

ADDENDUM #1 Wildfire Partners – Land Use Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors RFP # 7104-20

February 6, 2020

The attached addendum supersedes the original Information and Specifications regarding RFP # 7104-20 where it adds to, deletes from, clarifies or otherwise modifies. All other conditions and any previous addendums shall remain unchanged.

1. Question: Is it a single-source award, or do each of the landowners pick their contractor?

ANSWER: Each landowner picks his/her own contractor from the Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors List.

2. Question: How many landowners are involved?

ANSWER: There are currently over 2,000 participants in Wildfire Partners. The number of new participants who join the program varies each year. In the first six years, the number of new participants who have joined the program has ranged from 211 to 472 per year. However, not all participants choose to hire a Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractor. Most participants do the work themselves or choose to decline their Wildfire Partners Financial Award. In the last five years, 623 defensible space jobs have been completed by Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors using a Wildfire Partners Financial Award.

3. Question: How many total acres, for the three total projects?

ANSWER: There is no acreage estimate for the defensible space RFP. We don't calculate acreage for these projects. We perform individual tree markings and count the number of properties completed. The individual acreage amounts for the 15 projects included in the two SOQs are listed in the SOQs. The total

acreage for these 15 projects is 135.41. However, the way the SOQ is structured, it is highly unlikely that one contractor would be selected to treat all 135.41 acres from these 15 separate projects.

4. Question: Is the project pending on a grant award?

ANSWER: No. The grant award has been received. Grant agreements are in place.

5. Question: What is the reason for the three different releases, versus one compiled project?

ANSWER: Every year since 2015, Boulder Count has issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for forestry contractors to be included on the Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors List to be eligible to perform defensible space work for program participants. This RFP (7104-20) is very similar to these previous RFPs. This procurement process has proven to be effective in the past. Each year we have assembled a list of outstanding contractors. We have decided to continue to use this same procurement process for 2020 because of our past success.

The two Solicitation of Qualifications (SOQs 7105-20 and 7106-20) are for a new pilot project within Wildfire Partners that has not been implemented before—Zone 3 Hazardous Fuels Reduction. The 15 projects included in these two SOQs range from 3 to 27 acres. The capacity and equipment needed to complete these projects is different than that of the smaller defensible space projects covered by RFP 7104-20 discussed above. As a result, we have separated the two types of projects into different solicitations.

We separated the 15 Zone 3 projects into two different SOQs for a number of reasons. In November 2019, we issued one RFP for all 15 Zone 3 projects—seeking one contractor to complete all 15 projects. Several contractors participated in the pre-bid tour; however, we received only two bids and rejected both. Some contractors were not able to submit a bid in response to this RFP because they were not able to complete all 15 projects. As an example, larger equipment cannot be used for projects on steep slopes, but this same equipment is ideal for larger projects with good access. By separating the 15 projects into two different SOQs, we hope contractors with different capacity and different equipment are able to submit proposals.

Submittal Instructions:

Submittals are due at the Administrative Services Information Desk or email box (preferred) listed below, for time and date recording on or before **10:00 a.m.**Mountain Time on February **13, 2010**.

Your response can be submitted in the following ways. Please note that email responses to this solicitation are preferred, but are limited to a maximum of 50MB capacity. NO ZIP FILES ALLOWED. Electronic Submittals must be received in the email box listed below. Submittals sent to any other box will NOT be forwarded or accepted. This email box is only accessed on the due date of your questions or proposals. Please use the Delivery Receipt option to verify receipt of your email. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure their documents are received before the deadline specified above. Boulder County does not accept responsibility under any circumstance for delayed or failed email or mailed submittals.

Email <u>purchasing@bouldercounty.org</u>; identified as **RFP # 7104-20** in the subject line.

-OR-

US Mail
One (1) unbound copy of your submittal, printed double-sided, 11 point, on at least 50% post-consumer, recycled paper must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked as RFP # 7104-20, to the Information Desk located at 1325 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO 80302.

All proposals must be received and time and date recorded at the Administrative Services Information Desk by the above due date and time. Sole responsibility rests with the Offeror to see that their bid is received on time at the stated location(s). Any bid received after due date and time will be returned to the bidder. No exceptions will be made.

The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the Board and of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado.



RECEIPT OF LETTER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

February 6, 2020
Dear Vendor:
This is an acknowledgment of receipt of Addendum #1 for RFP #7104-20, Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors.
In an effort to keep you informed, we would appreciate your acknowledgment of receipt of the preceding addendum. Please sign this acknowledgment and email it back to purchasing@bouldercounty.org as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or problems with transmittal, please call us at 303-441-3525.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This information is time and date sensitive; an immediate response is requested.
Sincerely,
Boulder County Purchasing
Signed by: Date:
Name of Company

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