

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOREST AND WATERSHED PARTNERS PROGRAM ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, FORESTRY DIVISION

As the state forestry agency for the State of New Mexico, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Forestry Division (Division) administers several federal funding sources for which federal policy states non-governmental 501(c)(3) organizations (NGOs) are eligible applicants. The Division also manages various state funding sources for which NGOs and the state would benefit from greater NGO access.

However, for the Division to enter an agreement with an NGO that facilitates access to such funding opportunities, the NGO must first be competitively procured in compliance with state procurement laws. This competitive procurement pursuant to state law is in addition to and does not supplant, modify, or satisfy the requirements of any individual state or federal program or funding source. Therefore, EMNRD is seeking NGOs interested in participating in the Forest and Watershed Partners Program (FWPP). In the event of a state or national health emergency, successful Offerors shall follow all state and local guidelines for as long as those guidelines are in effect as they apply to the work of this procurement.

The Division may award multiple contracts as a result of this Request for Proposals (RFP).

Applicable federally-funded programs that the Division administers and to which this RFP is related include:

- Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)
- Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG)
- Hazardous Fuels Treatments for Non-Federal Lands (NFL)
- State Fire Assistance programs, including Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) grants, and Community Wildfire Protection Plan updates
- Other federal programs and grants managed by the Division, including:
 - Cooperative Forest Health
 - Urban and Community Forestry
 - Invasive Plants

If a successful Offeror's proposal for a specific program and project is selected by a federal agency pursuant to a funding opportunity administered by the federal agency or solicited by the Division pursuant to RFPs or other requests the Division will assign the work under Task Orders. Therefore, the Division cannot and does not predict or guarantee the number or frequency of Task Order assignments that successful Offeror(s) may be asked to complete. Funding for individual Task Orders is dependent on the Division and successful Offeror(s) securing federal funding or state funding to support the Task Orders and may vary from year to year during the time an agreement is in effect and shall not exceed the not-to-exceed amount specified in any agreement which may result from this RFP.

Questions regarding this RFP shall be addressed to:

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The full RFP is available on the Forestry Division's Proposals and Grants webpage: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/requests-for-proposals-and-grants/>. Offerors shall email one PDF of their application to Mr. Pederson at jacob.pederson@emnrd.nm.gov no later than 4 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Friday, June 30, 2023. EMNRD shall not accept applications received after this date and shall make absolutely no exceptions for applications not received at the above location by the appointed time.