

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OF POTENTIAL BUILDING OR RENOVATION SITES TO ESTABLISH A NEW MINE SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IN EASTERN OHIO

Proposal Deadline: July 15, 2014

Governor John Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly have dedicated \$2 million in state capital funds to create a safe training facility for Ohio miners.

The new facility will include classrooms, a simulated room-and-pillar mine, and a location to host annual mine safety competitions. Hundreds of training sessions for more than 3,000 miners will be conducted at the new facility each year, with annual mine safety competitions attracting hundreds of competitors to the training and competition location.

To make the best possible use of these capital funds the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is seeking potential partners in eastern Ohio with available property for an updated training center. The deadline for proposal submission is July 15, 2014.

ODNR will review all submissions, however, based on the location of underground coal mines and the geographical concentration of Ohio's underground coal miners, locations near Belmont, Harrison, and Jefferson counties will receive preferential scoring.

Interested local communities, county government, community improvement groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses and private individuals with available properties are encouraged to propose sites to be purchased or donated to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to establish a new mine safety training facility.

Potential properties include sites of up to 10 undeveloped acres with at least four flat acres; and properties with existing buildings which could be renovated for a training center.

Evaluation will be based on: location, accessibility, cost, available utilities, development costs, or renovation costs in the case of existing building(s). A detailed list of site needs is attached.

The deadline for proposals is due July 15, 2014 with evaluations conducted and a final selection expected by September 15, 2014. All submissions will become public records.

For technical proposal guidelines or for further questions contact:
ODNR Office of Real Estate, Rodney Apgear, (614) 265-6382

Mine Safety Training Center proposal guidelines:

The property will support the following potential uses:

Building suitable to housing a simulated room-and-pillar mine capable of smoke training

Preferred: 210' x 70'

Minimum: 160' x 70'

Fire hose training area

Classroom training

Six classrooms, each with a minimum class size of 25 students each

Conference room with a minimum capacity of 50 students

Mine Safety Competition Area

Four flat acres, well-drained, capable for establishing five outside competition fields, 180' x 100' each

A 20' x 30' Judges' area

A 30' x 125' minimum team sequester area

A 20' x 30' storage area

Mine Rescue Center

Indoor rescue vehicle storage

Apparatus area with sink and access to 220 volt electric

Office space

Permanent offices for up to 10 individuals

The property shall be in close proximity to:

Major highways

Public lodging facilities

Public Restaurants

Additional requirements

A 10-acre site with a minimum of four flat acres

Parking for up to 800 contestants and spectators

Full access to all basic utilities, including adequate water supply capable of providing 60 to 90 psi for fire hose training

Certification that the selected site is compliant, or readily compliant, with all state building codes, local zoning and other pertinent land use regulations

Grading

Location and accessibility 35%

Cost/In-kind services/value added 35%

Development cost 30%