

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Support Services



CARBON OFFSET CONSULTING SERVICES

RFP 2022 1000 4963

ADDENDUM 2

ISSUED OCTOBER 12, 2021

This addendum is being issued to answer questions from vendors and make changes to the RFP.

Important Note to Offerors: You **MUST** sign and return this page of the addendum document with your proposal. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of your proposal. Only the RFP terms and conditions referenced in this addendum are being changed. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain the same. This Addendum 2 is hereby made part of the RFP and is a total of three pages.

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COMPANY SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY POTENTIAL OFFERORS AND ANSWERS FROM THE STATE:

Question 1: Section 3.03 D. lists a deliverable as a “Procedure Guide for developing carbon offset projects on Forest lands and approval by a major carbon registry”. What is meant by procedure guide – is the RFP referencing a carbon offset methodology ([see here](#) for example), or is the deliverable asking the consultant to provide a guide as to how the State would develop a project using an existing methodology?

Answer 1: The latter: consultants will develop a procedure guide specific to the most feasible carbon offset projects in Alaska. Consultants will also provide advice on existing carbon offset methodologies and which are most appropriate for Alaska projects.

Question 2: Section 3.03 E. lists a deliverable as a “Procedure Guide for developing geologic carbon offset projects and approval by a major carbon registry”. We have the same question as for Section 3.03 D., and the additional question as to what is meant by a “geologic” carbon offset project? Is this referencing potential peatland, kelp, biochar projects as mentioned earlier in the solicitation?

Answer 2: See Answer 1. All project types should be evaluated for consideration (geologic, kelp, bio char, etc.).

Question 3: We see that the deliverable date is set as December 31st, 2021. Depending on answers to the prior questions, it might not be possible for all of those deliverables to be completed in a period of less than two months (aka depending what is meant by approval by a major carbon registry, this may take longer as it involves coordination with an independent third party). Is it possible for there to be a reasonable extension of this deliverable date (for some of the deliverables), and/or for the chosen contractor to negotiate the deliverable date?

Answer 3: The December 31st deliverable due date may be negotiated if the Contractor can clearly justify the need for additional time. The negotiated deliverable due date must be approved by the State.

Question 4: Section 3.08 states that subcontractors will not be allowed, can you provide additional clarification on this? This firm has Alaska-based partners that we work with on our Alaska carbon offset projects, and we would like to reference and describe these partners and how we would work with them on this project in our submission, however we would not want to do so if they qualify as “sub-contractors”, and it that would result in our submission being disqualified.

Answer 4: Subcontractors will be allowed, see changes to the RFP.

Question 5: For the initial stages of the project, would it be acceptable under the terms of the RFP for This Vendor, Inc. to engage a third party to provide biometric and other technical support, especially related to processing FIA inventory data? This Vendor, Inc. could treat this as a direct expense rather than a pass through expense. Given the limitations on subcontractors and joint ventures in the RFP, we just wanted to clarify this point as part of our preparations.

Answer 5: Subcontractors will be allowed, see changes to the RFP.

CHANGES TO THE RFP:

Change 1: This portion of Sec. 3.08 SUBCONTRACTORS is deleted in its entirety:

~~Subcontractors will not be allowed.~~

And is replaced with:

Subcontractors may be used to perform work under this contract. If an offeror intends to use subcontractors, the offeror must identify in the proposal the names of the subcontractors and the portions of the work the subcontractors will perform.

If a proposal with subcontractors is selected, the offeror must provide the following information concerning each prospective subcontractor within five working days from the date of the State's request:

- complete name of the subcontractor;
- complete address of the subcontractor;
- type of work the subcontractor will be performing;
- percentage of work the subcontractor will be providing;
- evidence that the subcontractor holds a valid Alaska business license; and
- a written statement signed by each proposed subcontractor that clearly verifies that the subcontractor is committed to render the services required by the contract.

An offeror's failure to provide this information, within the time set, may cause the State to consider their proposal non-responsive and reject it. The substitution of one subcontractor for another may be made only at the discretion and prior written approval of the project manager.

Note that if the subcontractor will not be performing work within Alaska, they will not be required to hold an Alaska business license.