



**COUNTY OF LAKE  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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**INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER 21-14  
SURRENDERED AND ABANDONED VESSEL ABATEMENT (SAVA) TOWING AND  
DISPOSAL SERVICES**

The County of Lake requests sealed bids from qualified tow operators for the removal of abandoned and surrendered vessels and parts thereof in various states of condition.

Term of the towing agreement is expected to be from the date of the signed contract until **June 30, 2022** with no obligation by the District to purchase any specified amount of services.

Fully completed and signed bids, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, will be received at the County of Lake Water Resource office until **3:00 PM on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2021** at which time they will be publicly opened. Any bid received after this time and date shall not be considered.

The Water Resource office is located on the third (3) floor of the County Courthouse at the address shown above. The District's office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For further information about the scope of work or a copy of this bid document, please email **William Fox** at: [William.Fox@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:William.Fox@lakecountyca.gov)

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT**

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**ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS BID AND WAIVE ANY MINOR IRREGULARITIES**

**1. Description and Objective**

The County of Lake's Watershed Protection District (hereinafter referred to as "District") is requesting bids from licensed, experienced, and qualified tow companies **(see Section 4 of this bid document for required qualifications)** to abate by the removal of all non-commercial vessels and parts thereof designated by the District as surrendered, abandoned, junked, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative; as described in Harbors and Navigation Code, Sections 522, 523, 526, 550, and 551.

Lake County encompasses approximately 1,256 square miles of land. This contract may be, at the District's choice, for specific zones or areas within the County.

The District intends to award contracts to multiple Contractors, who will be used on a rotational basis. The Contractor with the lowest bid for each individual project *and/or* with facilities closest to the project site will be contacted first by District staff for the removal of the specified abandoned vessel(s) and/or parts. The Contractor contacted first shall acknowledge the request of removal of the identified vessel and/or parts by responding to the District staff **within a 24 hour time frame**. However, if the initial Contractor is unable to respond within the designated time, the next suitable Contractor will be contacted for the removal.

For large scale or emergency projects, the District shall reserve the right to work with multiple awarded Contractors.

**2. Scope of Work**

The Contractor shall provide such abatement service on an "as requested" basis, with no guarantee of any specified amount. The District shall notify the awarded Contractor(s) by one or more of the following means: phone, text, email, or fax. The awarded Contractor shall be responsible for responding to the requesting party, acknowledging the request **within a 24 hour time frame**.

After the Contractor acknowledges such notice of request, the District intends that the awarded Contractor shall respond to the requested location in a timely manner. Exceptions may be granted by the District due to extenuating circumstances, such as difficult off-road recoveries. Determination of extenuating circumstances will be made at District discretion.

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If the Contractor is unable to perform duties as previously indicated, the next awarded will be contacted to remove the subject vessel and/or parts.

Repeated failure to respond, repeated failures to perform duties, without justification, and/or refusal to respond may result in action; includes but not limited to, suspension or termination of the contract. Justification for failure to respond shall be determined by the District.

### **3. Vessel Removal**

After the District has completed all due process requirements as specified by applicable County, State, or Federal law(s), District staff shall notify Contractor of the vessel designated for removal. Notification will include a description of the vessel color, make, model, CF number (if available); location of the vessel (address and/or coordinates); parts to be towed or removed; and the storage or disposal facility. Vessels(s) may be abated only after notification (of Contractor) by the District. A District representative may be required during vessel abatement.

Where removal of the vessel is prohibited by the interference of outside parties, the Contractor shall stop all abatement actions, leave the vessel on the property, move to a safe location, and contact District personnel for further instructions.

#### **a. Difficult to Remove Abandoned Vessels**

Abatement of abandoned vessels identified by the District are occasionally located in isolated locations that may require use of specialized equipment. Specialized equipment and relating costs shall require pre-approval from District staff prior to their use.

The District reserves the right to decline the use of any special equipment requested if the awarded Contractor cannot prove their use is either necessary or the most cost effective method to remove the vessels.

#### **b. Storage and Disposal of Vessels**

All vessels, and/or parts, thereof that have been removed by the Contractor shall be off-loaded and properly disposed of or stored at the location or facility approved by the District.

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Dismantling of vessels prior to disposal and/or the placement of any abated vessels and/or parts in any location than those identified by the District shall be grounds for immediate termination of said contract.

**c. Further Information**

The District will identify if storage or disposal facilities are necessary for each vessel. The coordination of vessel drop off at a proper storage or disposal facility is the responsibility of District staff. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to transport vessel/s and all parts from original location to designated storage or disposal facility. Failure to abide by this requirement shall result in immediate termination of the agreement.

