

Solicitation for Price Quotes
Mechanical Fuel Reduction Work in Nevada At-Risk Communities
January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008

The Nevada Fire Safe Council (NFSC) is soliciting price quotes to complete hazardous fuel reduction work in Nevada communities at risk from wildfire. The deadline for submission of completed forms is December 31, 2007. Quotes will be formulated and submitted on the basis of cost for crew plus equipment per operating hour. Forms and additional information can be found on-line at www.nvfsc.org. Completed forms must be delivered no later than 5 PM, PST to P.O. Box 2724, Carson City, NV. Call (775) 884-4455 for clarifications, questions or to obtain forms. Fax and electronic submissions will be accepted.

Scope of Work: Trees and other hazardous vegetative material will be identified for removal from private property after due consultation with and approval by property owners and in accord with fuel treatment prescriptions. Quotes are being solicited for the following fuel treatments.

Brush removal and/or mastication: Brush will be treated in accord with fuel treatment prescriptions developed by a trained professional. Fuels will vary in density, species composition, and size ranging up to stem diameters of 10 inches and heights of 10 feet. Equipment must be able to work on rocky, uneven ground and selectively treat individual shrubs resulting in mosaic or feathered treatment areas. Equipment must also be able to work within 200 feet of houses and other structures without undue risk of damage to property improvements.

Whole tree mastication: Previously identified trees and ground fuels will be shredded using a masticating head mounted to a rubber tired or tracked machine. Equipment must be able to selectively treat individual trees with little or no damage to residual stems and operate on uneven, rocky ground. Equipment must also be able to work safely within 200 feet of houses and other structures without undue risk of damage to property improvements.

Whole tree removal: Previously marked trees will be mechanically cut using a saw or shears and transported to a designated processing site where they will be chipped, ground, or bucked into logs and decked. Equipment must be able to cut a tree 20 inches in diameter at the stump and leave a stump height no more than 6 inches. Equipment must be able to work on uneven, rocky ground, selectively remove individual trees, and work within 30 feet of homes and other structures.

All work will be done in a professional manner with due diligence paid to protecting private property and ensuring a safe working environment for crewmembers. Equipment and crews must be fully compliant with State and local employer safety and fire prevention codes and ordinances. Full time, on-site crew supervision is required to ensure crew safety, as well as an industry accepted level of production. All costs associated with equipment operation, including repair and maintenance as well as all overhead and support services must be included in the operating hourly cost quote. Variable costs such as travel, move-in and move-out, crew per diem, etc. will be negotiated prior to purchase order award. Routine inspections will be conducted to determine quality of work, production levels, and compliance with site protection requirements.

Work schedules and project completion deadlines will be developed in consultation with and approval of both the participating communities and the Nevada Fire Safe Council. Equipment availability and plan of work will be considered prior to purchase order award. Purchase orders based on the submitted quotes, variable costs, and equipment availability will be issued on a project-by-project basis.

Minimum Contractor Qualifications:

1. Three years experience doing fuel reduction or similar work documented by three references with contact information related to previous work completed.
2. Provide all necessary equipment in good working order and trained operators to complete fuel treatment prescriptions as described.
3. Provide all necessary vehicles to support crew transportation and equipment maintenance.
4. Provide fire suppression equipment or other apparatus to support fuels treatment operation as necessary.
5. Provide performance bond and license to conduct business in the State of Nevada.
6. Provide certificate of comprehensive general liability insurance with a combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$500,000 each occurrence for Bodily Injury and/or Property Damage.
7. Provide record of lost time accidents.

Payment for Services: By the fifteenth day of the month contractor shall submit monthly billing invoices to NFSC detailing actual hours of work performed and work locations. NFSC shall be allowed thirty (30) days from the date the invoice is received to pay for the services documented on the invoice. Any disputed charges shall be resolved within 15 days from the receipt of the invoice.

Nevada Fire Safe Council Price Quote Form

Solicitation for Mechanical Fuel Treatment Work in At-Risk Nevada Communities

*Completed form must be delivered by December 31, 2007, 5:00 PM, PST
Nevada Fire Safe Council, P.O. Box 2724, Carson City, NV; FAX (775) 884-4457; E-mail: nvfiresafe@charter.net*

Company Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Business License # _____

Date: _____
 Phone: _____
 FAX #: _____
 E-mail: _____

References:

1. Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____

2. Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____

3. Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____

Equipment Description and Price Quote: List equipment that will be available for project work

Brush Removal and/or Mastication:

| Manufacturer, model, and year | Brief Description | Maximum workable slope (%) | Average production per 8 hour day (acres) | Size of crew (inc. on-site supervisor) | Cost per Operating Hour |
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Number of lost time accidents over the past two years: _____

Whole Tree Mastication:

| Manufacturer, model, and year | Brief Description | Maximum workable slope (%) | Average production per 8 hour day (acres) | Size of crew (inc. on-site supervisor) | Cost per Operating Hour |
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Whole Tree Removal:

| Manufacturer, model, and year | Brief Description | Maximum workable slope (%) | Average production per 8 hour day (acres) | Size of crew (inc. on-site supervisor) | Cost per Operating Hour |
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I have read and fully understand the scope of work, qualifications listed, and specifications outlined in the bid solicitation. I am fully authorized to submit the bids for the company identified above and do so in good faith and with the full knowledge of other owners or officials governing the operation of the company. If selected, I will provide documentation of the required performance bond, and insurance certificates.

Printed Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____