

## **Notice of Intent to Award a Contract on a Sole Source Basis to Mt. Itasca Nordic Ski Association**

Contract Opportunity Type: Special Notice

Response Date: 14 FEB 2025

### **Description:**

The Vermont Army National Guard (VTARNG) has a requirement for a venue to host the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB) championship biathlon race 28 FEB – 05 MAR 2025.

Technical requirements:

- Biathlon facility in the state of Minnesota with the capacity to host an event for up to 100 participants and 20 support (non-participant) personnel
- Facility at elevation below 6,500 feet (1850 meters)
- Trails for a 10km Sprint race, a 12.5 km Pursuit race, and a 15km Patrol race
- Biathlon range with a minimum of 30 targets, firing points, and firing mats. The width of each firing point must be a minimum of 2.75 to 3.0 meters.
- Competition Stadium and Competition Management facility, which can be a single building but must include: access to electricity; access to latrines/toilets; potable water; appropriate space for administration, athlete warming and timing operations.
- Sufficient cleared space to place a 150-meter penalty loop no more than 60 meters from firing point 1.
- All course and firing line items necessary to host a Biathlon event to IBU standards, including lane markers, wind flags, V boards, and colored course signs. All such items must be provided to the VTARNG not later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled zero time for each race.
- Minimum of 25 functioning flag poles in the immediate vicinity of the firing line and/or the course
- Parking for up to 50 team and support vehicles and 2 Buses.
- Snow-making services for all races, including a 10km Sprint race, a 12.5 km Pursuit race, and a 15km Patrol race. Contractor performs sufficient snowmaking and grooming to cover all race trails and range area with at least 12 inches coverage throughout the event.
- Nightly and pre-race snow grooming and on-call snow grooming to maintain trails to FIS Cross Country race standards throughout the event.

Interested parties that believe that they have the capability to satisfy the above requirements are invited to submit responses demonstrating their own capability and challenging the intent to

award to Mt. Itasca Nordic Ski Association on a sole source basis. Responses must be submitted via email to [ng.vt.vtarng.mbx.quote-submission@army.mil](mailto:ng.vt.vtarng.mbx.quote-submission@army.mil) not later than 14 FEB 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. To be considered responsive, submissions must expressly address and establish capability to satisfy all technical requirements identified above. Conclusory statements will not be sufficient.