

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources
Support Services Division



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) CARBON OFFSET PROJECT SERVICES: REFORESTATION, BIOCHAR, AND BIOMASS BURIAL

ADDENDUM 2

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This addendum serves to answer a question from a vendor.

Important Note to Offerors: Only the RFI terms and conditions referenced in this addendum are changing. All other terms and conditions of the RFI remain the same. This Addendum is hereby made part of the RFI and is a total of two pages.

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY VENDORS AND ANSWERS FROM THE STATE

Question 1: *The RFI indicates that the intent of the projects is to advance carbon offset projects. Does this mean that the projects will be used to prep the land for the sale of carbon credits, or to promote a healthier working forest?*

Answer 1: These goals are not incompatible. The intent of projects could be to generate carbon offsets as well as promote forest health.

Question 2: *If projects are for the sale of carbon credits, will the land be unusable for timber harvest for a set period of time after project completion? If so, for how long?*

Answer 2: Per AS 38.95.410(f), “State land used for a carbon offset project must, to the extent practicable, remain open to (1) the public for access, hunting, fishing, and other generally allowed uses as determined by the department; and (2) other resource development, including mining.” “Other resource development” would include timber harvest.

Question 3: *Is it expected that in areas of heavy beetle-kill, all dead logs will be buried or turned into biochar, or would it be necessary to find other markets for some of the timber (sawmills, firewood, hog fuel...)?*

Answer 3: The Department does not have an expectation in this regard. Further, the woody biomass used for biochar production or a biomass burial project would likely be salvage timber damaged by wildland fire or insect or disease epidemics.

Question 4: *What is the possibility of adding the Copper River Valley to the area of possible project locations.*

Answer 4: The RFI scope of interest is to identify “suitable project sites on beetle-killed, fire-damaged, and other degraded forestlands.” It is not restricted to or specific to any areas other than state forestlands.

Question 5: *clarify whether IFM projects—particularly those focused on removals and ecological resilience—might be considered under the Carbon Offset Program, which allows for contracting on a fee-for-service or commission-fee basis.*

Answer 5: Per AS 39.95.499, carbon offset projects allowed under the Carbon Offset Program are defined to include “afforestation, reforestation, and similar land and resource management measures that mitigate greenhouse gases by maintaining or increasing the carbon stock on state land.” Improved Forest Management (IFM) projects are included under this statutory definition but are not within the scope of the RFI.

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