

# Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

## Request for Proposals (RFP)

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Comprehensive Safety Action Plan – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Initiative  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

### 1. Introduction

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has received funding under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program (Award No. 693JJ32540448) to support the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The Tribe invites qualified firms and organizations to submit proposals to support planning and demonstration activities that will improve transportation safety across the community.

### 2. Project Overview

- Award Amount: \$500,000 (SS4A grant funds \$400,000 + other federal funds \$100,000)
- Period of Performance: June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026
- Funding Source: U.S. Department of Transportation SS4A Grant

The purpose of this initiative is to:

- Address pedestrian safety during events.
- Improve transit safety for drivers and passengers.
- Identify risk areas along alternative transportation trails to ensure safety during weather emergencies.

### 3. Scope of Work

The selected firm will be expected to:

1. Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan consistent with SS4A requirements.
2. Conduct safety assessments of pedestrian routes, event spaces, and transit systems.
3. Identify and map risk areas along multi-use and alternative transportation trails, particularly those vulnerable during severe weather events.
4. Recommend data-driven strategies, countermeasures, and policies to mitigate identified risks.
5. Engage stakeholders (community members, transportation staff, law enforcement, and emergency responders) through workshops and consultations.
6. Deliver a final Action Plan that includes implementation strategies, timelines, and cost estimates for identified safety improvements.

## 4. Deliverables

- Project Work Plan & Engagement Strategy
- Interim Technical Memoranda and Draft Findings
- GIS-based Risk Mapping of Alternative Trails and Transit Routes
- Final Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (print and digital formats)
- Presentation of Findings to Tribal Council and Key Stakeholders

## 5. Proposal Requirements

Proposals must include:

- Firm overview and relevant qualifications
- Demonstrated experience with transportation safety, pedestrian/transit planning, and emergency management
- Project team bios and key staff
- Proposed methodology and approach
- Timeline and milestones aligning with the grant period
- Budget proposal within the awarded funding amount
- References from at least three similar projects

## 6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Experience and expertise in transportation safety planning
- Technical approach and innovation
- Capacity to meet project deadlines and deliverables
- Cost-effectiveness and alignment with budget
- Quality of community engagement strategy
- Ponca/Indian Preference

## 7. Submission Instructions

- Deadline: October 23, 2025
- Format: PDF, submitted via email
- Submit To: Christine Minarik, Procurement Officer  
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