

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2026-67M FY2027 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION SERVICES

The purpose of this solicitation is the selection of a qualified firm, organization, or individual to provide community engagement, strategic communications, stakeholder outreach, civic participation, facilitation, and public engagement services to the City of Holyoke. The City seeks a strategic partner capable of designing and implementing authentic, inclusive, and community-centered engagement processes that strengthen relationships between residents and municipal government, improve transparency, expand participation in public decision-making, and ensure community priorities are communicated to City leadership and incorporated into future planning and implementation efforts.

The City will evaluate all timely responses to ensure that all required submittals have been included and that all responses meet the selection criteria. Responses deemed complete shall be presented to a selection committee. The highest-ranked respondents may be invited to participate in interviews prior to final selection.

Documents are available starting on 6/29/2026 by requesting electronically from morrowj@holyoke.org. **SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ELECTRONICALLY to morrowj@holyoke.org, NO LATER THAN July 16, 2026 @ 2PM.** Submissions will need to have "Submission RFQ 2026-67M Community Engagement" in the Subject Line. Submissions will need to have 2 PDF Attachments, one clearly marked "Technical Proposals" and one PDF File clearly marked "Price Proposals". The email received time will be the official time of record. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The city follows CH.30B, 30-39M, and all other local, state and federal applicable laws.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all submissions or waive minor informalities if in the city's best interest. 07/03/2026

Request for Quotes 2026-65SD Door & Hardware Replacements at 2 Schools

The Holyoke School Department is soliciting quotes for the removal and replacement

of the existing doors and hardware at Holyoke High School, 500 Beech Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, and Morgan School, 596 South Bridge Street, Holyoke, MA 01040. Remove and install new doors and hardware at HHS at door number 16. The removal of old closet doors and the installation of new doors and hardware at Morgan in the hallway. The installation of new window kits in the wooden classroom doors at Morgan.

Documents will be available electronically starting July 1st, 10:00 am, at morrowj@holyoke.org. Electronic submissions will be accepted at morrowj@holyoke.org no later than July 21st, 2:00 pm.

Non-Mandatory but highly recommended, a pre-bid walk-through will be held on July 10th at 12:00 pm. Holyoke High School first, then on to Morgan School.

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City of Holyoke Office of Purchasing INVITATION TO BID HOLYOKE FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ROOF REPLACEMENT (MGL c.149 Over \$150K) Project. No. IFB 2026-36 REBID

The CITY OF HOLYOKE, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Holyoke Fire Department Headquarters Roof Replacement Bidding project in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by ARCHITECTURE ENVIRONMENT LIFE, INC. The Work of Project is defined by the Contract Documents and consists of but not limited to: Demolition of the existing asphalt shingle roofing system located on the sloped roof areas and installation of a new asphalt shingle roofing system in the same locations. The new roofing system shall include asphalt shingles, felt paper and ice and water shield, which will be tied into the existing to remain flat roofing system. Existing roofing components that are to remain and integrated with the new roofing system including the low-slope membrane roofing system, associated lap flashing, copper flashing, copper fascia and cleats, copper gutters and downspouts, existing roof

decking and electrical/ mechanical systems located on the roof. The Work of Project is defined by the Contract Documents and consists of demo of existing roof and installation of new roofing on sloped asphalt roofing areas, and masonry pointing and cap for the elevator shaft for the Holyoke Fire Department Headquarters building for the City of Holyoke.

The work is estimated to cost \$150,000.00. **DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABE STARTING ON JULY 1, 2026 at 10AM by requesting electronically from morrowj@holyoke.org**

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online via email to the Holyoke Purchasing/Procurement Officer Jaime Morrow at morrowj@holyoke.org by July 17, 2026 at 4PM EST for General Bids. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, "General Building Construction", and/or "Roofing and Flashing" and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. **General Bids will be received until July 23, 2026 on 2:00PM EDT and publicly opened online, forthwith.** General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates), and made payable to the CITY OF HOLYOKE.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Scheduled Date and Time: July 14, 2026 at 10:00AM EDT
Address: Conduct conference at the Holyoke Fire Department Headquarters, 600 High Street, Holyoke.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive minor informalities if in the city's best interest. 07/03/2026

Request for Quotes 2026-64SD Hot Water Heater Replacement

The removal of the existing water heater and furnish and install new water heaters at Donahue School

The Holyoke School Department is soliciting quotes for the removal and replacement of the water heater at Donahue School, 216 Whittings Farms Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.

The old, non-working water heater is to be removed, and the installation of the new water heater system is to be completed per the drawings and specifications. Furnish and install new domestic electric hot water heaters, mixing valve, recirculation pump, and associated valves and equipment as indicated on plans.

Documents will be available electronically starting July 1st, 10:00am, at morrowj@holyoke.org. Electronic submissions will be accepted at morrowj@holyoke.org no later than July 21st, 1:30 pm.

Non-Mandatory but highly recommended, a pre-bid walk-through will be held on July 10th at 10:00 am at Donahue School. The city follows, CH.149 CH.30B, 30-39M, and all other local, state and federal applicable laws.

