

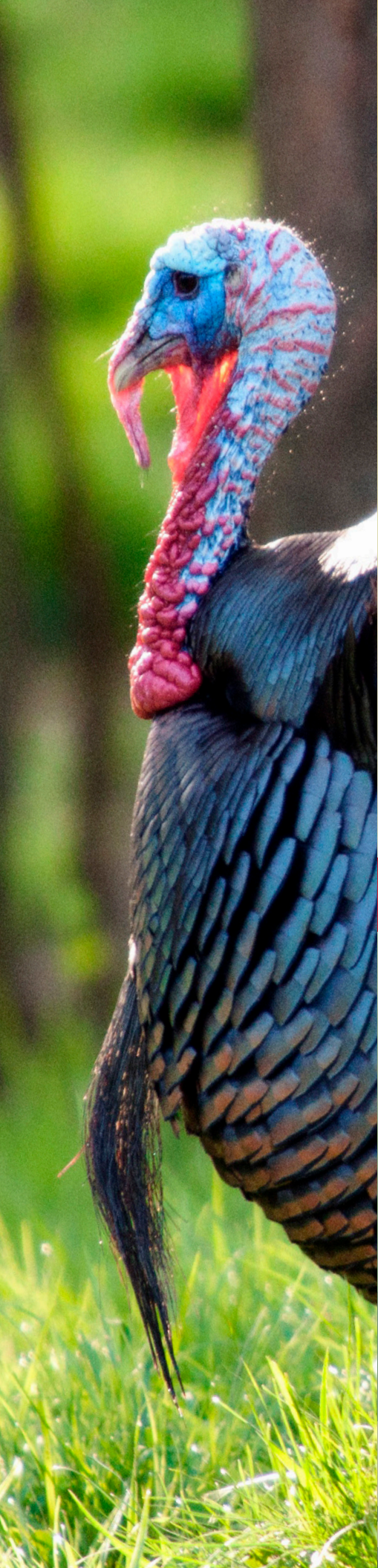


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TO TODAY'S SPORTSMEN AND  
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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Turkey Program Sponsorships





# KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE

THE MOST TRUSTED NAME IN THE OUTDOORS

## WHAT WE DO

*Kentucky Fish and Wildlife supports a \$6 billion outdoors economy*

More than 1.6 million acres open to public hunting

Manage the largest elk herd east of the Rocky Mountains

Created a top five state for trophy bucks while managing a herd of 1 million deer

Stock more than 5 million fish annually

Build and maintain boat ramps and shooting ranges for the public

Stock 44 lakes near urban areas through the Fishing in Neighborhoods program

Help more than 700 landowners a year create wildlife habitat

## OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

*We inform and educate more than a quarter million kids and adults through outreach programs*

Kentucky's National Archery in the Schools program includes 154,000 participants

Educators present conservation programs to more than 65,000 students a year

Summer Conservation Camps include 4,800 campers

Salato Wildlife Education Center hosts more than 52,000 visitors annually

Kentucky Afield television show and magazine

Programs for new hunters and anglers, including Field to Fork, Hook and Cook and Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Outdoors recreation generates a

**\$6 BILLION**

impact in Kentucky

## MISSION STATEMENT

Serving people, conserving fish and wildlife.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

More than **727,400**  
social media fans  
and growing



512,500



29,400



21,200



164,300

### BOATING

**\$1.9**  
BILLION

1,200,000  
Participants

### FISHING

**\$1.2**  
BILLION

554,000  
Participants

# PARTICIPATION AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

### HUNTING

**\$1.5**  
BILLION

347,000  
Participants

### WILDLIFE WATCHING

**\$1.3**  
BILLION

1,319,000  
Participants

# 2 MILLION CUSTOMERS



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH  
AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

## 2023-24 CONSUMER SHOWS AND EVENTS\*

**Archery Trade Association**  
St. Louis, MO

**Cincinnati Travel, Sport and Boat Show**  
Cincinnati, OH

**Louisville Boat RV and Sportshow**  
Louisville, KY

**Kentucky Sport, Boat and Recreation Show**  
Lexington, KY

**National Wild Turkey Federation  
Convention and Sport Show**  
Nashville, TN

**KY State NASP**  
Louisville, KY

**KY State Fair**  
Louisville, KY

*\*Consumer shows and events schedule subject to change*

*Increase your reach and sales by engaging, activating and couponing our users*

**Partner with a brand that serves more than **TWO MILLION** customers and enjoys an approval rating exceeding **87 PERCENT****

### The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources helps you:

- Change/reinforce image
- Increase brand loyalty
- Create awareness visibility
- Align with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife brand
- Stimulate sales trial usage
- Showcase industry commitment
- Showcase conservation/preservation commitment
- Simply display/showcase product, service
- Enhance retail partner relationships
- Increase B2B networking
- Educate prospective customers
- Entertain client's prospects
- Motivate employees
- Interact directly with existing and potential customers
- Connect to specific user groups
- Leverage social media to help launch new products
- Engage platforms that reach every generation of consumers

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



## BACKGROUND

Strong partnerships are essential to the continued success of wildlife, and the hunting and fishing traditions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY DETAILS:

Hunting is a huge part of our Kentucky heritage and it generates 1.5 billion dollars annually for our local economies. Our turkey flock has grown to approximately 400,000 birds and is one of the most stable in the country. The KDFWR is seeking sponsors to help further the message of hunting and our turkey flock to the general public, as well as highlight what an impact it has on our culture, economy, and residents.

