



Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFP Number:
2021-01

RFP Title:
Sims Meander Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project - UPDATED

ISSUER INFORMATION

Contact:
Green Mountain Conservation District
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Issue Date:
04/23/2021
05/21/2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

Return Electronic Submissions to: Green Mountain Conservation District
c/o Brita Olson, LCFWG
brita@lcfwg.org

RFP Response Due Date and Time: 05/21/2020, 5:00 PM MST

OFFERORS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Offeror Name:

Authorized Offeror Signatory:

(Please print name and sign in ink)

Offeror Phone Number:

Offeror E-mail Address:

Offeror Address (Mailing):

OFFERORS MUST RETURN THIS COVER SHEET WITH RFP RESPONSE

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

It is the responsibility of each offeror to:

Follow the format required in the RFP when preparing your response. Provide point-by-point responses to all sections in a clear and concise manner.

Provide complete answers/descriptions. Read and answer **all** questions and requirements. Don't assume the Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) or evaluator/evaluation committee will know what your company capabilities are or what items/services you can provide, even if you have previously contracted with LCFWG. The proposals are evaluated based solely on the information and materials provided in your response.

Use the forms provided, i.e., cover page, cost proposal, etc.

Submit your response on time. Note all the dates and times listed in the Schedule of Events and within the document, and be sure to submit all required items on time. Late proposal responses are not accepted.

**The following items MUST be included in the response to be considered responsive.
Failure to include any of these items may result in a nonresponsive determination.**

1. Signed Cover Sheet
2. Cost Proposal
3. RFP Response Form (including point by point response to offeror qualifications/informational requirements)

SCHEDULE

PRE-CONTRACT EVENTS

DATE

RFP Issue Date..... 04/23/2021

Pre-Bid Tour 1:00 PM MST, 05/07/2021

Pre-bid tour: LCFWG, in conjunction with the Kootenai National Forest, will be hosting a pre-bid tour at the project site. Offerors are strongly encouraged to attend. Meet at the material staging area (End of NFSR 154A / Grouse Creek Trailhead) identified on Map 2.

RFP Response Due Date 5:00 PM MST, 05/21/2021

Intended Date for Contract Award 05/26/2021

INTENDED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE*

DATE

**Please note: Final contract and implementation date is contingent upon confirmation of funding, completion of NEPA and USFWS Consultation, and receipt of required permits. In the event that any of the above items are not secured, project will be delayed by one (1) year to 2022.*

Contract finalized..... 06/4/2021

Initial blading of Vermilion River Road, and rootball production and delivery
..... Prior to 07/06/2021

Mobilization and materials delivery 07/06/2021 – 07/15/2021

In-stream and floodplain construction 07/15/2021 – 08/31/2021

Demobilization and final blading of Vermilion River Road Prior to 09/01/2021

SECTION 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Lower Clark Fork Watershed group (LCFWG), in partnership with the Kootenai National Forest (KNF), Green Mountain Conservation District (GMCD), Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and Avista, is seeking a contractor to provide equipment, materials, and labor for a stream and floodplain restoration project on the Vermilion River, outside of Trout Creek, Montana. From the date this Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued until an offeror is selected and the selection is announced, all contact regarding technical project design shall be directed to:

Craig Neesvig, Hydrologist
Kootenai National Forest
cneesvig@usda.gov
(406) 827-0734

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

Offerors must submit a signed copy of the RFP Cover Sheet, Cost Proposal and RFP Response Form by 5 PM MST 5/14/2020. Proposals should be submitted by email to:

Brita Olson, Coordinator
Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group
brita@lcfwg.org
(208) 304-3852

Offerors failing to comply with these instructions may be subject to point deductions. LCFWG may also choose to not evaluate, may deem nonresponsive, and/or may disqualify from further consideration any proposals that do not follow this RFP format, are difficult to understand, are difficult to read, or are missing any requested information.

The highest scoring offeror will be the prime contractor upon contract award and shall be responsible, in total, for all work of any subcontractors and equipment operators. All subcontractors, if any, and operators of specific equipment along with their experience must be included in the proposal. LCFWG reserves the right to approve all subcontractors and equipment operators. The Contractor shall be responsible to LCFWG for the acts and omissions of all subcontractors, operators, or agents and of persons directly or indirectly employed by such subcontractors, and for the acts and omissions of persons employed directly by the Contractor. Further, nothing contained within this document or any contract documents created as a result of any contract awards derived from this RFP shall create any contractual relationships between any subcontractor and LCFWG.

SECTION 2: EVALUATION PROCESS

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

All proposals will initially be classified as either “responsive” or “nonresponsive.” Proposals may be found nonresponsive at any time during the procurement process if any of the required information is not provided; the submitted price is found to be excessive or inadequate as measured by criteria stated in the RFP; or the proposal is not within the plans and specifications described and required in the RFP. If a proposal is found to be nonresponsive, it will not be considered further.

Selection and award will be based on the offeror's proposal and other items outlined in this RFP. Submitted responses may not include references to information located elsewhere, such as Internet websites or libraries, unless specifically requested. Information or materials presented by offerors outside the formal response or subsequent discussion/negotiation or best and final offer, if requested, will not be considered, will have no bearing on any award, and may result in the offeror being disqualified from further consideration.

