

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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Waterfowl Survey Contract

The Commission is requested to approve the contract with P&N Corporation to provide the helicopter and pilot to fly the statewide Canada goose survey and the north Iowa waterfowl survey. The surveys will be conducted from April 1 to May 31, 2009.

These surveys are used to set waterfowl seasons and are used to monitor waterfowl populations and distributions. The Canada goose survey requires 6 to 7 days flying 10-11 hours per day to complete. It is flown between April 1 and 25. The northern Iowa waterfowl survey is flown twice during May and each count requires two days at 10-11 hours per day. The bids were for a single hourly rate for both surveys and include the costs for helicopter and pilot. The hourly rate includes any additional costs that may be incurred while conducting the survey (i.e. over-night helicopter storage, pilot travel expenses). The total contract shall not exceed \$45,625. Funding for the survey comes 25% from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund and 75% from Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration

The following bids were received:

P&N Corporation, Marion, IA bid \$365/hour

Johnson Helicopter Inc, Exira, IA bid \$600/hour

Pathfinder Helicopter, Salt Lake City, UT bid \$960/hour

No bids were received from Targeted Small Businesses.

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Conservation and Recreation Division

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