## The Turkey Program Sponsors shall Provide:

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) seeks financial assistance for the 2024 Turkey Program and to promote other hunting and fishing seasons and other outdoor activities throughout the year 2024.

There are three (3) sponsorship levels available for the Turkey Program Sponsorships: Flagship Sponsors (2) 1 endemic and 1 non-endemic, Presenting Sponsors (4), and Affiliate Sponsors (8).

These Turkey Program Sponsors will help RAISE AWARENESS, ENGAGE and ACHIEVE more interaction with the sportsmen and sportswomen of Kentucky. The promotions will be delivered via KDFWR's social media pages and website that are designed to inform, engage, and encourage participation by new and existing stakeholders in fishing, hunting and other wildlife-related recreation and conservation.

The funding of this initiative through the sponsorship will be used as a source of funding to expand KDFWR's communication digitally and for future social media initiatives.

# SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

## The Turkey Program Sponsors shall Receive:

### **\$50,000** – *Flagship Sponsors (x2)* *1 endemic and 1 non-endemic*

- 5 Social media posts
- Sponsor featured in 5 KDFWR eblasts
- Sponsor logo with link to website will appear at the top of the KDFWR Turkey Hunting webpage
- Ability to coupon/handout info at all consumer shows and events where KDFWR exhibits during the term of the sponsorship agreement

### **\$25,000** – *Presenting Sponsors (x4)*

- 3 Social media posts
- Sponsor featured in 3 KDFWR eblasts
- Sponsor logo with link to website will appear on the KDFWR Turkey Hunting webpage
- Ability to coupon/handout info at all consumer shows and events where KDFWR exhibits during the term of the sponsorship agreement

### **\$7,500** – *Affiliate Sponsors (x8)*

- 1 Social media post
- Sponsor featured in 1 KDFWR eblasts
- Sponsor logo with link to website will appear on the KDFWR Turkey Hunting webpage
- Ability to coupon/handout info at two consumer shows and events where KDFWR exhibits during the term of the sponsorship agreement





# SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

## SECTION I

# General Information

### **A PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

This sponsorship opportunity is being issued by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in accordance with KRS 45A.097. The purpose of this document is to solicit responses from entities for financial or in-kind assistance to be **Turkey Program sponsors**. This sponsorship shall be for the time frame of January 1, 2024 to June 31, 2024.

### **B SUBMISSION DATES**

Responses shall be delivered by 2:00 p.m. (EDT), **June 16, 2023** to:

**Brian Blank**

*Kentucky Department of Fish  
and Wildlife Resources*  
#1 Sportsman's Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601

### **C INQUIRES**

Contacts with agents of the Commonwealth for information concerning response procedures shall be limited to the representative listed below. All communications, oral, written (regular, express, electronic mail or fax), concerning this document shall be addressed to:

**Brian Blank**

*Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Resources*

#1 Sportsman's Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
502.892.4428  
[Brian.Blank@ky.gov](mailto:Brian.Blank@ky.gov)

It should be understood that any verbal representations made or assumed to be made during any oral discussions are not binding on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### **D VERIFICATION/CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION**

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources may request verification/clarification documentation from the sponsor of any information provided in its response.

### **E COST OF PREPARING RESPONSE**

Costs for developing the response are solely the responsibility of the sponsor. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shall provide no reimbursements for such costs.

### **F CANCELLATION**

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources may, upon a thirty-day (30) written notice to the sponsor, terminate this agreement completely or in part, for convenience or for default. In such event, all documents, data, studies and reports prepared for Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources under the award shall become its property. Any equipment, goods or services remaining may be paid back to the vendor, unless for default. In the event that the award is terminated for default, the sponsor shall forfeit its equipment or goods to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Pursuant to KRS 45A.105 the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reserves the right to cancel or reject responses that are deemed not to be in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.