If a Contractor is unable to remove a vessel and/or parts once on site due to circumstances deemed appropriate by District's determination, the Contractor will be compensated for efforts set forth in the Contractors bid response.

**4. Contractors Qualifications**

The awarded Contractor and their employees' shall have, keep and maintain during the course of the contract all applicable licenses and certifications required by law. Copies of licenses and certifications should be included in the bidder's response.

**5. Contractors Responsibilities**

The awarded Contractor shall have, keep and maintain at all times efficient and safe equipment capable of performing the scope of work as identified in this bid document.

ALL equipment used in the abatement of vessel(s) shall have all applicable emergency flashing lights, type and color as may be specified by Law.

The awarded Contractor shall have, keep and maintain during the course of the contract all required insurance, as set forth in **Section 6; Contractors Insurance Requirements** of this bid request.

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Inspection and approval of the Contractor's yard and/or equipment may be sought by the District prior to the issuance of a contract and at any time during the performance of the contract.

***Awarded Contractor(s) shall be solely responsible for their training and training of any employee(s) in the handling, processing, and disposal of Hazardous Materials related to this service. This is to include the transportation, storage, and disposal of any vessels, equipment, and/or parts that may contain or suspected to contain Hazardous Materials.***

***The awarded Contractor(s) shall make ALL efforts to avoid any/all Hazardous Material spills, of any type, during the loading, off-loading, transportation and storage of vessels. This will be from the point of pick up to the point of delivery to the drop off location designated by the District. The awarded Contractor(s) will assume all responsibility for any Hazardous Materials and/or spills that may occur while conducting these services for the District.***

The Contractor(s) and/or their employee(s) shall release any personal property from a vessel which has been impounded or stored per the District's request. The property shall be released to the vessels registered owner or agent per applicable California Harbors and Navigation Code.

The Contractor shall ensure tow truck drivers responding to requests by the District, are competent and shall perform all towing and recovery operations in the safest and most expedient manner possible.

While the awarded Contractor(s) or their employee(s) are involved in an abatement or other related business, the Contractor(s) and/or its employee(s) shall refrain from any acts of misconduct including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- Rude or discourteous behavior.
- Lack of service, selective service, or refusal to provide service that the Contractor or employee(s) are capable of performing.
- Any act of sexual harassment or sexual impropriety.
- Discrimination or harassment against any person due to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetic information.
- Unsafe driving practices.
- Exhibiting any signs of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

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If any signs of being under the influence are suspected local law enforcement will be contacted immediately. The awarded Contractor(s) shall at all times, observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws.

**6. Contractors Insurance Requirements**

The Contractor shall not commence work under a contract until they have obtained all the insurance required herein, and certificates of insurance have been submitted to the District and said insurance has been approved by the District. The certificates of insurance shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled until at least twenty (20) days prior written notice has been given to the District.

Any failure of Contractor to maintain the insurance required by this paragraph, or to comply with any of the requirements of this paragraph, shall constitute a material breach of the entire contract.

Certificates evidencing the issuance of the following insurance shall be filed with the District within ten (10) days after the date of execution of the contract by Contractor:

**a. Workers' Compensation Insurance**

Contractor shall procure and maintain, at Contractor's own expense during the term hereof, Workers' Compensation Insurance for all employees to be engaged in work. In case of any such work sublet, Contractor shall require subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by Contractor's Workers' Compensation Insurance.

**b. Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance**

Contractor shall procure and maintain, at Contractor's own expense during the term hereof, Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance, both bodily injury and property damage, in an amount of not less than One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit coverage per occurrence, including but not limited to, endorsements for the following coverages: personal injury, premises-operations, products and completed operations, explosion hazard, blanket contractual, and independent Contractor's liability.

**c. Automobile Liability Insurance**

Contractor shall procure and maintain, at Contractor's own expense during the term hereof, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance, both bodily injury and property damage, on owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles used in connection with Contractor's business in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit coverage per occurrence.

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Contractor shall not commence any work under the contract until they have had delivered to the District an **"Additional Insured Endorsement" naming COUNTY, its officers, employees, and agents as additional insured** under each of the aforesaid policies in sub-paragraphs B and C above.

Contractor shall require each subcontractor to procure and maintain, during the life of this contract, similar Public Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance as specified in sub-paragraphs "B" and "C" hereinabove, with minimum limits equal to one-half the amounts required by Contractor and containing the "Additional Insured Endorsement" as required by Contractor in Section 7, sub-paragraphs "B" and "C" hereinabove. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until the insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained.

