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	lajesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions in or attached hereto and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefore.							
Signature of Person Authorize	d to Sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm:							
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# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

# FOR

# CONIFER REMOVAL IN GARRY OAK MEADOWS AT CFB ESOUIMALT ROCKY POINT

# FOR

# NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA (NRCAN)

A "Request for Proposal" (RFP) is the solicitation document used to seek proposals or bids from suppliers. The term "Bidder", also called the "Offeror", refers to the potential supplier submitting a proposal or a bid. The Bidder submitting a proposal may, however, consist of several firms putting one proposal together as a joint venture. In the case of a joint venture, the combined experience of the firms forming the joint venture will be considered for the purposes of determining the Bidders' compliance to the Mandatory and Rated Requirements.

Wherever the words "Proposal" or 'Bid' appear in this document", each shall be taken to mean the same as the other.

The MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS of this RFP are identified specifically with the words "MANDATORY", "MUST", "ESSENTIAL", SHALL", "WILL", "IT IS REQUIRED", AND "REQUIRED". IF a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT is not complied with, the proposal will be considered NON-RESPONSIVE and will not receive any further consideration. In the context of this RFP. Non-Responsive, Non-Compliant and Non-Valid shall each be taken to mean the same as the other.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** The following documents are enclosed and form part of this bid package:

RFP #NRCan-5000013203, including all Parts, Appendices and Annexes as listed in the Table of Contents below.

The Bidder acknowledges that all of the aforementioned documents were received in its bid package. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to verify the inclusion of all documents, and to obtain copies of any missing items by contacting the Contracting Authority (CA) as identified on Page 1 of this RFP. Failure to obtain any missing document(s) shall not relieve the Bidder from compliance with any obligation imposed by the RFP, nor excuse the Bidder from the guidelines set out therein.



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# PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The bid solicitation is divided into four (4) parts plus Annexes as follows:

- Part 1: General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;
- Part 2: Bidder Instructions: provides the instructions, clauses and conditions applicable to the bid solicitation;
- Part 3: Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria that must be addressed in the bid, if applicable, and the basis of selection;
- Part 4: Resulting Contract Clauses: includes the clauses and conditions that will apply to any resulting contract.

The Annexes include:

Annex "A" - Statement of Work,

- Annex "B" Financial Proposal,
- Annex "C" Technical Evaluation Criteria,
- Annex "D" Certifications,
- Annex "E" Security Requirements Checklist
- Annex "F" Insurance Requirements

# 2. SUMMARY

By means of this RFP, NRCan is seeking proposals from Bidders to restore degraded Garry oak and associated ecosystem habitat by removing conifers that are encroaching on Garry oak trees and associated ecosystems.

The period of the contract shall be from date of award of contract and ending no later than February 28, 2014.

There is a security requirement associated with this requirement. For additional information, consult Part 2 - Bidder Instructions, and Part 4 - Resulting Contract Clauses. Bidders should consult the "Security Requirements for PWGSC bid Solicitations - Instructions for Bidders (<u>http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/lc-pl/lc-pl-eng.html#a31</u>) document on the Departmental Standard Procurement Documents Web site.

This requirement is not subject to any of the Trade Agreements.

# PART 2: BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

# 1. STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS, CLAUSES AND CONDITIONS

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). The Manual is available on the PWGSC website:

https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/all

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The 2003 (2013-06-01) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

In the complete context (except Section 3):

DELETE: Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)

INSERT: Natural Resource Canada (NRCan)

Section 1 - Code of Conduct and Certifications of 2003 (2013-06-01) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements is amended as follows:

DELETE: in its entirety

Subsection 5.4 - Submission of Bids of 2003 (2013-06-01) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements is amended as follows:

DELETE: 60 days INSERT: 120 days

Subsection 8.1 - Transmission by Facsimile of 2003 (2013-06-01) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements is amended as follows:

DELETE: 819-997-9776 INSERT: 613-996-1024

**Subsection 20.2 - Further Information of 2003 (2013-06-01)** Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements is amended as follows:

## DELETE: in its entirety

Notwithstanding that they have not been expressly articulated in this RFP, the following Conditions and Policies (all of which are **MANDATORY**) apply to the RFP and thereby to the issue of any resultant contract. Incorporation of this NRCan site (that includes these documents) constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder has read and agreed to be bound by them:

 NRCan Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace <u>http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=12414</u>

# 2. SUBMISSION OF BIDS / BID RECEIVING UNIT ADDRESS

It is the Bidders responsibility to ensure that proposals are delivered to the following location, by the time and date indicated on page 1 of this RFP document:



Natural Resources Canada Bid Receiving Unit - Mailroom 588 Booth Street, Room 108 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0Y7 Attention: Valerie Holmes

It is requested that the Bidder's name, return address, Request for Proposal Number, and Bid Closing Date appear legibly on the outside of the envelope containing the Bidder's proposal. Failure to do so may result in bids being misdirected. NRCan will not assume responsibility for proposals directed to any other location.

The onus is on the Bidder to ensure that the proposal is delivered to the location above. Not complying with the above instructions may result in NRCan's inability to ascertain reception date and/or to consider the bid prior to contract award. Therefore, NRCan reserves the right to reject any proposal not complying with these instructions.

2.1 Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to NRCan will not be accepted.

#### **ENQUIRIES - BID SOLICITATION** 3.

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than three (3) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a "proprietary" nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as proprietary will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the questions or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all bidders may not be answered by Canada.

To comply with the <u>Code of Conduct for Procurement</u>, bidders are obliged to alert the contracting authority to any factual errors that they discover in bid solicitations.

#### SECURITY REQUIREMENT 4.

There is a security requirement associated with this solicitation. Contractor personnel MAY NOT ENTER NOR PERFORM ANY WORK on sites where PROTECTED or CLASSIFIED information or assets are kept, without an escort provided by the Department or Agency for which the work is being performed.

Bidders are requested to provide the full name and date of birth or security clearance certificate number for each proposed resource.

- 4.1 At the date of bid closing, the following conditions must be met:
  - the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 4 Resulting Contract (a) Clauses:
  - the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or (b) sensitive work site(s) must meet the security requirement as indicated in Part 4 - Resulting Contract Clauses;
  - (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites.



4.2 For additional information on security requirements, bidders should consult the "Security Requirements for PWGSC Bid Solicitations - Instructions for Bidders" document on the Departmental Standard Procurement Documents Web site.

#### 5. **BIDDER FINANCIAL CAPACITY**

The Bidder may be required to provide, prior to contract award, specific information with respect to their legal and financial status, and their technical and financial capability to satisfy the requirements as stipulated in this RFP. If requested, financial information to be provided shall include, but not be limited to, the Bidder's most recent audited financial statements or financial statements certified by the Bidder's chief financial officer. Information requested by NRCan is to be provided by the Bidder as stipulated in the request by the Contracting Authority.

