



Fire Mitigation Bid Request

Hazard Fuel Reduction for Heatherlands & Starweather Project

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Introduction

The Board of Blaine County Commissioners (Board) seeks sealed Fire Mitigation Bids (Bids) from qualified bidders for hazard fuel reduction of the Heatherlands & Starweather areas.

In accordance with Idaho Code, Title 67-2805 (2) (a), this Fire Mitigation Bid Request (Bid Request) is for the purchase of hazard fuel reduction services and shall be made pursuant to a competitive sealed bid process with the purchase to be made from the qualified contractor submitting the lowest bid price while also complying with bidding procedures and meeting the Scope of Work and Prequalifications noted below.

Scope of Work

The Project is identified as 115 acres of private lands within Starweather for removal of down, dead or diseased vegetative material and 47 acres (27 acres within the Heatherlands and 20 acres within Starweather) for green fuel breaks. (Map of project location is included).

Bids must include pricing for the following hazard fuel reduction treatments:

Starweather - 115 acres:

- Removal of down, dead or diseased vegetative material (with an emphasis on cottonwoods) to be done by masticating.

Heatherlands – 27 acres:

- Create green fuel fuels by mowing or mastication.
- Apply herbicide where appropriate for vegetative control to reduce competition after mowing.
- Seed fuel break with fire resistive vegetation through broadcast or planting. The seed mixture will be purchased and coordinated by the County via the Project Manager.

Starweather – 20 acres:

- Create green fuel fuels by mowing or mastication.
- Apply herbicide where appropriate for vegetative control to reduce competition after mowing.
- Seed fuel break with fire resistive vegetation through broadcast or planting. The seed mixture will be purchased and coordinated by the County via the Project Manager.

All areas:

- Handle all slash abatement, which consists of material larger than 2 inches (no fresh pine slash should be created during the months of December through June).

Prequalifications

- Possess current Idaho public works license.
- Have in place all other applicable federal and state required licenses for the work to be performed.
- Have in place insurance coverage in the minimum amounts specified below:
 - Automobile liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000;
 - Commercial general liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000;
 - Workers' compensation insurance as required by Idaho statutes.
- Ability and willingness to:
 - Comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws;
 - Enter into a contract with the County regarding the work to be performed;
 - Secure a performance bond with a penal sum equal to 100% of the

- bid amount;
- o Mandatory inspection of the subject property prior to submission of the Bid;
- o Adhere to the various administrative requirements of the County;
- o Require all subcontractors to comply with the requirements of this Bid Request.

Bids

Interested firms must submit six (6) sealed original Bids to the Blaine County Clerk's Office located at 206 1st Avenue South, Suite 200 Hailey, ID 83333 until 4:00pm MST on November 26, 2018.

Bids shall include the following:

- Company Legal Name
- Contact Name
- Title
- Mailing Address
- County/State/Zip
- Phone
- Email
- Signature by owner/principal
- Idaho Contractor License Number
- Project Cost (including all fees and other costs) for all work identified in the Scope of Work.
- Bid security in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the amount bid. The bid security to be in one (1) of the following forms:
 - o Cash;
 - o Cashier's check made payable to the County;
 - o Certified check made payable to the County; or
 - o Bidder's bond executed by a qualified surety company, made payable to the County.

Evaluation Process

The Board will only consider the amount bid, bidder compliance with administrative requirements of the bidding process, and whether the bidder holds the requisite license, and shall award the bid to the qualified bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid.

Selection Process

Any bid received by the County may not be withdrawn after the date and time set in the notice for opening of bids. When sealed bids have been received, they shall be opened in public at a designated place and time, thereafter to be compiled and submitted to the Board for award.

If the successful bidder fails to execute the contract, the amount of his bidder's security may be forfeited to the County at the sole discretion of the County and the proceeds shall be deposited in a designated fund out of which the expenses of procuring substitute performance are paid.

The County may, on the refusal or failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract, award the contract to the qualified bidder submitting the next lowest responsive bid. If the Board awards the contract to the next lowest qualified bidder, the amount of the lowest qualified bidder's security may be applied by the County to the difference between the lowest responsive bid and the next lowest responsive bid, and the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the lowest bidder if cash or check is used, or to the surety on the bidder's bond if a bond is

used, less reasonable administrative costs not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the bidder's security to the owner.

In its discretion, the Board may reject all bids presented and re-bid, or the Board may, after finding it to be a fact, pass a resolution declaring that the project sought to be accomplished by the expenditure can be performed more economically by purchasing goods and services on the open market. If identical bids are received, the Board may choose the bidder it prefers. If no bids are received, the Board may procure the goods or services without further competitive bidding procedures.

If the Board chooses to award a competitively bid contract involving the procurement of public works construction to a bidder other than the apparent low bidder, the Board shall declare its reason or reasons on the record and shall communicate such reason or reasons in writing to all persons who have submitted a competing bid.

All firms who submit proposals will be notified of the selection results. Final approval of any selected firm is subject to the action of the Board to award a contract.

Questions

Questions regarding this Bid Request shall be submitted in writing by e-mail to Blaine County Administrative Services at epalomera@co.blaine.id.us. Verbal questions will NOT be accepted. Questions will be answered by posting both the questions and answers to the Blaine County website. To access to Blaine County's website, go to www.blainecounty.org. Click on "Request for Proposals" under the "Our County" tab to view information related to this Bid. Blaine County does not guarantee that questions received after November 20, 2018 will be answered.

Timeframe

The timeframe for this Bid Request is as follows:

October 31, 2018 –	First published notice
November 7, 2018 –	Second published notice
November 13, 2018 –	Mandatory site visit for all interested parties (10:00am-1:00pm at Starweather Bridge)
November 20, 2018 –	Last date to submit questions to the County
November 26, 2018 –	Last date to submit Bids
November 27, 2018 –	Bid submissions opened by Board of the County Commissioners
December 4, 2018–	Bid awarded

Contact Information

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Confidentiality

All information included in this Bid Request is subject to disclosure according to the Idaho

Public Records Law contained in Idaho Code §§ 9-337 through 9-350. If you provide trade secrets, production records, appraisals, Bids, or proprietary information please mark clearly that confidential business information.

Disclaimer

The County has not made a commitment to procure any of the work noted above, and release of this Bid Request should not be construed as such a commitment or as authorization to incur costs for which reimbursement would be required or sought. All Bid submissions become County property and will not be returned.

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