## SECTION II

### Scope

KDFWR continues to seek out and expand outreach opportunities that promote hunting, fishing and conservation. With the support of sponsors, we are proud to be able to offer direct connection with customers who stay connected with the agency via traditional, social media and digital platforms.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources conserves and enhances fish and wildlife resources and provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and other wildlife-related activities. For more information, please visit our website at [www.fw.ky.gov](http://www.fw.ky.gov)

## SECTION III

### Statement of Sponsorship

- A** General Nature of Proposed Sponsorship. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As such, it must comply with applicable state laws, regulations and procedures as they relate to donations, sponsorships, procurement and other acquisitions.

## SECTION IV

# General Conditions

### **A SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

During the award term, sponsors will provide in-kind contribution of equipment during the term of the agreement.

### **B MODIFICATIONS TO AWARD**

Any modifications to the award shall be in writing and processed through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources representative as identified herein.

### **C DISPUTES**

Except as otherwise provided in this document, a question or act arising under the award, which is not disposed of by mutual agreement, shall be decided by the Finance and Administration Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Pending final determination of any dispute hereunder, the sponsor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the award and in accordance with the Finance and Administration Cabinet. This section does not preclude consideration of legal questions in connection with the decision provided for above, provided that nothing in the award shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative or board on a question of law.

### **D FORUMS AND VENUE**

This award shall be construed according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any legal proceedings against

the Commonwealth regarding any resultant award shall be brought in Commonwealth of Kentucky administrative or judicial forums. Venue will be in Franklin County, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### **E EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

The sponsor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (except as provided by law), marital status, political affiliations or handicap. The sponsor must take affirmative action to ensure that employees, as well as applicants for employment, are treated without discrimination because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, (except as provided by law), marital status, political affiliation, or handicap. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Sponsor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for



employment, notices setting forth the provision of this clause.

The sponsor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the sponsor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, (except as provided by law), marital status, political affiliation, or handicap, except where it relates to a bona fide occupational qualification. The sponsor shall comply with the nondiscrimination clause contained in Federal Executive Order 11246, as amended by Federal Executive Order 11375, relative to Equal Employment Opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and the implementation rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor and with Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations. The sponsor shall comply with related Commonwealth laws and regulations. The sponsor shall comply with regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor of the United States in Title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 741, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 11758 and the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The sponsor shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any amendments thereto, and the rules and regulations there under, and Section 504 of Title V of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended and the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

#### **F CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

The sponsor or sponsors deemed most susceptible for award shall furnish a copy of the official documentation, such as certificate of authority and/or appropriate filing of certificate of assumed name, which authorizes the vendor to conduct business in

the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a domestic or foreign corporation or other recognized business entity, prior to contract award. The Commonwealth reserves the right to verify any information provided prior to contract award. Furthermore, a failure to maintain any and all required proper authorization to conduct operations in Kentucky under the specified business name of the vendor during the life of any contract awarded may be deemed a breach of contract by the vendor and treated accordingly by the Commonwealth.

#### **G ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The contractor, as defined in KRS 45A.030 (9) agrees that the contracting agency, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Legislative Research Commission, or their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, records or other evidence, which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of financial audit or program review. Records and other prequalification information confidentially disclosed as part of the bid process shall not be deemed as directly pertinent to the contract and shall be exempt from disclosure as provided in KRS 61.878(1)(c). The contractor also recognizes that any books, documents, papers, records or other evidence, received during a financial audit or program review shall be subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884. In the event of a dispute between the contractor and the contracting agency, Attorney General, or the Auditor of Public Accounts over documents that are eligible for production and review, the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall review the dispute and issue a determination, in accordance with Secretary's Order 11 - 004. (See *attachment*)

