

STATE OF ALASKA INVITATION TO BID (ITB) ADDENDUM



INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 2025-1000-0222 DELTA RIVER WEST FUEL BREAK – PHASE 2

ADDENDUM 2

ISSUED **01/05/2025**

THIS ADDENDUM IS BEING ISSUED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES.

Important Note to Offerors: You are required to sign and return this page of the addendum document with your bid. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your bid. 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 is hereby made part of the ITB and is a total of four pages.

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFERORS AND ANSWER FROM THE STATE

Question 1: *Does a Roller Chopper have to be used? Can we use our brush cutter (Iron Wolf) to mulch the vegetation, we can set the height of the brush cutter to not disturb or penetrate any soils.*

Answer 1: A roller chopper is the preferred equipment for this project due to the specific winter conditions required to complete the work, including +6 inches of snow, a frost depth of +12 inches, and safe conditions for the Delta River crossing. These conditions provide a limited window of opportunity, and a roller chopper offers the most efficient method for achieving the project goals within the available timeframe.

Question 2: *Are there hours of operation limitations?*

Answer 2: There are no restrictions on hours of operation. However, the contractor is required to submit a detailed operating plan before beginning work, which must include the anticipated hours of operation.

Question 3: *Will the hills with thick vegetation be part of the 300 feet needed to be treated?*

Answer 3: The fuel break will typically create a 150-foot buffer on either side of the road. Adjustments to the layout may be made based on changes in vegetation or timber type. In areas where the road approaches the hillside and associated hardwood stands, the fuel break will remain in the flats, with the majority of the 300-foot buffer located north of the road.

Question 4: *During site visit we noticed about 40 acres worth of vegetation that is larger than 6 inches in diameter. Will this be included in our original scope of work?*

Answer 4: Yes, the contractor is expected to treat the entire area designated by the project manager, including vegetation larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Question 5: *Will we be able to leave heaters and light plants running through the night to keep equipment warm?*

Answer 5: Yes, heaters and light plants may be left running overnight to maintain equipment warmth.

Question 6: *Will we be able to track the equipment across the river to job site or will we need to get some sort of permit?*

Answer 6: Please refer to Addendum 1 of the ITB regarding the river crossing. The Division of Forestry already has a permit for the river crossing, so the contractor will not be required to obtain a separate ADF&G permit.

Question 7: *The bigger trees root system will most likely come up causing soil disturbance when pushing them down to be chopped up or mulched, will the contractor be responsible to restore that area?*

Answer 7: The contractor will not be responsible for restoring lands within the project boundaries, provided that the work is conducted under the environmental conditions and with the equipment specified in the ITB to minimize disturbances. However, if disturbances occur outside the designated project area or if equipment is operated outside the acceptable conditions outlined in the ITB, the contractor may be held responsible for restoration.

Question 8: *How many acres are wetlands or uplands?*

Answer 8: This is a winter-only project, and most of the project area is classified as wetlands.

Question 9: *Can some of the trees be harvested for firewood or making lumber?*

Answer 9: The contractor or their subcontractor may utilize trees removed within the 300-foot treatment area for firewood or lumber.

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