

Combined Synopsis/Solicitation

Local Provenance Native Seed

Solicitation Number : **AG-51KN-S-13-0004**

Description: Provide a quote for local provenance native seed to be delivered to the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Supervisor's Office located at 30239 S State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481 by January 18, 2013. Offers are due by 1:00 PM, CT on 12/28/2012. See submission details below. For information regarding this solicitation contact Deborah Bates at 815-423-2119 or dbates@fs.fed.us. This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial supplies, prepared in accordance with the format in FAR Subpart 12.6, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued. Any amendment and documents related to this procurement will be available electronically at the Internet site: <http://www.fbo.gov>. Potential offeror's will be responsible for downloading a copy of those documents related to this procurement, if any. This solicitation is issued as a Request for Quotes (RFQ). The estimated price is less than \$100,000. This solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-63. This procurement is unrestricted. The **NAICS Code is 111998 and the Small Business Size Standard is \$0.75M**. All qualified, responsible sources may submit an offer which will be considered. The offer/quotation that is most advantageous to the Government, based on the factors contained in this solicitation, will be selected for award.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Submit pricing information per each plant by species listed on Attachment 1.
2. Submit signed Acceptance Statement, and completed AGAR 452.209-70, Alternate 1, Attachment 2.
3. Submit at least 3 references. The Government may contact references to inquire as to the offeror's capability, effectiveness, compliance, timeliness, cooperation and overall customer satisfaction. Past performance information that will be considered is not limited to the references provided by the offeror.
4. Submit a completed copy of FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications, Commercial Items, paragraphs (c) through (m). If the offeror has completed the annual reps and certs electronically at <http://orca.bpn.gov>, submit only paragraph (b) from the provision and a DUNS number.

Mail Quote to:

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

ATTN: Deborah Bates

30239 S State Route 53

Wilmington, IL 60481

Please note on the outside of your envelope and subject line of email: **AG-51KN-S-13-0004**.

You may choose to email your quote to dbates@fs.fed.us. No faxed copies will be accepted.

Evaluation and Award: (FAR) 52.212-2 Evaluation, Commercial Items is applicable with the following factors used to evaluate quotes:

1. price,
2. past performance,
3. ability to meet delivery date.

Award may be made to more than one offeror based on price and availability of the items. Past performance and ability to meet delivery date are equal to price. A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

NOTES: There is no bid guarantee required. Contractor must be registered at www.SAM.gov to be considered. You may find more information at www.acquisition.gov (FAR 52.204-7). There is no pre-bid meeting needed. This Solicitation will result in a firm, fixed price supply contract.

Contractors are encouraged to enroll in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), Internet Payment Platform (IPP). To enroll in the IPP-PAID service, please call IPP's toll-free number at (866) 973-3131 or email at bos.ipp.helpdesk@bos.frb.org. This service is free and provides vendors with advance notification of payments processed through EFT. For additional information, go to the IPP-PAID website at <https://www.ipp.gov/>.

Attachment 2: Contractor Acceptance Statement: By submitting the offer, the Contractor agrees to all terms, conditions, and provisions that are included in the solicitation and agrees to furnish any awarded items at the price set in the schedule unless otherwise excepted as follows:

_____.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

VENDOR DUNS # _____

VENDOR TAXPAYER ID # _____

VENDOR EMAIL ADDRESS _____

VENDOR PHONE _____

AGAR 452.209—70, Alternate 1

“Awards made under this announcement 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 applicants must complete the paragraph (1) of this representation, and all corporate applicants also must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of this representation.

(1) Applicant _____ (insert applicant name) is ____ is not ____ (check one) an entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the 50 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 Island, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Note that this includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations.)

If Applicant checked “is” above. Applicant must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of the representation. If applicant checked “is not” above, Applicant may leave the remainder of the representation blank.

(2) Applicant _____ (insert applicant name) 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 application. Applicant has ____ has not ____ (check one) had any officer or agent of Applicant convicted of a felony criminal violation for actions taken on behalf of Applicant under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of signature.

(3) Applicant _____ (insert applicant name) has ____ does not have ____ (check one) 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.”

Specifications for Item 1 (See Attachment 1): Local Provenance Native Seed

Potential providers may bid on all or a portion of the items. Breakdown costs by species and include shipping. Seed deliveries will be accepted beginning January 3rd, 2013 unless arrangement for earlier delivery is made. Notify Midewin staff at least 3 weekdays before delivery. Delivery must be coordinated for a mutually agreeable date and time with Midewin staff. Include delivery charge in cost/species. All seed must be delivered by January 18th, 2013.

