as to all conditions and limitations and shall include in the proposal a sum to cover the cost of all items.

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope/container clearly marked "Schoharie Valley Audible Warning System".

**B. Place of Submission:** Proposals shall be submitted at the following location:

Schoharie County Flood Committee  
c/o Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency  
349 Mineral Springs Road  
Cobleskill, New York 12043

**C. Closing Date/Time:** To be considered by the County, 1 original proposal and 9 copies must be received by the County no later than *4:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, January 18, 2006.*

#### **IV. Miscellaneous:**

**A.** Proposals will not be publicly opened and read. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by Schoharie County Flood Committee.

**B.** A modification of a proposal which makes the terms of the proposal more favorable to the County will be considered at any time it is received and may thereafter be accepted.

**C.** A proposal may be withdrawn by written request received from the respondent prior to the time set for the closing date.

**D.** The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any informality in the proposals received.

**E.** The Agreement, if awarded, will be awarded to the respondent whose proposal is considered the best value to the County. Best value will be based on price, responsiveness and responsibility.

**i.** The lowest price is determined by the total price of the proposal. The total price will be determined by the overall pricing and maintenance.

**ii.** Responsiveness means a respondent who has submitted a proposal which conforms to the RFP in all material aspects.

**iii.** A responsible respondent shall mean a respondent who has the capability, in all respects, to fully perform the requirements and the moral and business integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.

**F.** A performance bond equal to the total purchase price plus installation charges shall be on file before an Agreement will be executed by the County.

**G.** Proposal shall not include exempted taxes. Under no circumstances shall the County be liable to pay exempt taxes under any Agreement.

**H.** This RFP does not constitute a contract, offer of employment or offer of purchase.

**I.** The cost of preparation of a proposal is the obligation of the respondent. Schoharie County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the respondent in preparing or submitting a proposal. The County makes no representation any agreement will be awarded to any respondent to this RFP. The County reserves the right to withdraw or cancel this RFP at any time without prior notice. The County also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals at its sole discretion.

**J.** By submitting their proposals, respondents certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other respondent, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to your response. We welcome any questions you may have. Please call me at (518) 234-3751 or e-mail [shanenickle@co.schoharie.ny.us](mailto:shanenickle@co.schoharie.ny.us)

You can also contact the following people for information:

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