

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)		THIS RFQ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT A SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE		PAGE 1	OF 2	PAGES
1. REQUEST NO. AG-4756-S-13-0018		2. DATE ISSUED 03/07/2013		3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO. 632160		4. CERT. FOR NAT. DEF. UNDER BDSA REG. 2 AND/OR DMS REG. 1
5a. ISSUED BY USDA FOREST SERVICE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST 2800 NORTH OCOEE STREET CLEVELAND TN 37312				6. DELIVERY BY (Date) 05/31/2014		
5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL: (No collect calls)				7. DELIVERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOB DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Schedule)		
NAME JANE ADLER				9. DESTINATION a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE USDA FOREST SERVICE		
TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE 423 NUMBER 476-9700				b. STREET ADDRESS CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST 2800 NORTH OCOEE STREET		
8. TO: a. NAME				c. CITY CLEVELAND		
b. COMPANY				d. STATE TN e. ZIP CODE 37312		
c. STREET ADDRESS				f. ZIP CODE 37312		
d. CITY				10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date) 04/16/2013 1600 ES		
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	Provide Roadside Brushing Services, As-Needed, South End of Cherokee National Forest in Polk, McMinn, Monroe Counties Tax ID#: _____ DUNS #: _____ Registered in SAM?: _____ Yes, _____ No Period of Performance: 06/01/2013 to 05/31/2014 Roadside Brushing, As-Needed, South End of the Cherokee National Forest Product/Service Code: F018 Product/Service Description: NATURAL RESOURCES/CONSERVATION- OTHER FOREST/RANGE Continued ...				

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					AREA CODE	
c. COUNTY			a. NAME (Type or print)		NUMBER	
d. CITY			e. STATE f. ZIP CODE		c. TITLE (Type or print)	

CONTINUATION SHEET

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED
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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

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	IMPROVEMENTS (NON-CONSTRUCTION) Delivery: 05/31/2014				

PART I – THE SCHEDULE

SECTION B - Supplies or Services/Prices

Perform roadside vegetation control using heavy equipment on an “as-needed” basis on the South End of the Cherokee National Forest in Polk, McMinn, and Monroe counties, Tennessee, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained herein. **Quantities are estimated.**

Item 1:

Item	Description	Est. Qty.	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
1a	Mowing, 7' Wide	10	Miles	\$	\$
1b	Mowing, 14' Wide on open roads	5	Miles	\$	\$
1c	Mowing, 14' Wide on closed roads	5	Miles	\$	\$
Grand Total Items 1a – 1c					\$

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. Access SAM at www.sam.gov/; registration is free.

Faxed or emailed quotes are not authorized. **Quotes must be received hard copy at the address shown on the cover sheet in Block 5a by the due date and time shown in Block 10.**

Note: A complete quote package will consist of:

1. The SF-18 cover sheet (fill in blocks 11, 13-16)
2. Completed Section B - Schedule of Items with pricing entered
3. Completed Section K - Representations /Certifications and Representation by Corporations Regarding an Unpaid Delinquent Tax (check all boxes that apply)
4. Written Response to Section M - Evaluation Factors

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

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): 1

- NAICS Code 561730
- Size Standard 7.0 million dollars average annual receipts for the preceding three fiscal years

52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications. (DEC 2012)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 561730.

(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 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--

(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.

FAR Clause 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 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 sections 738 and 739 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-55), Division A, 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) 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

ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS

(a) This award is subject to the provisions contained in sections 738 and 739 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-55, Division A, 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 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, [insert agency name] may terminate this contract for default and may recover any funds the awardee has received in violation of sections 738 or 739, as amended and/or subsequently enacted.

SECTION L - Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Bidders

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

452.204-70 Inquiries. (FEB 1988)

52.216-1 Type of Contract. (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a **Firm Fixed Price** 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.

452.237-71 Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Conference. (FEB 1988)

The Government is NOT planning a pre-bid / pre-proposal conference.

Contact Gary Hubbard, Forest Engineer, at 423-476-9766 for information and directions to typical work areas.

SECTION M - Evaluation Factors for Award

The Government reserves the right to award to the offeror providing the best value 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 these questions on a separate sheet (or sheets) of paper, and submit along with your completed SF-18 form and Schedule of Items.

I. TECHNICAL

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

1. Past Performance:

State your firm's experience with the specific work activities shown on the Schedule of Items (roadside brushing). List experience with USDA Forest Service, other Federal agencies, any State experience, and work performed for private entities for the last three years. Provide dates of performance, location of work, and references with telephone number.

State your firm's experience in similar work (for example, mowing or road clearing) for the last three years. Provide dates of performance, location of work, and references with contact information.

Have you ever been Terminated for Default? If so, provide the dates and circumstances.

2. Organization:

- A. State your Methodology/Approach to performance of this project. How will you do the work?
- B. List the tools/equipment to be utilized (make and model).
- C. State experience of Superintendent/Equipment Operator for the project in THIS SPECIFIC TYPE OF WORK.
- D. List employees who will perform this work and their experience.
- E. List projects you are working on currently or have committed to working on during the period of performance of this contract.

II. COST/PRICE