

Vendor's Competitive Bid Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a Request for Proposal for the Lakeview School Batting Cage at Lakeview High School. Proposals are to be submitted on the prescribed forms, sealed in an envelope clearly marked "**High School Outdoor Batting Cage Updates**".

All sealed proposals must be submitted to Laura McFadden, Assistant Superintendent of Finance - Marked "High School Battling Cage", Lakeview School District, 15 Arbor Street, Battle Creek, MI 49015, no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 10 , 2026. Any proposal received after that time will be returned unopened to the sender. Proposals will be opened in the District's central office, 15 Arbor Street, Battle Creek, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on March 10,2026

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as waive any irregularities, and to accept the bid that meets its requirements most satisfactorily.

1. Proposals are to be submitted based on the specifications listed below. Manufacturer spec sheets are to be attached to the proposal. Alternates will be accepted if they are approved by the High School Athletic Director and manufacturer spec sheets are attached.
2. Bid Security in the form of a certified check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to Lakeview School District, is acceptable bid security only for proposals less than \$50,000. Bid Security in the form of bonds is required to be submitted with all proposals greater than \$50,000.
3. Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, intermediate school board, or board of directors or the superintendent of the school district, intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district, or chief executive officer of the public-school academy. Additionally, bids shall be accompanied by an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Certification. The District will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement and certification.
4. All proposals will be opened on the day and time stated above. All proposals will be read aloud. Persons submitting proposals may attend and will receive a list of companies that have submitted bids.
5. Although cost will be an essential factor in awarding bids, the District is not obligated, by operation of any statute or regulation, to award a contract solely on the basis of the low bid.
6. The District reserves the right to accept all or any part of a submitted proposal.
7. All proposals shall be irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the bid opening.
8. The Lakeview School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities.
9. Payment will be withheld until the owner is satisfied with the repairs.

10. Work is to start as soon as can be mutually agreed upon by the High School Athletic Director and the contractor. If the bid exceeds the state threshold, Board approval will be required before the start of work.

11. Any additional questions or requests for information should be directed to:

- Shawn Aimesbury - Athletic Director
- saimesbury@lakeviewspartans.org
- 269-565-3711

Details of Requested Bid:

1. Introduction

Lakeview High School, located in Battle Creek, Michigan, is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the **design, supply, and installation of a permanent outdoor batting cage system**. The intent of this project is to provide a **safe, durable, and high-quality training facility** for Lakeview student-athletes, suitable for long-term outdoor use.

2. Project Overview

Lakeview High School intends to install a **two-tunnel outdoor batting cage**, designed for baseball use. The system must prioritize **safety, durability, ease of use, and long-term maintenance efficiency**.

3. Scope of Work

See Attachment A

4. Safety Requirements

Safety is a priority for this project. The proposed system must:

- Meet or exceed applicable safety standards
- Be designed to minimize risk to athletes, coaches, and spectators
- Include secure anchoring and tensioning to prevent movement or collapse
- Use materials appropriate for school and athletic environments

5. Vendor Qualifications

Proposals should include:

- Company background and experience with similar outdoor athletic installations
 - Examples of comparable batting cage projects
 - References from schools or athletic organizations (preferred)
 - Warranty information on materials and workmanship
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6. Proposal Requirements

Each proposal should include:

- Detailed description of the proposed batting cage system
 - Confirmation of compliance with listed specifications
 - Itemized cost breakdown, including:
 - Materials
 - Installation
 - Optional electrical components (if applicable)
 - Estimated project timeline from award to completion
 - Warranty and maintenance information
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7. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Compliance with specifications
- Quality and durability of materials
- Safety considerations
- Vendor experience and references
- Overall value (not solely lowest cost)
- Ease of maintenance and long-term sustainability

Attachment A
Lakeview School District
Batting Cage and Netting System – Lakeview High School

Specifications

Part 1 – General

1.01 WORK SCOPE

- A. Provide labor, materials, and equipment necessary to install a new outdoor batting cage, netting, matting and safety fence.

1.02 SCHEDULING

- A. The completion date for the project is: ASAP, would like by April 17,2026

Part 2 – Service

2.01 SERVICE SCOPE

- A. Install a new batting cage in an area determined by the Director of Operations.
- B. Provide a detailed list of the materials that will be required to complete this project.
- C. Remove all debris (soil, concrete, waste, etc) from district property in accordance with local and state regulations.
- D. Repair any and all areas damaged during the installation of the batting cage and safety fence. Make sure to take every precaution to ensure that no humans, wildlife or surrounding environment is harmed. Any damage to structures, sidewalks, curbs, grass, street pavement, etc. will be repaired with materials at the contractor's expense.
- E. All debris must be removed and the area cleaned up at the end of each work day.

Part 3 – Execution

3.01 INSPECTION

- A. All work will be performed to the satisfaction of the Director of Operations. If upon inspection by the Director of Operations or his representative and the work is found to be unsatisfactory, the work will be corrected at the contractor's sole expense and at no cost to the Lakeview School District within 20 days from the date of notice. The decision of the Director of Operations or his representative will be final.
- B. Once the project is completed the company rep will be required to walk the project with the Director of Operations (Todd Pullano) for final approval.

