

Request for Information



State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry

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HAZARD FUEL MITIGATION AND FUEL BREAK IMPLEMENTATION

Introduction:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Forestry (DOF) is requesting information on the availability and capability of Alaskan contractors with interest to provide hazard fuel mitigation and/or fuel break installation to protect our communities across Alaska. Identified projects will either be shaded fuel breaks or mechanical treatments. Shaded fuels breaks are accomplished through hand treatment by removing targeted trees, ultimately thinning out the planned area and creating a shaded fuel break that can be utilized for fire suppression options in the defense of life and property. Mechanical treatments are often accomplished through heavy equipment such as shear blades, roller choppers, excavators, feller bunchers, masticators, etc., often similar to right of way clearing. Fuel breaks provide fire suppression options through the implementation of the site prescriptions that are intended to protect property and provide for firefighter safety. Mechanical treatments frequently include complete removal of hazard fuel within the prescribed area, typically treating a larger area than shaded fuel breaks.

Background Information:

DOF is currently planning multiple fuel mitigation projects throughout the State. Current areas with proposed projects include Fairbanks, Tok, Delta, Glennallen, Wasilla, Houston, Willow, and Soldotna. The planned projects will be either shaded fuel breaks, mechanical treatments, or a combination of both.

Response Information:

Contractors, vendors or companies that believe they can provide personnel and/or equipment that can accomplish implementation of the above fuel mitigation projects, or projects of similar scope, should submit a response describing the type of equipment, experience, and availability they can offer. If you are already working with State/DOF on a fuels mitigation program, please declare that herein or do not respond. The intent is to capture new interests who have not already started working with DOF

This Request for Information does not constitute nor guarantee that the State will proceed with a solicitation for the requested services. The State is not responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any response to this request. However, if this request draws sufficient interest from companies capable of providing the requested services, a solicitation may be issued.

Procurement Officer contact information:

Interested parties must submit a written response by July 1st, at 2:00 p.m. ADT.

If submitting a response via email, the response may be emailed to michael.burkhead@alaska.gov and must contain the RFI Title in the subject line of the email. The maximum size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received by the State is 20mb (megabytes). If the email containing the response exceeds this size, the response must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above. Please note that email transmission is not instantaneous. Similar to sending a hard copy response, if you are emailing your response, the State recommends sending it enough ahead of time to ensure the email is delivered by the deadline for receipt of response. Responses may be sent by U.S. mail or E-mail to the addresses listed below.

All questions must be directed to the person listed below in writing via email:

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