

North Fork Bridge Construction Project

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Nulato Tribal Council

Invitation to Bid

Sealed Bids for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and performing all work necessary for the Nulato North Fork Bridge Construction Project will be received by Nulato Tribal Council, 100 Kateel Avenue, P.O. Box 65049, Nulato, AK 99765 by no later than 4:00 pm May 4th, 2026. All bids must be emailed directly to Nulato Tribal Council at nulatotribe@hotmail.com. All work for the complete construction of this project must be completed no later than October 30th, 2026, unless otherwise specified in the final contract.

The work consists of but is not limited to the complete construction of a project to improve a segment of the Nulato River Road that is impacted by seasonal flooding and washout. The Road is used regularly by the Tribe, the City of Nulato, and residents of the community to access important resources or areas, including gravel, timber, river access, and hunting grounds. The road is approximately 2.8 miles in length in its entirety, but the segment to be improved is approximately 1,000 lineal feet.

The road crosses channels and drainages of the North Fork of the Nulato River using one main culvert and several smaller culverts. The area on the North side of the road has thermokarsting and different lineal depressions or channels that have changed over time. Traditional knowledge and field observations indicate that a fire in the area approximately 10 years ago wiped out the vegetation on the North side, which resulted in heavier erosion and thermokarsting. A field scouting expedition in 2025 indicated the presence of two beaver dams well upstream from the road that likely changed the surface water flow, further impacting the area's hydrology.

The area of interest where construction will occur consists of smaller channels and drainages much of the year, with the exception of spring flooding. The main culvert that is to be removed .is located at Lat. 64.73503, Long. -158.13347. This culvert is slumping and typically remains blocked with ice during spring flooding. The smaller nearby culverts that are beneath the road on approach can also remain blocked with ice at this time. This leads to the main culvert and road being washed out each year in mid-to-late May and blocking travel until the area can be repaired and maintained. The annual washout of the road at the main culvert leads to environmental damage that includes erosion, sediment deposition, and accumulation of water the north side of the road that leads to additional thermokarsting. The annual washout of the road at the main culvert requires annual seasonal repair following extended periods of road closure.

Nulato Tribal Council received grant funding from the US Dept. of Transportation – Tribal Transportation Program (DOT TTP) to redesign the road and culvert in this location for better drainage. The Tribe directed its design engineering team to redesign the road and culverts at the targeted location. To mitigate the aufeis damage, the design engineer has designed a bridge structure that provides increased clearance for drainage and ice buildup and will resist overtopping of the road. The designed crossing consists of corrugated arch a 21-ft “buried bridge” structure. The new design calls for replacement of the old culvert with a bank of culverts, bank armoring, and road approaches to the bank of culverts that are taller, and therefore slightly wider. The road approaching the main culvert from either side will be elevated with a gradual grade over a distance of about 500 lineal feet. Some smaller culverts will be placed / replaced in the road to improve drainage.

Environmental surveys and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process were completed for the project. Studies included fish sampling, wetlands analysis, and stream gauge installation and monitoring. Analyses of cultural resources, Threatened and Endangered Species, and Essential Fish Habitat in the area were performed. The DOT TTP reviewed the information and completed an Environmental Checklist and Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) document that was signed by the Nulato Tribal Council. The CatEx document noted that:

- There are no Listed Threatened or Endangered Species in the Project Area.
- There are no known Alaska Heritage Resource Survey (AHRs)-listed sites in the project area; it was noted that SHPO agreed with a “Finding of No Effect” to cultural resources resulting from the project.
- There was no Essential Fish Habitat affected by the Project.
- The landowner, Gana-A’Yoo (the local village corporation), provided a letter of non-objection for the Project.
- Minimal vegetative clearing may be required, preferable to occur outside of the recommended migratory bird window of May 1 – July 15; No eagle nests shall be disturbed as a result of the project; none have been observed near the project area to date.
- Impacts to wetlands and waters would be minimal (covered under Nationwide Permit 14 – Linear Transportation Projects; Preconstruction Notification (PCN) submitted to United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE))

Contractor will be responsible for obtaining remaining required construction permits and plans, which may be included but are not necessarily limited to:

- Construction Permit/Clean Water Act 402 and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) if required; contractor to determine construction permit and plan requirements based on size and scale of project and State of Alaska regulations
- Temporary Water Use Authorization or other permit required for managing water flow during construction, including any use of coffer dam and diversion/pumping of water

Department of Transportation – Tribal Transportation Program representative will inspect the site at the completion of construction.