Should the Bidder provide the requested information to Canada in confidence, while indicating that the disclosed information is confidential, Canada will then treat the information in a confidential manner as provided in the Access to Information Act.

In the event that a proposal is found to be non-responsive on the basis that the Bidder is considered not to be financially capable of performing the subject requirements, official notification shall be provided to the Bidder by NRCan.

#### 6. APPLICABLE LAWS

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in British Columbia.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the bidders.

#### 7. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Any information, data and/or Intellectual Property which is provided in a proposal and is demonstrably proprietary to a Bidder, shall be so identified specifically (by paragraph, table, figure) in the proposal, and Natural Resources Canada will endeavor to protect such proprietary information, data and/or Intellectual Property in accordance with the laws of Canada and its normal policies, regulations and procedures. Any financial data and information provided by Bidders for the purpose of this RFP will be treated as "Commercially Confidential" and kept in confidence by Natural Resources Canada unless expressly stated otherwise in this RFP. Such information will not be disclosed, in whole or in part, except on a need-to-know basis for the specific purpose of proposal evaluation and for the activities related to the process of contract award, as applicable. Unless it is required to do so by law, NRCan will not divulge such data and/or information to any third party.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** 8.

If NRCan determines the successful Bidder to be in a possible conflict of interest situation, the Bidder will be required, prior to entering into a contractual relationship with NRCan, to disclose any and all holdings and activities that could possibly be in a conflict, real or perceivable, with the mandate and objectives of NRCan. In the event that NRCan decides that action is necessary in order to remove such a conflict, the successful Bidder will be required to take such action (which may include divestiture of certain assets or ceasing to perform certain activities) prior to entering into a contractual relationship with NRCan.

# 9. MANDATORY SITE VISIT

It is mandatory that the Bidder or a representative of the Bidder visit the work site. Arrangements have been made for site visit to be held on <u>October 21, 2013</u> at <u>10:00 a.m.</u> at CFB Esquimalt Rocky Point Ammunition Depot (on Rocky Road, Metchosin, British Columbia) at the Commissionaire Gate. Bidders must communicate with the Contracting Authority no later than <u>five (5) days day(s)</u> before the scheduled visit to confirm attendance and provide the names of the person(s) who will attend. Bidders will be required to sign an attendance form. Bidders should confirm in their bids that they have attended the site visit. Bidders who do not attend or send a representative will not be given an alternative appointment and their bids will be rejected as non-compliant. Any clarifications or changes to the bid solicitation resulting from the site visit will be included as an amendment to the bid solicitation.

# 10. BASIS FOR CANADA'S OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The contract will not result in the development of any intellectual property.

# 11. BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Natural Resources Canada encourages the use of recycled paper and two-sided printing. Reduction in the size of documents will contribute to Natural Resources Canada's sustainable development initiatives and reduce waste.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process <u>Policy on Green Procurement</u> (<u>http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html</u>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, bidders are encouraged to:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainablymanaged forest and/or containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.
- 3) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation.

In support of the Policy on Green Procurement, it is requested that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

**Section I:** Technical Bid - 4 hard copies (1 original, 3 copies)

**Section II:** Financial Bid - 1 hard copy, <u>under separate cover</u>. Prices related to the current solicitation must appear in the financial bid only and are not to be indicated in any other section of the bid; prices referenced in the financial bid should not to be repeated in any other section of the bid.

Section III: Certifications - 1 hard copy (to be include with the 1 original technical)

No payment shall be made for costs incurred by the Bidder in the preparation and submission of a proposal in response to this RFP.

All fees, associated with the transfer of data or of all documents as may be required by NRCan as part of the solicitation process, are the responsibility of the Bidder. No costs incurred by the Bidder before receipt of a signed contract or specified written authorization from the Contracting Authority can be charged to any resulting contract.

Canada requests that bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

(a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;



use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation. (b)

#### 1. Section I: Technical Bid

Canada

In their technical bid, bidders should demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they will meet these requirements. Bidders must demonstrate their capability and describe their approach in a thorough, concise and clear manner for successfully carrying out the work as described in the Annex "A" - Statement of Work".

Bidders must respond to government bid solicitations in an honest, fair and comprehensive manner, accurately reflect their capacity to satisfy the requirements stipulated in the bid or contract documents, and submit bids and enter into contracts only if they will fulfill all obligations of the contract.

The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated. Simply repeating the statement contained in the bid solicitation is not sufficient and may result in a loss of points. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the bid, Canada requests that bidders address and present topics in the order of the evaluation criteria under the same headings. To avoid duplication, bidders may refer to different sections of their bids by identifying the specific paragraph and page number where the subject topic has already been addressed.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain clarification of the requirements contained in the RFP, if necessary, prior to submitting a proposal. The Bidder must provide sufficient details in its proposal to substantiate compliance with what is required; all professional experience must be fully documented and substantiated in the proposal(s).

In the event of a proposal submitted through contractual joint venture, the proposal shall either be signed by all members of the joint venture or a statement shall be provided to the effect that the signatory represents all parties of the joint venture. (All members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally or solidarily liable for the performance of any resulting contract awarded as a result of a joint venture.)

#### 2. Page 1 of the RFP Document

It is mandatory that all bidders sign their submitted proposal. It is requested that all bidders complete, sign and date Page 1 of this RFP (including the name of the submitting organization, the name of the authorized signing person, appropriate addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers and business contact) prior to submitting their proposal. As the signature indicates a clear acceptance of the terms and conditions set out in the RFP, it is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that the signatory has the authority within its organization to commit the Bidder by making such a contractual offer.

As per article 1 of Part 2, the Bidder hereby agrees, by submitting his/her proposal in response to this RFP, to all the instructions, terms, conditions and clauses detailed herein.

#### 3. Section II: Financial Bid

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with Annex "C"- Financial Proposal. The total amount of Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax must be shown separately, if applicable.

All bids are evaluated in Canadian currency. Therefore, for evaluation purposes, the noon rate quoted by the Bank of Canada as being in effect on date of bid closing will be applied as the initial conversion factor for the specified currency.

Canada will pay the exchange rate adjustment amount in Canadian currency using the prevailing noon rate on the date of payment by Canada.

#### 4. Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications as per Annex "D".



# PART 3: EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

#### 1. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

- (a) Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria and in conjunction with Annex "A" - Statement of Work;
- (b) If the Bidder is deemed non-responsive as a result of evaluation, the bid will be set aside and not considered for contract award.
- The proposed successful bidder will be determined in accordance with the contractor selection method stated (c) in this Part.
- (d) All proposals shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL and will be made available only to those individuals authorized to participate in the evaluation process. All bidders will be subject to the terms of the Access to Information Act and to other applicable law or orders of courts or other tribunals having jurisdiction.
- An evaluation team will evaluate the proposals on behalf of NRCan. While the evaluation team will normally (e) be comprised of representatives of NRCan, it may also include representatives from other Government Departments and Agencies or third party participants as selected by NRCan.

