

Request for Proposal (RFP): University of Indianapolis Tennis Dome Replacement

RFP Reference Number: RFP26003

Issuing Institution: University of Indianapolis, Procurement Department

Issue Date: 8/26/2026

Proposal Submission Deadline: 9/25/2026, 2:00pm EDT

1. Project Overview & Objectives

The **University of Indianapolis (UIndy)** is soliciting proposals from qualified manufacturers to design, supply, and install a replacement air-supported tennis structure (tennis dome) and associated HVAC, electrical, and anchoring systems.

- **Location:** 2727 National Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227
- **Existing Facility Footprint:** 125' W x 346' L x 40' (43,250 sq. ft.)
- **Primary Goal:** Replace the aging air structure with a new, modern version covering an identical footprint.

2. Scope of Work (SOW)

Demolition & Removal

- Safely deflate, dismantle, pack, and properly dispose of/recycle the existing dome fabric and unusable hardware.
- Inspect and assess the existing concrete grade beam/anchoring perimeter and foundation.

Dome Design & Materials

- Low-bias cable system, designed to attached to current permanent structure
- White exterior fabric, PVDF, Tedlar coated
- White interior fabric w/ 10' blue backdrop
- Skylight

- Insulated triple layer design
- Cable system matching current dome layer for banner, perimeter backdrop, etc.
- Weather automation
- LED lights, laid out as recommended, and facing upward to reduce glare
- Doors replaced 1:1
- Backup generator
- Inflation unit, size as recommended (current inflation unit only 4-5 years old – if weather automation technology can be incorporated into the current inflation unit, this could be a favorable approach)

Not required

- Air conditioning

3. Submission Requirements

Proposals must include the following sections:

1. **Company Profile & Experience:** Overview of the company, years in business, and evidence of at least **[3-5]** similar collegiate or municipal dome replacement projects completed within the last 5 years.
2. **Technical Approach:** Detailed technical specifications of proposed membrane materials, insulation values (R-value), HVAC units, LED lighting, and control systems.
3. **Project Timeline:** A detailed schedule outlining manufacturing, site preparation, installation, testing, and commissioning.
4. **Warranty Details:** Terms for fabric membrane warranty (minimum **15 years**, pro-rated), mechanical systems, LED lighting, and labor.
5. **Cost Proposal:** Itemized pricing breakdown:
 - Demolition and removal of existing structure
 - Structural design, engineering
 - Dome fabric, membrane, and insulation manufacturing
 - Mechanical systems (HVAC, backup generator, weather automation)
 - LED lighting and electrical integration

- Installation partner recommendations
- Ongoing maintenance plan options (post-warranty)

4. Timeline & Milestones

Milestone	Target Date
RFP posting	8/26/2026
Mandatory Pre-Proposal Site Visit	8/31/2026-9/11/2026
Deadline for Vendor Questions	9/16/2026
Institution Responses to Questions	9/21/2026
Proposal Submission Deadline	9/25/2026 at 2:00pm EDT
Vendor Selection & Award	10/12/2026-10/16/2026
Installation Window	Spring 2027

5. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following weighted criteria:

- **Technical Capability & Product Quality (30%)**
- **Total Cost & Value (30%)**
- **Relevant Experience & References (15%)**
- **Project Schedule & Leadtime (25%)**

6. Communication and submission

For the purposes of the RFP, and to encourage fair and transparent competition, all communication must be routed through **procurement@uindy.edu**. Any communication that is sent directly to a UIndy representative will not receive a response.

Submissions must be received by the deadline of 2:00pm EDT on 9/25/2026, as verified by the timestamp within the University's email provider. Any submissions that are received after the deadline or that do not meet the requirements as outlined may be rejected by the University.