

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of Versailles will receive sealed bids for Electrical Upgrades until 11:00 a.m. ET on March 26, 2026 at the office of the Housing Authority of Versailles, 519 Poplar Circle, Versailles, KY 40383 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the offices of the Housing Authority of Versailles and REB Architects, PLLC, 103 Wind Haven Drive, Suite 101, Nicholasville, KY 40356. A pre-bid conference will be held at the Housing Authority of Versailles office March 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., ET. Copies of the documents will also be on file at the following locations for examination by interested parties:

Dodge Data Analytics
4300 Beltway Place, Suite 180
Arlington, TX 76018

Construct Connect
30 Technology Parkway S., Suite 100
Norcross, GA 30092

Builders Exchange
2300 Meadow Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work to be performed consists of:

A. Electrical upgrades (Meter and Panel Replacement)

Work includes providing all items, articles, materials, operations or methods herein listed, mentioned or scheduled on the Project Documents and / or herein, including all labor, materials, equipment, services and incidentals as necessary for their completion.

Copies of the documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 for the cost of reproduction. (859) 255-1021 or www.lynnimaging.com.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Housing Authority of Versailles, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds. All Bidders shall include with their bid a statement from an acceptable surety that if their bid is accepted, the surety will furnish to the Bidder the required performance and payment bond or bonds required by the contract documents.

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and to payment of not less than minimum salaries and wages, as set forth in the specifications. Any prevailing wage rate (including basic hourly rate and any fringe benefits) determined under state or tribal law to be employed under this contract, is inapplicable to the contract, and shall not be enforced against the contractor or any subcontractor with respect to employees engaged under the contract whenever the following occurs:

A. Such non-federal prevailing wage rate exceeds:

1. The applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Davis- Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a et seq.) to the prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade;
2. An applicable apprentice wage rate based thereon specified in an apprenticeship program registered with the Department of Labor of DOL-recognized state apprenticeship agency; or
3. An applicable trainee wage rate based thereon specified in a DOL-certified trainee program; or

B. Such non-federal prevailing wage rate, exclusive of any fringe benefits, exceeds the applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of HUD to be prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade or position.

Notice this project is Public Housing constructed before 1978 and is subject section 401 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and requires all General Contractors and their firms to be certified as a "Certified Renovator" by completing an EPA or authorized state approved training course conducted by an EPA or State-accredited training provider. Evidence must be submitted with the bid showing this certification for the bid to be accepted and read. Any contractor who fails to submit this documentation will be disqualified and their bid not read. For information contact National Lead Information Center at 800-424-5323 or www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.html

The following appropriate bid documents shall be attached to each bid. Failure to include any of these items will result in the bid being marked as unresponsive.

1. Representations and Certifications
2. Non-Collusive Affidavit
3. Previous Participation Certificate, HUD Form 2530
4. Form of Bid Bond
5. List of Sub-Contractors
6. Section 3 Plan Materials
7. Form of Bid
8. Certified Renovator Certificate

The Housing Authority of Versailles reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Versailles.

Housing Authority of Versailles
Chantel Bingham, Executive Director

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NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2026, to be effective on March 31, 2026. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0316 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0286 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0030, or -9.49%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 363; Industrial: 17,055; Other Public Authority: 1,282; and Sales for Resale: 19,349. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.12; Commercial: -\$1.09; Industrial: -\$51.17; Other Public Authority: -\$3.85; and Sales for Resale: -\$58.05. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at https://www.amwater.com/kyaw/. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at https://psc.ky.gov. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

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AFTER SKETCHING a well-known work of art, most students will use oil crayons that look like oil paints to reproduce the paintings. St. Leo School seventh grader Zeke Christensen is pictured. (Photo by Bob Vlach)

LEARNING

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are (as a school and church) ... and they (our students) love it."

Asked to describe St. Leo's journey to celebrating its 100th anniversary as a school this year, DiBiasie says, "Absolutely incredible."

St. Leo School's history began in a house where the Versailles Police Station is now located. A school was later built on that site across the street from St. Leo Catholic Church. Both the church and, later, the school moved to the same Hometown Road campus.

To mark the milestone, St. Leo had a Centennial Picnic for the church and school, as well as a large celebration with a mass and then a dinner in Parish Hall at the end of Catholic Schools Week.

DiBiasie came out of retirement to return for one more year as principal when Leo Labrillazo retired last May, so St. Leo had sufficient time to do a search and hire a good candidate to lead St. Leo in its 101st year, she says.



REPRODUCING ART helps students sharpen their technical skills, according to St. Leo art teacher Rosie Fedorchuk. She says all famous artists honed their skills by reproducing art. "It also helps them feel a connection to the artists," she says in response to a question about why she wants her students reproducing art. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



ST. LEO FIFTH GRADERS Dallas Musgrave, Maddox Healy, and Daniel Borth, pictured left to right, held tuning forks up to their ears so they could listen to vibrating sound that each produces. (Photo by Bob Vlach)

DAKE

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City clerk: Obtaining and installing new property tax software to send bills out electronically and for residents to be able to search online for information.

In identifying challenges, Dake acknowledged that the lack of affordable housing, both ownership and rental, continues to exist with no easy fixes.

"We are looking at pieces of land within the USB, where more affordable housing could be constructed, and we have had discussions with developers who do this kind of work," she said. "Woodford Habitat for Humanity is also looking for small parcels to build homes on. Unfortunately, parcels are hard to find and are often priced out of range."

She added that the Housing Task Force continues to meet to work on the problem, with its next agenda item looking at possible changes to the landlord-tenant ordinances.

Dake said traffic continues to be an issue, and she is working with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Woodford County legislative delegation to line up funding and resources to address the problem. She added that the new "Build or Bond" program, which helps with new road construction in residential developments, will at least help if there is new construction.

Further, she said a big part of the traffic solution was the Versailles Police Department's creation of the new Traffic Enforcement Unit, which has seen citations increase 131 percent between the last quarters of 2024 and 2025.

After noting that the actions of the federal and state governments have impacted the city in a number of ways, Dake concluded by saying, "Versailles has a bright future. Our business climate, geography and natural resources put us in an enviable position in the region and state. Our most valuable resource, though, remains our people. Our commitment to each other means that we can solve challenges together and celebrate when things go well. It is my great honor and privilege to serve the people of Versailles."

The City Council applauded Dake, with Councilmember Ann Miller complimenting Dake on the address and the city's accomplishments, saying, "This has been a good year."

Old Kroger building lease

Dake informed the council that Andover Versailles, LLC (AVL), the new tenant of the old Kroger building that is now owned by the city, has accepted all of the proposed changes to the lease agreement. Once AVL receives the needed title opinion, it and the city will be able to sign the agreement. Dake said she expects work on the roof to begin shortly and is required to be completed by June 30.

Contracts

The City Council approved two contracts, both already budgeted: \$24,404 to purchase an ammonia chemical feed pump from JAGS Environmental, Inc. of Erlanger, Kentucky; and \$26,500 for a drum mulcher used with an excavator from Boyd Caterpillar of Lexington.

Woodford County Food Pantry

As part of Dake's plan to have various nonprofits and other organizations in Woodford County give presentations to the council to keep the city's leadership informed, Ashley Jackson, the Woodford County Food Pantry's executive director, gave an overview of its past year's activities.

Dake announced that the elected official's food drive held last Saturday, Feb. 28, collected 2,450 pounds of foodstuffs for the Food Pantry.