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INSTREAM & RIPARIAN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Questions and Answers

Below are questions that contractors have called in related to this RFP, and the answers. This list will be updated as additional questions are asked.

Q1: Scope of work: Please describe the area where the work is anticipated to be done.

A1: The work will mostly be on the Sandy River mainstem below the Mean High Water mark from the Salmon River confluence to the Clackamas-Multnomah county line, which is downstream of Dodge Park. There will also be some BLM land that is only accessible by water (inaccessible from above due to a cliff); work will be done above and below the Mean High Water mark in that area. There will also be some islands.

Q2: On Attachment A-1, Exhibit 1: Unit prices: The bid sheet shows that some tasks are to be bid by Acre, some by Hour. None of the tasks show the option of bidding by River Mile.

A2: Contractors, please do your best to fill out the sheet, using Acre or Hourly as shown. The method that will be used for billing a particular task will be determined when work is actually assigned.

Q3: The RFP says the contract is not to exceed \$50,000. Is that for 1 season or for 2.5 years?

A3: It's for the entire 2.5 years of the project. If cost goes over \$50,000, we'll issue another RFP.

Q4: If the job is billed hourly and the access point to enter the river is a mile upstream, are the workers on the clock from the time they enter the river or not until they get to the site that is to be treated?

A4: Work time begins when the workers arrive on site. If you need to build in mobilization costs, include that in your Hourly or Acre rate. The time driving from the office to the put-in point is not counted as hourly time. The time the workers reach the put-in point, float to the site, treat the site, and take out would be billed hourly. Traveling from one site to another would count as mobilization.

Q5: On Attachment A-1, Exhibit 1: Unit prices: How do you want us to show Hourly rate? Is it per technician, per crew, or per job?

A5: List the Hourly rate per man hour -- in other words, per technician.

Q6: Are there Proposal Forms 1-3? Reference is made to these forms on page 4 under Proposal Contents.

A6: Proposal Forms 1, 2, and 3 are now posted on Clackamas SWCD's website.

Q7: Scope of work, geographic area, minimum acreage to treat?

A7: The focus area to be treated is roughly a 20 mile stretch of the Sandy River Basin. This is the primary area to be treated, but we may wish to utilize the contractor for additional work within Clackamas County as opportunities arise. The contractor can organize the work schedule to maximize efficiency.

Q8: You say the river/streams are floatable. Please describe the conditions so we have an idea about the types of boat that would be most appropriate.

A8: The Sandy River and other streams have a wide diversity of conditions. There are rocky portions, fast-moving water at times, low water at times, brushy areas. Different portions of the river are floatable by different types of boats depending. The upper portions of the river have been previously treated by The Nature Conservancy of Oregon. They recommend using inflatable kayaks for this upper stretch, and suggest that larger watercraft will be inaccessible. As a wild and scenic river, the use of motorized watercraft is also not authorized in large portions of the Sandy River.

These streams have been treated for 12 years, so the work has transitioned to a follow-up control. These streams have been treated from kayaks using handheld trigger spray bottles, with minimal herbicide used each day. The primary difficulty is in getting from one site to another by water, because they are not easily accessible from land.

For a map of the starting point (A) to the end point (B) on the primary focus area Sandy, go to the following link. The RFP does not limit work to this corridor, but this is the intended focus area. Link:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=E+Salmon+St&daddr=45.46284,-122.274156&hl=en&ll=45.413635,-122.150116&spn=0.151111,0.41851&sll=45.417732,-121.947556&sspn=0.302199,0.837021&geocode=FcNjtAldEv25-A%3BFt1tQldID62-A&mra=ls&t=m&z=12>

Q9: What herbicides do you use?

A9: The prescribed treatment will vary by site and species being treated. The current best management practices for controlling invasive knotweeds utilize an aquatically labeled formulation of glyphosate and imazapyr. Work carried out on BLM land will be limited to herbicides on their approved list.