#### 2. **RIGHTS OF NRCAN**

NRCan reserves the right to:

- seek clarification or obtain verification of statements made in a proposal;
- reject any or all proposals received in response the bid solicitation;
- enter into negotiations with bidders on any or all aspects of their proposal;
- accept any proposal in whole or in part without prior negotiation;
- cancel the bid solicitation at any time;
- reissue the bid solicitation:
- verify any or all information provided by the Bidder with respect to the solicitation including references;
- retain all proposals submitted in response to the solicitation;
- declare a proposal non-responsive if NRCan determines during the evaluation phase that the Bidder does not have the legal status, the facilities or the technical, financial and/or managerial capabilities to fulfill the requirements stated herein:
- discontinue the evaluation of any proposal which is determined, at any stage of the evaluation process, to be non-responsive.

#### **BASIS OF SELECTION** 3.

Only those bids that are deemed to be responsive (compliant) will be evaluated under the basis of selection:

## **Lowest Firm Price**

The successful bidder (to be recommended for contract award) will be selected on the basis of the responsive (compliant) proposal that offers the lowest firm price to perform the work.

#### 4. **SOLE BID - PRICE SUPPORT**

In the event that the Bidder's proposal is the sole bid received and is deemed responsive, NRCan may request one or more of the following as acceptable price support:

Current published price list indicating the percentage discount available to the federal government; and/or a)



- b) Paid invoices for like services sold to other customers; and/or
- c) A price certification statement; and/or
- d) Any other supporting documentation as requested.

# 5. CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE/BIDDER PROPOSAL EVALUATION DEBRIEFING

A Contract Award Notice (CAN) will be prepared and published on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS) hosted through <u>Buy and Sell</u> within seventy-two (72) days after award of any contract <u>Bidders may request</u> and receive a de-briefing provided that a written request is received by e-mail at <u>valerie.holmes@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca</u> no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the published date of the CAN.

Bidders are requested to direct any additional questions they may have respecting this competitive bid process to the Contracting Authority detailed herein.



#### **RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES** PART 4:

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

#### 1. STATEMENT OF WORK

Canada

The Contractor must perform the Work in accordance with the Statement of Work at Annex "A" and the Contractor's technical bid entitled \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_. (To be completed at contract award)

#### 2. **PRIORITY OF DOCUMENTS**

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any document that appears on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- The Articles of Agreement: a)
- The General Conditions Higher Complexity Services 2035 (2013-06-27); b)
- The supplemental general conditions identified herein; c)
- d) Annex "A", Statement of Work;
- Annex "B", Basis of Payment; (to be included at contract award) e)
- Annex "C", Security Requirements Check List (*if applicable*); f)
- The Contractor's bid dated \_\_\_\_\_ (insert date of bid) q)

#### 3. TERM OF CONTRACT

#### 3.1 Period of Contract

The period of the Contract is from date of Contract award and ending no later than February 28, 2014 inclusive.

#### 4. STANDARD CLAUSES AND CONDITIONS

Notwithstanding that they have not been expressly articulated, all clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are applicable and are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/all) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

#### 4.1 **General Conditions**

General Conditions - Higher Complexity - Services 2035 (2013-06-27) apply to and form part of the Contract. As applicable, replace references to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).

#### 4.2 Insurance

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified herein under Annex "F". The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Contract. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

In addition to the insurance requirements specified herein, the Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligations under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.



The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority, within ten (10) days after the date of award of contract, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. Coverage must be placed with an Insurer licenses to carry out business in Canada. The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

#### 4.3 Intellectual Property

Canada

The contract will not result in the development of any intellectual property.

#### 4.4 Supplemental General Conditions

The following clauses apply to this contract:

## 4.4.1 Dispute Resolution

### Mediation

If a dispute arising from this contract cannot be settled amicably through negotiation, then the parties agree in good faith to submit the dispute to mediation as administered by the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada Inc. (AMIC). The parties acknowledge receipt of the rules of AMIC. The cost of mediation shall be borne equally by the parties.

### Arbitration

If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through mediation within sixty (60) days, the parties agree to submit the dispute to arbitration pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Act (Canada). The party requesting such arbitration shall do so by written notice to the other party/parties. The cost of the arbitration and fees of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. The arbitration shall take place in the city where the contractor carries on business before a single arbitrator to be chosen jointly by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on the choice of arbitrator within thirty (30) days of written notice to submit the dispute to arbitration, each party will choose a representative who will select the arbitrator.

The parties may determine the procedure to be followed by the arbitrator in conducting the proceedings, or may ask the arbitrator to do so. The arbitrator shall issue a written award within thirty (30) days of hearing the parties. The award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction and enforced as a judgment of that court.

### Meaning of "Dispute"

The parties agree that the word "dispute" in this clause refers to a dispute of fact or of law, other than a dispute of public law.

Organizations are encouraged to select from one of the following two options:

Option 1: The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act will, on request or consent of the parties to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve any dispute between the parties respecting the interpretation or application of a term and condition of this contract and their consent to bear the cost of such process, provide to the parties a proposal for an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve their dispute. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by e-mail at boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca.

Option 2: Each party hereby:

a) consents to fully participate in and bear the cost of any dispute resolution process proposed by the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act to resolve a dispute between the parties respecting the interpretation or application of a term or condition this contract; and



b) agrees that this provision shall, for purposes of section 23 of the Procurement Ombudsman Regulations, constitute such party's agreement to participate in and bear the cost of such process.

The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by e-mail at boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca.

## 4.4.2 Withholding Tax of 15 Percent

The Contractor agrees that, pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Act, Canada is empowered to withhold an amount of 15% of the price to be paid to the Contractor, if the Contractor is a non-resident Contractor as defined in said Act. This amount will be held on account with respect to any liability for taxes which may be owed to Canada.

## 4.4.3 Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor) (To be completed at contract award)

SACC Manual clause A2000C (2006-06-16) Foreign Nationals (Canadian Contractor)

## OR

## 4.4.3 Foreign Nationals (Foreign Contractor) (To be completed at contract award)

SACC Manual clause A2001C (2006-06-16) Foreign Nationals (Foreign Contractor)

## 4.4.4 Values and Ethics Code

In carrying out the Work under the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor shall adhere to the provisions and practices of the Values and Ethics Code for the Public service (2003), namely, but not restricted to, the provisions pertaining to Respect for Diversity, Human Dignity and People Values. The following link provides the policy reference. <u>http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs\_pol/hrpubs/tb\_851/vec-cve-eng.asp</u>

### 4.4.5 Closure of Government Offices

Contractor employees are personnel of the Contractor and are paid by the Contractor on the basis of services rendered. Where Contractor's employees are providing services on government premises pursuant to this contract and the said premises become non-accessible due to evacuation or closure of government offices and consequently no work is being performed as a result of the closure, Canada will not be liable for payment to the Contractor for the period of the closure.

