

Kentucky State Fair announces 2025 campaign, entries, website

LOUISVILLE — The smell of fried delights, the sound of live music, and the joy of shared moments are almost here as the Kentucky State Fair returns August 14-24, 2025. To kickstart the excitement, the Kentucky State Fair is rolling out its 2025 campaign, opening entries for exhibitors, and launching a brand-new website designed with visitors in mind. Make plans now to participate by exhibiting or attending.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR 2025 CAMPAIGN: ALL THINGS KENTUCKY ALL IN ONE PLACE

This year’s campaign celebrates what makes the Bluegrass State special from its people, places, and traditions; it’s all brought together at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Learn about Kentucky agriculture, explore what all 120 counties have to offer, view thousands of entries, shop local businesses, enjoy Kentucky Proud food, and so

much more, all in one place. In that same spirit of celebrating Kentucky’s rich heritage, the fair will feature a special exhibition commemorating the 250th anniversary of Daniel Boone and his company of men and women blazing the Wilderness Road into Kentucky in 1775. The exhibition is an America250KY project that will share stories and artifacts of Kentucky’s early settlers in the context of the American Revolution and the founding of the United States. The Wilderness Road angled across the center of Kentucky some 160 miles, from the Cumberland Gap to the Falls of the Ohio River, skirting the eastern edge of the Kentucky Exposition Center grounds. “The Kentucky State Fair is the place to celebrate all things Kentucky,” said David S. Beck, President and CEO of Kentucky Venues. “120 counties will be celebrated this

year through activations spread across the largest indoor fair in the country. Across an additional 25 acres of outdoor space, fairgoers will have family entertainment, fried food favorites, and thrill rides that are only available at this annual event.”

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

Interested participants looking to showcase their skills, talents, and projects can now enter. From livestock and crafts to food and crops, there’s so much you can enter at the fair. The deadline for entries is July 10, with a late deadline of July 17. Those interested in entering can do so here.

Among dozens of updates, three of the most significant changes for this year’s competition include:

Supreme Open Beef Heifer Drive in Freedom Hall added on the final day of the fair with higher premiums, including

a \$5,000 payout for the Grand Champion

BBQ SAUCE ADDED AS A NEW DIVISION IN THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT

Reclaimed Bourbon Barrel Woodworking added as a new division in the Hobbies department

For a full list of changes and additions, visit the Kentucky State Fair website.

“While tradition is at our core, we’re always looking for ways to grow,” Beck said. “These new competitions and increased premiums reflect Kentucky’s creativity, culture, and craftsmanship. They allow us to highlight our neighbors in a whole new way.”

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR NEW WEBSITE

The new Kentucky State Fair website is here, with a cleaner design, easier navigation, and improved user experience. The streamlined layout ensures an easier path to finding exactly what the web-

site visitor needs. More information will be visible on the site as we approach the fair. The entertainment

lineup announcement and ticket information for the Kentucky State Fair will be available June 5 at kystatefair.org.



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Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 30, 2025 in the office of the Marion County Superintendent Chris Brady, 755 East Main Street, Lebanon, KY 40033 for:

Fire protection services and monitoring

Immediately thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read. Detail information and specifications will be provided upon request. Bids must be typed or written in ink. Bids must be in an envelope marked "FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BID" in the lower left-hand corner. The bidder's return address shall appear in the upper left-hand corner. The seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive technicalities.

For more information, please call 270-692-3721

Marion County Board of Education
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SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc.
120 South Proctor Knott Avenue
Lebanon, Kentucky 40033

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the 2022 WTP & Water System Improvements – Contract 10 - Water Main Replacement and Contract 11 - Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Contract No. 10 consists of the replacement of approximately 4,500 LF of 16-inch, 5,600 LF of 8-inch and 5,000 LF of 6-inch water main as well as 150 customer services. Contract No. 11 consisting of a new carbon feed facility and improvements to the water treatment plant intake as shown on the DRAWINGS and described in the SPECIFICATIONS will be received by Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc. at 120 South Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033 until 10:00 am (EST Local Time) June 11, 2025, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for Contract No. 10 ONLY at the Lebanon Water Works Company office on Tuesday June 3, 2025, at 11:00 am (EST Local Time).

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis for Contract No. 10 and lump sum basis for Contract No. 11 as indicated in the Bid Forms.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP, PLLC., 101 High Street, Versailles, Kentucky 40383
Phone: 859.251.4127

LEBANON WATER WORKS COMPANY, INC., 120 South Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033. Phone: 270.692.2491

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from **LYNN IMAGING - Lexington located at 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859-255-1021, Website: www.lynnimaging.com**. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable amount of **\$350.00** for each complete set of documents. Included with the printed copy of the contract documents is an electronic download (as portable document format PDF) upon request.

All bids must be made on required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals. All bidders must be listed as a plan holder by the plan distributor and Contract 10 bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

This project may be partially or entirely funded by the Kentucky Infrastructure Agency State Revolving Fund Loan.

Bidders must comply with President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Bidders must certify 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 comply with 41 CFR 60-4 in regard to affirmative action and to insure equal opportunity to females and minorities, and all that are applicable. Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

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

The procurement and performance of this contract are subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Successful Bidder shall make positive efforts to use small, minority, women owned and disadvantaged businesses.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A-Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies to American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron and steel: lines or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The de minimis and minor components waiver (all project specific waivers as applicable) apply to this contract.

Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc., reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for the 2022 WTP & Water System Improvements – Contract 10 - Water Main Replacement" or Contract 11 – Water Treatment Plant Improvements for the Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc. The bid may be mailed to: Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc. 120 South Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

John Turner, President
Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc.
Date: May 21, 2025

Hardy geraniums

My fascination with hardy geraniums started in about 1996.