## SECTION V

# Technical Response Format

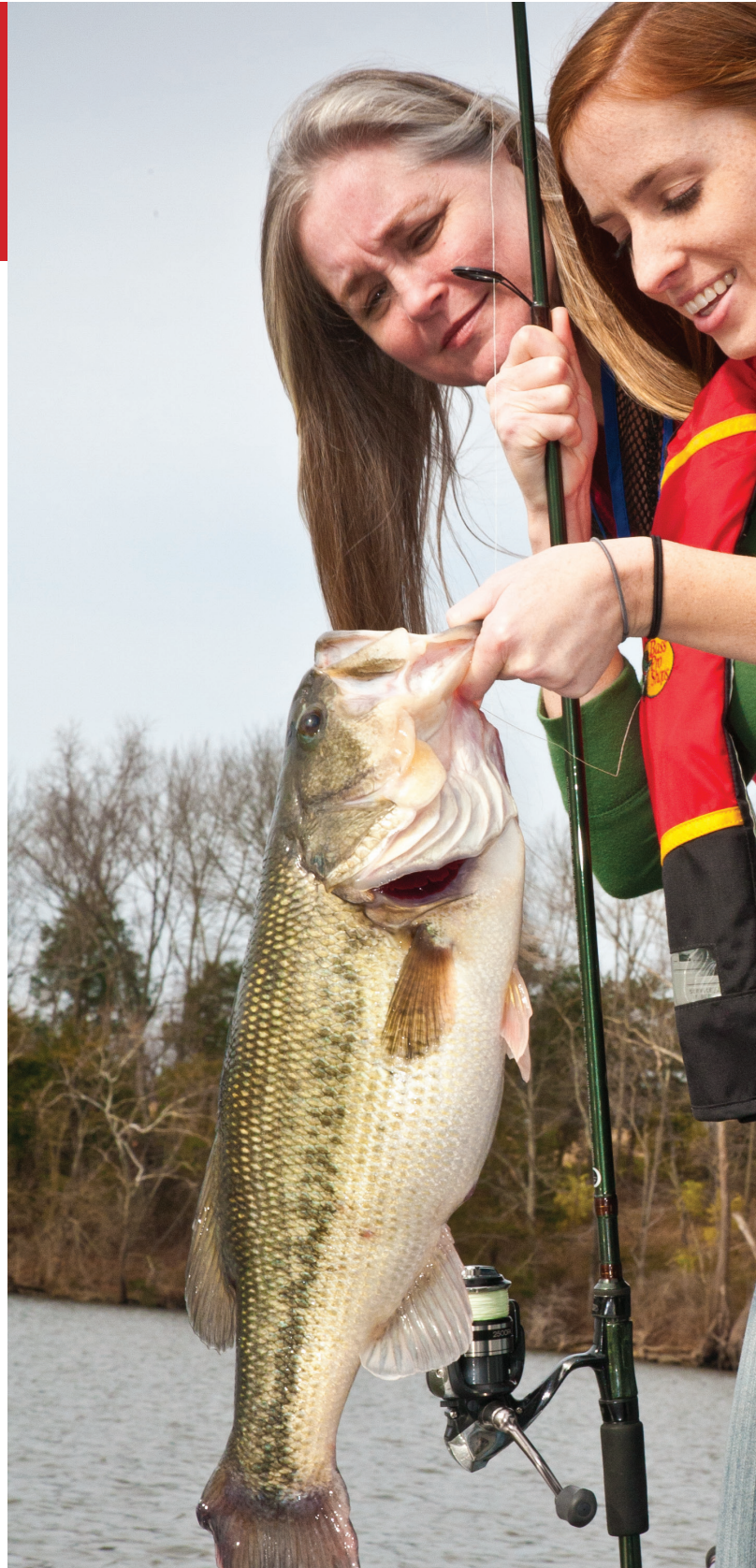
### **A RESPONSIVENESS**

In order to be considered for selection, responses submitted by the sponsor shall be completely responsive to this document. All conditions printed herein are hereby made a part of the conditions under which the response is submitted and shall be incorporated into any award on this project. Further, the contents of a response shall become part of any award resulting from that response.

### **B TECHNICAL RESPONSE**

The technical response is requested to be brief and concise and should include the following:

- Signed solicitation cover page
- Title Page with contact information
- Table of Contents (if applicable)
- Any deviations from stated requirements
- Sponsor background including date established and a brief history
- Acknowledgement of all addenda
- Notarized Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors (Attachment A)
- Sponsorship Response





## SECTION VI

# Technical Response Evaluation

*The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shall evaluate all technical responses in accordance with **KRS 45A.695**. Each response shall be evaluated as follows:*

### **Responsiveness to Solicitation - 20 POINTS**

Conciseness/clarity  
Title page/table of contents  
Transmittal letter sponsor information

### **Sponsor and Background - 20 POINTS**

Date established  
Brief historical information  
Nature of business – Compatibility with Mission of Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

### **Sponsorship Response - 60 POINTS**

Display Item or Items being offered to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

### **TOTAL POINTS 100 POINTS**

Three (3) copies of the technical response are requested to be delivered in a clearly marked, sealed envelope to:

### **Brian Blank**

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

*The technical response shall be evaluated and scored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources evaluation committee. Total maximum score on the technical response is 100 points.*

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

All sponsorships must be in compliance with **KRS 45A.097**. Requests for sponsorships will be posted publicly. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with a written proposal that addresses the two factors listed below. Sponsorship will be awarded based upon **KRS 45A.070(3)** as follows:

**Financial value to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Financial value may be monetary, trade or in - kind; and**

**Enhancement of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources experience. A sponsorship shall not constitute an “official endorsement” of a particular company by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the sole vendor of choice.**

An entity that has a business or regulatory relationship with the agency, or who may be lobbying or attempting to influence matters of that agency, may be considered for a sponsorship opportunity only if there is a clear benefit to the Commonwealth, or the sponsorship promotes economic development or tourism in the Commonwealth.

Each company wishing to do business with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources must complete and submit a Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors as found here. For more information on KRS 45A.097, please visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statutes/statute.aspx?id=47025>

## THANK YOU!

Brian Blank  
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