## 5. SECURITY REQUIREMENT

There is a security requirement associated with this solicitation. Contractor personnel MAY NOT ENTER NOR PERFORM ANY WORK on sites where PROTECTED or CLASSIFIED information or assets are kept, without an escort provided by the Department or Agency for which the work is being performed.

Bidders are requested to provide the full name and date of birth or security clearance certificate number for each proposed resource.

- 5.1 At the date of bid closing, the following conditions must be met:
  - (a) the Bidder must hold a valid organization security clearance as indicated in Part 4 Resulting Contract Clauses;
  - (b) the Bidder's proposed individuals requiring access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must meet the security requirement as indicated in Part 4 - Resulting Contract Clauses;



- (c) the Bidder must provide the name of all individuals who will require access to classified or protected information, assets or sensitive work sites.
- 5.2 For additional information on security requirements, bidders should consult the "<u>Security Requirements for</u> <u>PWGSC Bid Solicitations - Instructions for Bidders</u>" document on the Departmental Standard Procurement Documents Web site.

# 6. AUTHORITIES

## 6.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name:	Valerie Holmes
Title:	Senior Procurement Officer
Organization:	Natural Resources Canada
Address:	615 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0E9
Telephone:	(613) 943-3580
Facsimile:	(613) 996-1024
E-mail address:	valerie.holmes@nrcan.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

## 6.2 Project Authority (to be completed at time of contract award)

The Project Authority for the Contract is:

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Facsimile:	
E-mail address:	
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The Project Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Project Authority; however, the Project Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

# 7. PAYMENT

## 7.1 Basis of Payment

## Limitation of Expenditure

1. Canada's total liability to the Contractor under the Contract must not exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (inserted at time of contract award), Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax is extra, if applicable.



- 2. No increase in the total liability of Canada or in the price of the Work resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless these design changes, modifications or interpretations have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work. The Contractor must not perform any work or provide any service that would result in Canada's total liability being exceeded before obtaining the written approval of the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must notify the Contracting Authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum:
  - (a) when it is 75 percent committed, or
  - four (4) months before the contract expiry date, or (b)

(c) as soon as the Contractor considers that the contract funds provided are inadequate for the completion of the Work.

whichever comes first.

If the notification is for inadequate contract funds, the Contractor must provide to the Contracting Authority a 3. written estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such information by the Contractor does not increase Canada's liability.

#### 7.2 Method of Payment

Against invoices (including receipts for travel and living, if applicable) submitted upon completion and in accordance with the Basis of Payment and certification by the Project Authority that work performance was satisfactory and acceptable.

Payment by Her Majesty, to the contractor, for the work shall be made within thirty (30) days following the delivery and acceptance of all deliverables specified in the contract or the date of receipt of a duly completed invoice, whichever date is the later.

Payment by Canada for the Work will be made following delivery, inspection and acceptance of the Work, and upon presentation of invoices and any other substantiating documentation as Canada requires.

#### 7.3 Time Verification

Time charged and the accuracy of the Contractor's time recording system are subject to verification by Canada, before or after payment is made to the Contractor. If verification is done after payment, the Contractor must repay any overpayment, at Canada's request.

#### 7.4 Firm Per Diem Rate(s) (also known as Daily Rate)

The Firm Per Diem Rate(s) is based on 7.5 hours (seven hours and 30 minutes) exclusive of meal breaks with no provision for annual leave, statutory holidays and sick leave. For work performed for a duration of more or less than one (1) day, the daily rate will be prorated accordingly to cover actual time worked.

The Per Diem Rate(s) is 'all inclusive' except for travel expenses on project business outside the National Capital Region (that is pre-approved by the NRCan Project Authority), and GST. Charges for expenses which are normally incurred in the provision of services, such as labour for conducting negotiations and providing estimates, resolving contract disputes, tracking time sheets, monthly invoicing, facsimile, copying/printing charges, office supplies, computer hardware and software charges, courier, long distance telephone charges, travel from a personal residence to the NRCan site in the National Capital Region, local travel and the like, must be included in the rates and will not be permitted as additional charges to the contract.

## 7.5 Pre-Authorized Travel and Living Expenses

The Contractor will be paid for pre-authorized reasonable and proper travel and living expenses incurred by personnel directly engaged in the performance of the work, supported by appropriate receipts and calculated in accordance with the then current National Joint Council Directive on Travel and Living Expenses, (website: <u>http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/index-eng.php</u>) without allowance thereon for overhead or profit. All payments are subject to government audit. All travel must have prior authorization of the Project Authority.

## 7.6 Miscellaneous Expenses

The Contractor will be paid for pre-authorized reasonable and proper miscellaneous expenses supported by appropriate receipts at actual cost without allowance thereon for overhead or profit. All miscellaneous expenses must have prior authorization of the Project Authority.

## 8. INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS

Invoices shall be submitted using one of the following methods:

<u>E-mail:</u>	OR	Fax:
Invoicing-Facturation@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca		Local NCR region: <b>613-947-0987</b> Toll-free: <b>1-877-947-0987</b>
<b>Note:</b> Attach "PDF" file. No other formats will be accepted		<b>Note:</b> Use highest quality settings available.

Please do not submit invoices using more than one method as this will not expedite payment.

Invoices and all documents relating to a contract must be submitted on the Contractor's own form and shall bear the following reference numbers:

### Contract number: provided at time of contract award

## 9. CERTIFICATIONS

Compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

## 10. APPLICABLE LAWS

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in British Columbia.

## 11. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The parties understand that the Procurement Ombudsman appointed pursuant to Subsection 22.1(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act will review a complaint filed by [the supplier <u>or</u> the contractor <u>or</u> the name of the entity awarded this contract] respecting administration of this contract if the requirements of Subsection 22.2(1) of the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act and Sections 15 and 16 of the Procurement Ombudsman Regulations have been met, and the interpretation and application of the terms and conditions and the scope of the work of this contract are not in dispute. The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone at 1-866-734-5169 or by e-mail at <u>boa.opo@boa.opo.gc.ca</u>.

# ANNEX "A" - STATEMENT OF WORK

# SW1 TITLE

Oak Release / Conifer Removal in Garry Oak Meadows at CFB Esquimalt Rocky Point.

# SW2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to restore degraded Garry oak ecosystems by removing conifers that are encroaching in Garry oak meadows and woodlands and are altering ecosystem characteristics and processes.

This will be achieved by cutting conifer trees that are below an established diameter limit and removing the slash.

