

Cherokee Nation

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

ACCOMMODATION TO HOST the
SPRING RTOC MEETING & EPA SUMMIT MEETING
Proposed Dates: March 24-26, 2026, or April 14-16, 2026



Bid Due Date: January 23, 2026

CHEROKEE NATION
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CHEROKEE NATION
BID REQUEST
Accommodation to Host the Spring RTOC Meeting & EPA
Summit

The Cherokee Nation is accepting bids from interested parties for hotel and meeting room venues in the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area to accommodate and host the Spring RTOC Meeting & EPA Summit. Interested parties are to provide a bid to furnish product equal to or better than the specifications provided. Interested bidders must follow all directions outlined in this bid packet including the utilization of mandatory bid response sheet and complete the questionnaire to be considered fully responsive.

The lowest most responsive, responsible bid will be the determining factor in awarding this bid taking Indian Preference in accordance with Cherokee Nation Acquisition Management Policy and Procedures. The successful bidder will be issued a contract and purchase order incorporating the bid response.

Bids are due January 23, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.

MANDATORY SUBMITTAL INFORMATION: Bid submittal requirements must be followed. Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed, required form with all areas completed. Bids may be faxed to the attention of Janice Vaughan at (918) 458-4493 or (918) 458-7695 or e-mailed to janice-vaughan@cherokee.org. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure delivery of bid by Friday January 23, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Any bids received after the designated date and time will be ineligible for award.

Bid Acceptance: Bids will be accepted from Indian and Non-Indian bidders. Cherokee Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Cherokee Nation reserves the right to determine if a bid meets stated requirements, and to award a purchase order for the bid that is in the best interest of the Cherokee Nation including but not limited to the total cost and capability of the bidder. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the preparation and submission of bids. To be considered, bids must be received by the specified date and time; any bid received after stipulated date and time will be returned unopened. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 30 days after proposal due date.

TERO Certification: Indian preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of current certification from the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employment Office (TERO) located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, telephone number (918) 453-5000. Proof of TERO certification must accompany and be included in bid submittal.

Conflict of Interest and Restrictions: If any contractor, contractor's employee, subcontractor, or any individual working on the proposed contract may have a possible conflict of interest that may affect the objectivity, analysis, and/or performance of the contract, it shall be declared in writing and submitted to Cherokee Acquisition Management (Attn: Janice Vaughan) no later than on or before Friday January 23, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. The NATION will determine in writing if the conflict is significant and material and if so, may eliminate the contractor from submitting a proposal.

Verbal Instructions: Interested parties shall not initiate or execute any negotiation, decision, or action arising from any verbal discussion with any Cherokee Nation employee. Only written communications from the designated Contact Person at Cherokee Nation may be considered a duly authorized expression on behalf of the NATION regarding this RFP. Additionally, only written communications from interested parties are recognized as duly authorized expressions on behalf of the vendor. The same instructions shall apply to any subsequent award and agreement communications.

Qualifications of Bidder: The NATION may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the NATION all such information and data for this purpose as the NATION may request. The NATION reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the NATION such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

Method of Award – Lowest Bid That Contains Lowest Most Responsive/Reasonable Offer From Qualified Bidder: After consideration of price and other factors, the purchase order will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is determined to be the lowest most responsive/reasonable offer taking Indian Preference into consideration and in the best interest of the Nation to accept. Award shall be to the lowest, most responsive/reasonable bid in accordance with Cherokee Nation Acquisition Management Policy and Procedures. Indian/TERO Preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of current TERO certification from the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employments Office (TERO) in accordance with current Cherokee Nation Policy. Proof of TERO certification must accompany and be included in bid submittal.

Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters: The responding party certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that the person, the firm, or any of its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency or Indian tribe. The bidder will also certify they have not, within a three-year period preceding this Request for Proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, Local or Tribal) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commissions of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsifications or destruction of records, making false statements, and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this provision. The responding party certifies they have not, within a three-year period preceding this Request for Proposal, had one or more contracts terminated for default by a Federal, State, Local or Tribal agency. The responding party shall provide immediate written notice to the Cherokee Nation if, at any time prior to contract award, the person learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

General Information: Cherokee Nation reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids. Award of purchase order will be to the lowest most responsible responsive bidder and will be subject to availability of funds. All sums due to any suppliers utilized by successful bidders must be paid or will be paid within ten (10) days of receipt of any money received from the Cherokee Nation under any purchase order. Indian preference will be given to Contractors certified as an Indian-Owned firm by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O.). Proof of certification must accompany all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after bid opening date.

A prospective contractor seeking to receive Indian Preference under this contract must be certified as an Indian-owned firm by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and submit proof of that certification with their bid.

MANDATORY BID RESPONSE SHEET
Hotel and Meeting Accommodations to Host the Spring RTOC
Meeting & EPA Summit

GRAND TOTAL BID \$ _____

ALL SPECIFICATIONS ARE FULLY MET: **YES** **NO**

Cherokee Nation will consider bids for product equal to or better. If not bidding exact product, complete details and specifications for product must be submitted with bid.

