

INFORMAL COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION

Forest Stand Improvement at Lake Macbride State Park, Johnson County

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting competitive bids from qualified Service Providers to conduct forest stand improvement at Lake Macbride State Park Section 28, 29, 32, T81N, R6W, Johnson County.

Description of Work and Scope of Services: The contractor shall conduct a weed tree removal- forest stand improvement project at Lake Macbride State Park. The project includes a total of 4 stands covering approximately 32.5 acres of timber stand improvement. The contractor will remove and chemically treat listed understory and mid-story trees in each stand.

Task 1: Contractor shall remove and drop to the ground all (1 to 8 inches in diameter at breast height): basswood, black cherry, elm, hackberry, honeylocust, white mulberry, boxelder, ash, ironwood, bitternut hickory, and sugar maple trees. If a tree is too large to drop safely it can be killed standing by cutting flaps or a single girdle with a chainsaw all the way around the trunk and treating these wounds with a herbicide labeled for such use. If a tree is adjacent to a trail or use area it must be removed to avoid creating a hazardous situation. Tree species such as all white mulberry, honeylocust, boxelder, and low quality elm, basswood, black cherry, and sugar maple greater than 8 inches will also be killed standing. If a tree species is not on this list it will be left alive in the stand. All stumps of removed trees must be cut flat and level to the ground, and be treated with a herbicide labeled for this use to prevent re-sprouting. **Chemicals used in performing these practices must be applied according to authorized use, label direction, and other federal or state policies and requirements. Service Providers bidding on this project must hold an Iowa Commercial Pesticide Applicators License issued by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Pesticide Bureau.** All trees must be lying on the ground and none can be left leaning on adjacent trees. All trails must be kept free of downed trees. Work can only be completed between November 1 and March 1. A short extension may be granted by the DNR depending on forecasted weather conditions at the March deadline. Boundary lines of the project stands not immediately adjacent to a trail, water, fence, or road were marked using yellow paint on boundary trees.

Proposed Project Schedule:

Task shall be completed by March 1, 2015.

Submission of Proposals: Proposals shall include a cost proposal and sufficient information regarding the Service Provider's ability to perform the services sought to enable the DNR to make a judgment about the Service Provider's ability to perform the work identified in the Scope of Services. Bids shall include the following pricing information:

Cost per acre to complete Task 1. Such cost shall include all expenses to be incurred by the contractor in performing this work.

Service Providers interested in providing these services shall submit proposals to DNR at the following address:

Mark Vitosh, District Forester
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
3109 Old Highway 218 South
Iowa City, IA 52246
319/351-8886
Email: mark.vitosh@dnr.iowa.gov

Proposals shall be submitted and received at DNR's office no later than 1:00 pm (local time) on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned to the Service Provider. The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Service Provider.

From the date of issuance of this Informal Competitive Solicitation until announcement of the successful Service Provider, Service Providers shall not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this project other than the identified contact person. Service Providers may submit written questions relating to the interpretation of this Informal Competitive Solicitation and the procurement process to Mark Vitosh at the above address by Monday, January 27, 2014. Written responses to any questions received will be provided to all potential Service Providers via the DNR's website. If a Service Provider or someone acting on a Service Provider's behalf attempts to discuss this proposal orally or in writing with any members of the DNR evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa other than the above-named DNR official, then the Service Provider may be disqualified.