This project is the fourth year of conifer removal under an Interdepartmental Recovery Fund (IRF #2121) project for Species at Risk Survey and Recovery Actions.

# SW3 SCOPE

All work will occur at the Department of National Defence (DND) CFB Esquimalt Rocky Point located on Southern Vancouver Island. The property is in Metchosin, BC, approximately 25 km southwest of Victoria.

# SW4 TREATMENT AREA

- There are two (2) treatment areas Polygon 13-1 and Polygon 13-2.
- Both areas contain a mixture of Garry oak (Go), Arbutus (Ra), Douglas-fir (Fd), Grand fir (Bg) and Shore pine (PI).
- The numbers of trees by diameter class and number of trees to cut in Polygon 13-1 is an estimate based on a sample survey (tables 2 3). The numbers for Polygon 13-2 (tables 5 6) are based on counting and measuring 100% of the trees.
- Both areas contain Burial Cairns which are archaeological sites which require extreme care when cutting trees on and around them.
- Polygon 13-2 is within a Seibert Stake area which is a designated out-of-bound zone that contains federally protected Species-at-Risk.

## 1. Polygon 13-1

### Table 1: Polygon 13-1 Description

Polygon #	Furthest distance to road (m)	Area (ha)	# Cairns present	Forest Cover description	Total trees to remove	Seibert Stake
13-1	200	5.6	9	$Bg_{63}Fd_{22}PI_{12}Go_3$	1448	no

### Table 2: Estimated number of trees by diameter class and species (Polygon 13-1)

Species	<10 cm dbh	10-25 cm dbh	25-35 cm dbh	>35cm dbh	Total trees by species
Fd	137	158	46	36	377
Bg	625	265	96	105	1091
PI	55	66	38	59	218
Go	0	12	15	39	66

Totals 817 501 195 239 175					
	Totals	817	501	105	1752

## Table 3: Total estimated number of trees to be cut by diameter and species (Polygon 13-1)

Species	<10 cm dbh	10-25 cm dbh	25-35 cm dbh	Total trees to cut by species
Fd	137	158	46	341
Bg	625	265	96	986
Pİ	55	66	*	121
Total by DBH class	817	489	142	1448

\* Pine stems greater than 25cm diameter are not to be cut

#### 2) Polygon 13-2

## Table 4: Polygon 13-2 Description

Polygon #	Furthest distance to road (m)	Area (ha)	# Cairns present	Forest Cover description	Total trees to remove	Seibert Stake
13-2	100	1	3	Go <sub>68</sub> Fd <sub>22</sub> PI <sub>5</sub> Ra <sub>3</sub> Bg <sub>2</sub>	136	yes

### Table 5: Total number of trees by diameter class and species (Polygon 13-2)

Species	<10 cm dbh	10-25 cm dbh	25-35 cm dbh	>35cm dbh	Total trees by species
Fd	63	43	6	55	167
Bg	1	4	0	0	5
PI	6	13	16	16	51
Go	48	365	15	15	443
Ra	2	11	3	3	19
Totals	120	436	40	89	685

Table 6: The total number of trees to cut by diameter class and species (Polygon 13-2)

Species	<10 cm dbh	10-25 cm dbh	25-35 cm dbh	Total trees to cut by species
Fd	63	43	6	112
Bg	1	4	0	5
PI	6	13	*	19
Total by DBH	70	60	6	124
class	70	60	6	136

\* Pine stems greater than 25cm diameter are not to be cut



## SW5 TASKS

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## SW5.1 Part 1 - Felling of Conifers in Conifer Removal Polygons

- Douglas-fir and Grand fir under 35 cm DBH within the treatment areas will be felled; 1.
- Shore pine less than 25 cm DBH within the treatment areas will be felled; 2.
- 3. Douglas-fir, Grand fir and pine trees within the above specifications that are live and are lying on the ground will also be bucked into bolts;
- 4. Additional tree felling may be required at the request of the Project Authority;
- 5. Chain saw, brush saws and/or loppers may be used;
- 6. Stump height is to be less than 10 cm and the angle of cut is to be horizontal;
- 7. Care must be taken not to damage Garry oak trees or any other leaf trees;
- 8. If cutting a conifer tree within the dimensions specified in Tables 1 and 2 above could cause damage to leave trees, it may be left standing if approved by the Project Authority;
- 9. Trees are to be felled away from the Seibert Stake areas;
- 10. Garry oak snags will be assessed and left standing if not a safety hazard;
- 11. There are approximately 12 burial cairn sites (arrangements of dirt and rocks) within the two (2) polygons. These cairns are marked with red flags. Douglas-fir, Grand fir and pine trees within the appropriate diameter classes (as specified above) will be cut on and adjacent to these sites, however extreme care must be taken to not disturb the cairns. Specific skills and techniques for tree removal on these sites are required such as:
  - a. Trees must be felled to avoid falling on the cairns;
  - b. Debris removal must not disturb the cairn rocks etc.

Selected trees above the specified diameter limits may also require felling and debris removal at the direction of the Project Authority.

### SW5.2 - Part 2 - Slash Disposal from Conifer Removal Polygons

- Large trees will be de-limbed. Branch stubs must be less than 2 cm in length;
- Larger trees will be de-limbed down to a 3 cm top and the 3 cm top bucked off;
- The tree lengths will be bucked into bolts that are four (4) foot (1.2 m) in length and left on the ground;
- The resultant slash (limbs, tops, branches and smaller conifers) will be removed from the treatment areas and disposed of by two (2) methods:
  - 1. The slash will be removed from the treatment area to designated locations near the road, chipped into storage bins and trucked off site; and/or
  - 2. Polygon 13-1 only - some slash may be piled in the adjacent meadow, at least 5 meters away from the crown line of remaining trees. Slash pile size and locations will be designated by the Project Authority.

### NOTE: the slash must not be carried through the Seibert Stake Areas and the Seibert Stake areas are not to be accessed at any time.



#### SW6 TIMING

Canada

Work must be completed by February 28, 2014.

#### SW7 ENTRY

- Entry to the property is restricted.
- Work at Rocky Point must be confirmed on a daily basis through a phone call to the Range Control Office (250-391-4184).
- There may be days where entry onto the site is not permitted, due to military operations.
- Entry to the property must be made through the main gate, and the crew must check in, and check out, with a commissionaire.
- Identification will be required.
- Additional security measures may be required such as daily escorts by a commissionaire.

## SW8 VEHICLE ACCESS

No driving off roads and no heavy equipment off roads.

# SW9 CLIENT SUPPORT

The Project Authority will provide:

- Maps of the polygons.
- Instructions for tree felling within the Burial Cairn sites and Seibert Stakes.
- Locations for slash piles.
- Bins for disposal of chipped material and the trucking of slash offsite
- Arrangements for bin replacement and pick-up.

