



**ADDENDUM #1
Wildfire Partners
Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors
RFP # 7208-21**

February 18, 2021

The attached addendum supersedes the original Information and Specifications regarding RFP # 7208-21 where it adds to, deletes from, clarifies or otherwise modifies. All other conditions and any previous addendums shall remain unchanged.

Please note: Due to COVID-19, BIDS will only be accepted electronically by emailing purchasing@bouldercounty.org.

1. Question: Are auto insurance certificates required to be included with the proposal or just commercial liability?

**ANSWER: The insurance certificate required in the submittal section needs to include the Automobile Liability listed below.
*Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of the Contract. Minimum limits \$1,000,000 Each Accident.***

2. Question: Must we include the additional umbrella insurance coverage with bid, or is this only required for winning bidders?

ANSWER: No. The required insurance requirements when submitting your proposal are General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. Umbrella coverage is not required for this contract.

3. Question: My question is regarding the Qualifications part of the application. We have been in business for over 5 years but have only completed 1 mitigation project. We regularly complete large, hazardous and technical tree removals

throughout Boulder County and in the Denver metro area. However, we get almost no requests for bids on mitigation projects and those that have contacted us asked if we were part of Wildfire Partners. When we told them no they decided to get bids from other companies. So we are in a Catch 22; we need relevant experience to be accepted as a Wildfire Partner Contractor but to get the relevant experience we need to be a Wildfire Partner Contractor.

I spent 8 years in wildland fire; 3 in California on a prescribed burn crew in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park, 2 on Alpine Hotshots in Rocky Mountain National Park and 3 on Rocky Mountain Fire's (now merged with Mountain View) mitigation crew. I was a crew leader/squad boss at Rocky Mountain Fire (RMF) for 2 years and directly supervised an 8-person mitigation crew in the day to day operations of defensible space mitigation. Courtney Wenzel was my supervisor and is the current Captain for Mountain View Wildland Division.

Members of my crew have also had multiple years of experience in wildland fire, two of them were my crewmembers on Alpine Hotshots. Others have experience in trail restoration/clearing for the state of Minnesota and vegetation management for the City of Boulder.

I can provide details, including pictures, of the recent mitigation project we completed. It took place over three days and we removed 80 cubic yards of chips with a 4 person crew. The client wished to keep all the logs over 8 inches in diameter.

We are a fully capable company with state of the art equipment. We have two chippers, 12" & 18" diameter capacity; a 20 yard chip truck, a 10 yard chip truck/bucket truck combo, a mini skid steer capable of lifting 1000lbs, a stump grinder, a 16ft dump trailer and a 30 yard grapple truck capable of lifting over 7000lbs logs.

We have completed multiple projects/contracts for Boulder County and the City of Longmont, along with all of our residential work. In the Spring of 2019 we removed 110 Ash trees for the County (RFP 7000-19). We have completed multiple technical tree removals and pruning for the City of Longmont over the past 3 years.

This is all to ask what can be used as relevant experience to be accepted as a Forestry Contractor? I believe we more than exceed the required capabilities but have just not completed enough mitigation specific jobs to provide references as such.

ANSWER: This is the seventh year Boulder County has issued this same RFP. Every year, we have selected at least one new contractor who has not been on

the Wildfire Partners list in the past. Previous experience with Wildfire Partners is not required. The committee scores each bid based on the criteria listed in the RFP. For qualifications, a maximum of 20 points are awarded for your company's experience with similar defensible space work. You should provide the requested summary information and the requested details on three past projects that you feel will earn you the most points in the evaluation process. Do not leave this section blank. Provide details on three past projects to the best of your ability.

Submittal Instructions:

Submittals are due at the email box only, listed below, for time and date recording on or before **10:00 a.m. Mountain Time on February 25, 2021.**

Please note that email responses are limited to a maximum of 50MB capacity. NO ZIP FILES OR LINKS TO EXTERNAL SITES WILL BE ACCEPTED. 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 purchasing@bouldercounty.org; identified as RFP # 7208-21 in the subject line.

All proposals must be received and time and date recorded at the purchasing email 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 18, 2021

Dear Vendor:

This is an acknowledgment of receipt of Addendum #1 for RFP #7208-21, 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. This is also an acknowledgement that the vendor understands that **due to COVID-19, BIDS will only be accepted electronically by emailing purchasing@bouldercounty.org.**

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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