

<b>REQUEST FOR QUOTATION</b> <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	OF	PAGES
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1. REQUEST NO. AG-4756-S-13-0004	2. DATE ISSUED 11/16/2012	3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO.		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) Multiple			
			7. DELIVERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOB DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(See Schedule)</i>			
			9. DESTINATION			
5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL: <i>(No collect calls)</i>			a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE			
NAME NINA BARROW		TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE 423 NUMBER 476-9706		b. STREET ADDRESS		
8. TO:						
a. NAME		b. COMPANY				
c. STREET ADDRESS			c. CITY			
d. CITY		e. STATE		f. ZIP CODE		d. STATE
						e. ZIP CODE
10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date) 12/13/2012 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 quote. Any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotations must be completed by the quote.				

11. SCHEDULE <i>(Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)</i>					
ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
	Roadside Brushing, As-Needed, North Zone Engineering, Cherokee National Forest  Tax ID#: _____ DUNS#: _____ Registered in SAM?: _____ Yes, _____ No				

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. STREET ADDRESS					a. NAME <i>(Type or print)</i>	
c. COUNTY					AREA CODE	
d. CITY		e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE	c. TITLE <i>(Type or print)</i>		NUMBER

**PART 1 – THE SCHEDULE**  
**SECTION B - Supplies or Services/Prices**

**BID ITEM NO.1:** The contractor shall furnish all equipment, operating fuels, lubricants, labor, transportation, supervision and other incidentals necessary to perform roadside brushing, including road clearing and tree felling on an as-needed basis on lands of **The Cherokee National Forest in Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties, Tennessee** in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions as contained herein. **Quantities are estimated.** Items of work shall be as follows:

Bit Item #	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1A	Roadside Brushing	Mile	10	\$	\$
2A	Removal of Specified Hazard Trees	Each	10	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL 1A &amp; 1B</b>					<b>\$</b>

**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 written response to Section M - Evaluation Factors

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

Submit quote package by hard copy mail to the address in Block 5a of the SF-18 Cover Sheet.

**SECTION K - Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders**

**52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications. (MAY 2012)**

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 115310.

(2) The small business size standard is \$7.0 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 clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA 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 ORCA 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 the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration.

(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. This provision applies to solicitations using funds appropriated in fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010, or 2012.

(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 Act Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xvii) 52.225-4, Buy American Act--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 \$77,494, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is \$77,494 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 Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran--Representation and Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to--

(A) Solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions; and

(B) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, solicitations that contain the clause at 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.

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

(Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)

(i) 52.219-22, Small Disadvantaged Business Status.

(A) Basic.

(B) Alternate I.

(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 Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment Certification.

(iv) 52.222-52 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act 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 Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA 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.

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FAR Clause    Title    Date    Change  
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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 ORCA.

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

**REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING AN UNPAID DELINQUENT TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION (DEVIATION 2012-01) (FEB 2012)**

(a) Awards made under this solicitation are subject to the provisions contained in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-55), Division A, Sections 738 and 739 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) The 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 or State 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.

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

(a) This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-55, Division A, Sections 738 and 739 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 or State 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, USDA FS Cherokee National Forest may terminate this contract for default and may recover any funds the awardee has received in violation of sections 738 or 739.

## SECTION M - Evaluation Factors for Award

### AWARD DETERMINATION

The Government reserves the right to award to the offeror providing the best value to the Government. 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. Award may not necessarily be made to the offeror submitting the lowest quote. Evaluation factors other than cost or price, when combined, are approximately equal to cost or price in the award decision.

### EVALUATION FACTORS

**NOTE: Please provide your responses to the listed criteria on a separate sheet (or sheets) of paper, and submit with your completed Request for Quotation.**

#### I. TECHNICAL

The following Evaluation Factors are listed in descending order of importance:

1. Experience:

- a. List your firm's experience with road brushing and related activities as shown on the Schedule of Items, not to exceed the last three years. For each work experience, state who you worked for, the location of the work, the dates worked, and a contact name and phone number.
- b. List your firm's experience in the general type of work to be performed (other than road brushing), for the period not to exceed the last three years, with date(s), locations, and contact information for those work experiences.
- c. State whether you have ever been Terminated for Default from a Federal contract, and if so, provide the dates and circumstances.

2. Past Performance:

- a. Provide a minimum of three references of persons who know your work record. Reference information should include: Name, position, company/agency, and phone number or email.

3. Organization:

- A. List specific tools and equipment to be utilized.
- B. State experience of Equipment Operator(s) for the project in road brushing.
- C. List projects you are currently working on and projected completion dates.

#### II. COST/PRICE