

Public Announcement

Request for Proposal:
RFP – Construction of Agricultural Open Pole Barn
For: Lake Wales High School
Lake Wales Charter Schools Inc.,

Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. (LWCS), located in Lake Wales, FL, seeks to contract with a qualified contractor required by the Lake Wales Charter Schools and Polk County School Board.

Lake Wales High School is requesting sealed proposals from qualified and licensed contractors to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, permits, engineering, and related services necessary to construct one (1) agricultural open pole barn on the Lake Wales High School campus.

The successful contractor shall provide a complete, turnkey project in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local codes, Polk County School Board requirements, and industry standards.

Project Location

Lake Wales High School
1 Highlander Way
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Project Name	Animal Pole Barn
Point of Contact	Jason Shick
Phone	863-678-4222
Email/Bid Submission	Jason.Shick@lwcharterschools.com
School Mailing Address	1 Highlander Way, Lake Wales FL 33853
Project Location Specifics	Agricultural Area
Current Date	9/1/2026
Walkthrough Date	September 10 th , 2026
Walkthrough Time	11:00 AM (Meet at Front office with Photo ID)
Bids Due Deadline	September 25 th , 2026 (11:00am)

Service	Scope of Work (Summary)
Properties/Grounds	Lake Wales High School Agricultural Department/Area
Exclusions	N/A
Pole Barn Construction	Construction of an Animal Pole Barn for Agriculture Department
Permitting:	Selected Vendor must submit signed and sealed drawings and obtain approved building permit from Polk County School Board.

Scope of Work:

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of the complete construction of a:

- One (1) open span steel truss pole barn
- Approximate dimensions: **50 feet wide x 60 feet long x 10 feet eave height**
- Location: Lake Wales High School Agricultural Area
- Structure shall be designed for animal shelter and educational use.

The contractor shall verify all dimensions and site conditions prior to construction.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, equipment, transportation, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete the project, including but not limited to:

- Site layout and staking
- All required excavation and grading
- Foundation and post installation
- Concrete footings as required by engineering
- Complete structural framing
- Metal roofing system
- Roof trim, ridge cap, and flashing
- Bracing and structural supports
- Drainage considerations around the structure
- Site restoration after construction
- Cleanup and disposal of all construction debris
- Final inspection and project closeout

The completed structure shall be fully functional, weather resistant, and ready for use upon completion.

3. ENGINEERING AND PERMITS

The contractor shall be solely responsible for obtaining all permits, approvals, inspections, and certifications necessary for construction.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Obtaining all required building permits including permitting required by the Polk county school board.

- Providing signed and sealed engineering drawings prepared by a Florida licensed Professional Engineer as required for the Polk County School Board Building Permit Application.
- Coordinating with all applicable permitting agencies
- Scheduling and passing all required inspections
- Providing all documentation required for project closeout

No additional compensation shall be provided for permit or engineering costs.

4. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

The structure shall, at a minimum:

- Measure approximately **50' x 60' x 10'**
- Be an open-sided pole barn unless otherwise noted during construction
- Utilize commercial-grade steel framing and roofing materials
- Be engineered to meet current Florida Building Code wind load requirements for Polk County
- Include all required structural bracing and anchoring
- Be designed for long-term durability in Central Florida environmental conditions

5. CODES AND STANDARDS

The contractor shall comply with:

- Current Florida Building Code
- Florida Fire Prevention Code
- OSHA regulations
- Applicable Florida Statutes
- Polk County permitting requirements
- Lake Wales Charter Schools construction requirements
- Polk County School Board design and construction requirements, where applicable
- Manufacturer installation specifications
- Accepted industry standards

Whenever conflicts exist, the more stringent requirement shall govern.

6. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The contractor shall:

- Hold all licenses required by the State of Florida
- Be insured in accordance with Florida law
- Have experience constructing similar agricultural or commercial pole buildings
- Be responsible for all subcontractors
- Maintain a safe work site throughout construction

7. PROJECT SCHEDULE

The contractor shall include with the proposal:

- Estimated start date
- Estimated completion date
- Construction schedule
- Anticipated project duration

Work shall be coordinated with school administration to minimize disruption to school operations.

8. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals shall include:

- Company information
- Contractor license number
- Proof of insurance
- References for similar projects
- Detailed lump-sum price
- Estimated project schedule
- List of exclusions, if any
- Warranty information

9. ACCEPTANCE

Lake Wales High School reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals
- Waive informalities or irregularities
- Request clarification of proposals
- Negotiate with the selected contractor
- Award the contract in the best interest of Lake Wales High School and Lake Wales Charter Schools

10. COMPLETION

The project shall not be considered complete until:

- All required inspections have been successfully completed.
- Final approval has been obtained from the Authority Having Jurisdiction.
- The project site has been cleaned and restored.
- All warranties, engineering documents, permits, inspection records, and closeout documentation have been delivered to Lake Wales High School.
- The contractor shall deliver a complete project requiring no additional work by Lake Wales High School.

To be eligible for consideration, interested organizations must be qualified pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and School Board Policies and Procedures. Those organizations desiring to provide professional services as listed must complete and submit an initial RFP. All questions related to this announcement should be addressed to: Jason.Shick@lwcharterschools.com

Please provide one hard copy and one digital (PDF) on CD or Flash Drive of the requested information to:

Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc.
Attn:
130 East Central Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853

***Please also submit one digital (PDF) copy through email to:**
Jason.Shick@lwcharterschools.com

All packets must be received by the Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. by **11 AM on 9/25//2026.**