

RFP #15-000 - Invasive Species Assessment and Monitoring

Pre Bid Questions and Answers Meeting as of April 7, 2015

1. **Question:** What is the degree of accuracy that MDMR wants for GPS coordinates?

Answer: 1 foot

2. **Question:** What type of digital format for map products? PDF, ArcGIS Map package?

Answer 1: Shapefiles or ArcGIS Format.

3. **Question:** Does MDMR want a GIS data delivery? Can it be in the form of a geodatabase or is MDMR using shapefiles? What is the version of ArcGIS software for GIS deliverables?

Answer 1: Yes.

Answer 2: Either.

Answer 3: GIS Software version 10.1.

4. **Question:** What coordinate system is MDMR using when NAD83 is referred too? Is it the geographic coordinate system base or a projected coordinate system? Is the coordinate system in feet or meters?

Answer 1: NAD 83

Answer 2: Geographic Coordinates

Answer 3: Meters.

5. **Question:** Please explain the term Fraud Insurance.

Answer: It is the Standard Minimum Insurance required by the State of Mississippi. Page 13 Section 3.0 refers to the general liability. MDMR are looking for the general liability insurance of a \$1,000,000.00.

6. **Question:** Does the submittal of the original proposal plus four (4) copies also apply to the Magic submittal? Can the bid bond check be scanned and submitted with the Magic submittal and the original hard copy accompany the hard copy proposals?

Answer 1: The Magic submittal does not require the submittal of four (4) copies. If a bidder cannot submit through Magic, the four (4) copies would apply.

Answer 2: Yes

- 7. Question:** What type of “durable marker bearing ID code for the site” that MDMR prefer? Preferred or standard marker? Can MDMR provide examples of what is expected? (E.g. 4x4 posts with a metal stamped placard; or a simple number on a post that is tied to a data base somewhere?)

Answer: Examples are: durable PVC pipe with a tag with ID code, metal t-post that is durable, or a permanent marker. The marker should be able to last at least three (3) years.

- 8. Question:** How would MDMR like URL and/or work samples presented?

Answer: Work samples submitted as an attachment.

- 9. Question:** Explain the “site visit” process?

Answer: When contractor is chosen MDMR will discuss site visits. MDMR had discussed during one site visit. However, most of the sites are public access and a potential bidder can go out at any time. Parking is available at these locations. Since the sites are very different, MDMR hopes that the site data sheet would provide more information about these sites.

- 10. Question:** Is MDMR’s goal for this project 100% eradication?

Answer: Not exactly, it is MDMR’s goal to assess these areas, determine the distribution of the invasive species, provide information for treatment; so that, MDMR can follow up with monitoring these sites. Overall, the goal is to get the invasive species down so that MDMR can handle in house.

- 11. Question:** If a company is a sub-contractor, will they be ineligible for the treatment & eradication phase or will only the Prime be ineligible?

Answer: Both are ineligible. The monitoring and eradication need to be separate and independent. If the subcontractor is not selected, they are free to bid on the other part.

- 12. Question:** When can we expect a response to written questions?

Answer: Now.

- 13. Question:** Do we price per site assessment? Should the price be based on the top three (3) or an overall price and how is it given? Is the USDA list being used?

Answer 1: Yes, MDMR wants a fix price per site. MDMR’s goal is to tackle the top three invasive: Cogon Grass, Chinese Tallow, and Kudzu.

This is a large scale project and MDMR is hoping that the contractor will bring information and ideas to the table.

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Answer 2: Price is an estimate. Factors that will be used when the Review team meets to determine a contractor are but not limited to: the company, years in business, record of past performance of similar work, have a doable plan, and price within our limit of funding.

Answer 3: Yes.

14. Question: Are there any existing maps of the invasive species?

Answer: MDMR does have some mapping. Some of these maps may be useful and some may not. MDMR will share what mapping we have with the selected contractor. Hopefully, this project will provide the data needed to update this information.

15. Question: Is there a third year of monitoring?

Answer: Any extension will be based on available funding at the time.

16. Question: Please clarify the bonding language? Do you have some standards to that will make the bonding companies more comfortable?

Answer: The bonding issues will be covered when the contract is written. The bonds are based on the contract amounts. The bid bond (surety bond) is the only one that would be considered at the offset of the bid. A bid bond is issued as part of the bidding process where the bidder provides assurance that if awarded the contract they will execute the contract and provide the required surety bonds. It is based on the amount that the contractor bids. There have been no previous problems with contractors meeting the bonding requirements.