All contractors for this project must comply with all federal labor standard requirements and will require the payment of the higher of either State or Federal Davis-Bacon wages for the specific geographic region in which the project is located.

Major components of the project are outlined in the attached plans.

Nulato Tribal Council reserves the right to waive informalities not inconsistent with the law and to reject any or all bids.

Part 1 - Instructions to Bidders:

Technical specifications for the Nulato North Fork Bridge Construction are available on subsequent pages of this document. Any questions that cannot be answered within the text of this document can be directed to the Nulato Tribal Council using the contact information listed above. Questions on this Invitation to Bid must be received by no later than 4 calendar days before the closing of this ITB.

Nulato Tribal Council, Alaska (hereinafter called the “Owner”) invites bids submitted on the forms described herein. Bids including any amendments or withdrawals must be received by the Tribal Office, at or prior to the designated time. Bids not received by the Tribal Office at, or prior to, the designated time will not be accepted. Bids including any amendments or withdrawals must be received by Nulato

Tribal Council prior to the designated time. Bids not received by the Tribal office, at or prior to the designated time will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Paper bids must in the below format must be received. All documents must be emailed to Nulato Tribal Council at nulatotribe@hotmail.com and karen.krell@axiomak.com.

Contractors Qualification Questionnaire

Nulato Tribal Council is requiring potential Contractors to submit a completed Contractor's Questionnaire located in subsequent pages of this document.

Equal Opportunity

Nulato Tribal Council hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation, disadvantaged business enterprises (BSEs) will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration for an award.

Quantities in Bid Schedule.

The Quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate only and are prepared for the comparison of bids and as a starting point for milestones in a final contract document. Payment to the contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished in accordance with the contract. The Scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may each be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.

Contract Award

1. Contract award authority is by resolution of the Tribal Council.
2. The awarding authority may award a contract based on solicited bids to the lowest responsive, qualified and responsible Bidder as provided in these contract documents and specifications.
3. The provisions of local preference are not applicable to any contract funded by a Federal or State grant which expressly prohibits a local preference in awarding contracts.

Required documents:

Each bid shall be submitted on the prescribed forms.

Required for Bid: Bids will not be considered if the following documents are not completely filled out and submitted at the time of bidding:

1. Bid and non-collusion affidavit
2. Bid Schedule
3. Copy of Alaska Business License
4. Proof of General Business Liability Insurance
5. Contractor Questionnaire

Required for Award:

In order to be awarded the contract, the successful bidder must completely fill out and submit the following documents within the time specified in the intent to award letter.

1. Construction Contract (Agreement)
2. Certificate of Insurance (from carrier)
3. Bidders must register annually with the Civil Rights Office in order to be eligible for award, is not registered, or if unsure, submit the following: Bidder Registration (Form 25D-6).

Special Notice to Bidders: Nulato Tribal Council may cancel this solicitation either before or after bid opening, but prior to the issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award if determined that an award is not in the best interest of the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council also reserves the right to cancel this solicitation

after issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award and the declared apparent low bidder for the project is cautioned to not proceed with any aspect of contract performance until a letter of award and Notice to Proceed have been issued by the Tribal Council. By submitting a bid for this project, the bidder agrees that the Tribal Council will not provide compensation for, nor will be held liable for, any bidder or prospective contractor incurred costs associated with bid preparation or other prospective contractor incurred costs.

Nulato Tribal Council Invitation to Bid

Bid of _____
(hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____
doing business as _____*, to Nulato Village,
a federally recognized tribe located in the State of Alaska (hereinafter called "OWNER").

In compliance with your Advertisement for Bids, BIDDER hereby proposes to perform all WORK for the
Nulato North Fork Bridge Construction Project, in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below.

