

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Richland Center is requesting bids for two EZ Dock Kayak Launch Systems, that are not identical, to be installed along the Pine River. Bid specifications may be picked up at the Clerk's Office, 450 S. Main Street or may be seen on the City web page at [www.richlandcenter.com](http://www.richlandcenter.com) Questions may be directed to Dale Bender at 608-604-4947.

Sealed Bids are to be mailed or dropped off to City Clerk Melinda D Jones, 450 S. Main Street, Richland Center, WI 53581 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The City of Richland Center reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City of Richland Center is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender.

Below you will find the EZ Dock Kayak Launch bid specifications. Please note that the 'EZ DOCK Kayak Launch' differs from the 'EZ Launch System' in that it does not include the transfer bench feature and self-service equipment.

**EZ DOCK Kayak Launch System Product Introduction:**

The EZ DOCK Kayak Launch System is designed for use by people of varying abilities. People will find the system easy to use by simply walking up, sliding their vessel onto the launch port, lowering themselves onto the vessel seat, and using the side rails to pull the vessel off the port out into the water, all while seated, stable and dry-footed! The EZ Dock Kayak Launch also allows wheel-chair bound users to be more easily assisted into their vessel\*.

\*Only the EZ Launch (with transfer bench) allows universal, unassisted access to wheel-chair bound users.

Once seated in the vessel, the pull rails are within easy side reach to move the vessel off the launch port into the water and they extend out over the water far enough for the user to stabilize the vessel before exiting into open or moving water. This railing system also helps position the vessel for exiting the water back onto the launch port.

The entire integrated floating system is designed to accommodate fluctuating water levels while maintaining an accessible stable level boarding platform.

## **EZ DOCK Kayak Launch Performance/Bid Specifications**

### **Performance Specifications:**

- dry vessel entry/exit for user
- vessel hull stabilization system on launch port
- launch port surface features that reduce pounds of force required to move vessel off port into water and back onto the port from the water
- vessel stabilization/positioning/launching pull railing system extending over water beyond launch port far enough for the majority of the vessel to have exited the port & float
- universally accessible gangway dock to shore connection system
- Minimum 8-year floatation warranty (1-year hardware warranty)

### **Bid Specifications:**

The EZ DOCK Kayak Launch is an accessible kayak and canoe launch system comprised of the following system components:

#### **Floating dock components with edge protection:**

- a minimum of 60 square feet of floating dock sections provide a minimum of 60" clear dock deck space.
- perimeter edge protection is provided to prevent inadvertent step/roll off
- slip resistant surface provides a stable safe walking/rolling surface even when wet
- flexible design configurations are available to accommodate different water body types and shore to dock relationships

#### **Roller assisted launch ports:**

- The launch ports and floating dock sections adjust to changing water levels together, maintaining system stability and accessible height differentials between the two system components
- launch port hull rollers are angled to form a cradle that stabilizes most hull designs during vessel boarding and launch port entry and exit, and the roller system reduces the pounds of force required to move a vessel into and out of the water enhancing accessibility and ease of use

**NOTE:** The EZ DOCK Kayak Launch System is a floating system and connects to accessible routes on shore or fixed dock components ONLY via accessible gangways.