NOTE TO BIDDERS REGARDING INDIAN PREFERENCE:

TERO Certified Contractor: Yes No
(Proof of certification must accompany all bids)

SUBMITTED:

Company Name

Company Name

Company Address

Company Address

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature

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**THE FOLLOWING PAGES MUST BE SUMMITTED WITH THE
MANDATORY BID SHEET IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
AWARD.**



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REQUEST FOR BIDS

ACCOMMODATION TO HOST the RTOC MEETING & ANNUAL EPA REGION 6 TRIBAL SUMMIT Proposed Dates: March 24-27, 2025, or April 14-17, 2025

Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs is requesting bids from venues in Dallas metropolitan area to accommodate an EPA Region VI RTOC Meeting and the Annual EPA Tribal Summit. This event will be scheduled based on venue availability for one of the proposed dates: **March 24-27, 2025, April 14-16, 2025**

Day 1: Tuesday, March 24 or April 14, 2025
Day 2: Wednesday, March 25, or April 15, 2025
Day 3: Thursday, March 26, or April 16, 2025
Day 4: Friday, March 27, or April 17, 2025

MEETING SPACE NEEDS

ALL DAYS

PREFERABLE: All Meeting Space to be in one central location

Small Meeting Room/Board Room

- will be used for a work area and to store supplies and equipment close to function area

Space for approximately 15 exhibits with 6 ft or 8 ft Tables with 2 Chairs

- Exhibitors will set up on Day 1 and will exhibit on Day 3, followed by tear down on Day 4.

Registration Area

- 3 Tables w/ 6 chairs in a common area outside the meeting rooms.

DAY 1: Hybrid Tribal Caucus Meeting		# People	Setup
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration	3	Tables w/ 6 Chairs
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibits	15	1 Table, 2 Chairs/Exhibit
8:00am - 5:00pm	Meeting	100	Hollow Square/Theater

• Meeting room to accommodate approximately 100 attendees.

- Room set-up: Hollow Square to accommodate 35 people with additional chairs placed around the perimeter of the square to accommodate remaining attendees (65 attendees).

DAY 2: Hybrid RTOC Meeting (AM) & Tribal Summit (PM)

		<u># People</u>	<u>Setup</u>
8:00am - 12:00pm	Registration	3	2 Tables w/ 6 Chairs
8:00 am - 5:00pm	Exhibits	15	1 Table,2 Chairs/Exhibit
8:00am -12:00pm	Meeting	150	Hollow Square/Theater
	• Meeting room to accommodate approximately 120 attendees.		
	• Room set-up: Hollow Square to accommodate 35 with additional chairs around the perimeter of the square to accommodate remaining attendees (85 attendees).		
1:30 pm – 5 pm	General Session*	150	Theater

***ROOM SETUP FOR GENERAL SESSION:**

Riser/Stage will be needed at front of the room for General Session Speakers

- Allow enough space between riser, audience chairs and middle aisle for Honor Guard and Flags at the beginning of the **GENERAL SESSION** (Day 2 – 1:30pm)
- On the stage: podium and 3 Chairs placed on each side of the podium for 6 people.

<u>DAY 3: Tribal Summit</u>		<u># People</u>	<u>Setup</u>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibits	15	1 Table,2 Chairs/Exhibit
8:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Breakout Session	65	Classroom/Theater
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Breakout Sessions will need one room each, for a total of three (3) rooms.

<u>DAY 4: Tribal Summit</u>		<u># People</u>	<u>Setup</u>
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibits	15	1 Table,2 Chairs/Exhibit
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	General Session*	150	Theater

***ROOM SETUP FOR GENERAL SESSION:**

Riser/Stage will be needed at front of the room for General Session Speakers

FOOD AND BEVERAGE (if available)

- Food and Beverage orders listed on this RFP are Estimates and are Subject to Change
- **No single-use plastic bottles are to be included in the bid package. Per Cherokee Nation Executive Order 2024-03-CTH**
- Water stations in all meeting rooms

<u>DAY 1</u>	<u># People</u>	<u>Setup</u>
Continental Breakfast: Coffee, Juices, Pastries, Donuts, Fruit, Etc.	65	Meeting Room
PM Break: Cookies, Fruit, Soft Drinks & Coffee, etc.	85	Meeting Room
<u>DAY 2</u>	<u># People</u>	<u>Setup</u>
Continental Breakfast: Coffee, Juices, Pastries, Donuts, Fruit, Etc.	85	Exhibitor Area
PM Break: Cookies, Fruit, Soft Drinks, Coffee, etc.	100	Exhibitor Area
<u>DAY 3</u>	<u># People</u>	<u>Setup</u>
Continental Breakfast: Coffee, Juices, Pastries, Donuts, Fruit, Etc.	85	Meeting Room
PM Break: Cookies, Fruit, Soft Drinks & Coffee, etc.	100	Meeting Room
<u>DAY 4</u>		
Continental Breakfast: Coffee, Juices, Pastries, Donuts, Fruit, Etc.	65	Meeting Room

AV EQUIPMENT

DAY 1

Four wireless microphones for RTOC Meeting in room and two stand microphones for the audience. Hybrid meeting capabilities (House PA Access, Mixer, projector, etc.)

DAY 2

AM: Four wireless microphones for RTOC Meeting in room and two stand microphones for the audience. Hybrid meeting capabilities (House PA Access, Mixer, projector, etc.)

PM: One podium with microphone on stage, 1 Projector/Screens for General Session and House PA Access No hybrid option needed.

DAY 3

Three podiums with microphones, 3 Projector/Screens for General Session/Breakout sessions and House PA Access. No hybrid option needed.

DAY 4

One podium with microphone, 1 Projector/Screens for General Session and House PA Access. No hybrid option needed.

PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND INCLUDE THIS PAGE WITH BID

1. What dates will the Bids be valid for? _____
2. Will the Venue accept Purchase Orders? _____
3. Will there be a minimum order on Food & Beverage orders? _____
If yes, what amount is required? _____
4. Will there be a meeting space rental fee? _____
If yes, what are the total fees? _____
5. Is Wi-Fi (internet access) available for guests? _____
If yes, is there a fee charged for guests to access the internet. _____
6. Will the venue charge the Vendors/Exhibitors for booth space? _____
If yes, what is the fee? _____
7. What parking facilities does the venue provide and what are the charges?

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE INCLUDED WITH BID

AV Price List
Catering Menu with Price Listing
Floor Plan Diagram
Current W-9