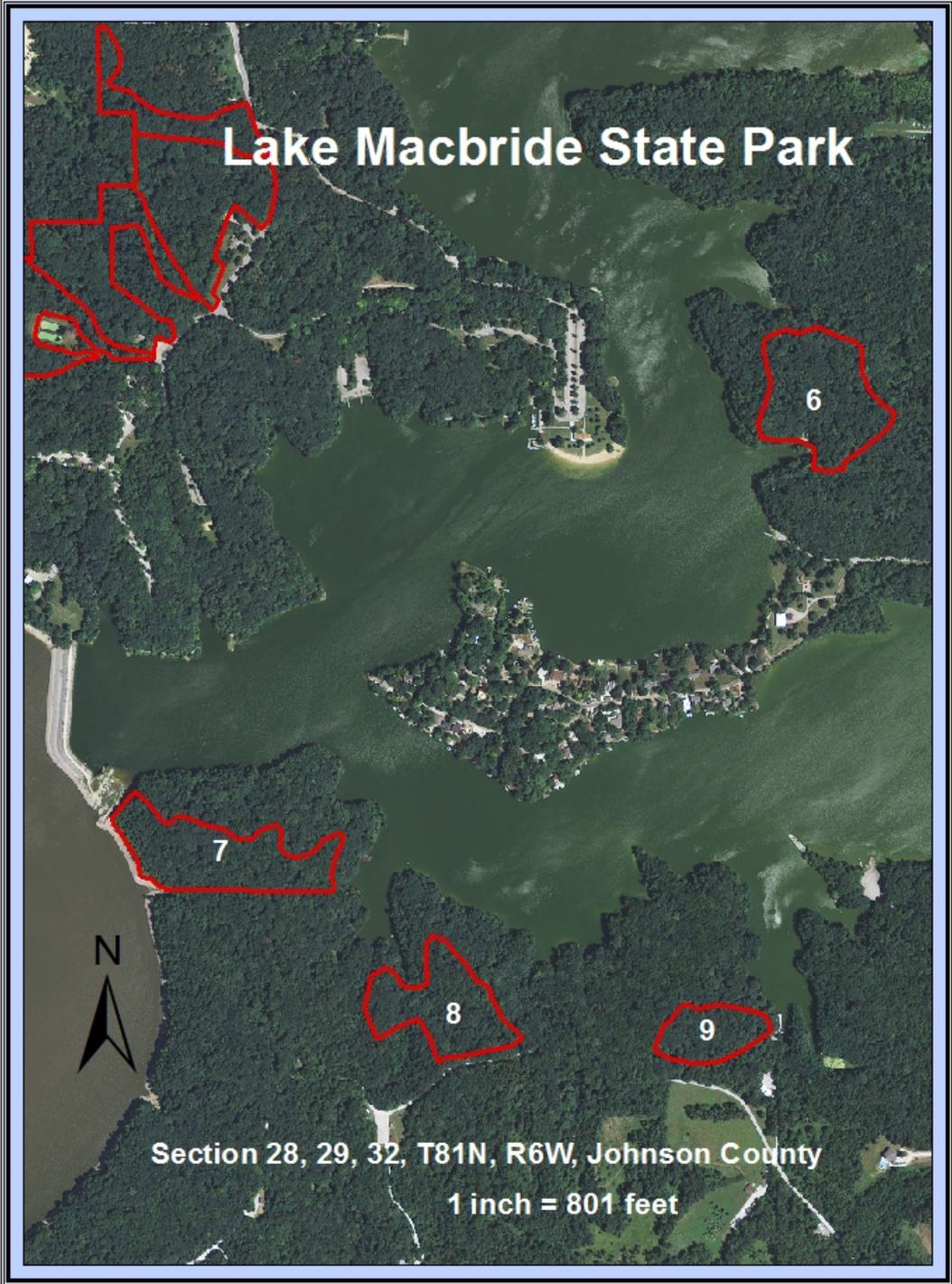
Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions:

By submitting a proposal, each potential Service Provider acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and conditions of a contract set out on the DNR's website at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RFPBidLettings.aspx>. If a potential Service Provider takes exception to a provision, it shall state the reason for the exception and set forth in its proposal the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Exceptions that materially change these terms or the requirements of this informal bidding process may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR, as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of the Service Provider's proposal. With regard to the "Special Conditions," DNR and the successful bidder may agree to modifications to the terms of the "Special Conditions" as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract. A potential Service Provider's failure to state an exception to any provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute Service Provider's acceptance thereof. The State reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the

successful bidder for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

Miscellaneous Information: The DNR reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, to abandon the need for such services, and to cancel this Informal Competitive Solicitation at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Service Provider shall be treated as a public record by the DNR unless the Service Provider properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.



COST PROPOSAL

The Cost Proposal shall be expressed as a unit cost expressed in U.S. Dollars per acre (including all travel, expenses, etc.) to provide the requested services. All pricing to be based on Net 60 Days Payment Terms.

Amount bid for Weed Tree Removal work at Lake Macbride State Park:

\$ _____ per acre

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Name of Vendor Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____