## SW10 MEETINGS

- A pre-work meeting will take place at the work site with the Contractor and the Project Authority prior to the start of treatments.
- Range Control will outline safety considerations for working on the Rocky Point property and access protocols.
- Performance inspections will be made by the Project Authority at least twice while the crew is operating.
- A final inspection will be made by the Project Authority within one (1) week of project completion.
- Safety meetings must be documented and submitted to the Project Authority.

## SW11 DELIVERABLES

Prior to commencement of treatments, the following **must** be made available to the Project Authority:

- Name and contact information of Project Supervisor;
- Name of crew leader and qualifications;
- Names of crew members and gualifications (e.g. chainsaw operator);
- Copy of Safety Plan;
- Expected start date and end date;
- Expected number of days working per week and hours per day; and



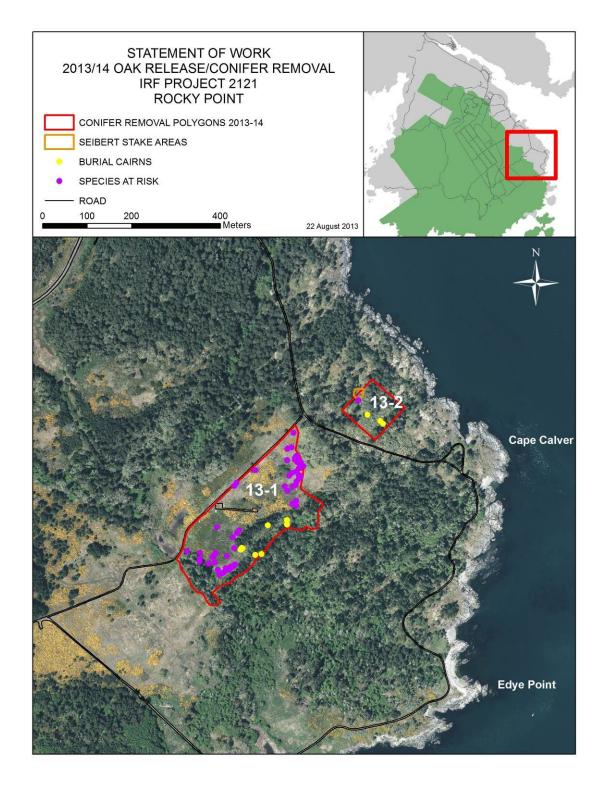
• Vehicle make, model, color, license plate, and proof of insurance.

At completion of the contract, no later than February 28, 2014, the Contractor must submit to the Project Authority a report that outlines the following information:

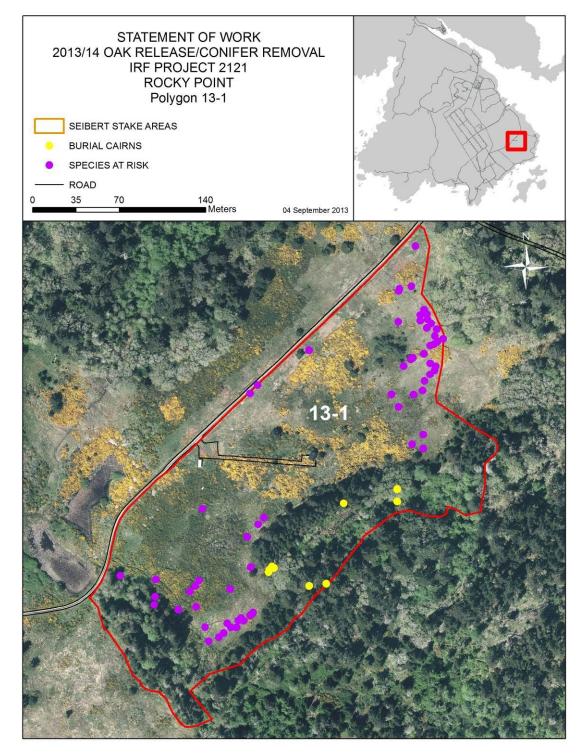
- List of polygons treated and completed; •
- Dates worked •

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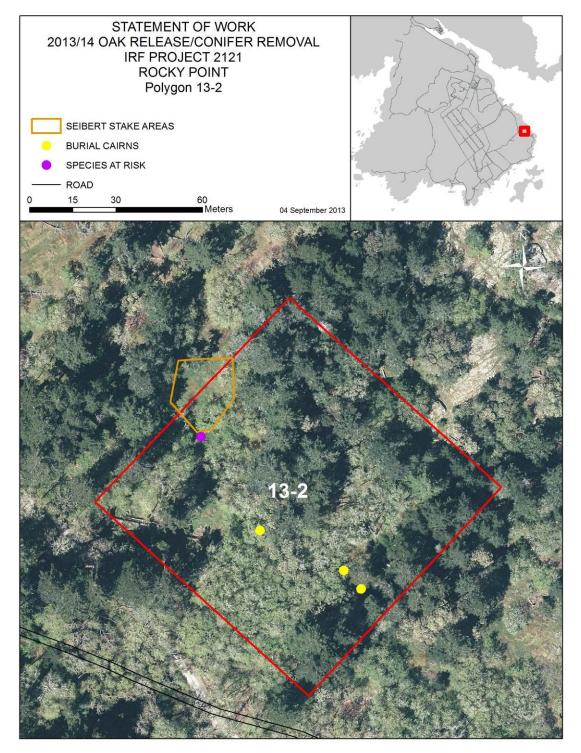
# **ANNEX "A1" - CONIFER REMOVAL POLYGONS**



# ANNEX "A2" - POLYGON 13-1



# ANNEX "A3" - POLYGON 13-2



# ANNEX "B" - TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

# B1 MANDATORY TECHNICAL CRITERIA

The Mandatory Criteria listed below will be evaluated on a simple pass/fail basis. Proposals which fail to meet the mandatory criteria will be deemed non-responsive.

Bidders are advised to address each criterion in sufficient depth to permit a complete requisite analysis and assessment by the evaluation team. Proposals failing to adequately respond to the mandatory criteria may be excluded from further considerations. The technical proposal should address each of the criteria in the order in which they appear.

Bidders are advised that only listing experience without providing any supporting data to describe responsibilities, duties and relevance to the criteria will not be considered demonstrated for the purpose of this evaluation.

The Bidder should provide complete details as to where, when (month and year) and how (through which activities/ responsibilities) the stated qualifications/experience were obtained. Experience gained during formal education shall not be considered work experience. All criteria for work experience shall be obtained in a legitimate work environment as opposed to an educational setting. Co-op terms are considered work experience provided they are related to the required services.

Bidders are also advised that the month(s) of experience listed for a project whose time frame overlaps that of another referenced project will only be counted once. For example: project one time frame is July 2001 to December 2001; project two time frame is October 2001 to January 2002; the total months of experience for these two project references is seven (7) months.

