

REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)
for
Randol IHAP – Clarke County Green Bay 27- Bean Food Plot
20CRDWBNSCHM-0093

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking a Service Provider to establish a 4-acre Roundup Ready Soybean food plot on the Green Bay 27 site located in Clarke County that is enrolled in the Iowa Habitat Access Program. DNR anticipates that the term of any resulting contract will be March 16, 2020 through August 1, 2020 **Service Providers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this Informal RFP other than the DNR Issuing Officer:**

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Des Moines, IA 50319
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If a Service Provider or someone acting on a Service Provider’s behalf attempts to discuss this RFQ orally or in writing with any members of the DNR, any employee of the State of Iowa, or anyone other than the named DNR Issuing Officer, then the Service Provider may be disqualified.

Submission of Quotes: Service Providers interested in providing the services described under the “Description of Work and Scope of Services” shall submit quotes to the **DNR Issuing Officer** no later than 3:00 PM CST on **February 28, 2020**. Any quote received after this deadline shall not be considered.

Only written quotes received via hand delivery, e-mail, fax or hard copy mail using the form labeled “Service Provider Cost Proposal – DNR RFQ #20CRDWBNSCHM-0093” included in this RFQ will be accepted.

Service Providers may submit written questions regarding this RFQ and the procurement process to the DNR Issuing Officer at the above address through **3:00 PM** CST on February 26, 2020. Written responses to any questions received will be provided no later than February 27, 2020 to all potential Service via the State of Iowa Bid Opportunities / Hosted Bids website: <http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/>.

Description of Work and Scope of Services: The successful Service Provider shall perform the following Tasks by the Task Milestone Dates set out in the following table:

Deliverables	Task Milestone Date
<p>Task 1: Roundup Ready Soybeans – 4 Acres</p> <p>Description: Contractor shall establish Roundup Ready Soybeans on the 4 acres labeled on Attachment A by completing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate fertilizer at time of seed bed preparation 100lb of 5-14-42 fertilizer (or state approved equivalent) per acre. • Row plant food plots at one bag per acre between May 15 and July 15, 2020 at a depth between 1 and 1 ½ inches • Spray appropriate pre-emergent or post emergent herbicides to keep weeds to a minimum. Pre and Post emergent herbicides shall be approved by the DNR Project Manager prior to application. <p>Contractor Shall hold an Iowa Commercial pesticide Applicators License issued by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Pesticide Bureau</p>	<p>Planting Dates May 15, 2020 – July 15, 2020</p>

Minimum Qualifications/Equipment Specifications: The DNR will not evaluate minimum qualifications/equipment specifications but does expect documentation to be provided with the “Service Provider Cost Proposal – DNR RFQ # 20CRDWBNSCHM-0093”. The following are minimum qualifications required for this project:

- Contractor shall hold an Iowa Commercial Pesticide Applicators License issued by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Pesticide Bureau and provide license # to the DNR Project Manager

- Minimum 80 horsepower tractor
- Equipment necessary for seed bed preparation
- Grain drill or planter
- Contractor shall obtain liability insurance to cover the work of this project. The Contractor shall submit certificates of the insurance, which indicate coverage and notice provisions as required by this Contract, to the DNR. The insurer shall state in the certificate that no cancellation of the insurance may be made without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the DNR. Approval of the insurance certificates by the DNR shall not relieve the Contractor of any obligation under this Contract.

Source of Funding: The source of funding for the Contract entered into from this RFQ is Iowa Wildlife Habitat fees.

Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions: By submitting a response, each Service Provider acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract template "DNR Standard Contract Conditions" and "General Conditions" found at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/RFP-Bid-Lettings>.

If a Service Provider takes exception to a contract provision, then the Service Provider must state the specific exception and the reason for the exception, and must attach to its "Service Provider Cost Proposal" the specific contract language it proposes to include as an alternative to the provision. Contract provision exceptions that materially change the terms or the requirements of this informal bidding process may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR, as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of the Service Provider's quote. With regard to the "DNR Standard Contract Conditions," DNR and the successful Service Provider may agree to modifications to the terms of the "DNR Standard Contract Conditions" as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract. A Service Provider's failure to state an exception to any contract provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute the Service Provider's acceptance thereof. The State reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the successful Service Provider for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

Additional Information: The costs of preparation and delivery in response to this RFQ are solely the responsibility of the Service Provider.

DNR reserves the right to reject any or all submitted responses, in whole or in part, to advertise a new RFQ, to abandon the need for such RFQ, and to cancel this RFQ opportunity at any time prior to the execution of a written contract.

All information submitted by a Service Provider may be treated as a public record by the DNR.

By submitting a response, a Service Provider agrees that it will not bring any claim or have any cause of action against DNR or the State of Iowa based on any misunderstanding concerning the information provided within this RFQ or concerning the DNR or the State of Iowa's failure, negligent or otherwise, to provide the Service Provider with pertinent information as intended by this RFQ.

If the apparent successful Service Provider fails to negotiate and deliver an executed contract within a reasonable period of time following selection, then the DNR may, in its sole discretion, cancel the award and award the contract to the next highest ranked Service Provider.

