

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,
FORESTRY DIVISION
FOR PRIVATE LAND HAZARDOUS TREE MITIGATION**

RFP QUESTIONS

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Section II. D. Cost Proposal size categories for items 3, 4, and 5 for individual hazardous trees overlap.

Use the following size categories for individual hazardous trees:

- a. Less than 12" diameter at breast height (DBH)
- b. 12" to less than 18" DBH
- c. 18" or greater DBH

Given that Mora County does not have readily available GIS and online County assessment information, would the EMNRD be open to reimbursing costs associated with acquiring plat maps and other location data required for assessments?

Any costs associated with drafting landowner assessments and practice plans should be considered in D.1. However, per III.F, offerors shall submit **"a comprehensive list of their estimated costs as well as their estimates for all items from the cost proposal items listed in Section II.D."**

On page 4 as a NOTE to the Section D. Cost Proposal, the NM EMNRD stipulates "The Forestry Division indicates it will not reimburse for costs of removal of trees or tree residue from Project sites." Will Forestry Division include a provision in the Landowner Access Agreements stipulating that "Tree and/or tree residue will be left on site for landowner use, recycling, or disposition. Hazardous trees shall be cut, topped, limbed, bucked, and either chipped and broadcast back onto disturbed areas or decked on site at property owner's discretion, which will be detailed in each practice plan. Contractor shall bare no responsibility for the removal of trees or tree residue from Project sites." as a condition of program participation?

Per the scope of work, Successful Offeror(s) will be responsible for entering into landowner access agreements with landowners.

It is impossible to know in advance of surveys what quantity of work will be performed. Given the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) nature of the scope, can Offeror submit unit pricing for the 5 items as prescribed in Section II.D.?

Section II.D. is already requesting unit pricing.

A fire-damaged tree may not meet the eligibility criteria but will still die in the next 5 years presenting the same hazard to public or private infrastructure as a tree meeting eligibility. Will the Forestry Division consider including these fire-damaged trees designated as "mortality within 5 years as determined by certified Arborist, RPF or individual with a TRAQ"

The Division will consider all hazard trees identified by Successful Offeror(s) in draft practice plans for potential removal.

Section D.2 states: Treatment of 60+% mortality areas of hazard trees, including treatment of slash (per acre). Does the “60% mortality” represent the percentage of trees (as a count) relative to all trees (as a count) in that certain area that are dead/dying?

Yes.

Are the cost proposal line items 2-5 inclusive of tree “cut, topped, limbed, bucked, and either chipped and broadcast back onto disturbed areas or decked on site at property owner’s discretion” AND encroachment/traffic control permits, traffic control crews, etc.?

Per III.F, “Offeror(s) shall provide a **comprehensive list of their estimated costs as well as their estimates for all items from the cost proposal items listed in Section II.D.**”

Will the NM EMNRD consider proposals from Joint Venture (JV)?

Yes.

If submitting as JV, will the NM EMNRD accept evidence of Organizational Experience of the JV members as that of the JV itself (reference Section III. Item B on page 5)?

Yes.

If submitting as JV, will NM EMNRD accept evidence of proposed Staffing of the JV members as that of the JV itself (reference Section III. Item C on page 5)?

Yes.

If submitting as JV, will NM EMNRD accept the SAM registration UEI of the JV members as that of the JV itself until selection/award?

Yes.