Maine Appalachian Trail Club (MATC)

Request for Proposals for Training the Trail Crew in Trail Building for the Years 2027, 2028, 2029

Background:

During the 2027, 2028, 2029 field seasons, the MATC's Maine Trail Crew will work on remote sections of the Appalachian Trail.

Projects will focus on rebuilding and restoring heavily impacted sections of the Appalachian Trail. The Trail Crew will utilize rigging equipment and hand tools to build stone steps, stone stairs, waterbars, and complete short relocations.

Scope of Work:

To provide five days of training each of the three years to the Maine Trail Crew staff (5 to 7 people) consisting of:

- Three days of training in advanced trail construction and safety practices focused on stone cutting, stone waterbars, stone stairs, step stones, retaining walls, and trail relocations.
- Two days of training in rigging systems. Training will be based in Skowhegan at the Maine Trail Center, with possible nearby field trips to locations which provide better training opportunities.
- The contractor is not required to provide equipment although demonstration of new state of the art tools and equipment would be welcome.

Time Frame for completion of project (start to finish)

- Between May 17 – 29, 2027
- Between May 22 - June 3, 2028

- Between May 21- June 2, 2029

Important Dates:

December 11, 2026 by 5:00 PM - Contractors interested in submitting a proposal must send an email to coordinator@matc.org expressing their interest. This is required to be eligible to submit and to receive any amendments to the Request for Proposals.

December 11, 2026 by 5:00 PM - Questions should be submitted in writing by email to coordinator@matc.org. A written response to any questions will be emailed to all parties who have expressed their interest in the project.

January 8, 2027 by 5:00 PM- Due date for a lump sum project quote and proposal.

February 1, 2027 - MATC will select the contractor based on qualifications and price and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Proposals must Include:

• Resume of the person who will be instructing the crew detailing their experience in training trail crews in the skills referenced in the scope of work.

• Brief curriculum of the training

• A lump sum price for completing the training for all three years

Prior to award of the contact, the selected Contractor will be required to provide the following:

- Workers' compensation coverage, unless exempt by law and ensure that its Subcontractors, if any, comply with these requirements.

- General Liability Insurance:

    - Must name MATC as additional insured.
    - Coverage limits: $1,000,000 per occurrence/$2,000,000 aggregate
- Auto: Coverage limit of $1,000,000