

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SERVICES OF A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION WORK IN THE CUB RIVER, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IDAHO AREA

From: Bear River Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Date: May 1, 2007

RE: Cub River Subdivision Hazardous Fuels Removal Project

Project Overview

In recent years, loss of homes, structures and property due to wildfires has increased throughout the West. This has occurred as more commercial developments and private homes are built in wildland settings known as the wildland urban interface. The interface has the potential for large-scale fire events that could result in loss of property and life and may damage important natural resources. Research has proven that when homeowners and neighborhoods incorporate recognized firewise and defensible space techniques, the threat from wildfires is greatly reduced.

Request for Services

The Bear River Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. is seeking qualified contractors interested in providing hazardous wildfire fuels reduction work in the Cub River Subdivision area of Franklin County, Idaho during 2007.

Goals

The goals of this project are:

- Provide educational and motivational demonstrations of hazardous fuel reduction for private property owners in Southeastern Idaho.
- Provide assistance to landowners in order to make their property “firewise” - in the form of a free service to remove hazardous fuels.
- Remove hazardous fuels in order to protect at least 5 structures (5 landowners).
- Provide road and right of way clearance with remaining grant funds along roadways in the Cub River Subdivision.
- Reduce the potential for loss of life, property and natural resources to catastrophic wildfire in the Cub River area.

Scope of Work

The work will remove hazardous fuels on 5 approved homeowner properties located within the Cub River Subdivision. With whatever grant funds that remain, the contractor will work to provide road clearance for emergency equipment within the subdivision rights of way. This work will be accomplished in cooperation with the Cub River

Homeowners Association and the Franklin County Emergency Services Department. This work will require the Contractor to work with both the landowner and the Project Coordinator, who will supervise and certify payment as well as act as liaison between the Contractor, landowner and the Bear River RC&D Council. The work is estimated to take place in the spring and summer of 2007 and needs to be completed on or before August 30, 2007.

Specifically, the Contractor will need to provide the following services to landowners:

- Removal of live and dead standing timber to create adequate defensible space to lessen the risk of wildfire. Some trees are located very near to homes and other structures requiring special skills to safely fall and remove hazardous trees.
- Slash may be clipped or hauled and removed from the site by the Contractor. If chipping is desired, chips must be scattered and not piled to prevent fuel build-ups. All chipped materials will have a depth not to exceed one inch.
- Property owners may request that wood material be left for firewood. In that event, the contractor will reduce the logs to lengths of 10 to 12 feet and place them at least 30 feet from any structure. Otherwise, the wood may be removed from the site and used by the contractor to defray costs associated with the project. If timber is removed from the site, the Contractor will provide a statement identifying the value of the wood and payment will be reduced accordingly.
- Contractor will record the volume or weight of all fuels removed from work sites and report this to the Project Coordinator.

Special Provisions:

- The Contractor will be responsible for any injury or damage to all public and private property resulting directly or indirectly from the execution of work. Any damage will be corrected and rehabilitated by the Contractor before leaving the job site.
- The Contractor shall at all times provide adequate supervision and sufficient labor and equipment for prosecuting the work to full completion in the manner and within the time required by the contract. The Contractor will be required to provide certification of liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$500,000 per occurrence as well as worker's compensation insurance prior to commencing work.

SAFETY: All employees of the contractor shall work in a safe and prudent manner. Proper personal protection equipment (PPE) shall be worn at all times. PPE for chainsaw work shall include boots, chaps, gloves, hearing and eye protection and a hardhat. Due to the very hazardous nature of dead tree removal, safety will be considered above speed of contract completion. The Contractor will be responsible for any injury or damage to all public and private property along and adjacent to the property owner's property resulting directly or indirectly from execution of the work. Any damage will be corrected and rehabilitated by the contractor upon completion of the project.

A formal bid based on an hourly rate is required.

The following information will be utilized in the evaluation process to select a Contractor:

- Qualifications and prior experience 35%
- Availability 20%
- Bid 45%

Proposed Project Deadlines:

- Request For Proposal (RFP) released May 1, 2007
- Pre-Bid Meeting for potential contactors at the subdivision May 14, 2007
- Deadline to receive bid proposals June 1, 2007
- Approximate Contractor start date June 15, 2007
- Approximate Contractor completion date – on or before August 30, 2007

Please submit your proposals(email is acceptable) by end of day June 1, 2007 to:

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If you have questions about this project, contact the project coordinator, Gerry Bates at 208-681-5964. Contact Gerry Bates before May 15, 2007 to make arrangements for the pre bid meeting at the Cub River Subdivision. Gerry will designate the scope of work to be accomplished so that bidders can make an informed decision about their bids.