An evaluation committee will evaluate the remaining proposals and recommend whether to award the contract to the highest scoring offeror or, if necessary, to seek discussion/negotiation or a best and final offer in order to determine the highest scoring offeror.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

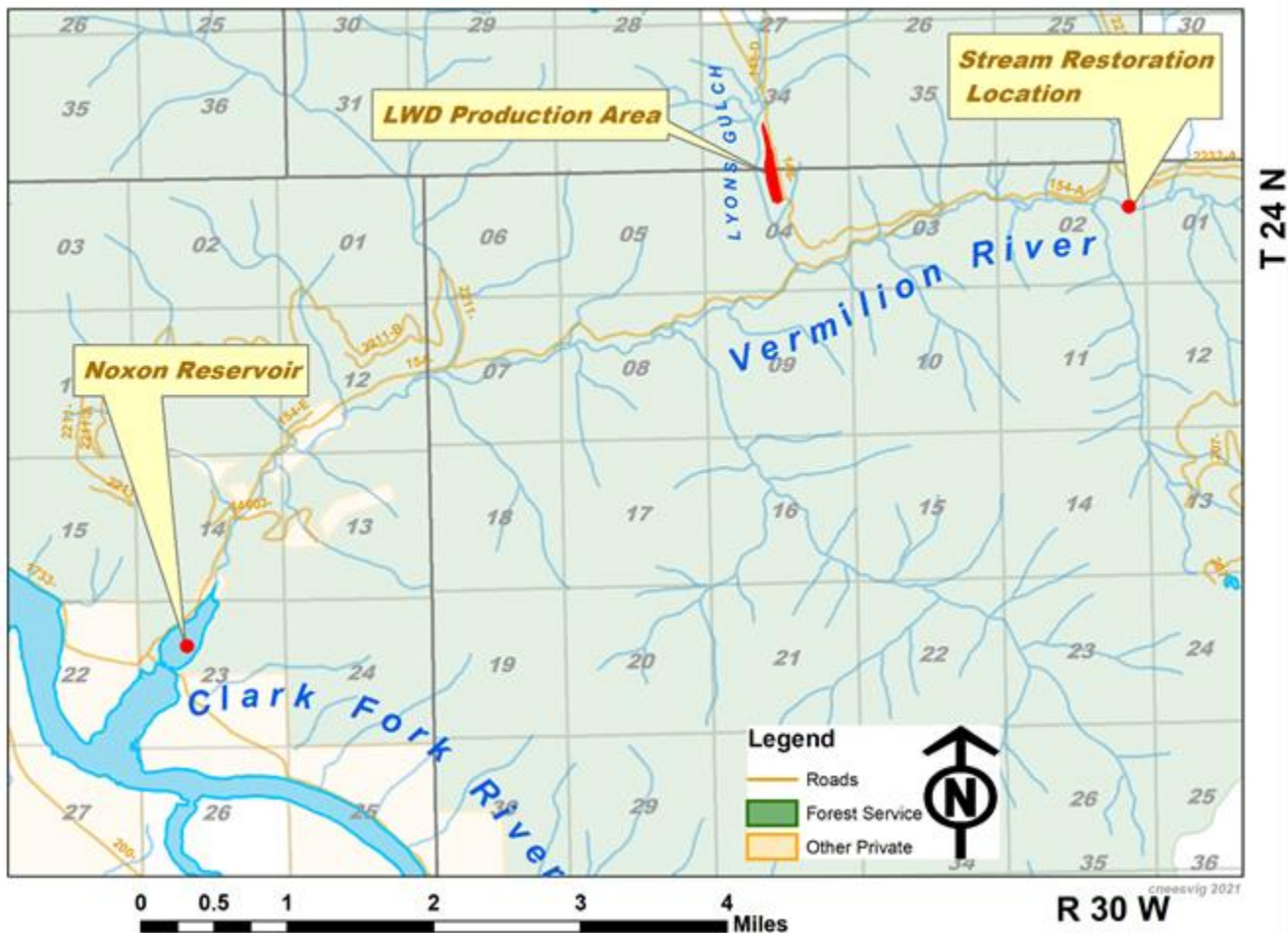
LCFWG will award this contract to an offeror with the best overall bid. All responsive proposals will be evaluated based on the offeror's references; past performance; key personnel / proven experience of equipment operators; method of providing services; and cost outlined in its proposal. Preference will be given to contractors with relevant stream/wetland restoration experience.