By submission of the BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to the BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence WORK under this contract on or before a date to be specified in the NOTICE TO PROCEED and to fully complete the PROJECT by Oct 30th, 2026. BIDDER further agrees to pay any liquidated damages in accordance with the Contract Documents.

BIDDER agrees to perform all the work described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for the following unit prices or lump sum:

Written Value (ie. X million):

Respectfully submitted:

Written Name

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

(Signature)

Title: _____

Address:

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ALASKA

I, _____, of _____,

(Name of Officer)

(Firm Name)

being duly sworn, do depose and state:

That I, or the firm, association or corporation of which I am a member, a bidder, on the contract to be awarded, by Nulato Tribal Council, for the construction of that certain project designated as: the **Nulato North Fork Bridge Construction Project**, located at Nulato, Alaska, in the State of Alaska, have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Bid Schedule

The Bidder shall insert a unit bid price or a lump sum price in figures opposite each pay item and total price for which an estimated quantity appears in the bid schedule. The estimated quantity of work for payment on a lump sum basis will be "all required" and as further specified in the contract.

Nulato Tribal Council BID SCHEDULE		North Fork Bridge Construction Project
Item No.	Item Description	Est Amount Bid
1.	TRAVEL COSTS: Airfare (~\$550 RT from Fairbanks on Wright Air), lodging in Nulato (\$225/night per person), meals (bring in, kitchen provided), vehicle rental in Nulato (\$350/day, fuel @ \$6.50/gal)	
2.	GRAVEL COSTS: gravel to be barged in. Include additional 30% contingency in volume of gravel. Include cost of gravel and barging.	
3.	EQUIPMENT: Local equipment and/or operators are available for rent/hire through	

	Nulato Tribe and City of Nulato (Contact each for type of equipment and rates). If equipment must be barged in, include the cost in the bid.	
4.	CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Culverts, other materials, transportation to site.	
5.	LABOR	
6.	FEES: Bond required	
7.	PERFORMANCE BOND: Please provide documentation from bonding agency	
8.	TOTAL BID	

CONTRACTORS QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

A. FINANCIAL

1.) Have you ever failed to complete a contract due to insufficient resources?

No

Yes, If yes, please explain:

2.) Describe any arrangements you have made to finance this work:

B. EQUIPMENT

1.) Describe the equipment you have available and intend to use for this project. List the item, quantity, make, model, size/capacity and present market value.

2.) What percent of the total value of this contract do you intend to subcontract? _____ %

3.) Do you propose to purchase any equipment for use on this project?

No

Yes If YES, describe type, quantity, and approximate:

4.) Do you propose to rent any equipment for this work?

No

Yes If YES, describe type and quantity:

5.) Is your bid based on firm offers for all materials necessary for this project?

Yes

No If NO, please explain:

C. EXPERIENCE

1.) Have you had previous construction contracts or subcontracts in a Rural Community?

No

Yes (If yes where and please provide contact info)

2.) Describe the most recent or current contract, its completion date, and scope of work (If yes where and please provide contact info):

3.) List, as an attachment to this questionnaire, other construction projects you have completed, the dates of completion, scope of work, and total contract amount for each project completed in the past 12 months.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and complete.

Name of Contractor:

Name and Title of Person Signing:

Signature

Date:

Part 2 - General Provisions

Scope of Work

Nulato Tribal Council is releasing this bid document to improve a segment of the Nulato River Road. This work includes but is not limited to:

1. Improvement of stream crossing (bridge) and road approaches to alleviate effects of spring-time run-off
2. Installation of:
 - a. One large diameter main pipe
 - b. Two flanger culverts
 - c. Thaw wires in all culverts

Measurement and Payment

Payment for the project will be in the form of multiple completion milestones and payment dates once an eligible contractor is selected. Initially the contractor will be able to submit a request for payment of any and all parts and shipping needed for material directly associated with the project, subsequent milestones and completion dates will be lined out in the contract documents. Nulato Tribal Council and their consultants/Partners will inspect and approve all work to ensure it complies with applicable codes and standards. Any concerns or issues that the Tribal Council has with the contractors work as completed will be addressed by a 3rd party arbitrator if they cannot be resolved between the Tribal Council and contractor directly. No final payment will be made until the Tribal Council is confident that all work has been completed to their standards and specifications.