The DNR shall have the sole option to amend the contract resulting from this RFQ for subsequent periods, adding up to no more than six years total from the beginning date of the original contract, by executing a signed amendment prior to the expiration of the original contract.

Evaluation Criteria: Quotes will be evaluated and ***the contract awarded to the responsible Service Provider submitting the lowest priced quote.***

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The Service Provider quote shall include an all-inclusive, total cost in U.S. Dollars (including all travel, expenses, etc.) to provide the requested services. All pricing to be FOB Destination, freight cost included; and based on Net 60 Days Payment Terms. All fees expected for payment are to be included in this bid.

Quote for Tasks:

Task	Unit Cost	Time Frame	Total Costs
Task 1: Roundup Ready Soybeans	Quantity: <u>4 acres</u> \$_____ / acre	May 15, 2020 – July 15, 2020	\$_____
Grand Total Quote			\$_____

Documentation is attached for DNR verification that the Service Provider meets the “minimum qualifications/ equipment specifications” listed in the RFQ.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

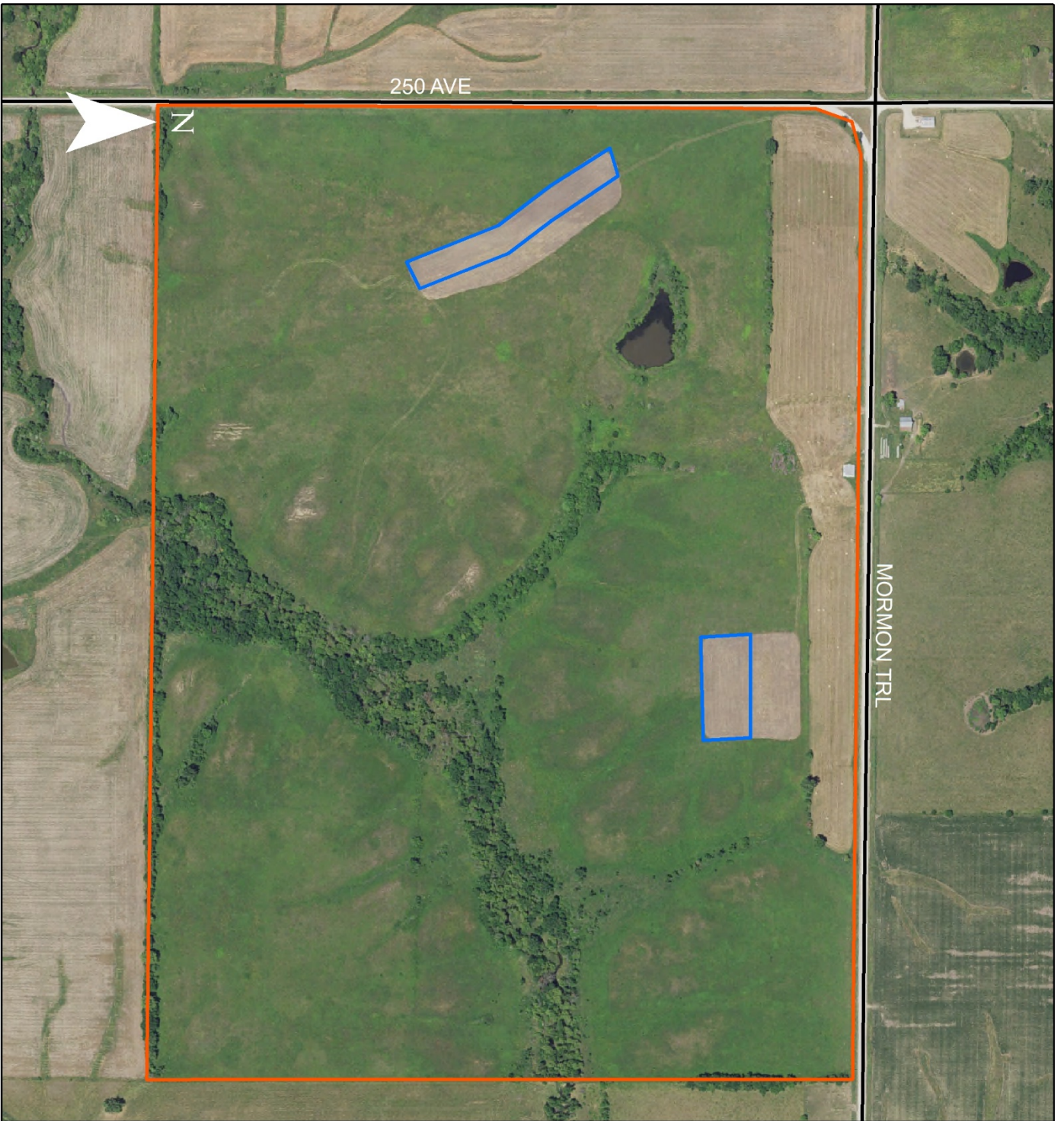
Printed Name and Title: _____

Name of Vendor Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Attachment A

Randol
IHAP

Clarke County
Green Bay 27


Food Plot
2020

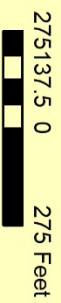
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Legend

— Roads

 Food Plots

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Nathan Schmitz
Iowa DNR - Wildlife Bureau