In European gardens they were as commonplace as phlox was in American perennial gardens. It's hard to imagine how limited our perennial plant options used to

be when you go to a garden center today, but back in 1996 a hardy geranium in America would have been a novelty.

Most people think of geraniums as an annual that we plant in pots to add color to our patios during the summer months. Well, this plant is actually a Pelargonium. The confusion over the name can be attributed to the father of modern taxonomy, Carl Linnaeus, who insisted on lumping Geranium and Pelargonium into one "Geranium" category. Over time the term was only associated with Pelargonium and the true geranium lost its popularity (and identity). Another story I heard was that Queen Victoria remarked, in an off-handed way, how lovely a geranium was in someone's garden she was visiting. The Queen gestured to a Pelargonium, and no one was inclined to correct her.

The true geranium is a perennial and is native to just about every continent. Today there are hundreds of varieties of hardy geraniums: a size and form for every location in your garden. Most gardeners who enjoy perennials are certainly familiar with the robust, mound-forming Geranium sanguineum (bloody cranesbill) and Geranium 'Johnson's Blue' with its airy mass of finely cut foliage and a healthy spray of lavender-blue blossoms that are one of the first to appear in the spring. These are great garden plants but let's face it, there are better ones to be had by the geranium enthusiast.

Over 20 years ago Blooms of Bressingham introduced Geranium 'Rozanne' and geranium experts from near and far all agree that this plant is still one of the best ever. It thrives in Kentuckiana gardens for because 'Rozanne' is quite tolerant of heat and humidity and has the lon-

gest season of bloom of any cultivated geranium variety. 'Rozanne', the first hardy geranium to be patented, has faintly marbled green leaves and large (up to 2 ½ inch) blue-violet blooms that fade to white in the center. 'Rozanne' has subtle beauty that lasts from June through October.

It is a strong bloomer in early summer and if you remove the spent blooms, it will rebloom again in late summer into fall. And, as I mentioned, it tolerates heat much better than other similar hardy geranium species. The plant remains compact so it is perfect for the front of the border where it can be enjoyed as a specimen plant in the garden.

There are also varieties that act as great ground covers for dry areas that are difficult to maintain or prove to be trouble spots for other plants. G. macrorrhizum is a good species for tough areas. 'Bevan's Variety' and 'Ingwersen's Variety' provide a rosy-red or light pink blossom. G. cantabrigiense 'Biokovo' remains the favorite for the toughest groundcover in full sun. 'Biokovo' has white blooms with a flush of pink and slightly glossy foliage, which helps it hold up in the heat. Like many hardy geraniums, 'Biokovo' also has good fall color.

If you like a more naturalized look in your shade garden G. phaeum is a good species. A newer cultivar named 'Samobor' has variegated leaves and masses of maroon bloom. I have had this variety for several years and it blooms well throughout the season. Another one that I like for part-shade is G. maculatum 'Espresso' which has pink blooms atop deeply cut chocolate-green foliage.

Basically, there are hundreds of hardy geraniums to choose from, even Geranium palustre for wet soils, so if you are looking for a great plant for the mixed border, the shade garden or as a ground cover check out hardy geraniums. Many of the mentioned varieties are available at local nurseries but if you want to do a little research and peruse a vast selection, check out the California nursery Geraniaceae at www.geraniaceae.com.

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Section 00100
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Sidewalk Replacement and Storm Sewer Upgrades

City of Bradfordsville
Marion County, Kentucky

Separate Sealed BIDS for the construction of Sidewalk Replacement and Storm Sewer Upgrades will be received by the City of Bradfordsville, 201 West Main Street, Bradfordsville, KY 40009 until 2:00 P.M. local time, June 11th, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud. No bids will be accepted after 2:00 P.M. local time.

This contract consists of installing approximately 450 L.F. of 24" HDPE Storm Sewer, 35 L.F. of 18" HDPE Storm Sewer, 16 L.F. of 12" HDPE Storm Sewer, and all other necessary appurtenances including 8 associated drop boxes and 1 headwall. Also, if funds allow, included in the project is the removal and replacement of roughly 340 square yards of concrete sidewalk and the construction of 77 L.F. of concrete paved ditch.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. local time on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Bradfordsville City Hall at 201 West Main Street, Bradfordsville, KY 40009. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Kenvirons, LLC., 770 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601
Bradfordsville City Hall, 201 West Main St., Bradfordsville, KY 40009

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507 (859-226-5850) and www.lynnimaging.com upon payment of a nonrefundable price of **\$175.00** for each set plus any shipping charges.

Each Bidder must accompany his/her bid with a Bid Bond in amount of not less than five (5) percent of the base bid. No Bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of 90 days. The Bidder awarded the contract shall execute a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond and shall furnish insurance as required, in the General Conditions. The base contract shall be completed within **40 calendar days** after date of authorization to start work. Liquidated damages will be **\$1,000** per calendar day.

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. Bidders must comply with Section 3, Section 109, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act and the contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, or national origin. All contractors and DBE subcontractors must be pre-qualified with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and possess a Certificate of Eligibility at the time of the bid opening. All other subcontractors must be prequalified when accepting subcontracts. Due to the Federal Funding Source, this project is subject to the Federal Davis-Bacon Act wage rate requirements and Buy America restrictions. The bidder shall certify that it has secured participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE") in the amount of 3% percent of the total value of this contract and that the DBE participation is in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 26 and the policies of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet pertaining to the DBE Program.

Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The City of Bradfordsville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities. Bidders must have experience with similar types of projects in congested areas where multiple utilities are located. Bidders must also be pre-qualified by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to be approved for this job. A list of references will be requested and thoroughly reviewed.

Small, minority and women's businesses and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to bid this project.

City of Bradfordsville
By: David Edelen, Mayor