

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES



INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 10-005-23

Sunset Fuel Break Mechanical Treatment

Addendum One

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Addendum One serves to answer questions from vendors.

Important Note to Offerors: Only the ITB terms and conditions referenced in this addendum are being changed. All other terms and conditions of the ITB remain the same. This Addendum One is hereby made part of the ITB and is a total of four pages.

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Vendor Questions and Answers

Question 1: Are the maximum of two machines and specifications on size for just the active clearing site or is that including the staging area? If so, how will we maintain the road?

Answer: Two machine limit and specifications are a requirement/stipulation of the land use permit for the clearing work. Additional equipment can be in the staging area but not in the clearing area.

Question 2: If it snows 10 feet or more can we use additional equipment like a snow groomer to continue work?

Answer: Yes, so long as it meets the equipment specifications, and end product specifications.

Question 3: Would an extension to next season be available if current season is like last season or location is one where the ground does not freeze before snowing prohibiting it from freezing?

Answer: Yes.

Question 4: Would an extension be available if snowfall is too much for mulchers to operate?

Answer: Yes.

Question 5: Another one of my concerns is existing fallen trees and shrubs from summer, the lack of ability to see them. If missed are there penalties?

Answer: If this is referring to trees that fall into the cleared area after work has been completed, no there will not be penalties.

Question 6: Something that is unclear in the bid packet is mulch pieces are to be no bigger than 3 inches and no taller than 1 inch from ground level but contract doesn't start till there are 6 inches of snow.

Answer: Mulch pieces should be 3 inches, no more than 6 inches deep and stumps no taller than 6 inches.

Question 7: Are we required to work in hazardous conditions like snow storms/blizzards to abide by the schedule?

Answer: No, work can be accomplished within the given project window.

Question 8: Is there a website or somewhere that I can look to see what previous projects were bid and awarded at?

Answer: Unsure. This is the first project of this type in the area with this specification for forestry. Alaska Railroad had a similar project specification for a ROW clearing project, but I am not sure where to find that.

Question 9: It's stated we're responsible for lodging, is it a requirement? Our crew lives within 30 min of project.

Answer: If your crew lives nearby it is not required that they stay closer. This was to clarify that lodging, if needed, would not be provided by the State and on the proposer to arrange and pay for. Likely applies to contractors from out of area.

Question 10: Is the crew expected to stay on site during non-working hours? If so where is lodging expected to be set up at?

Answer: No, crew does not need to stay on-site after hours.

Question 11: Is the lodging stated to reduce flow of through traffic to and from the project site?

Answer: See answers for questions 9 and 10.

Question 12: Finally, a major concern I have is that bond company's don't want to bond not just my company but others as well for this specific contract due to the wording in the packet. The wording makes it appear close to impossible to complete the task at hand and they feel it's setting up the contractor for failure. Examples of their concerns are: weather conditions prohibiting completion upon deadline. Limited equipment use for completion of project that size by deadline. Access to project site (ATV trail) for transporting machinery and equipment. Visibility of full project during those conditions may cause problems with full completion to the given standards outlined in the contract.

Answer: There is flexibility for completion timeline due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances. We want contractor to succeed. Equipment constraints are due to permits and winter creek crossings. Access road is a logging road and then an ATV trail that has supported highway vehicle travel. We encourage prospective proposers to visit the site prior to submitting a bid.

End of Addendum One