Item	Mandatory Requirement	Compliant (Yes/No)	Reference to Bidder's Proposal
M1	The Bidder MUST have at least two (2) crew members who have the appropriate faller's qualifications / certification as per the <i>Workers</i> <i>Compensation Act</i> and the OHS Regulations to fall trees up to 35 cm DBH.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
M2	The Bidder's proposed fallers MUST have at least five (5) years of experience falling, within the past five (5) years from date of bid closing.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
М3	The Bidder MUST be SAFE certified. The Bidder MUST provide proof of this certification within their proposal.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
M4	The Bidder MUST have one (1) crew member who has a valid OFA Level 3.	Yes No	

# ANNEX "C" - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

# C1 TAXES AS RELATED TO BIDS RECEIVED

For Canadian-based bidders, prices/rates, as applicable, are requested to be firm (in Canadian funds) with Canadian customs duties and excise taxes as applicable **included**, and Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) as applicable, **excluded**;

For foreign-based bidders, prices/rates, as applicable, are requested to be firm (in Canadian funds) and **exclude** Canadian customs duties, excise taxes and GST or HST, as applicable. Canadian customs duties and excise taxes payable by the consignee will be added, for evaluation purposes only, to the prices submitted by foreign-based bidders. If the prices submitted in the financial proposal are not in Canadian Funds the exchange rate in effect on the date of bid closing will be applied for evaluation purposes only.

# C2 PRICING DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED IN FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The Bidder hereby offers to NRCan, as requested by the Minister, to furnish all necessary expertise, supervision, materials, equipment and other items necessary to performing the work as described in the statement of work of this Request for Proposal and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal, to the satisfaction of the Minister, or his or her authorized representative, for the following price(s).

Bidders must provide financial details as requested in this Annex. Proposals which do not contain pricing details as requested below shall be considered incomplete and non-responsive.

## C3.1 Professional Fees:

А	В	С	D (BxC)	
Category of Personnel	Price per Hectare	Estimated Hectares*	Total Costs	
1. Conifer Removal - Polygon 13-1	\$	5.6 hectares	\$	
2. Conifer Removal - Polygon 13-2	\$	1 hectare	\$	
	L	Total 1:	\$	

## C3.2 Bidder Total Tendered Price

Bidder total tendered price to perform the work from contract award to February	\$
<u>28, 2014</u>	

Any estimated level of effort specified in the Pricing Details detailed above is provided for <u>financial proposal</u> <u>evaluation purposes only</u>. It is only an approximation of the requirements and is not to be considered as a contract guarantee. Travel, material and number of days (or level of effort) are provided as estimates only, and must not be construed as a commitment by NRCan to respect those estimated in any resulting contract.

**Firm Per Diem Rate(s) (also know as daily rate)** - The Firm Per Diem Rate(s) is based on 7.5 hours (seven hours and 30 minutes) exclusive of meal breaks with no provision for annual leave, statutory holidays and sick leave. For work performed for a duration of more or less than one (1) day, the daily rate will be prorated accordingly to cover actual time worked.



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Pre-Authorized Travel and Living Expenses - The Contractor will be paid for pre-authorized reasonable and proper travel and living expenses incurred by personnel directly engaged in the performance of the work, supported by appropriate receipts and calculated in accordance with the then current National Joint Council Directive on Travel and Living Expenses, (website: http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/index-eng.php) without allowance thereon for overhead or profit. All payments are subject to government audit. All travel must have prior authorization of the Project Authority.

# **ANNEX "D" - CERTIFICATIONS**

Bidders must provide the required certifications to be awarded a contract. Canada will declare a bid non-responsive if the required certifications are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications bidders provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the bid evaluation period (before award of a contract) and after award of a contract. The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify bidders' compliance with the certifications before award of a contract. The bid will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Bidder is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications or to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority for additional information will also render the bid non-responsive.

## **Certifications Precedent to Bid Closing**

The certifications listed below should be completed and submitted with the bid but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will so inform the Bidder and provide the Bidder with a time frame within which to meet the requirement. Failure to comply with the request of the Contracting Authority and meet the requirement within that time period will render the bid non-responsive.

## 1. Federal Contractors Program - Certification

## Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - over \$25,000 and below \$200,000

Suppliers who are subject to the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) and have been declared ineligible contractors by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) are no longer eligible to receive federal government contracts over the threshold for solicitation of bids as set out in the *Government Contracts Regulations*. Suppliers may be declared ineligible contractors either as a result of a finding of non-compliance by HRSDC, or following their voluntary withdrawal from the FCP for a reason other than the reduction of their workforce to less than 100 employees. Any bids from ineligible contractors, including a bid from a joint venture that has a member who is an ineligible contractor, will be declared non-responsive.

The Bidder, or, if the Bidder is a joint venture the member of the joint venture, certifies its status with the FCP, as follows:

The Bidder or the member of the joint venture

- (a) (b) is not subject to the FCP, having a workforce of less than 100 full-time or part-time permanent employees, and/or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more in Canada;
- (b) ( ) is not subject to the FCP, being a regulated employer under the <u>Employment Equity Act</u>, S.C. 1995, c. 44;
- (c) ( ) is subject to the requirements of the FCP, having a workforce of 100 or more full-time or part-time permanent employees, and/or temporary employees having worked 12 weeks or more in Canada, but has not previously obtained a certificate number from HRSDC, having not bid on requirements of \$200,000 or more;
- (d) ( ) has not been declared an ineligible contractor by HRSDC, and has a valid certificate number as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

Further information on the <u>FCP</u> is available on the HRSDC Web site.



Signature of Authorized Company Official

Canada

Date

#### Former Public Servant Certification 3.

Contracts with former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny and reflect fairness in spending public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts with FPS, bidders must provide the information required below.

## Definitions

For the purposes of this clause,

"Former public servant" means a former member of a department as defined in the Financial Administration Act, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and includes:

- An individual: (a)
- (b) An individual who has incorporated;
- (c) A partnership made up of former public servants; or
- (d) Sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or major interest in the entity.

"Lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the Public Service.

"pension" means, in the context of the fee abatement formula, a pension or annual allowance paid under the Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA), R.

S., 1985, c. P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, R.S., 1985, c. S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c. C-17, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c. D-3, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c. R-10, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c. R-11, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, R.S., 1985, c. M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the Canada Pension Plan Act, R.S., 1985, c. C-8.

### Former Public Servant (FPS) in Receipt of a Pension

Is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension as defined above? **YES** () NO()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- Name of former public servant; (a)
- Date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service. (b)

### Work Force Reduction Program

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump sum payment pursuant to the terms of a work force reduction program? YES ( ) NO()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- Name of former public servant: (a)
- Conditions of the lump sum payment incentive: (b)
- Date of termination of employment: (c)
- Amount of lump sum payment: (d)
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## Certification

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the information submitted by the Bidder in response to the above requirements is accurate and complete.

