

**Nansen Ski Club
Request for Qualifications
Big Nansen Ski Jump Renovations
March 5, 2020
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A. Request for Qualifications

The Nansen Ski Club in Berlin, NH (a certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization), is requesting qualifications and experience statements from professional engineering firms to prepare construction documents for the proposed renovations to the historic Big Nansen Ski Jump located in Milan, NH. The renovations are intended to bring the facility up to current standards for the purpose of holding US Ski and Snowboard sanctioned competitions. The Nansen Ski Club's committee, the Friends of Big Nansen Ski Jump, anticipates reviewing qualifications and experience statements submitted in response to the RFQ, and subsequently inviting selected firms to prepare detailed proposals for the project.

The project background, requirements for submittals and related information are provided below. Questions regarding this RFQ may be directed to Scott Halvorson, Treasurer, Nansen Ski Club, at (603) 724-9033 or at shalvor22@gmail.com

Qualifications and experience statements are due by 4:00 PM on March 26, 2020. **AS MANY BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ONLY EMAILED SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ELECTRONIC SUBMITTALS CAN BE EMAILED TO JPOULIN@HEBENGINEERS.COM. PREVIOUSLY MAILED PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

B. Introduction

In 1936 when the Nansen Ski Jump was constructed in Milan, NH, it was the largest ski jump in the east and held that distinction for five decades. During the next several decades, it attracted some of the greatest athletes, hosted four National Championships, and even hosted the very first US Olympic Ski Jumping Trials in 1938. As the sport progressed, the Nansen Ski Jump became outdated and launched its last ski jumper in 1985 and officially closed in 1988. With very little attention over the next 30 years, the once iconic and popular ski jump fell into a state of disrepair.

In 2014, a group of local citizens formed with the goal of preserving this iconic landmark for future generations. This local group, named "Friends of Big Nansen Ski Jump", began coordination with the owner of the ski jump site, New Hampshire Bureau of Historic Sites (BHS). Initial coordination efforts involved preservation of the jump and restoration of the site for public access. During the initial coordination efforts, the committee and BHS were approached by Red Bull North America with an interesting proposal. To pay tribute to the historical site and the sport of ski jumping, Red Bull proposed a ceremonial jump by Team USA ski jumper, Sarah Hendrickson. Sarah is one of the most accomplished American ski jumpers being the first woman to ever jump in a ski jumping event at the Olympics and the 2013 women's ski jumping World Champion. While the proposal was very exciting, it required a new focus on the historic structure...What would it take to make this structure safe for a ceremonial jump?

After a visual and structural evaluation, repairs completed prior to the ceremonial jump included replacing deformed steel members and defective welded connections as well as replacement of all wood deck and railing members in-kind. With the repairs completed, the jump was ready to be awakened after 32 years of dormancy. With the help of several local volunteers, the committee, BHS, and Red Bull, a ceremonial jump was completed on March 4, 2017. Anna Hoffman, USA Women's Junior Ski Team Member, completed two successful test jumps prior to Sarah's jump. Finally, Sarah Hendrickson soared above Coös County to celebrate the awakening of the Nansen Ski Jump.

Subsequent to the ceremonial jump, the facility has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Department of Interior.

The intent of the current project is to bring the jump structure and landing hill up to current standards such that sanctioned US Cup events can be held in the future. The Nansen Ski Club's goal is to complete the renovations over the 2020 construction season with a sanctioned event to be held in February 2021.

The Nansen Ski Club was awarded a \$250,000 grant in 2019 from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC). The committee has the full responsibility for the ongoing management of the project under the Grant Agreement and for adherence to the federal requirements and terms of the Grant Agreement. A copy of the Grant Agreement can be provided upon request.

C. Design Services Required

The design services anticipated to be required generally include rehabilitation of the facility to meet K80 meter ski jump USSA standards and more specifically include:

- Re-profiling of the landing hill
- Installation of landing hill safety deflection boards
- Re-profiling of lower in-run radius via a false wood deck
- Installation of new starting gates
- Installation of deflection boards on the in-run track
- Construction of a new judges stand

D. Requirements for Statement of Qualifications

Statements of qualifications submitted to the committee in response to this RFQ should include the following information:

1. Description of Firm
2. Description of Experience in the construction and renovations to ski jumping facilities
3. Example Projects and References
4. Project Team
5. You are invited to include additional pages of information not covered above, which you may feel may be useful.

E. Review of Qualifications Statements

Statements of qualifications will be reviewed by the committee. It is anticipated after review and evaluation of submittals received in response to this RFQ, the committee will establish a short list of up to three firms. These firms will be invited to prepare a detailed proposal for the above noted design services. The committee reserves the right to short-list firms which in the committee's judgement, may potentially best serve the interests of the committee.

F. Anticipated Schedule

- Receive Qualifications Statements: March 26, 2020
- Issue Request for Proposals: April 10, 2020
- Contract Execution: May 8, 2020
- Design Services Complete: June 26, 2020
- Contractor Bidding: August 2020

The committee is under no obligation to reimburse firms for preparation and submission of their qualifications or to enter into an agreement with any of the firms who submit.