Insurance Requirements

Nulato Tribal Council shall be named as an additional insured on all insurance policies required for this project. All of the insurance coverages shall be primary and noncontributory to any other insurance carried by the Nulato Tribal Council, whether through self-insurance or otherwise.

All specialty trades such as electrical, plumbing and mechanical must have appropriate licensing and be certified by the State of Alaska for the work being performed.

Certificate of Insurance

Contractor must furnish a certificate of insurance within the (10) days of receipt of the Notice-of-Intent to Award and must endorse policies to provide for a thirty (30) day prior notice of cancellation, nonrenewal or material change of the policies. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of policy is a material breach of the contract and grounds for termination of this agreement. Each policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Owner. All other insurance policies required of the Contractor by this agreement shall be endorsed to provide that such insurance shall apply as primary insurance and that any insurance or self-insured carried by the Owner will be excess only and will not contribute with the insurance required by this agreement. All other insurance policies required of the Contractor and subcontractors by this Agreement shall be endorsed to name the Owner as additional insured. All insurance shall be on an occurrence from acceptable to the Owner and having an A.M. Best rating of "A" or better.

1. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance as required by any applicable law or regulation. Employers' liability insurance shall be in the amount no less than \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury, \$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease and \$500,000 each

employee for bodily injury by disease. The Contractor shall be responsible for Workers' Compensation Insurance for any subcontractor who directly or indirectly provides services under this contract. This coverage must include statutory coverage for states in which employees are engaging work. If there is an exposure of injury to Contractor's employees under the U.S. Longshoremen's Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, the Jones Act, or under laws, regulations or statutes applicable to maritime employee, coverage shall be included for such injuries or claims. The coverage shall include waiver of subrogation against the Tribal Council.

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance: The Contractor is required to provide Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance with limits not less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate not excluding premises operations, independent contractors, products, and completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual, explosion, collapse and underground hazards. **Limits may be a combination of primary and excess (umbrella) policy forms.**
3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance: Covering all owned hired and non-owned vehicles with coverage limits not less than \$500,000 single limit per occurrence bodily injury and property damage.
4. Property Insurance: The Contractor shall submit to the Owner evidence of All Risk Builder's Risk Insurance for all physical loss, including earthquake and flood (100% completed value basis) upon the entire work naming the Owner, the Contractor and the subcontractors as additional insured parties and as their interests may appear to the full contract sum thereof, until the project is completed by the Contractor and accepted by the Owner. The policy, by endorsement, shall specifically

PROOF OF INSURANCE:

The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with a Certificate of Insurance or where requested by the Owner, the policy declaration page with required endorsements attached thereto showing the type, amount, effective dates and dates of expiration of all policies. All endorsements shall reference policy number and the project name and project number. The Owner is Nulato Tribal Council and is to be identified on all certificates and endorsements.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Nulato Tribal Council its officers, and employees from and against any and all loss, expense, damage, claim, demand, judgment, fine, charge, lien, liability, action, cause of action, or proceedings of any kind whatsoever (whether arising on account of damage to or loss of property, or personal injury, emotional distress or death) arising directly or indirectly in connection with the performance or activities of the Contractor hereunder, whether the same arises before or after completion of the contractor's operations or expiration of this Agreement, except for damage, loss or injury resulting from the Owner's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Without limiting its indemnification, the Contractor shall maintain, until acceptance of the project by the Owner, occurrence type coverage of the kinds and minimum amounts set forth above. All insurance limits are minimum. If the Contractor's policy contains higher limits, the Owner shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. The Owner, at its sole discretion, may raise or lower the limit.