SECTION 3: SCOPE OF PROJECT

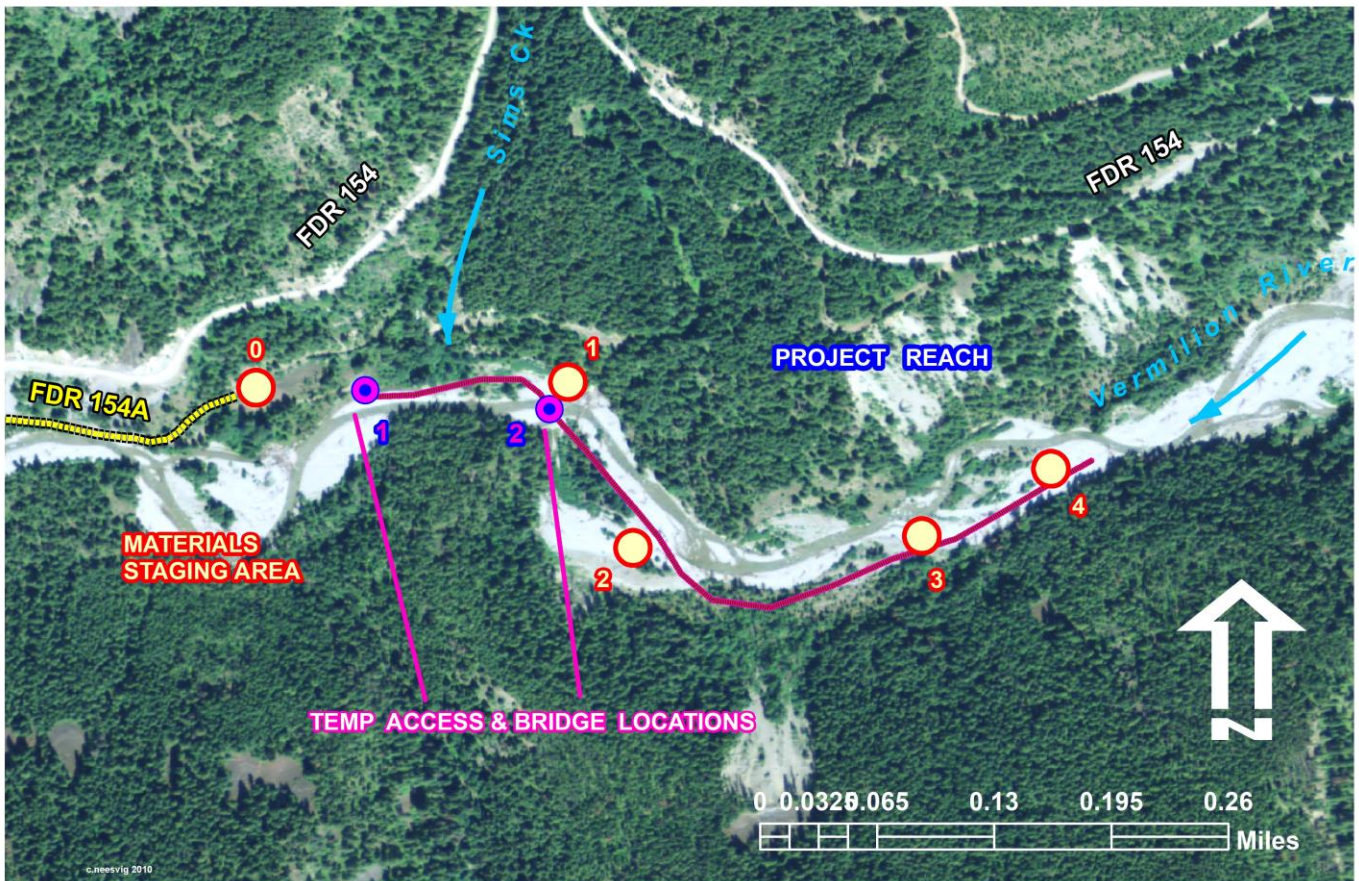
PROJECT SCOPE

Due to its importance to native fish species, the Vermilion River has been the focus of concerted efforts to implement watershed scale restoration. The Sims Meander Stream and Floodplain Restoration project is the 3rd major restoration project completed on the Vermilion River, following the Chapel Slide Project in 2012 and the Miners Gulch Project in 2016. The overall goal of the Sims Meander Project is to reconnect the river with its floodplain, which has been disconnected due to past anthropogenic and natural disturbances. This project will: (1) Reconnect and recontour the floodplain along 1,500-2,000 feet of stream channel, (2) Install floodplain structures to stabilize the stream channel, trap fine sediments and support revegetation efforts, (3) Install in-stream structures for bank protection, grade control, and fish habitat, and, ultimately, (4) Reestablish native trees and shrubs in the floodplain along the stream channel. Project designs are included with this RFP as Attachment A.

The Sims reach of the Vermilion River is located approximately 8 miles upstream of the mouth of the Vermilion River and immediately downstream of the previously completed Miners Gulch Project (See Map 1 and 2). The project is located on the Cabinet Ranger District (of the Kootenai National Forest), and can be accessed via Blue Slide Road, Vermilion River Road (NFSR 154) and the Grouse Creek Trailhead (NFSR 154A).



Map 1. Sims Meander Vicinity Map.



Map 2. Sims Meander Project Reach.

