

**Request for Proposals for Deer Exclusion Fence Design and Installation
Services**

Ausable Conservation Nursery at Uihlein Farm
Lake Placid, New York

Released: *June 21st, 2024*
Responses due: *July 8th, 2024*
Project completion: *December 31st, 2024*



Image of the Uihlein Farm Greenhouse in Lake Placid, the site of bare-root seedling production for Ausable Conservation Nursery.

Project funding provided by:

Ausable Freshwater Center (AFC)

Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP)

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC)

Introduction

The Ausable Freshwater Center (AFC) is a science-based nonprofit whose mission is advancing science and stewardship of Adirondack Waters. AFC’s goals are restoring self-sustaining streams, safeguarding water quality, protecting native habitats, inspiring action through outreach and recreation, and advocating science-based management.

Overview

Ausable Freshwater Center is accepting proposals for constructing a 10-foot woven wire fence around the Ausable Conservation Nursery production field. The fence installation should be completed by December 31st, 2024. Contractors should submit a quote for fence installation for 14 acres of the entire perimeter of the field.

Project Description

The Ausable Freshwater Center is launching the Ausable Conservation Nursery (ACN), a native tree and shrub nursery at the Uihlein Foundation Farm, 281 Bear Cub Road in Lake Placid, New York. The trees and shrubs will be propagated onsite and transplanted into the production field. ACF’s goal is to eliminate deer browse pressure at ACN by installing a 10-foot deer barrier fence around the perimeter of the 14-acre field (Fence A). The selected contractor will be responsible for designing, sourcing, and constructing a 10-foot exclusion fence with two entry gates. The criteria for this fence are based on the [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Fencing Handbook for Deer Exclusion Fence](#).



Image of the proposed fence site. The red line represents the entire perimeter of the 14-acre field (Fence A).

Schedule

Bids opening: *June 21st, 2024*

Site tour: *By requested appointment*

Award of contract: *July 12th, 2024*

Project completion: *December 31st, 2024.*

Scope of Work

The bidder shall provide a detailed description of their approach, equipment needed, and itemized costs associated with the following deliverables:

1. *Deer Exclusion Fence Design Plan*

List of materials, labor costs, intended operating equipment, and the timeline for completion for Fence A.

2. *Deer Exclusion Fence Installation*

The structure should be completed by December 31st, 2024

Submission

Respondents shall submit proposals with the following information and materials:

1. Respondent name, address, year established, and type of ownership.
2. Proposed approach to the project which includes a schedule for each stage of work.
3. A detailed itemization of the budget, including all tasks related to fence installation with corresponding compensation the respondent requests to be paid for performing the services required to complete this project.

RFP Response Deadline and Selection Process

Responses to this RFP are due by the close of business on July 8th, 2024. Please submit all proposal materials by email to kiana@ausablecenter.org.

The Ausable Freshwater Center reserves the right to:

- A. Accept or reject any or all submissions.
- B. Waive or modify minor irregularities in the proposals received.
- C. Negotiate with respondents, within the proposal requirements, to best serve the interests of the project partners.
- D. Amend specifications after their release, with due notice to all respondents to modify their submission to reflect those amendments.
- E. Consider every offer or response as firm and not revocable for 30 days unless the offer is withdrawn in writing.
- F. Award a contract for any or all parts of a proposal.

Bids will be evaluated in general conformance, at minimum, with the following criteria: cost, experience, and ability to complete the work by the project schedule.