Part 3 - Map of Nulato

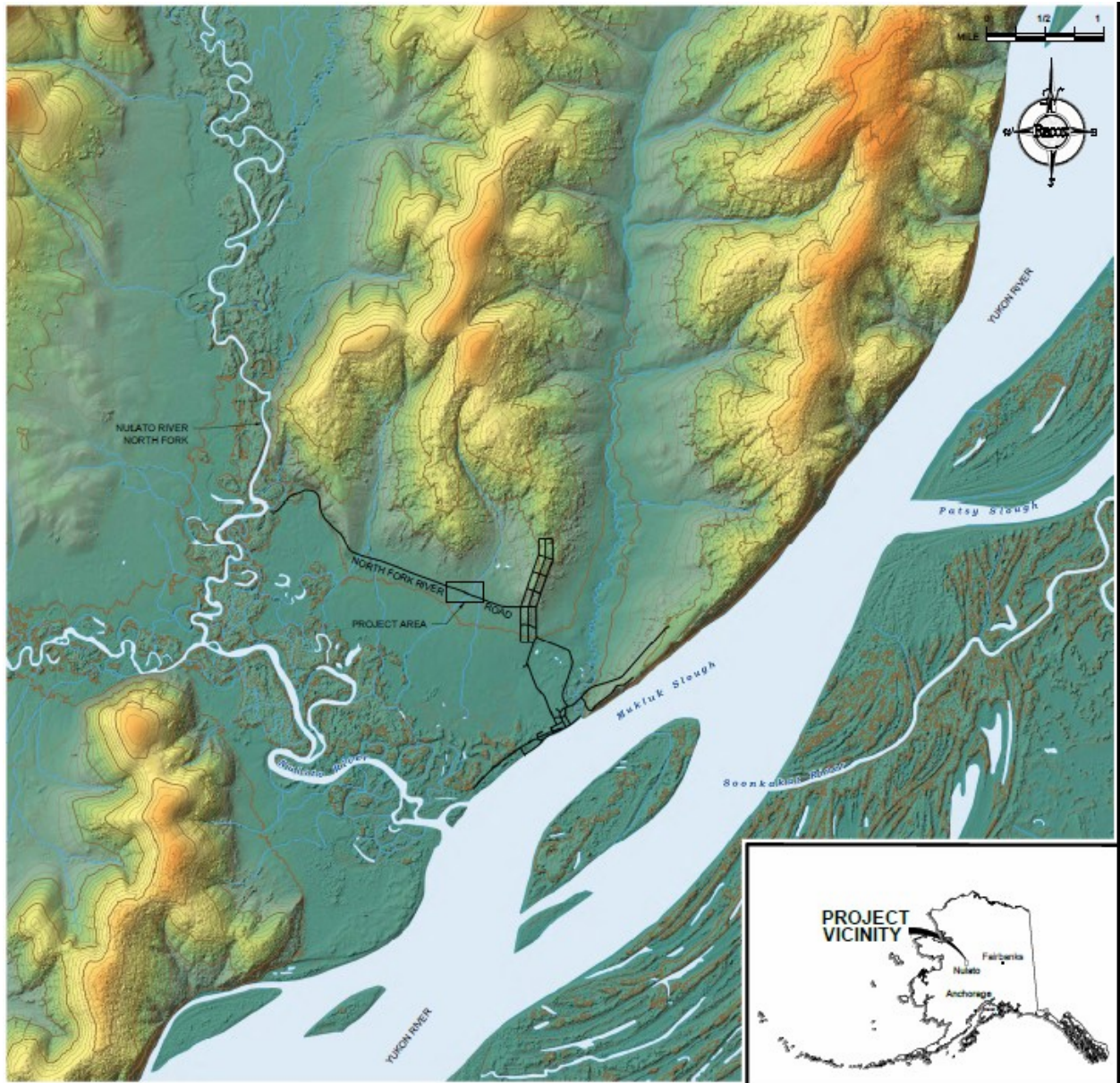


Figure 1. Map of Nulato

Part 4 – Design Documents

1. Proposed Stream Crossing Plans – North Fork Bridge
2. Design Drawings

Part 5 – Site Photos



Figure 2. Project Location



Figure 3. Beginning of Road Wash Out at Main Culvert



Figure 4. Washout Accelerating (Full flooding and washout not shown)



Figure 5. Culvert After Annual Temporary Repair



Figure 6. Small Drainage/Thermokarsting on North Side of Road



Figure 7. South Facing View of the Project Area in Early Summer