#### Status and Availability of Resources 4.

The Bidder certifies that, should it be awarded a contract as a result of the bid solicitation, every individual proposed in its bid will be available to perform the Work as required by Canada's representatives and at the time specified in the bid solicitation or agreed to with Canada's representatives. If for reasons beyond its control, the Bidder is unable to provide the services of an individual named in its bid, the Bidder may propose a substitute with similar gualifications and experience. The Bidder must advise the Contracting Authority of the reason for the substitution and provide the name, qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement. For the purposes of this clause, only the following reasons will be considered as beyond the control of the Bidder: death, sickness, maternity and parental leave, retirement, resignation, dismissal for cause or termination of an agreement for default.

If the Bidder has proposed any individual who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder certifies that it has the permission from that individual to propose his/her services in relation to the Work to be performed and to submit his/her résumé to Canada. The Bidder must, upon request from the Contracting Authority, provide a written confirmation, signed by the individual, of the permission given to the Bidder and of his/her availability. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

Signature of Authorized Company Official

Date

#### 5. **Education and Experience**

The Bidder certifies that all the information provided in the résumés and supporting material submitted with its bid, particularly the information pertaining to education, achievements, experience and work history, has been verified by the Bidder to be true and accurate. Furthermore, the Bidder warrants that every individual proposed by the Bidder for the requirement is capable of performing the Work described in the resulting contract.

Signature of Authorized Company Official

Date

#### 6. **Contractual Capacity and Joint Venture Contractual Capacity**

The Bidder shall have the legal capacity to contract. If the Bidder is a sole proprietorship, a partnership or a corporate body, the Bidder shall provide a statement indicating the laws under which it is registered or incorporated together with the registered or corporate name and place of business.

Joint Venture - a joint venture is an association of two or more parties who temporarily combine their money, property, knowledge, or other resources in a joint business enterprise. There are two types of joint ventures, the incorporated joint venture and the contractual joint venture, i.e., formed through a contractual agreement between



the parties. The following information should be provided with the proposal: type of joint venture (incorporated or contractual), the names and addresses of the members of the joint venture.

If a Contract is awarded to a contractual joint venture all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally or solidarily liable for the performance of the contract.

## Certification

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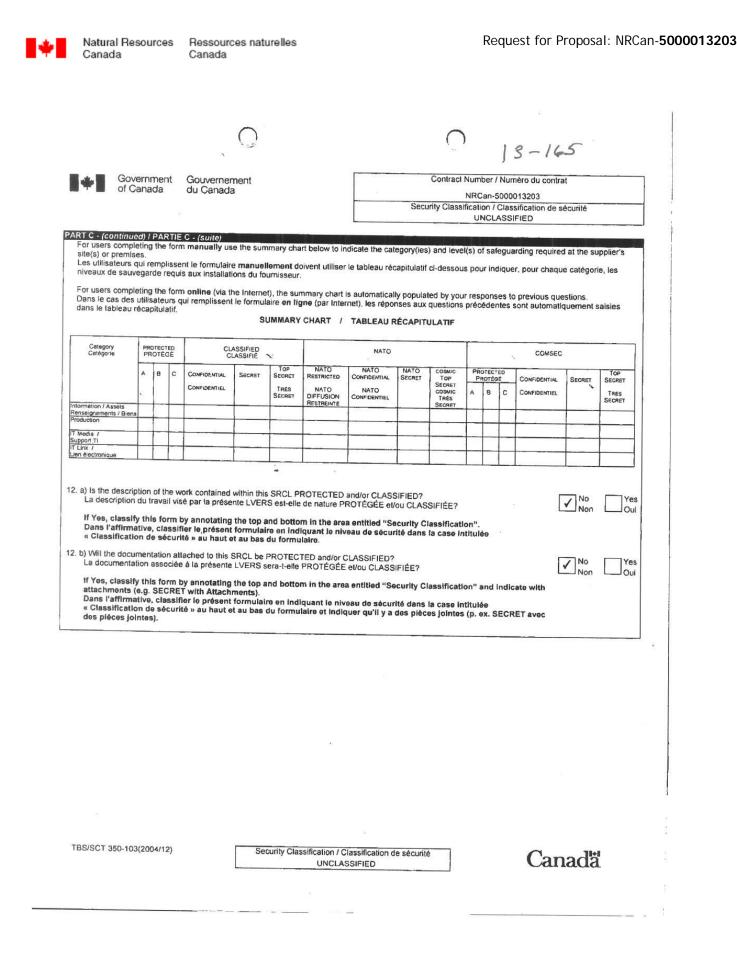


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# **ANNEX "F" - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

- 1. The Contractor must obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the Contract, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature, but for not less than \$2,000,000 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.
- 2. The Commercial General Liability policy **must include the following**:
- (a) Additional Insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The interest of Canada should read as follows: Canada, as represented by Public Works and Government Services Canada.
- (b) Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.
- Products and Completed Operations: Coverage for bodily injury or property damage arising out of goods or (c) products manufactured, sold, handled, or distributed by the Contractor and/or arising out of operations that have been completed by the Contractor.
- (d) Personal Injury: While not limited to, the coverage must include Violation of Privacy, Libel and Slander, False Arrest, Detention or Imprisonment and Defamation of Character.
- (e) Cross Liability/Separation of Insured: Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.
- Blanket Contractual Liability: The policy must, on a blanket basis or by specific reference to the Contract. (f) extend to assumed liabilities with respect to contractual provisions.
- Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers must be included as Additional Insured. (g)
- (h) Employers' Liability (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program}
- Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations: Expands the Property Damage coverage to (i) include certain losses that would otherwise be excluded by the standard care, custody or control exclusion found in a standard policy.
- Notice of Cancellation: The Insurer will endeavour to provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days (j) written notice of policy cancellation.
- If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 (k) months after the completion or termination of the Contract.
- Owners' or Contractors' Protective Liability: Covers the damages that the Contractor becomes legally (I) obligated to pay arising out of the operations of a subcontractor.
- (m) Litigation Rights: Pursuant to subsection 5(d) of the Department of Justice Act, S.C. 1993, c. J-2, s.1, if a suit is instituted for or against Canada which the Insurer would, but for this clause, have the right to pursue or defend on behalf of Canada as an Additional Named Insured under the insurance policy, the Insurer must promptly contact the Attorney General of Canada to agree on the legal strategies by sending a letter, by registered mail or by courier, with an acknowledgement of receipt.

For the province of Quebec, send to:



Director Business Law Directorate, Quebec Regional Office (Ottawa), Department Of Justice, 284 Wellington Street, Room SAT-6042, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A OH8

For other provinces and territories, send to:

Senior General Counsel, Civil Litigation Section, Department of Justice 234 Wellington Street, East Tower Ottawa, Ontario K1A OH8