



ARH Student Achiever

Congratulations to Wolfe County High School senior Kristen Smith. Kristen, who has a GPA of 4.2, has been selected an ARH Mountain Student Achiever for January. She is the FBLA president at WCHS and finished in first place in the district level Governor's Cup written composition. She is the daughter of Christopher and Hope Smith.

Provisional licenses allowed for tobacco, nicotine and vapor product retailers

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 30—Today, Gov. Beshear announced that a provisional license will be issued to tobacco, nicotine and vapor product retailers who have applied for a license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) before Jan. 1, 2026. The provisional license will allow a business to continue operations while an application for full licensure is being reviewed and will expire once action is taken on the pending application.

Senate Bill 100 created a new licensing requirement for tobacco, nicotine and vapor product retailers and strengthened enforcement to ensure only products legal in Kentucky are being sold.

"I signed Senate Bill 100 into law to help make sure harmful tobacco and vapor products are not marketed and sold to our kids, and during this transition, I am committed to supporting our businesses that are working to do the same," said Gov. Beshear. "This provisional license will allow businesses that are committed to selling legal product through the licensure process to continue operation as we take steps together to protect Kentucky's children."

On Dec. 29, 2025, the Department filed an emergency regulation to ensure that retailers who have applied for a license before Jan. 1, 2026, are not penalized while the Department continues the process of

thoroughly evaluating each application.

ABC urges any tobacco and vapor product retailer who has not yet applied for licensure through the ABC to act promptly. No provisional licenses will be issued after the Jan. 1 deadline.

To assist businesses that need to acquire the new license established by S.B. 100, ABC officials have worked diligently to successfully implement a new online licensing system with a streamlined application process. The Department continues to work closely with businesses needing assistance with the application portal or with questions about the application process. The Department has also proactively met with businesses and business groups to educate them on the new requirements and directly answer their questions about this new licensing requirement.

The Department expects to issue over 4,000 new licenses to tobacco, nicotine and vapor product retailers by the end of 2025.

On March 24, 2025, Gov. Beshear signed S.B. 100 into law. To ensure harmful tobacco and vapor products are not marketed and sold to youth across Kentucky, the law requires all tobacco, nicotine and vapor product retailers to obtain an annual state license through ABC and strengthens enforcement including:

KSP conducting death investigation in Wolfe County

CAMPTON, Ky., Jan. 1 – On Wednesday, Dec. 31, around 2:30 p.m. Kentucky State Police (KSP) post 8 was contacted by United Clinic in Campton stating there was a lady in the clinic whom disclosed that she had aborted her pregnancy at her residence on Flat Mary Road.

Troopers and Detectives arrived at the clinic and launched an investigation. Detectives interviewed Melinda S. Spencer, 35 of Campton Kentucky. Ms. Spencer stated to detectives that she had ordered medication online to complete an abortion. Ms. Spencer took the medication which resulted in the death of a developed male infant. Ms. Spencer then buried the infant on the backside of her property in a shallow grave.

Troopers and detectives responded near the 3700 block of Flat Mary Road where they located the infant in a shallow grave just as Ms. Spencer had stated. As a result of this investigation KSP arrested Melinda S. Spencer charging her with Fetal Homicide 1st degree, Abuse of a Corpse and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

KSP was assisted by Wolfe County Sheriff's Office and Wolfe County Coroner's Office. This case remains under investigation by Detective Paul Thomas.

Instituting a new enforcement team to investigate consumer complaints. A portion of collected fines will be directed to youth vaping prevention efforts.

Routine and unannounced compliance checks to ensure retailers are not selling to minors or selling illegal product; and

Greater fines and penalties for violating the law, including potential loss of licensure and criminal penalties for selling without a license.

Any business participating in the retail sale of tobacco, nicotine and vapor products as of Jan. 1, 2026, is urged to submit its application immediately. There is no additional application process, or additional fee for the provisional license. Applications are available exclusively through ABC's Online Licensing Portal. For more information or assistance with your application, contact the ABC at abc.info@ky.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

559-23-02 (10/2024)

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CONTRACT 559-23-02
WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
CITY OF CAMPTON
CAMPTON, KENTUCKY

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the City of Campton, Wolfe County, Kentucky, at the city hall until 1:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, January 22, 2026, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work as set forth by the Advertisement, General Conditions, Specifications and/or Drawings prepared by Bell Engineering. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the above conditions will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work to be bid is described as follows:

Water treatment plant improvements.

Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:

City of Campton
698 Main Street
Campton, Kentucky 41301

Bell Engineering
2480 Fortune Drive, Suite 350
Lexington, Kentucky 40509

or may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, phone 859/255-1021, upon receipt of non-refundable deposit as follows:

CONTRACT 559-23-02--\$400.00 (electronic or hard copy)

Sealed proposals for this Contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as follows:

"Sealed Proposal for Contract 559-23-02. Not to be opened until 1:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, January 22, 2026."

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to the City of Campton, P.O. Box 35, Campton, Kentucky 40301, allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Campton, Kentucky, in an amount not less than the percent of the base bid indicated in Specification Section 00200, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Security. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 90 days after the date bids are opened. He may, however, withdraw his bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

The attention of all contractors is called to the fact that any contract awarded under this Advertisement for Bids is expected to be funded in part by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the Cleaner Water Program, a federal funds line item grant, H.B. 723, and local funds on hand.

Work to be performed by contractors involved in this project is subject to the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and the Kentucky Department of Labor, as set forth in Chapter 337 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (per amendments adopted by the Kentucky General Assembly). Contractors will be required to pay whichever minimum wage rate is higher for the individual crafts.

The federal wage rate determination will be incorporated into the Specifications by an addendum issued prior to the scheduled bidding date, if applicable.

A non-mandatory prebid meeting will be held at the Campton City Hall, 698 Main Street, Campton, Kentucky, on Wednesday January 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local time.

Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order Nos. 11246 and 11375, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Where the President's Executive Order No. 11246 is shown, Executive Order No. 11375 also applies.

Bidders must make positive efforts to secure small or minority owned business enterprise participation in this Project.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standard Act, and the Davis-Bacon Act.

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed, or national origin.

Bidders must show a certification of prior work under Executive Order 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended.

All contractors and subcontractors must comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action. This is to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities, and apply the time tables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.

Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. This procurement is subject to the requirements outlined in the Kentucky Infrastructure Supplemental General Conditions.

This Project is subject to the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act requirements.

The City of Campton may consider informal any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of this advertisement and/or the Specifications and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids.

CITY OF CAMPTON
Kathi May, Mayor

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