STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES



INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 10-005-23

Sunset Fuel Break Mechanical Treatment Addendum Two

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Addendum Two serves to answer questions from potential bidders.

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 Two is hereby made part of the ITB and is a total of two pages.

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY POTENTIAL BIDDERS AND ANSWERS FROM THE STATE

Question 1: What's the payment schedule for this project? Monthly, quarterly?

Answer 1: We can do monthly contractor invoices and payments.

Question 2: What are the penalties if any for missing existing fallen trees and or broken stumps in the clearing area that are preexisting to start of project that possibly cannot be seen after snow fall? This is the main reason bonding agents won't bond this project because of the unforeseen unspoken penalties for missing what can't be seen, there's to high of a risk factor.

Answer 2: All material is to be chipped/masticated/mulched to meet the piece size and material depth specifications stated in the ITB. Processing the vegetation in the cleared area to meet these specifications should include any trees that are on the ground, since you are chipping/masticating all the material to 3 inch piece size so that the bed of chips is not deeper than 6 inches from ground level. DOF will visit the project site regularly during operations to address questions and concerns.

<u>Question 3</u>: Is there a public published bidder list for this project? A list of contractors that were sent this invitation to bid?

<u>Answer 3</u>: DNR maintains an internal list to ensure addendums are emailed to registered bidders, however the list is not publicly published.

Question 4: Per the Scope of Work (Clearing Specifications) it states "Clearing will be accomplished with up to two machines". Can that be changed to 5 machines? We at Alaska Land Clearing have six large mulchers, which would allow the project to be done in a prompt manner. With only 2 machines it prolongs the project allowing more snow to fall. The more snow, the harder it is the clear. Snow also hinders the finish product.

<u>Answer 4</u>: The original permit was established for two machines, however DNR will amend the permit to allow for up to six machines. If a contractor requires more machines, DNR can amend the permit as needed.

End of Addendum Two