

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,
FORESTRY DIVISION
FOR LAND TRUSTS ENTITIES OR OTHER LAND CONSERVATION
ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE FOREST
LEGACY PROGRAM AND PERFORM DUE DILIGENCE TASKS FOR THOSE
PROJECTS**

The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division (Division) is seeking proposals from land trust entities or other land conservation organizations that operate in New Mexico who meet the required qualifications and will be dedicated to submitting project proposals to the Forest Legacy Program.

The successful Offeror(s) shall be able to identify potential land conservation projects in New Mexico that meet the requirements of the Forest Legacy Program and work with the landowner of such properties. They shall be able to work with the landowner(s) to complete the Forest Legacy Program application form that is required to submit proposed projects.

The successful Offeror(s) shall also be able to complete the due diligence requirements for submitted project proposals on a task order basis.

This RFP is directed to entities that meet the criteria below. An eligible offeror:

- is a land trust organization or other land conservation organization that operates in the State of New Mexico;
- has necessary experience and knowledge to identify and submit potential projects for either fee simple purchase or conservation easements that meet the requirements of the Forest Legacy Program;
- has knowledge of doing or procuring due diligence services such as market valuations, mineral title opinions or mineral remoteness determinations, title commitment work; environmental assessments, baseline documentation reports, stewardship plans, and appraisals; and
- has experience working with landowners in New Mexico including individuals, corporations, and tribal governments.

Potential offerors may view the RFP and submit proposals using the Division's Submittable webpage: <https://emnrd-sfd.submittable.com/submit>.

Questions regarding this RFP may be sent to:

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Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m. MDT, December 8, 2023. EMNRD will deem such proposals sealed in accordance with state statute. EMNRD shall not accept proposals received after this date and shall make absolutely no exceptions for proposals not received by the appointed time.

This public notice is given pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-113. The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through – 199 imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.