

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES 1 2	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. Two (2)		3. EFFECTIVE DATE August 9, 2011		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY CODE			7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE			
USDA Forest Service, R3 RO – AQM Attn: Rufus Cole 333 Broadway Blvd. S.E. Albuquerque, NM 87102			SAME AS BLOCK 6			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State, and ZIP Code)				(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. AG-8371-S-11-0031	
				X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) June 15, 2011	
					10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
					10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE				

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

X The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. **The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers X is extended.** Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 0 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted;

or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, X is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

- Solicitation Response Date is extended to not later than September 6, 2011, 2:30 PM Mountain Time.
- Questions and responses attached.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.	
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
	Gilbert Massiatt, Contracting Officer
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
15C. DATE SIGNED	16C. DATE SIGNED
	August 9, 2011
(Signature of person authorized to sign)	(Signature of Contracting Officer)

1) Question: In trying to understand the pricing structure and come up with costs to do the work, for an example, if the contractor chose to remove 9" material on the small end as product, and the task order called for the removal of trees above 5", would the price to treat green tons as residue for all material from 5"-8.9" be at the 1.668 CCF c 3.5 GT as per the schedule on page 4

Answer: *In this scenario, the price to treat the residue would be the estimated GT multiplied by the price per GT the successful offeror gives us for residue treatment. The estimated GT will be measured before we offer the task order, during the cruise of that task order.*

The table on page 4 to estimate volume per acre is only directly accurate for CCF/acre of the 5"+ merchantable material averaged across five actual project cruises. The residue factors were only meant to be used to compare proposals. The link http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5313761.pdf takes you to a table of residue values measured off of multiple task orders from the White Mountain Stewardship Contract on the Apache-Sitgreaves NF and is a conservative comparison to what weight levels of residue will be encountered across this contract. The 5"+ values are considered low compared to the five cruises off 4FRI.

2) Question: If contractor chooses to treat residue by mastication, how will the GT be figured for payment?

Answer: *Prior to offer a sample will be measured as we cruise each area that will be included in the task order. From this sample we estimate total GT by size class. Once the contract is awarded, cruise data will be used to estimate value and costs for each task order.*

3) Question: Is the payment bond only for product cut in advance of payment? If product payments are made in advance of cutting, does this eliminate the need for bond by contractor? Are there any other bonds required for this project?

Answer: *Yes, advanced deposits cover the value of products within that payment unit of a task order. Bonding for construction is also required – see clause 52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds – Construction (OCT 2010) Section I of the solicitation.*

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