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**REGARDING: IDL RFP 21-305 IDAHO SHARED STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM NORTH PRIORITY LANDSCAPE-
ADDENDUM 1**

This ADDENDUM 1 is sent as clarification only to the original solicitation sent March 9, 2021.

Question 1 – How does this contract for the North Priority differ from the contract for the South Priority?

Answer: South is more consolidated but spread out.

Southern cadre has 1 IDL Private Forestry Specialist, 1 GNA-Shared Stewardship Forester and 1 county sub-grantee or "Cooperator."

Northern cadre has 2 IDL Private Forestry Specialists, 1 GNA-Shared Stewardship Forester and 2 county Cooperators.

South Priority Landscape works in collaboration with two National Forests: Boise & Payette

North Priority Landscape works in collaboration with one National Forest: Idaho Panhandle

Question 2 – How much work/how many hours is planned?

Answer: Average of 20 hours/week. During field season, the hours could be higher, during winter, the hours could be lower.

This is a one-year contract with the option to renew for four additional 1-year periods.

Question 3 – The RFP document states the agreement can be extended or amended at the discretion of IDL. If the contractor feels changes need to be made, is there some flexibility if both parties agree?

Answer: Yes.

Question 4 – As far as the SOW goes, what do you anticipate this position writing management plans?

Answer: The central focus of this position will be helping the IDL Private Forestry Specialists and the other members of the landowner-assistance cadre, with an ultimate target of getting the fuels treatment work done on private forestlands adjacent to the Forest Service land. Our goal is treating contiguous forested acres across the National Forest boundary as much as possible. That's fuels treatment, non-commercial thinning, chipping, piling, burning, masticating. That is the core focus.

Question 5 – The NRCS process is pretty slow. Have you discussed with them a way to fast track doing their little folder plans rather than full blown management plans?

Answer: No, not specifically. There was talk about emergency EQIP funding that could fast-track some monies, but they've got a new way of allocating the monies down through the local working groups now. We don't have a forestry-designated pot of resource money in the EQIP pool for Idaho like we use to. The State Forester, Chris Town, has shared in a couple of meetings that they are working on an expedited version of the forest plan that meets the intent of a broader application, so they are actively working on it. There's definitely a heavy lean on simplifying that process for the landowners.

Question 6 – Do you anticipate this position writing management plans?

Answer: Only if there is some unexpected outcry from people that want either a Tree Farm plan or a Forest Stewardship plan. Only what they need for the Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) when they're an EQIP customer. Other than that, no. Writing management plans will not be a huge part of what this position will be doing.

Question 7 – How do you envision navigating any possible conflict of interest issues?

Answer: If all the work is reported to IDL under this contract and it's all done as a contracted extension of our Private Forestry Specialists, I don't see a conflict. I don't see a conflict of interest as long as the person under contract acts just like Karen (Robinson) or Diane (Partridge) when they're interacting with landowners. You can't double bill NRCS for TSP hours worked that you're also billing IDL.

Question 8 – Section 3.8.1 of the RFP states IDL and Contractor will negotiate hourly rates for the utilized personnel lower than the MFBHRs provided in the Cost Schedule, is this correct?

Answer: Yes, although MFBHRs are the standard by which all Offerors will be fairly and comparatively scored during the evaluation process, the awarded Contractor will work with IDL to assess and establish a fair mix of costs and profit for resulting work.

Question 9 – Will this position be involved in developing task orders?

Answer: Yes, there will be collaboration in developing the task orders. Task Order preparation is explained in Section 4 – TASK ORDER AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.

Question 10 – Will the contractor be compensated for their time involved in developing task orders?

Answer: Yes.

Question 11 – Is the contractor the lead responsible for developing the draft on task orders?

Answer: No. The entire burden of developing task orders will not be on the contractor. They will be developed by the team (or "cadre" as referenced above).

Question 12 – What qualifications are you looking for in the technical staff? What minimum requirements? What are your expectations?

Answer: Experience is the most important thing. There are no minimum education requirements—but education related to forestry and silviculture will be evident in the responses to the minimum-qualification questions.

Question 13 – Anything in mind as to what you would anticipate the support staff doing?

Answer: Administrative tasks. Non-technical tasks.

Question 14 – How will services be requested?

Answer: Via Task Orders.

The Schedule of Events has been changed as follows:

Proposal due Date has been extended to April 21, 2021 by 1:00 PM MT

Public Proposal Opening has been changed to April 21, 2021 at 1:10 PM MT

This solicitation closes: April 21, 2021 @ 1:00 PM MT