**7. Bid Submittal**

All proposals must provide costs for services as listed in the *Cost Proposal*.

Contractor must complete and return the following: *Proposal Cover Page*, *Business Information Pages*, *Cost Proposal Pages* and *Certifications Page* for their complete bid response.

All proposals shall be signed by an authorized agent of the company. **One (1) original and three (3) copies** shall be stapled separately and placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Vessel Abatement Bid Proposal" with reference to the bid number.

The envelope shall be submitted to the **[County of Lake, Watershed Protection District]**, at the address indicated below.

**ALL BIDS MUST BE SENT TO:**

**County of Lake  
Watershed Protection District  
Attn: Scott De Leon  
255 N. Forbes Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Lakeport, CA 95453**

**8. Method of Award**

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The District reserves the right to reject any or all offers, to waive any discrepancy or technicality and to split or make the award in any manner determined by the District to be most advantageous to the District.

Bids must be quoted as a “flat rate” per vessel to be removed from the site and transported to the designated drop-off facility the Contractor is willing to service.

The District reserves the right to award the bid to one or more contractors or on a “per-area basis”.

**9. Timeline**

1. RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	<b>September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>
2. PRE-BID CONFERENCE	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>
3. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS  Email: <b>William.Fox@lakecountycal.gov</b>  Fax: (707) 263-1965	Questions must be in the form of an Email or Fax <i>no later than:</i> <b>September 25<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>
4. DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS	<b>September 30<sup>th</sup> 2021</b> (15 days after release of request for proposal)
5. TENTATIVE DATE FOR AWARDING CONTRACT	<b>October 15<sup>th</sup> 2021</b> . <i>Approx. 15 days after bid closing.</i>

**10. Period of Performance**

The period of Performance shall be from the date of the signed contract until **June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022** with no obligation by the District to purchase any specified amount of services. The Contractor shall commence performance of requested services upon execution of a contract and shall diligently perform such services during the contract period.



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**11. Standard Terms and Conditions**

**a. Bid Withdrawal**

A bidder may withdraw any bid submitted at any time prior to the time set for the opening of bids. No withdrawal or modification shall be permitted after the time designated for the opening of bids.

The District may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the District all such information and data for this purpose as the District may request. The District reserves the right to reject any bid or retract a bid award if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the District that such bidder is properly qualified or responsible to carry out the obligations of the prospective contract and/or to complete the work proposed herein or if the District desires to modify bid specifications.

Submittal and receipt of bids, to the District, does not obligate the District in any way. The District is not liable for any costs incurred by the bidder(s) in the preparation, presentation or in any other aspect of the bid and/or evaluation effort.

The District's obligation for payment of any contract beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon the availability of funding from which payment can be made. No legal liability on the part of the District shall arise for payment beyond June 30 2022 of the calendar year unless funds are made available for such performance.

If, subsequent to bid award, the District determines that the prospective Contractor does not have the legal capacity or the qualifications to immediately enter into a contract, the prospective Contractor agrees to allow the District to rescind its bid award should the District choose to do so.

Information obtained from an officer, agent, or employee of the District or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the bidder or relieve them from fulfilling any/all of the conditions of the contract. Answers to questions received that would materially change and/or clarify this solicitation will be provided in writing to all firms that have received or requested this Invitation for Bid.

Each bidder, by signing and submitting their bid, certifies that it is **not** a part to any collusive action to fix prices. Violation thereof shall render void any such bid and Contractor shall be

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disqualified from this bid and/or contract.

**It is the Contractors sole responsibility to read and understand all terms and conditions of this bid document and contract before signing in agreement to. Failure to abide by all terms and conditions may result in termination of the contract.**

**The sale or transfer of the controlling interest in the awarded Contractors company shall immediately result in termination of the contract.**

## **12. Conflict of Interest**

The Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with the best interest of the District.

This obligation will apply to Contractor, their employees, agents, relatives, sub-tier contractors, and third parties associated with accomplishing the work herein.

Contractor's effort will include, but are not limited to, establishing precautions to prevent its employees or agents from making, receiving, providing, or offering gifts, entertainment, payments, loans, or other considerations which could be deemed to appear to influence individuals to act contrary to the best interest of the County of Lake.

## **13. Additional Terms and Conditions**

### **a. District's Responsibilities**

For those vessels removed hereto and incorporated by reference herein, the District shall pay Contractor as compensation in full for all services performed pursuant to this Contract the following rates per vessel removed.