The desired schedule for this contract is outlined above as well as on the cost proposal. Bid Items are described in detail below. The successful bidder will be expected to complete the work no later than September 1. **All in-stream work (floodplain restoration) MUST be completed between July 15th and August 31, 2020 to comply with permitted instream work window.** It is the responsibility of the Contractor to schedule delivery of equipment and all necessary supplies to the site and to ensure that the work can be completed within the specified construction time. *Please note: Final contract and implementation date is contingent upon confirmation of funding, completion of NEPA and USFWS Consultation, and receipt of required permits. In the event that any of the above items are not secured, project will be delayed by one (1) year to 2022. Unless otherwise noted by the offeror, it will be assumed that cost proposal (Page 15 and 16) will carry forward to 2022 in the event of a project delay.*

This project requires furnishing equipment on a fully-operated basis, in good mechanical and operating condition. Equipment shall be operated by competent operators experienced in performing road construction, decommissioning, and streambank rehabilitation type of work required by this contract. **Note: The LCFWG (on behalf of the Green Mountain Conservation District) reserves the right to reject any operator that is not qualified or is not performing work to reasonable standards or achieving adequate production rates.** The contractor shall provide all equipment, operating supplies, operators, supervision, and support functions necessary to perform the work required under this contract. Individual electric, natural gas, telephone, propane, etc. have not been identified. The contractor shall contact the underground utilities prior to performing any work.

This contract will be held by Green Mountain Conservation District, supported by funding from the Kootenai National Forest, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and Avista's Clark Fork Settlement Agreement. All hourly work will be overseen by designated Kootenai National Forest staff, under the direction of Craig

Neesvig (contact info listed above). The Kootenai National Forest will provide construction staking and will be onsite to provide construction oversight and to ensure project is completed in line with project specifications.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

VERMILION RIVER ROAD SURFACE BLADING (BID ITEMS 1A AND 5C)

Prior to and following the completion of all other work, the Vermilion River Road (NFSR 154, from its junction with Blue Slide Road up to mile marker 9) will be bladed in accordance with the following performance standard.

Surface blading is keeping the native or aggregate surfaced road in a condition to facilitate traffic, minimize additional future maintenance, reduce erosion, and provide proper drainage. It includes maintaining the crown, inslope or outslope of the traveled way and shoulders, drainage dips, leadoff ditches, berms, turnouts, removal of minor slides and slumps, and other irregularities that prevent normal runoff from the road surface.

Requirements:

- a. Surface blading shall be performed as often as necessary and to the standards required to facilitate traffic and proper drainage.
- b. The blading shall be performed in such a manner as to preserve the existing cross section and to conserve surface materials. On gravel surfaced roads, the base must not be disturbed and no surface material may be bladed into the ditch or over the road shoulders. Blading of native surface roads shall be performed so no base material under four (4) inches in the greatest dimension is lost. All ruts, holes, etc., shall be removed by scarifying and/or cutting to the bottom of any surface irregularities. Oversize material brought to the surface in the scarification process shall be removed from the roadway. Surface material which has been displaced to the shoulders, turnouts, outside of curves, etc., shall be brought back so as to leave a uniform depth on the traveled way at completion of blading. Water shall be applied during blading if sufficient moisture is not present to prevent segregation.
- c. Roadside cutslopes or berms shall not be undercut.
- d. At intersections, the roadbeds of side roads shall be graded for a reasonable distance to assure proper blending of the two riding surfaces.
- e. Drainage dips and leadoff ditches shall be cleaned and continually maintained to conform reasonably to their original constructed lines, grade, and cross section.
- f. Berms shall be repaired promptly by placing selected material as needed to restore the berm to its original condition.
- g. All blading operations shall be properly signed in accordance with all applicable State Laws.

ROOTBALL PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY (BID ITEM 1B)

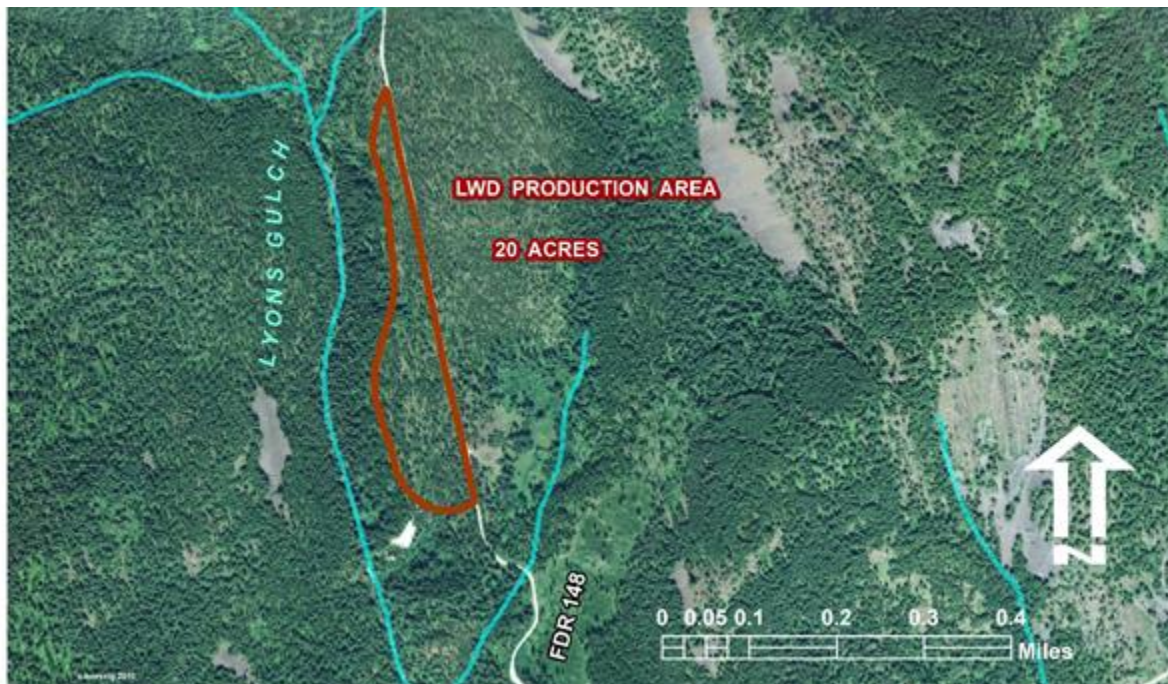
Prior to July 6, 400 rootballs will be produced at the extraction area (accessed via Lyons Gulch, NFSR 148) identified on Map 3, and delivered to the materials staging areas 1-4 identified above on Map 2 in the quantities listed below:

