

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION <i>(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)</i>		THIS RFQ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT A SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE		PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
1. REQUEST NO. AG-4756-S-16-0005	2. DATE ISSUED 10/28/2015	3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO. 776237	4. CERT. FOR NAT. DEF. UNDER BDSA REG. 2 AND/OR DMS REG. 1	RATING
5a. ISSUED BY USDA FOREST SERVICE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST 2800 NORTH OCOEE STREET CLEVELAND TN 37312			6. DELIVERY BY (Date) 365 Days After Award	
5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL: (No collect calls)			7. DELIVERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOB DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Schedule)	
8. TO:			9. DESTINATION	
a. NAME NINA BARROW			a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE USDA FOREST SERVICE	
b. COMPANY			b. STREET ADDRESS CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST 2800 NORTH OCOEE STREET	
c. STREET ADDRESS			c. CITY CLEVELAND	
d. CITY			d. STATE TN	
e. STATE			e. ZIP CODE 37312	
f. ZIP CODE			f. ZIP CODE 37312	
10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date) 11/18/2015 1600 ET		IMPORTANT: This is a request for information, and quotations furnished are not offers. If you are unable to quote, please so indicate on this form and return it to the address in Block 5a. This request does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of this quotation or to contract for supplies or services. Supplies are of domestic origin unless otherwise indicated by quoter. Any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotations must be completed by the quoter.		

11. SCHEDULE (Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)

ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
001	Perform road grading and related activities on an as-needed, requirements basis for the South Zone of the Cherokee National Forest in Polk, Monroe and McMinn counties, TN. DUNS #: _____ Registered in SAM? ___ yes ___ no Period of Performance: 01/05/2016 to 01/04/2017 Provide road grading for the North end of Cherokee NF Delivery: 365 Days After Award				

12. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT	a. 10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	b. 20 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	c. 30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	d. CALENDAR DAYS	
				NUMBER	PERCENTAGE

NOTE: Additional provisions and representations are are not attached

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER			14. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION		15. DATE OF QUOTATION
a. NAME OF QUOTER			16. SIGNER		b. TELEPHONE
b. STREET ADDRESS					
c. COUNTY			a. NAME (Type or print)		AREA CODE
d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE	c. TITLE (Type or print)		NUMBER

PART I – THE SCHEDULE
SECTION B - Supplies or Services and Prices/Costs Schedule of Items

Item 1: Perform road grading and related activities on an “as-needed”, requirements basis on the North End of the Cherokee National Forest, Unaka Ranger District, in Cocke, Greene, Unicoi, and Washington counties, Tennessee.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	MM	ESTIMATED QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1A	Road Grading (Roadbed)	Mile	AQ	25.0	\$	\$
1B	Road Grading (Ditching)	Mile	AQ	20.0	\$	\$
Total, Items 1A & 1B:						\$

Item 2: Perform road grading and related activities on an “as-needed”, requirements basis on the North End of the Cherokee National Forest, Watauga Ranger District, in Carter, Johnson, and Sullivan counties, Tennessee.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	MM	ESTIMATED QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
2A	Road Grading (Roadbed)	Mile	AQ	25.0	\$	\$
2B	Road Grading (Ditching)	Mile	AQ	20.0	\$	\$
Total, Items 2A & 2B:						\$

GRAND TOTAL, ITEMS 1 AND 2: \$ _____

Note to Contractors: Award will be made on an all-or-none basis. A complete quote package will consist of:

- SF-18 Cover Sheet (fill in blocks 13-16)
- Completed Section B – Schedule of Items with pricing entered
- Completed Section K – Representations and Certifications
- A narrative response to Section M – Evaluation Factors

Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) is not required for submission of a quote; however registration must be completed within 5 days of notification of award. Registration is free at the website www.sam.gov/.

Submit quotation package by:

- Hard copy mail to the address in Block 5a of the SF-18 Cover Sheet
- Fax to 423-339-8635
- Email to nbarrow@fs.fed.us

PART IV: REPRESENTATION, CERTIFICATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS
SECTION K - Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors**52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications. (DEC 2014)**

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is **237310**.

(2) The small business size standard is **\$36.5 million dollars average annual receipts for the preceding three fiscal years.**

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b)(1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), and has completed the Representations and Certifications section of SAM electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

(i) Paragraph (d) applies.

(ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c)(1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless-

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13;

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

(iv) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that-

- (A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;
 - (B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and
 - (C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (v) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation.
- (vi) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (vii) 52.214-14, Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (viii) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (ix) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.
 - (B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.
- (x) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (xi) 52.222-22, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xii) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xiii) 52.222-38, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.
- (xiv) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA-designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.
- (xv) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA-designated items.
- (xvi) 52.225-2, Buy American Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xvii) 52.225-4, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$79,507, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is \$79,507 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

(xviii) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.

(xix) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan-Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xx) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.

(2) The following certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

(Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)

(i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

(ii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

(iii) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Certification.

(iv) 52.222-52, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Certification.

(v) 52.223-9, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (Alternate I only).

(vi) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

(A) Basic.

(B) Alternate I.

[] (vii) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM Web site accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the SAM database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below (offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date). These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause No. _____

Title _____

Date _____

Change _____

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

52.219-28 Post-Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation. (JUL 2013)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause-

Long-term contract means a contract of more than five years in duration, including options. However, the term does not include contracts that exceed five years in duration because the period of performance has been extended for a cumulative period not to exceed six months under the clause at 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services, or other appropriate authority.

Small business concern means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (c) of this clause. Such a concern is "not dominant in its field of operation" when it does not exercise a controlling or major influence on a national basis in a kind of business activity in which a number of business concerns are primarily engaged. In determining whether dominance exists, consideration shall be given to all appropriate factors, including volume of business, number of employees, financial resources, competitive status or position, ownership or control of materials, processes, patents, license agreements, facilities, sales territory, and nature of business activity.

(b) If the Contractor represented that it was a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor shall re-represent its size status according to paragraph (e) of this clause or, if applicable, paragraph (g) of this clause, upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) Within 30 days after execution of a novation agreement or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the novation agreement was executed prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.
- (2) Within 30 days after a merger or acquisition that does not require a novation or within 30 days after modification of the contract to include this clause, if the merger or acquisition occurred prior to inclusion of this clause in the contract.

(3) For long-term contracts-

(i) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract; and

(ii) Within 60 to 120 days prior to the date specified in the contract for exercising any option thereafter.

(c) The Contractor shall re-represent its size status in accordance with the size standard in effect at the time of this re-representation that corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code assigned to this contract. The small business size standard corresponding to this NAICS code can be found at <http://www.sba.gov/content/table-small-business-size-standards>.

(d) The small business size standard for a Contractor providing a product which it does not manufacture itself, for a contract other than a construction or service contract, is 500 employees.

(e) Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this clause, the Contractor shall make the representation required by paragraph (b) of this clause by validating or updating all its representations in the Representations and Certifications section of the System for Award Management (SAM) and its other data in SAM, as necessary, to ensure that they reflect the Contractor's current status. The Contractor shall notify the contracting office in writing within the timeframes specified in paragraph (b) of this clause that the data have been validated or updated, and provide the date of the validation or update.

(f) If the Contractor represented that it was other than a small business concern prior to award of this contract, the Contractor may, but is not required to, take the actions required by paragraphs (e) or (g) of this clause.

(g) If the Contractor does not have representations and certifications in SAM, or does not have a representation in SAM for the NAICS code applicable to this contract, the Contractor is required to complete the following re-representation and submit it to the contracting office, along with the contract number and the date on which the re-representation was completed:

The Contractor represents that it ___ is, ___ is not a small business concern under NAICS Code [237310] assigned to contract number [_____]. (*Contractor to sign and date and insert authorized signer's name and title*).

52.223-1 Biobased Product Certification. (MAY 2012)

As required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (7 U.S.C. 8102(c)(3)), the offeror certifies, by signing this offer, that biobased products (within categories of products listed by the United States Department of Agriculture in 7 CFR part 3201, subpart B) to be used or delivered in the performance of the contract, other than biobased products that are not purchased by the offeror as a direct result of this contract, will comply with the applicable specifications or other contractual requirements.

