

REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)
for
SOIL FUMIGATION AT THE STATE FOREST NURSERY IN AMES
20CRDFRBLGOLD0009

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking a Service Provider to perform soil fumigation at the State Forest Nursery in Ames. DNR anticipates that the term of any resulting contract will be July 22, 2019 through June 30, 2020. **Service Providers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this RFQ other than the DNR Issuing Officer:**

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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 July 12, 2019**. 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 #20CRDFRBLGOLD0009” 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 July 2, 2019. Written responses to any questions received will be provided no later than July 3, 2019 to all potential Service Providers via the State of Iowa Bid Opportunities / Hosted Bids website: <http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/>.

Description of Work and Scope of Services:

Perform soil fumigation at the State Forest Nursery in Ames up to twice a year, as funding allows, using methyl bromide and chloropicrin products according to Federal and State law. The rate to be applied is 325 lb/acre using varying percentages of methyl bromide and chloropicrin, depending on the needs of the individual fields. All fields shall be covered using totally impervious film that will be installed by the contractor. Equipment must be able to accommodate DNR’s irrigation system which is spaced at 48 foot widths. All meals and lodging will be paid for by the contractor. Desired start date for the fall application areas is as early as possible between August 1, 2019 and December 1, 2019. Desired start date for the spring application areas, if requested by DNR, is between May 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020.

The successful Service Provider shall perform the following Tasks by the Task Milestone Dates set out in the following table:

Deliverable	Task Milestone Date
<p>Task 1: Soil fumigation fall application Description: Contractor shall perform soil fumigation services at the State Forest Nursery in Ames using methyl bromide and chloropicrin products according to Federal and State law. The rate to be applied is a 325 lb/acre at an injection depth of 10 inches using 67% methyl bromide and 33% chloropicrin, using</p>	<p>No later than December 1, 2019</p>

<p>totally impervious film to cover the fields. Contractor's equipment must be able to accommodate DNR's irrigation system, which is spaced at 48 foot widths. Area to be fumigated will be a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 15 acres, depending on available funding at the time. Applicator shall be a certified pesticide applicator with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.</p>	
<p>Task 2: Soil fumigation spring application (if requested by DNR) Description: Contractor shall perform soil fumigation services at the State Forest Nursery in Ames using methyl bromide and chloropicrin products according to Federal and State law. The rate to be applied is a 325 lb/acre at an injection depth of 10 inches using 67% methyl bromide and 33% chloropicrin, using totally impervious film to cover the fields. Contractor's equipment must be able to accommodate DNR's irrigation system which is spaced at 48 foot widths. Area to be fumigated will be a minimum of 5 acres and a maximum of 15 acres, depending on available funding at the time. Applicator shall be a certified pesticide applicator with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.</p>	<p>No later than June 30, 2020</p>

Source of Funding: The source of funding for the Contract entered into from this RFQ is [cost center 8911 \(nursery seedling sales\)](#).

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/InsideDNR/RFPBidLettings.aspx>.

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: Soil Fumigation 1st application	Quantity: 5 to 15 acres \$ _____ / acre	As early as possible between August 1, 2019 and December 1, 2019.	\$ _____
Task 2: Soil Fumigation 2nd application	Quantity: 5 to 15 acres \$ _____ / acre	As early as possible between May 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020.	\$ _____
Grand Total Quote			\$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Name of Vendor Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____