- Materials Staging Area 1 - 50 rootballs
- Materials Staging Area 2 - 200 rootballs
- Materials Staging Area 3 - 50 rootballs
- Materials Staging Area 4 - 100 rootballs

A rootball consists of one 60 ft long, 18-24" diameter sound log with a 6-10' diameter attached rootball per Kootenai National Forest direction. Large wood production and delivery will be completed in accordance with the following performance standard (next page).

Requirements for large wood production:

- a. Contractor shall pile the majority of woody material three inches or smaller on the large end and a portion of the material larger than three inches on the small end, additionally leaving the top log if greater than three inches in diameter evenly distributed throughout the units.
- b. Piles shall be no more than 15 feet in height and no more than 20 feet in width. Piles shall be compact and free of mineral soil to permit ease in burning. The minimum distances between piles and area boundaries, main access roads, and adjacent unworked areas such as leave trees and shelterwood, shall be no closer than 20 feet from unit boundaries and 20 feet from system roads and designated unworked areas. These distances may be reduced by designated Kootenai National Forest staff. In narrow units or work areas (less than 100 feet wide), piles shall be located as near the center and/or as far from leave trees as practical.
- c. A maximum of 5-10 tons of scattered unpiled wood material shall be left on each acre. At least 50% of this material, when available, shall be over four (4) inches in diameter at the large end. Unsound decomposing material is preferred over sound pieces.
- d. All standing trees shall remain undamaged. All slash pushed outside unit boundaries during piling shall be returned to piles inside the unit and piled or scattered to break up concentrations.
- e. Piling in or crossing any intermittent, seasonal, annual streams or wet areas is strictly prohibited.
- f. All slash that lies either in or across a recontoured road is to be left in place undisturbed.



Map 3. Rootball (large woody debris) production area, accessed via NFSR 148.

Requirements for large wood delivery to staging area (see Map 2)

- a. Contractor shall provide employees and appropriate signage for rootball extraction and traffic control during haul operations of rootballs on NFSR 154 to staging area. This control will be required to stop traffic at all times of delivery to staging area.
- b. Necessary blading to maintain accessibility for public access and rootball transportation on NFSR 148 will be included in Bid Item 1B.

TEMPORARY ACCESS BRIDGE INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL (BID ITEMS 2A AND 5A)

Between July 6 and July 15, Contractor will install temporary access bridges. Required crossings (identified in Map 2) are:

1. Sims Creek (minimum span of 15 feet)
2. Mainstem Vermilion (minimum span of 40 feet)

Contractors are encouraged to describe their proposed technique to build and install the temporary access bridges necessary to establish access to the project site on the RFP Response Form. Because this work will be occurring prior to the in-stream work window (which starts July 15), Contractor will take care to minimize in-stream disturbance while installing temporary access bridges.

Following the completion of all work along the project site (save for the final blading of the Vermilion River Road), temporary access bridges will be removed from the site and the bridge locations will be rehabilitated.

MOBILIZATION AND DEMOBILIZATION (BID ITEMS 3A AND 5B)

This bid item consists of the mobilization and demobilization of the contractor's forces and equipment necessary for performing the hourly work required under the contract. Mobilization includes all activities and associated costs for transportation of contractor's personnel, equipment, and operating supplies to the site. Demobilization includes all activities and costs for transportation of personnel, equipment, and supplies not required or included in the contract from the site. Prior to demobilization, all rehabilitation of temporary access routes and bridge installations will be approved by designated Kootenai National Forest staff.