452.219-70 Size Standard and NAICS Code Information. (SEP 2001)

The North American Industrial Classification System Code(s) and business size standard(s) describing the products and/or services to be acquired under this solicitation are listed below:

Contract line item(s): All

- NAICS Code 237310

- Size Standard \$36.5 million dollars average annual receipts for the preceding three fiscal years

AGAR 452.209-71 ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS**ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS**

(a) This award is subject to the provisions contained in sections 433 and 434 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, as amended and/or subsequently enacted, regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by accepting this award the contractor acknowledges that it -

(1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and

(2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the award, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment of the awardee, or such officer or agent, based on these convictions and/or tax delinquencies and determined that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) If the awardee fails to comply with these provisions, the Forest Service may terminate this contract for default and may recover any funds the awardee has received in violation of sections 433 or 434, amended and/or subsequently enacted.

AGAR 452.209-70 Representation by Corporations Regarding an Unpaid Delinquent Tax

(a.) Awards made under this solicitation are subject to the provisions contained sections 433 and 434 in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, as amended and/or subsequently enacted, regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. **To comply with these provisions, all offerors must complete paragraph (1) of this representation, and all corporate offerors also must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of this representation.**

(b) The Offeror represents that -

(1) The Offeror is [_____] , is not [_____] (check one) an entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the various territories of the United States including American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Note that this includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations.)

If the Offeror checked "is" above, the Offeror must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of the representation. If Offeror checked "is not" above, Offeror may leave the remainder of the representation blank.

(2) (i) The Offeror has [_____] , has not [_____] (check one) been convicted of a felony criminal violation under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

(ii) Offeror has [_____] , has not [_____] (check one) had any officer or agent of Offeror convicted of a felony criminal violation for actions taken on behalf of Offeror under Federal law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

(3) The Offeror does [_____] , does not [_____] (check one) have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

SECTION L - Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors or Respondents

52.215-1 Instructions to Offerors - Competitive Acquisition. (JAN 2004)

52.215-5 Facsimile Proposals. (OCT 1997)

- (a) *Definition.* "Facsimile proposal," as used in this provision, means a proposal, revision or modification of a proposal, or withdrawal of a proposal that is transmitted to and received by the Government via facsimile machine.
- (b) Offerors may submit facsimile proposals as responses to this solicitation. Facsimile proposals are subject to the same rules as paper proposals.
- (c) **The telephone number of receiving facsimile equipment is: 423-339-8635.**
- (d) If any portion of a facsimile proposal received by the Contracting Officer is unreadable to the degree that conformance to the essential requirements of the solicitation cannot be ascertained from the document-
- (1) The Contracting Officer immediately shall notify the offeror and permit the offeror to resubmit the proposal;
 - (2) The method and time for resubmission shall be prescribed by the Contracting Officer after consultation with the offeror; and
 - (3) The resubmission shall be considered as if it were received at the date and time of the original unreadable submission for the purpose of determining timeliness, provided the offeror complies with the time and format requirements for resubmission prescribed by the Contracting Officer.
- (e) The Government reserves the right to make award solely on the facsimile proposal. However, if requested to do so by the Contracting Officer, the apparently successful offeror promptly shall submit the complete original signed proposal.

52.216-1 Type of Contract. (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a **Firm Fixed Price Requirements contract** resulting from this solicitation.

52.237-1 Site Visit. (APR 1984)

Offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference. (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): <https://www.acquisition.gov/?q=browsefar>

452.204-70 Inquiries. (FEB 1988)

Inquiries and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer. Offerors should contact only the Contracting Officer issuing the solicitation about any aspect of this requirement prior to contract award.

SECTION M - Evaluation Factors for Award

AWARD DETERMINATION

Award will be made to the offeror providing the best value to the Government. Award may not necessarily be made to the offeror submitting the lowest quote.

Award will be made to the offeror (1) whose quotation is technically acceptable and (2) whose technical/cost relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. Evaluation factors other than cost or price, when combined, are approximately equal to cost or price in the award decision.

EVALUATION FACTORS

In selecting a contractor for this project, the following factors will be considered in addition to price:

A. Past performance and experience with road grading on remote mountain roads. Submit reference information with your quotation. Provide the following information for relevant work performed within the past 3 years:

- a. Agency/owner, name and phone number of Contracting Officer and Project Engineer (or similar information for State/Private work performed)
- b. Contract number,
- c. Contract amount,
- d. Dates of performance,
- e. Brief description of the work involved.

B. Availability of appropriate equipment and personnel will also be considered. Submit the following information:

- a. List of equipment that will be used on the project including make, model and year.
- b. Experience of operator(s) that will be assigned to the project.

A and B are considered equal in importance for the technical evaluation.

C. Price