

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources  
Support Services Division



**ITB 2026-1000-0111**

**AS-NEEDED TREE SEEDLING PLANTING SERVICES**

## **ADDENDUM 1**

ISSUED OCTOBER 22, 2025

**This addendum serves to answer questions from vendors.**

**Important Note to Offerors:** You must 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 changing. 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 six pages.

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**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY VENDORS AND ANSWER FROM THE STATE**

**Question 1:** *If site conditions/ages are significantly different from the representative project, what is the recourse of the bidder?*

**Answer 1:** When the State has a need for tree seedling planting services, the project manager will email the Contractor with a new project/scope of work; it will outline the required services to be provided; it will set a deadline for receipt of a proposal from the Contractor. Based on the scope of the project, the Contractor shall provide a written negotiable proposal within the designated timeframe for the services. The State may negotiate the services or costs in the offered proposal. Once an agreement is reached the Project Manager will email the Contractor a Delivery Order authorizing the work.

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**Question 2:** *What is the site history of the proposed units for the representative project? When were they logged, and burned if applicable?*

**Answer 2:** The representative project area was 100% burned in the 2010 Gilles Creek Fire and re-burned in the 2023 Pogo Mine Road Fire. 55% of the area was subject to fire salvage timber harvest prior to the 2023 fire.

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**Question 3:** *To what extent has grass colonized the units?*

**Answer 3:** Within the representative project area total grass coverage in prior years was observed to be low, but DOF has not performed a systematic evaluation of grass prevalence. The proposed planting areas were visited in May & June 2025, and Foresters observed that grass was present but generally discontinuous small tufts except in a few former log landing areas.



1: June 3rd, 2025: picture from representative project area

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**Question 4:** *Were the units logged in the summer or winter?*

**Answer 4:** Logging took place during all seasons.

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**Question 5:** *What is the expected time frame of planting?*

**Answer 5:** Mid-June to early September. Forestry anticipates an earlier start date than past planting efforts due to the higher quantity of seedlings to be planted.

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**Question 6:** *What size tree seedlings will be planted?*

**Answer 6:** 1+0 plugs (grown for 1 growing season); in the past this plug specification has generally been met by trees with 4 cubic inches of root/soil plug, and 4-8 inches tall above-ground growth.

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**Question 7:** *What is the range of time since logging has occurred on the sites to be planted over the next 5 years?*

**Answer 7:** Within the representative project area, salvage timber sales had contract termination dates between 2015-2024. Future project areas are anticipated to be planted after harvest or natural disturbance in order to maximize planted seedling survival. However, some project areas may include harvested units that failed to meet reforestation stocking standards up to 12 years post-harvest.

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**Question 8:** *What is the oldest expected clearcut?*

**Answer 8:** Within the representative project area, the oldest timber sale was sold on 10/28/2010.

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**Question 9:** *If sites are significantly different from the representative project, is there a way for the bidder to address that?*

**Answer 9:** It is impossible to know what the budget will be from year to year, so when the State requires additional as-needed services under the MA the Project Manager will email the Contractor with a new project; it will outline the required services to be provided; it will set a deadline for receipt of a proposal from the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide a written negotiable proposal within the designated timeframe for the services. The State may negotiate the services or costs in the offered proposal. Once an agreement is reached the Project Manager will email the Contractor a Delivery Order authorizing the work.

Based on the State's budget for future each future Tree Seedling Planting Services, the State may need to increase decrease the size/quantity of the project scope, based on the Contractor's cost proposal for each as-needed tree seedling planting service order.

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**Question 10:** *Are all future sites under this agreement located off the Pogo mine road or are there other areas that may be included?*

**Answer 10:** Other areas within the Division of Forestry's Northern Region may be included. Practically speaking, this includes planned or harvested sale areas, as well as productive burned sites, along the Parks Highway between Healy and Fairbanks, as well as from Fairbanks to Tok.

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**Question 11:** *Is there a list of sites planned to be planted over the duration of the contract?*

**Answer 11:** Potential planting areas after the completion of the representative project will be determined based on the timing and location of harvest activities and natural disturbances, subject to funding.

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**Question 12:** *Is it expected that future projects will have the same number of trees planted each year?*

**Answer 12:** Future planting projects will likely vary between the representative project's seedling count (e.g., 120,000 on the high end) and the typical scale of Fairbanks-Delta Area's past annual planting projects (e.g., 30,000-40,000 seedlings).

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**Question 13:** *What is the range of number of trees for future projects? Is there a maximum?*

**Answer 13:** 30,000-120,000 trees is the anticipated annual planting quantity; however, these numbers may be more or less based on project need and/or funding.

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**Question 14:** *What is the range of acreage for the units for future projects?*

**Answer 14:** While individual project areas may vary, for example based on the size of harvest units, Forestry anticipates annual planting efforts to vary between 80-400 acres.

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**Question 15:** *With a third party limiting access to the sites, is there any guarantee that the access will remain consistent (ie. mine policy).*

**Answer 15:** The Pogo Road is leased from Alaska Department of Natural Resources under ADL # 421276: Pogo Road Use and Maintenance Agreement, which defines the rights and responsibilities of the lessor and lessee.

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**Question 16:** *Should that change,( i.e. changes to hours/days the road is open?) Is there a way to address that?*

**Answer 16:** The Division of Forestry and Fire Protection will facilitate all access agreements and if there are any changes, the project manager will notify the Contractor and provide further instructions.

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**END OF ADDENDUM 1**

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