MATERIALS (BID ITEMS 3B, 3C, 3D, and 3E)

Bid Items 3B and 3C consist of furnishing and delivery of large angular and round rock (boulders) to material Staging Areas 2, 3, and 4 in the quantities listed below:

- Materials Staging Area 2 – 25 CY angular rock
- Materials Staging Area 3 – 50 CY round rock (boulders)
- Material Staging Area 4 – 25 CY angular rock and 50 CY (boulders)

The USFS has previously cached 340 CY large angular rock, 230 CY round rock (boulders), and 150 CY cobble at Materials Staging Area 0. Bid Items 3D and 3E consist of sorting, loading and delivery of cobble, large angular, and large round rock from Materials Staging Area 0 to Materials Staging Areas 1 and 2 in the quantities listed below:

- Materials Staging Area 1 – 25 CY angular rock, 25 CY round rock (boulders), and 50 CY cobble
- Materials Staging Area 2 – 25 CY angular rock, 50 CY round rock (boulders), and 50 CY cobble

The USFS has also previously cached an unknown quantity of cobble and other rock at Materials Staging Areas 1 and 4, which is expected to be utilized in this project. Further transport throughout the project reach will be covered under hourly fully operated equipment rental. To extent possible, rock will match the color of native alluvium, with maximum 50% consisting of aberrant colored rock.

HOURLY EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS (BID ITEMS 4A THRU 4E)

Floodplain construction and stream restoration will be paid for on an hourly basis. Activities include regrading (see design for cut and fill), installing clearwater bypass channels (four USFS owned 36" CMPs are available as-needed for crossings; they are currently cached at Materials Staging Area 0), constructing in-streams structures, stream banks and floodplain with woody debris and plant materials as directed. This project requires furnishing equipment on a fully-operated basis, in good mechanical and operating condition. It shall be operated by competent operators experienced in performing stream and floodplain restoration type of work required by this contract. **Note: The LCFWG reserves the right to reject any operator that is not qualified or is not performing work to reasonable standards or achieving adequate production rates.**

This work will be measured by the hour and payment will be made on the actual number of hours worked. An hour consists of 60 minutes of actual operation of equipment on authorized work. Moving of equipment under its own power, when so ordered (except mobilization to the project), will constitute authorized work. Nonproductive time such as, but not restricted to, lack of operating supplies or qualify operator, service time, time lost by reason of breakdown or being stuck, or loading time of specified accessories shall not constitute "actual operation".

Notwithstanding the intent and requirement of the contract to provide an experienced operator for each ordered piece of equipment, unless otherwise mutually agreed, if the Contractor furnished two pieces of equipment and one operator, only one item will be paid for at the regular rate, with no standby for the second piece of equipment while unoperated.

To complete this work efficiently, and with minimal disturbance, we request the following equipment or comparable:

1. Two (2) fully operated excavators with thumb and minimum 3/4 CY Bucket Capacity (BID ITEM 4A)
 - a. Track driven.
 - b. Minimum vehicle weight: 45,000 lbs
 - c. Minimum bucket size: ¾ cubic yard.
 - d. Power shift or power shuttle.
 - e. Minimum reach, ground level: 25 feet.
 - f. Rollover protection structure (ROPS).
 - g. All excavators shall be equipped with fire prevention and suppression equipment in accordance with Kootenai National Forest guidelines.
 - h. Maximum age: 20 calendar years (year of manufacture no earlier than 2001).
 - i. Screening or guards to protect the operator and the cab from falling material or cab punctures resulting from operation of the machine.
 - j. Equipped with a reinforced belly pan and guards to protect hydraulic hoses, engine, radiator, etc. from being damaged by rocks, stumps, and trees. Machine should also have rock guards to prevent throwing of the tracks.
 - k. Seat Belts properly installed, useable and in good condition.
2. One (1) fully operated 10-12 CY (removed 4x4 requirement) dumptruck (BID ITEM 4B)
 - a. Minimum capacity of 10 cubic yards.
 - b. On and off-road capability.
3. One (1) fully operated rubber tire skidder (BID ITEM 4C)
 - a. Rubber tire grapple
 - b. Size equivalent to a 640 John Deere or 518 CAT
4. One (1) fully operated 3-5 CY front end loader (BID ITEM 4D)
 - a. Capacity of 3-5 CY
 - b. Minimum flywheel horsepower: 150
 - c. Wheeled loader with front bucket
5. One (1) fully operated D5 dozer (BID ITEM 4E)
 - a. D5 or comparable size machine with power angle blade tilt
 - b. Minimum flywheel horsepower: 150

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The contractor is required to have a spill plan. The plan will contain a description of the specific hazardous materials, procedures, and spill containment that will be used, including inventory, storage, and handling.

All vehicles carrying fuel will have specific equipment and materials needed to contain or clean up any incidental spills at the project site.

All pumps and generators used near streams will have appropriate spill containment structures and/or absorbent pads in place during use.

When storage facilities for oil or oil products are on site, appropriate preventive measures shall be taken to ensure that any spill of such oil or oil products does not enter any stream or any other body of water. If a spill of petroleum product should occur in water, immediately notify the LCFWG's representative(s) and appropriate state agencies.