3.02 SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. It is highly recommended that you walk the site to verify scope of work. During normal school hours, all bidders will be required to check in with the main office before entering school district property.
- B. Must maintain a safety zone around areas being serviced at all times.
- C. You will be required to check with the Director of Operations prior to the start of this project for approval to store or create a staging area for heavy equipment, trailers and materials.
- D. The contractor will be solely responsible and abide by all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the safety of all employees and observers and will maintain workers compensation as required.

3.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Work areas must be kept safe, clean and organized at all times.
- B. The contractor will be responsible for any and all damage caused during the removal and/or staging process.
- C. Hours of work will require prior approval from the Director of Operations and are based on the City of Battle Creek local code guidelines and school events.

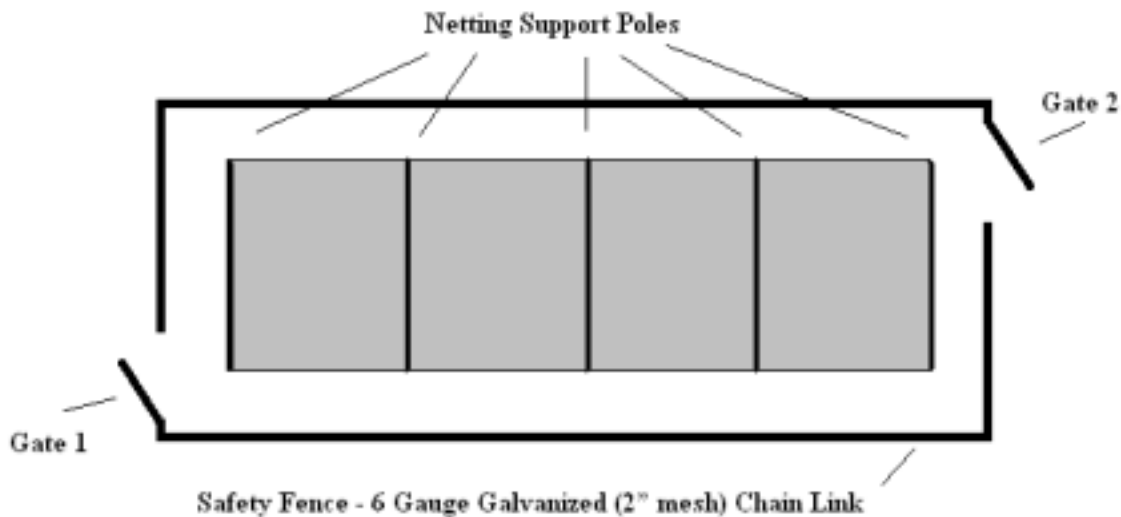
3.04 MATERIALS

Netting – Must be constructed of heavy-duty (#48 netting) black UV treated 1-3/4” square mesh made from knotted braided polyethylene for outdoor use.

- All tunnel borders are to be reinforced with 1/4” rope to reduce sag and strain on the netting.
- Netting must hang 11’ from the ground allowing a minimum of 1” of netting on the ground to contain balls.

Batting Cage Structure – 70’ x 12’ x 12’ (Two (2) Tunnel cage system with netting enclosed).

- Support Poles – 2-7/8” galvanized steel (5 sections) upright and cross-members.
- Uprights must be installed in ground sleeves which are to be concreted in place to handle adverse weather conditions due to high winds.
- Must provide installation specifications that show the depth of the poles and concrete.
- Concrete cap must be a minimum of 6” below grade.
- Hardware – Cabling, eyebolts, turnbuckles, clamps and snap rings must be heavy-duty constructed materials suited for outdoor weather conditions.



x 18' x 8' enclosure with two (2) access gates.

- Support Poles – 6 feet on center 2-3/8" galvanized steel four feet below surface.
- Corner / Gate Support Poles – 2-7/8" galvanized steel concreted in place. Concrete cap must be a minimum of 6" below grade.
- Top / Center / Bottom Railing – 1-5/8" galvanized steel.
- Provide all caps, wire wraps, brackets, etc. as required.
- Provide locking/latching devices for both gates.

Safety Concrete Matting – 68' x 10' (one piece construction)

- Matting must be designed to reduce impact (bounce) of baseballs and softballs.
- Must be designed for outdoor use (artificial turf) and prevent water from pooling on the surface material.
- Must be constructed to withstand metal spikes, but support a player footing when batting. With a grass like appearance.
- A sample of material will be required for final approval.

**Request for Proposal
Lakeview School District - Outdoor Batting Cage
Bid Response Form**

Company Name: _____

Name of Sales Representative: _____

Address Line 1: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Description of proposed cage : _____

PRICING

Materials Cost: _____

Installation Cost: _____

Options (if any): _____

TOTAL BID: _____

SCHEDULE

Start Date: _____

Completion Time (days): _____

WARRANTY

Materials Warranty (years): _____

Labor Warranty (years): _____

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies this bid is valid for 60 days and meets the RFP requirements.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