Specifications for all seeds:

- 1) Seeds must be of appropriate provenance; wild origin of source **must** be from:
 - a. central or northern Illinois (north and east of line connecting Adams, Sangamon, and Edgar counties);
 - b. northwestern quarter of Indiana (north and west of line connecting St. Joseph, Marion, and Vigo counties);
and/or
 - c. southeastern Wisconsin (southeast of line connecting between Milwaukee, Dane, and Green counties – Dane, Green, Kenosha, Jefferson, Racine, Rock, Walworth or Waukesha counties).
- 2) Seed must be of 2012 (or current year) crop.
- 3) Seed provided must be sufficiently clean (removal of chaff, pappus, awns, stems, and other “fluffy” material) to be flowable through a seed drill designed for planting native prairie seed, relatively free of inert matter, and free of noxious weed seeds.
- 4) Provider must inform us of seed not removed from adherent pods, especially for *Desmodium* spp. (Tick-trefoil), *Lespedeza* spp. (Bush-clovers), *Petalostemum (Dalea)* spp. (Prairie-clovers) or *Amorpha canescens* (Leadplant).
- 4) For seed, provide PLS or seed count/unit.
- 5) Seed must be true to type, weed-free, bagged and labeled by species (no mixes), and free from seeds of other native species, especially seed of tall grasses *Andropogon gerardii*, *Sorghastrum nutans*, and *Panicum virgatum* (except where these species are specified).
- 6) *Carex stricta* and other species with seed that loses viability rapidly after ripening should be stored at appropriate temperatures (~40° F) prior to delivery.

Attachment 1- Species List and Quantities for Native Seed Purchase :

Line Item 1 – Forb, Grass, and Sedge Seed for delivery by January 18th, 2013.

Refer to Specifications as detailed in Attachment 2

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces	Lbs.
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	8	0.5
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	32	2
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	4	0.25
<i>Asclepias purpurescens</i>	Purple Milkweed	4	0.25
<i>Aster azureus</i> (= <i>A. oolentagiensis</i>)	Sky-blue Aster	8	0.5
<i>Aster laevis</i>	Smooth Blue Aster	8	0.5
<i>Baptisia leucantha</i> (= <i>B. alba</i> , <i>B. lactea</i>)	White Wild Indigo	16	1
<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i> (= <i>B. bracteata</i>)	Cream Wild Indigo	32	2
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side-oats Grama	800	50
<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i> (= <i>Arnoglossum</i> p.)	Prairie Indian-plantain	16	1
<i>Carex bicknellii</i>	Prairie Oval Sedge	16	1
<i>Carex sartwellii</i>	Running Marsh Sedge	8	0.5
<i>Carex scoparia</i>	Broom Oval Sedge	8	0.5
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> (= <i>Cassia</i> f.)	Partridge Pea	32	2
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Sand Coreopsis, Lance-leaved C.	8	0.5
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis, Stiff Tickseed	8	0.5
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall Coreopsis	32	2
<i>Dalea purpurea</i> (= <i>Petalostemum</i> p.)	Purple Prairie-clover	32	2
<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	Showy Tick-trefoil	16	1
<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>	Illinois Tick-trefoil	16	1
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	Shooting-star	8	0.5
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada Wild-rye	3200	200
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake-master	96	6
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge	8	0.5
<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	Bottle Gentian	4	0.25
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False-sunflower, Oxeye S.	16	1
<i>Helianthus rigidus</i> (= <i>H. pauciflorus</i>)	Prairie Sunflower, Stiff S.	8	0.5
<i>Heuchera richardsoniana</i>	Prairie Alumroot	8	0.5
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i> (= <i>K. cristata</i>)	June Grass	32	1
<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	Round-headed Bush-clover	16	1
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing-star, Button B.	8	0.5
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Marsh Blazing-star	32	2
<i>Lythrum alatum</i>	Winged Loosestrife	4	0.25
<i>Mentha arvensis villosa</i>	Field Mint	8	0.5
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	4	0.25
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	96	6
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	16	1
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	4	0.25
<i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i>	Prairie Parsley	4	0.25
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (= <i>Andropogon</i> s.)	Little Bluestem	4000	250
<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	Rosinweed	88	5.5
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant	80	5
<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	Prairie Dock	80	5
<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	White Blue-eyed Grass	8	0.5
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	4	0.25
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	3200	200
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed, Northern D.	2240	140
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Purple Meadow-rue	8	0.5
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	Tall Spiderwort	32	2
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's-root	16	1
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	64	4
	TOTALS	14480	905

14480 oz (905 lbs), total seed

The following FAR clauses and provisions apply to this solicitation. Those that are incorporated by reference can be viewed in full text at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far>. The selected Offeror must comply with the following terms and conditions and provisions:

FAR 52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government

FAR 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors

FAR 52.212-2, Evaluation -Commercial Items (see pg 1 - Evaluation and Award)

FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications, Alternate 1 (download and complete)

FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items

FAR 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items, paragraph (a) and the following clauses in paragraph (b): 52.203-6 with Alt 1, 52.209-10, 52.219-6, 52.219-8, 52.222-19, 52.222-21, 52.222-26, 52.222-36, 52.222-37, 52.223-18, 52.225-1, 52.225-13, 52.232-33, 52.226-6

FAR 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification

FAR 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service And Construction Contracts.

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ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS

(a) This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, Sections 433 and 434 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.