Service and refueling of all equipment only allowed in the areas approved by the LCFWG's representative(s). If the total oil or oil products storage exceeds 1320 gallons or if any single container exceeds a capacity of 660 gallons, prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. Meet all applicable EPA requirements (40 CFR 112) including certification by a registered professional engineer.

The Contractor is solely responsible for all spills or leaks that occur during the performance of this contract. The contractor must clean up spills or leaks in a manner that complies with Federal, state, and local laws and regulations and to the satisfaction of the LCFWG's representative(s). When necessary provide copies of all spill related clean up and closure documentation and correspondence from regulatory agencies.

Equipment Fuel/Oil Leakage

All equipment used for instream work will be cleaned of external oil, grease, dirt and mud; and leaks repaired; prior to arriving at the project site. All equipment will be inspected by the LCFWG's representative(s) before unloading at site. Any leaks or accumulations of grease will be corrected before entering streams or areas that drain directly to streams or wetlands.

Equipment used for in-stream or riparian work (including chainsaws and other hand power tools) will be fueled and serviced in an area approved by the LCFWG's representative(s). When not in use, vehicles will be stored in the designated staging area. The staging area should be in an area that will not deliver fuel, oil, etc. to streams.

Contractor is required to have a Spill Kit or equivalent that contains oil-absorbing floating booms, and other equipment such as pads and absorbent "peanuts" appropriate for the size of the stream, available on-site during all phases of construction. For small streams with few pools or slack water, booms may not be effective. Use pads and straw bales to anchor booms if necessary. Booms will be placed in a location that facilitates an immediate response to potential petroleum leakage.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

In order to prevent the potential spread of noxious weeds into work areas, Contractor shall be required to use weed-free equipment.

The following is considered proof of weed-free equipment:

The Contractor will be required to clean all construction equipment prior to entry on to national forest land. This cleaning shall remove all dirt and plant parts and material that could carry noxious weed seeds into the work area. Only clean construction equipment inspected by the Forest Service will be allowed to operate within the work area. All subsequent move-ins of construction equipment shall be treated in the same manner as initial move-in. "Construction equipment" does not include pickup trucks and personal vehicles.

LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION

The Contractor shall confine operations to within the clearing limits or other areas designated in contract documents, and prevent the depositing of rocks, excavated materials, stumps, or other debris outside of these limits. Material, which falls outside of these limits, shall be retrieved, disposed of, or incorporated in the work as directed by the LCFWG's representative(s).

Operation shall be scheduled and conducted to minimize erosion of soils and to prevent silting and muddying of streams, rivers, irrigation systems, and impoundments (lakes, reservoirs, etc.).

Pollutants such as fuels, lubricants, bitumens, raw sewage, and other harmful materials shall not be discharged into or near rivers, streams, and impoundments or into natural or manmade channels leading thereto. Wash water or waste water from concrete or aggregate operations shall not be allowed to enter live streams prior to treatment by filtration, settling, or other means sufficient to reduce the sediment content to not more than that of the stream into which it is discharged.

HOOT OWL RESTRICTIONS

The contractor will be responsible for complying with any fire restrictions placed on work, as described below. The contractor may not invoice for additional costs incurred because of these restrictions.

During Stage II Restrictions, the following acts are prohibited:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.: (a) operating any internal combustion engine; (b) welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame; and (c) using an explosive.

A one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following the cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

SECTION 4: OFFEROR QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

LCFWG'S RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE AND REJECT

LCFWG may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to provide the supplies and/or perform the services specified. LCFWG reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the offeror fails to satisfy LCFWG that the offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract. *This includes LCFWG 's ability to reject the proposal based on negative references, including poor efficiency or experience with operator skills or in previous project performance. Qualified operators listed for specific equipment operations will be expected to perform as such.*

BIDS AND SECURITIES

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders.

OFFEROR QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In order for LCFWG to determine the capabilities of an offeror to provide the supplies and/or perform the services specified in Section 3 above, the offeror must respond to the following requests for information regarding its ability to meet LCFWG 's requirements. **THE RESPONSE, “[OFFEROR'S NAME] UNDERSTANDS AND WILL COMPLY,” IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS SECTION.**

NOTE: Each item must be thoroughly addressed. Offerors taking exception to any requirements listed in this section may be found nonresponsive or be subject to point deductions.

Experience/Project Examples. Offeror should provide a complete description of any relevant past projects, including project name, location, and work performed. Providing photographs of proven work effectiveness is highly encouraged if possible. *Preference will be given to contractors with stream, floodplain or wetland restoration experience.*

References. Offeror shall provide a minimum of **(3)** references that are using supplies and/or services similar to those proposed in this RFP. At a minimum, the offeror shall provide the customer's name, the location where the services were provided, contact person(s), telephone number, e-mail address, and a description of the project type, and dates the services were provided. These references may be contacted to verify offeror's ability to perform the contract. LCFWG reserves the right to use any information or additional references deemed necessary to establish the ability of the offeror to perform the conditions of the contract. Negative references may be grounds for proposal disqualification.

