



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

**Native Village of Eyak
Sobriety Event Photography Services
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Solicitation

The Native Village of Eyak (“NVE”) is soliciting proposals and rate information from qualified photographers to provide professional photography services for NVE sobriety events, celebrations, activities, and programs.

NVE hosts sobriety-focused events throughout the year to celebrate recovery, support healthy lifestyles, strengthen community connections, and provide positive opportunities for Tribal Members, families, and the broader community. NVE is seeking a photographer to professionally document these events and capture the people, activities, and overall spirit of the celebrations.

Submittals

Bids may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email. Bids must be received by the NVE office by the deadline and must include contact information and the bid amount.

Deadline: Proposals must be received by **5:00 pm AKST on Friday, October 2nd, 2026**

Mark submittals as follows: NVE Sobriety Photography RFP

Bids may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email:

In person: Native Village of Eyak
ATTN: Raven Cunningham
110 Nicholoff Way
Cordova, AK 99574

By mail: Native Village of Eyak
ATTN: Raven Cunningham
PO Box 1388
Cordova, AK 99574

By email: raven.cunningham@eyak-nsn.gov



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

Project Summary

The Native Village of Eyak (NVE), a federally recognized Indian Tribe, is requesting proposals from experienced photographers to provide professional photography for NVE-sponsored sobriety events and activities.

Services will be provided on **November 6-7, 2026**, and may include:

- Photographing NVE Sobriety Celebration, cultural activities, performances, meals, youth and family activities, and other related events.
- Capturing candid photographs that document participation, activities, and the overall atmosphere of each event.
- Taking posed group, family, staff, guest, performer, or participant photographs when requested.
- Photographing event details, decorations, cultural activities, food, awards, speakers, performances, and other significant moments.
- Providing professional-quality edited digital photographs following each event.
- Providing high-resolution files suitable for printing, archiving, publications, reports, and other NVE uses.
- Providing appropriately sized digital files for NVE social media, websites, newsletters, and community communications.
- Providing NVE with original photographs and/or high-resolution files as required by the individual project.
- Coordinating with designated NVE staff regarding event schedules, priority photographs, and photography expectations.

Proposal Requirements:

- Name and contact information of the individual or company.
- Description of relevant professional photography experience.
- Experience photographing community events, cultural events, celebrations, performances, families, or similar activities.
- Examples or a portfolio of previous photography work.
- Description of photography equipment and capabilities.
- Proposed hourly, half-day, full-day, and/or event rates, as applicable.
- Any editing, processing, travel, equipment, or additional fees.
- Typical turnaround time for completed photographs.
- Availability for evening, weekend, and holiday events.
- At least two professional references.
- Experience working with Alaska Native Tribes, Indigenous communities, Elders, oral histories, cultural documentation, museums, archives, or similar projects is preferred.

Rate:

As an attachment to the proposal, provide proposed rates for photography services, including any hourly, half-day, full-day, or event rates.



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

Proposals should identify whether editing and delivery of final photographs are included in the proposed rate and clearly identify any additional expenses.

NVE may use the selected photographer for multiple sobriety events or related projects. Individual events, schedules, scopes of work, and costs may be authorized separately based on NVE's needs and available funding.

Ownership and Use of Materials

Photographers will be expected to work collaboratively with NVE staff and respect the privacy and preferences of individuals participating in NVE events.

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, all photographs, raw files, edited materials, and other materials created specifically for NVE under the resulting agreement shall be provided to NVE.

NVE will determine the appropriate use, access, distribution, and preservation of materials created through these projects. Contractors may not publish, distribute, publicly display, post to social media, use it for promotional purposes, or otherwise release project materials without prior written authorization from NVE.

The selected contractor will be expected to respect any cultural protocols, confidentiality requirements, restrictions on the handling of culturally sensitive information, and other conditions established by NVE for individual projects.

NVE may establish specific photography restrictions for individual events, activities, or participants. The selected photographer must follow all instructions provided by NVE regarding individuals who should not be photographed or whose photographs should not be publicly distributed.

Type of Agreement

Interested Proposers are expected to advise NVE in the proposal if any terms or conditions of the agreement are objectionable. If any provisions are objectionable, the Proposer must provide acceptable alternative terms and conditions.

NVE reserves the right to reject any proposal that fails to indicate that the Proposer is willing to execute NVE's standard form of agreement or fails to propose terms and conditions for the agreement that are acceptable to NVE.

Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed by the designated NVE Selection Committee established for this project. NVE may contact Proposers for additional information, clarification, interviews, or additional examples of previous work before making a final selection.

Evaluation of Proposals

NVE will evaluate proposals based on the overall qualifications and value offered, including:



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

- Prior professional photography experience.
- Quality and style of previous work.
- Experience photographing community events and people.
- Ability to capture candid and posed photography.
- Professionalism and ability to work respectfully with community members.
- Availability and flexibility.
- Turnaround time for completed photographs.
- Proposed rates and overall cost.
- References.

NVE reserves the right to select the proposal determined to provide the greatest overall value to NVE. Selection will not necessarily be based solely on the lowest proposed rate.

Other Information

The issuance of this RFP, the submission of a response by any firm or individual, and the acceptance of such response do not obligate NVE in any manner. NVE is not liable for any costs incurred by Proposers prior to the issuance and execution of a contract with the individual or firm selected through the RFP process. All proposal preparation and other costs associated with responding to this RFP shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

NVE may require, seek, and utilize any information it deems appropriate to assess the qualifications of individual Proposers.

Unless otherwise clearly specified by the Proposer, information contained in proposals submitted in response to this RFP may be considered public information and may, at NVE's discretion, be released to the public at the conclusion of the evaluation, selection, and contract award process, with the exception of rate information submitted in response to the pricing criteria. Any additional information related to pricing or capacity that Proposers consider confidential or proprietary and wish to remain unavailable for public disclosure should be clearly identified.

NVE reserves the right to waive any formalities in the selection process and to make a selection deemed to be in the best interest of NVE. NVE reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.