### **b. Termination**

This contract may be terminated as follows:

- (a) By mutual consent of both parties; or
- (b) By either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party

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Upon termination, the District shall pay Contractor for all services satisfactorily completed by Contractor prior to the effective date of said termination. Compensation shall be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt by District of Contractor's itemized statement(s) under the conditions described in Section 13(b).

Termination shall have no effect upon the rights and obligations of the parties pursuant to the terms of this contract which arise prior to the termination date.

**c. Default and Remedies**

All covenants and promises herein are deemed conditions to this contract and should Contractor default in the performance of any covenant, promise, or condition in this contract and the default is not cured by Contractor within thirty (30) days after written notice of the default by District, then the District may terminate this contract without further notice and is entitled to any and all remedies available to it in law and equity.

**d. Indemnification-Hold Harmless**

Contractor shall indemnify and defend the District and its officers, employees, and agents against and hold them harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, and liability for damages, including attorney's fees and other costs of defense incurred by District, whether for damage to or loss of property, or injury to or death of person, including properties of the District and injury to or death of District officials, employees or agents, arising out of, or resulting from or in any way alleged to arise out of, or resulting from or in any way connected with Contractor's operations hereunder or the performance of the work described herein, unless such damage, loss, injury or death is caused solely by the negligence of the District.

**e. Assignment**

Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same without the prior written consent of District, except that claims for money due or to become due Contractor from the District under this contract may be assigned by Contractor to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such transfer shall be furnished promptly to District. Any attempt at assignment of rights under this contract, except for those specifically consented to by both parties or as stated above, shall be void.

**f. Independent Contractor**

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It is specifically understood and agreed that, in the making and performance of this Agreement, Contractor is an independent Contractor and is not an employee, agent or servant of District. Contractor is not entitled to any employee benefits. The District agrees that Contractor shall have the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result contracted for herein.

Contractor is solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state, and local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required with respect to Contractor and Contractor's officers, employees, and agents who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement (including without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security, and payroll tax withholding)

**g. Modification**

This contract may only be modified by a written amendment hereto, executed by both parties; however, matters concerning scope of services which do not affect the agreed price may be modified by mutual written consent of Contractor and the District executed by the District's Director or his designee.

**h. Non-discrimination in Employment**

In the performance of the work authorized under this Agreement, Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any qualified worker because of race, religious creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or age.

Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or age.

**i. Attorney's Fees and Costs**

If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs,

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and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

**j. Interest of Contractor**

Contractor hereby covenants that he has, at the time of the execution of this contract, no interest, and that he shall not acquire any interest in the future, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed pursuant to this contract. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this work, no person having any such interest shall be employed

**k. Severability**

If any provision of this contract is held to be unenforceable, the remainder of this contract shall be severable and not affected thereby.

**l. Notices**

All notices that are required to be given by one party to the other under this contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or enclosed in a properly addressed envelope and deposited with a United States Post Office for delivery by registered or certified mail addressed to the parties at the addresses provided in the contract, unless such addresses are changed by notice, in writing, to the other party.

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**Proposal Cover Page**

**BIDDER TO COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE AREAS**

*The County of Lake, Watershed Protection District is seeking competitive proposals for Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Abatement Services (SAVA) as detailed in this bid document.*

BID CLOSING DATE: September 30th 2021 no later than **3:00 pm**

**All questions must be in written Email or Fax form, questions will not be accepted after the deadline as indicated in Section 9 of this bid document**

**"Execution hereof is certification that the undersigned has read and understands the terms and conditions hereof, and that the undersigned's principal is fully bound and committed."**

Company Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

Remit to Address:

City State: Zip:

Phone # ( )

FAX # ( )

Name

Title

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

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**Business Information**

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

A. Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Business owner(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Number of years in business: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Business License / County or State

Number (attach copy): \_\_\_\_\_

E. Location of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

F. Number, type and license plate number of towing vehicles in your fleet:

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**(Please attach additional list(s) if necessary)**

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**Business Information (cont'd)**

G. Name and Policy Number of Insurance Carrier for vehicle(s) listed in your fleet:

\_\_\_\_\_

H. Listing of possible Driver's and their license numbers that will work the County of Lake Watershed Protection District's Abandoned and Surrendered Vessels Abatement Contract:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I. Are all drivers insured through your business?    YES\_\_\_    NO\_\_\_



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**Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a duly authorized agent of, \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Agent/Officer Name of Organization

Hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, by submission of this proposal in response  
Name of Organization

to the Request for Bid, agree upon contract award, to carry out the requirements specified and obligates set forth therein.

**Each bidder, by submitting this bid response, certifies that it is not a party to any collusive action to fix prices**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Agent/Officer \_\_\_\_\_