Resumes/Company Profile. Offeror shall specify how long the individual/company submitting the proposal has been in the business of providing supplies and/or services similar to those requested in this RFP and under what company name. A resume or summary of qualifications, work experience, education, skills, etc., which emphasizes previous experience in this area should be provided for all key personnel who will be involved with any aspects of the contract.

Method of Providing Services. Offeror must specify the make, model, and year of equipment proposed for project implementation. Also, offeror must specify the name and experience of all equipment operators for stream channel construction work.

Schedule. Offeror must specify dates available to accomplish project. All work must be completed between July 15 and Sept 1, 2020 with preference for project completion prior to August 15th.

OPTIONAL: If offeror is also submitting responses to additional LCFWG-sponsored or affiliated RFPs, it is highly recommended that offeror outline capability of completing all projects during the required time period, proposed coordinated schedule, and any cost savings that may be realized if multiple contract awards are made (e.g. reduced mobilization costs for multiple contracts awarded in the same drainage utilizing the same equipment). LCFWG will consider multiple Cost Proposals for different circumstances, if provided.

SECTION 5: COST PROPOSAL

QUANTITIES:

The number of hours and quantities are estimates only and will be the basis for evaluation of bids. Bid includes equipment, fuel and operator time. Final quantities for specific line items will be established during development of a contract and scope of work with the offeror selected for the project. The LCFWG reserves the right to adjust the quantities below with no adjustment of the unit price.

| TIMELINE | BID ITEM | IDESCRIPTION | PAY UNIT | EST. QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | COST |
|------------------|----------|--|------------|---------------|------------|------|
| Prior to July 6 | 1A | Initial blading of Vermilion River Road (NFSR 154) from junction with Blue Slide Road up to mile marker 9. | Mile | 9 | \$ | \$ |
| | 1B | Rootball (60 ft long, 18-24" diameter sound log with 6-10' diameter attached rootball) production and delivery including required piling and production area rehabilitation | Piece | 400 | \$ | |
| July 6 – July 15 | 2A | Temporary access bridge installation at two locations, one 15 ft span and one 40 ft span | Each | 2 | \$ | \$ |
| July 6 – July 15 | 3A | Mobilization of all equipment necessary to complete hourly work | Lump | 1 | \$ | \$ |
| | 3B | 3 x 4' large angular rock (delivered to Materials Staging Areas 2 and 4) | Cubic Yard | 50 | \$ | \$ |
| | 3C | 3 x 4' round rock (delivered to Materials Staging Areas 3 and 4) | Cubic Yard | 100 | \$ | \$ |
| | 3D | Materials transport from Materials Staging Area 0 (sorted, loaded, and delivered to Materials Staging Area 1) | Cubic Yard | 100 | \$ | \$ |
| | 3E | Materials transport from Materials Staging Area 0 (sorted, loaded, and delivered to Materials Staging Area 2) | Cubic Yard | 125 | \$ | \$ |

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|------------------------|----|--|------|-----|----|-----------|
| July 15 – August 31 | 4A | Equipment rental: 2 fully operated excavators w/thumb and minimum 3/4 CY bucket | Hour | 550 | \$ | \$ |
| | 4B | Equipment rental: Fully operated 10-12 CY dumptruck | Hour | 80 | \$ | \$ |
| | 4C | Equipment rental: Fully operated rubber tire skidder | Hour | 80 | \$ | \$ |
| | 4D | Equipment rental: Fully operated 3-5 CY front end loader | Hour | 150 | \$ | \$ |
| | 4E | Equipment rental: Fully operated D5 dozer | Hour | 80 | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | | | |
| | 5A | Temporary access bridge removal | Each | 2 | \$ | \$ |
| | 5B | Demobilization | Lump | 1 | \$ | \$ |
| | 5C | Final blading of Vermilion River Road (NFSR 154) from junction with Blue Slide Road up to mile marker 9 | Mile | 9 | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$ |

Additional bid items, pending hoot owl restrictions and weather conditions, budget considerations, and direction of the USFS:

| BID ITEM | DESCRIPTION | PAY UNIT | EST. QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE |
|----------|---|----------|---------------|------------|
| 6A | Equipment Rental: Water Truck May be required if granted an exemption from hoot owl / Stage II fire restrictions (if in place). | Day | TBD | \$ |
| 6B | Equipment rental: Fully operated D6 dozer | Hour | TBD | \$ |
| 6C | Equipment rental: Fully operated D7 dozer | Hour | TBD | \$ |
| 6D | Equipment rental: <i>Other contractor recommended equipment available on a fully operated, hourly basis</i> | Hour | TBD | \$ |

RFP RESPONSE FORM

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

1. Offeror must provide a signed copy of the RFP Cover Sheet.
2. Company Profile/Resumes (please attach)
- 3.
4. References (minimum three – please provide name, email, phone, and description of work completed)

5. Experience/Project Examples (minimum five, demonstrating qualifications for completing a job of this scope and scale – provide job title, description, date completed, identify operators involved, and reference if available)

6. Method of Providing Services

- **Equipment to be used:**

- **Operators (provide names, years experience, and anticipated contributions to project – include any anticipated subcontractors):**