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Request for Quotes 2026-66SD HVAC SPLIT REPLACEMENT CENTRAL SUPPLY Replace 2-ton and 4-ton split system – Central Supply

The Holyoke School Department is soliciting quotes for the removal and replacement of the existing 2-ton and 4-ton split system that serves the Facilities Director's offices and IT Department offices, Central Supply, 728 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Holyoke, MA 01040. Remove and replace the existing 2-ton and 4-ton split system HVAC units. Scope includes installation of new gas furnaces, matching cased evaporator coils, and outdoor condensing units. The new condensing units shall be relocated to the indoor warehouse area as specified, including full repiping of refrigerant lines to accommodate the new layout. Refrigeration piping will be properly supported, insulated, and installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications and industry standards. Scope also includes installation of new electrical components and wiring to serve both condensing units, ensuring all electrical work complies with applicable codes. Gas piping shall be modified and repiped as required to properly serve the new furnace equipment, including all necessary fittings, isolation valves, and leak testing.

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morrowj@holyoke.org no later than July 21st, 2:30 pm.

Non-Mandatory but highly recommended, a pre-bid walk-through will be held on July 10th at 2:00 pm. Meet at the front door of 728 Main Street, then we will head upstairs to the 3rd floor.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD26P1370EA Estate of: Stanley W Olechna Date of Death: 05/09/2026 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard S Olechna of East Otis, MA and Linda J Minarik of Westfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Richard S Olechna of East Otis, MA and Linda J Minarik of Westfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/22/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stouemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 24, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT NATURAL GAS WELDING SERVICES ANNUAL CONTRACT - REBID

Sealed bids for the above contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:00 p.m., August 4, 2026**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Bid Deposit:
A Bid Deposit in the amount of \$6,250 must accompany all bids and may be in the form of a certified, treasurer's, or cashier's check payable to HG&E from a responsible bank or trust company; cash; or a bid bond from a licensed surety payable to HG&E.

Prevailing Wage Rates:
Rates, which are to apply to the work, are set by the Mass. Dept. of Labor & Industries.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Chi Wong
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 536-9308
cwong@hged.com

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Manager may be in the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes, "Bid for Natural Gas Welding Services Annual Contract" and address them to:

James M. Lavelle, Manager
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

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kept capitalizing on the Blue Sox's shortcomings as Noel Rivera got walked, advanced to second, and scored on a wild pitch, putting Valley behind 2-0.

The fifth inning had Valley getting two men on base when Eddison Esquivel hit a single out to center field, and Nick Tomasetto was walked. Unfortunately, the next three hitters were retired by Gibson, ending Valley's chance at a scoring opportunity.

Danbury did not waste any time starting the bottom of the frame as Peter Link hit a long homer out to center field, extending the deficit to 3-0. However, Anthony

Grabau responded with a home run of his own during the sixth, leading the team in the home run category and getting Valley their first tally of the game.

The Blue Sox finally got the momentum on their side with Trevor Harmon getting walked and moving to second off another Esquivel single. Nick Tomasetto hit a single of his own and sent Harmon home, bringing Valley within one run of a tie game.

Owen Basso replaced Oppenheimer in the bottom of the sixth and ended up loading the bases after hitting Ronan Donohue with a pitch and walking Michael Delph and Gavin Donohue. Basso then threw a wild pitch that allowed Ronan

Donohue to score Danbury's fourth run.

There were no runs scored in the seventh, and unlike Danbury, Valley was not able to get on the board in the eighth. The final run of the game was another home run from the Westerners as Gavin Donohue hit the ball out of Rogers Park, putting a late Blue Sox comeback out of reach.

Valley's focus now shifts to their next game, and Coach Raiola spoke about what he hopes to see from his team when they play the Sharks.

"More compete, more fight, more energy," said Raiola. "Tomorrow's a new day...and [an] opportunity to put together a more complete game."

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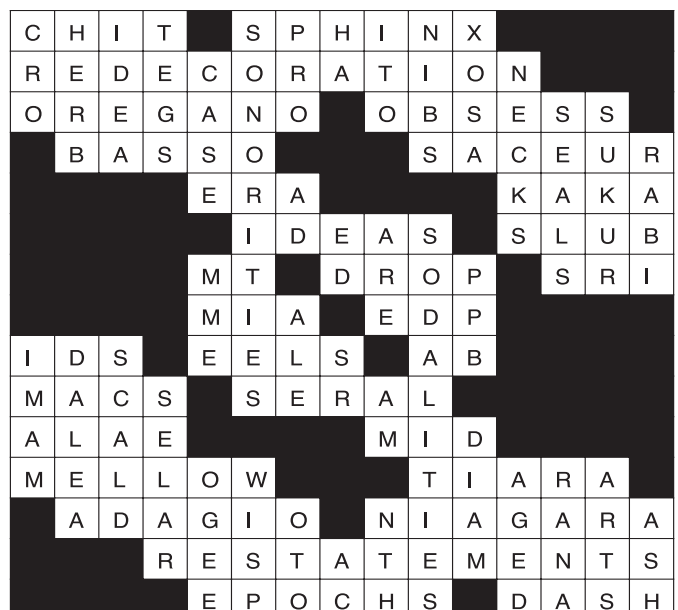
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