

# **City of Placerville SALE NOTICE**

## **Baltic Lookout Tower**

**City of Placerville  
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**DEADLINE FOR BID SUBMITTAL:**

**February 23, 2017  
By 3:00 PM, postmarks not accepted.**



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO SELL BALTIC LOOKOUT TOWER  
CITY OF PLACERVILLE**

**GENERAL**

The City of Placerville Community Services Department is accepting proposals for the purchase of the Baltic Lookout Tower. The Baltic Lookout Tower was first used by the U.S. Forest Service in the early 1930s and stayed in operation until approximately 1996. Once closed many El Dorado County residents traveled up to the tower for the enjoyment of the view. Given the towers remote location, the residence, outbuildings and the tower were significantly vandalized. In 2006 representatives from the U.S. Forest Service approached the City's Gold Bug Park Development Committee to resurrect the tower at Gold Bug Park. The tower was gifted to the City and delivered to Gold Bug Park in 2008. Representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, City staff, S.A.G.E. and the Gold Bug Park Development Committee made an initial attempt to assemble the tower at Gold Bug Park, but over time fundraising efforts waned and costs increased.

The City is now seeking an organization or individual willing to take ownership of the tower with the intent of reassembling the structure within El Dorado County. The successful bidder will be responsible for the complete removal of the disassembled structure within thirty days from the point of sale and be required to sign a release of liability from the City. The tower will be sold to the highest bidder who intends to resurrect the tower within El Dorado County.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Written Proposal: Briefly explain the intended use and possible site location.
2. Bid Amount: Indicate the amount you or your organization is willing to pay for the dissembled structure.

**PROPOSAL OPENING PROCEDURE**

Sealed proposals shall be submitted to the Community Services Director and shall be identified as Tower Proposals on the envelope. Proposals shall be opened in public at Town Hall (549 Main Street, Placerville) at 3:00 pm Thursday, February 23, 2017. No late or telephone proposals will be accepted. A tabulation of all proposals received shall be open for public inspection during regular business hours.

**EVALUATION**

Award shall go to the highest bidder who best meets the intended use of the tower as determined by City Staff.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For technical questions, contact: Steve Youel, Director of Community Services at (530) 642-5232.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
CITY OF PLACERVILLE  
549 MAIN STREET  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667

**Baltic Lookout Tower Project**  
PROPOSAL FORM

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**BALTIC LOOKOUT TOWER PROJECT**

Name of Applicant or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX No. (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Location:**

**Intended Use:**

**Bid Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Baltic Fire Lookout Tower - Eldorado National Forest



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Forest Service  
El Dorado National Forest

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Date: March 1, 2006

To: Placerville Recreation and Parks Dept. / Historic Gold Bug Park and Mine

This letter is in regards to the Historic Baltic Lookout located in the Eldorado National Forest. In its present state, because of years of destruction from vandals, the lookout is headed for demolition. We are proposing to Placerville Recreation and Parks Department / Gold Bug Park Board that with the help of the community the Historic Lookout be relocated to the Historic Gold Bug Park and Mine for the public to enjoy for years to come.

Baltic Lookout was first used in the early 1930s and stayed in operation until approximately 10 years ago. Many El Dorado County residents have traveled up to the tower for the enjoyment of the view. But since its closure, the residence, outbuildings and the tower have been vandalized to a point that it can no longer be put into the book of historical records. Luckily the Baltic Lookout Tower itself only needs minor repairs to be restored.

The tower is approximately 80 feet tall and the observation deck is a 7' x 7' room on top. If relocated at the Historic Gold Bug Park and Mine, it would not be for public use (climbing the stairs) but just for the enjoyment of seeing what a historic fire lookout tower really looks like up close. To have the opportunity to relocate the tower at a historic site, we feel would not only draw more folks there, but it would be preserving local history too. We also plan on installing a kiosk at the base of the tower which would describe the history of the tower and the role lookouts have played in the past and present protecting natural resources (including timberland which was a vital component in the mining industry) and the local community (businesses, residences), etc.

Enclosed in this packet you will find a Fire History map dating back to 1910. Past wildland fires in El Dorado County have had the potential of burning down the foothills including the Historic Gold Bug Park and Mine site, but because the fires were spotted by the lookout staff, this did not occur. The fact that the Lookout was operational at the same time as the mine is history which goes hand in hand. We hope to continue that relationship in the future.

Much of the ground work has been completed. Members of SAGE have donated time, expertise and materials and others are waiting for the move to assist. Thank you for considering this historic project of relocating Baltic Lookout Tower.

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