



Garrett County Government Department of Financial Services
Purchasing Division

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Memorandum

To: All vendors who received ITB#26-0422

From: Purchasing Department

Date: April 9, 2026

Re: Notice of Cancellation
Facilities and Maintenance Shop Building
Invitation to Bid #26-0422

Invitation to Bids (ITB) No.26-0422, titled “Facilities and Maintenance Shop Building,” was issued on March 19, 2026, for the procurement of construction for shop building. The ITB was structured as a sealed bid procurement in accordance with COMAR Title 21, with award to be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Pursuant to COMAR 21.06.02, the agency has determined that cancellation of the ITB is in the best interest of the County. Upon further review of the scope and requirements of this procurement, it has been determined that the use of a sealed bidding method (ITB) is not appropriate for this acquisition. Specifically: The procurement requires evaluation of technical factors, including but not limited to vendor qualifications, methodology, and approach, which cannot be adequately assessed under an ITB. The scope involves complex or specialized services where best value, rather than lowest price alone, is necessary to meet the County’s needs. The current ITB structure does not allow for meaningful comparison of qualitative differences between vendors. Proceeding under the ITB method may result in award to a vendor that meets minimum specifications but does not provide the most advantageous solution to the County.

As a result, continuing with the IFB would not ensure that the County obtains the most effective and appropriate outcome.

ITB No. 26-0422 be cancelled in its entirety prior to award in accordance with COMAR 21.06.02

A new solicitation will be issued as a Request for Proposal (RFP) to allow for evaluation of both technical and price factor. RFP #26-0512 Facilities and Maintenance Shop Design build will be issued on April 10, 2026.