

### **2016 RFP Questions:**

1. How many acres for this RFP? **At this time tentative figures dependant on final funding for Socorro are 2500 acres of Sagebrush treatment(Cuba area), for Sierra RFP 10,000 acres of creosote, for San Juan 6,000 acres of sagebrush.**
2. Funding amount? **Unknown at this time.**
3. Is the BLM 2016 list of herbicides and adjuvants available for this project? **It is not available at this current stage of the RFP process. BLM is adding several herbicides onto this list for treatments of brush. It will definitely be available for work in 2017. Herbicides asked for in Task Orders when sent out will be on approved list.**
4. Are we bidding out herbicide only? **No, this RFP is for aerial application of herbicide, both contractor supplied and government supplied. Depending on BLM field office and herbicide/vegetation chosen, BLM may have herbicide to put on the project. Most of the RFP and task orders will be for herbicide plus application.**
5. Can we submit a bid for application of one product but use a different product (as long as it is on the BLM approved list) once the task order is issued? **No, since we are asking you to submit the label of the product you plan to use with the bid, then you need to show up on the job with that product. The herbicide that the winning and contracted bidder has selected will go into the BLM EA and Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP) for the treatment. This cannot be changed.**
6. What types of vegetation are going to be treated under the Socorro SWCD RFP? **For Socorro, there is potential for Sagebrush, Mesquite, Salt cedar/Russian olive, Cholla, Pinon/Juniper, Creosote, and Cheatgrass. This list covers most of the treatments for all three RFP's.**
7. Who is on the selection committee? **For Socorro, Eddy Williams, Will Kolbenschlag, Nyleen Troxel Stowe, Jeff Fassett, and 2 or 3 Socorro Board Members (Richard Ritter, Edward Harris, J. Chris Lopez are the potential board members). Selection Committees for San Juan and Sierra RFP's haven't been fully determined yet.**
8. Should we bid both electrostatic and conventional? **It is up to the bidder to choose which one to bid. Electrostatic treatment will be allowed for any treatment where the label approves it.**
9. What are the treatment prescriptions? IE how many gallons per acres? **This will be put on the task order as it varies from treatment to treatment, we will follow label directions for guidelines. For example, mesquite will 4-5 gallons/acre while salt cedar is 15 gallons/acre. This will be stated exactly in the task order for best and final offer.**

10. Do I have to bid all of the categories? **No, bidders may select which treatments they want to bid on. Each category will be rated separately.**
11. On page 27, Section Project Conditions, #6 Special Requirements-if selected contractor cannot make it to the job in the five calendar day period, are they barred from any other treatments or contracts? **No, that contractor will stay on the list in the order their bid proposal put them at and will be eligible for other treatment contracts.**
12. What application gallonage is being requested for liquid applications. Can we bid these both with electrostatic and conventional...just in case the conditions dictate one over the other? **See question 9 above, we can only accept one bid per category, but if you bid conventional and the label allows it you may use electrostatic to complete the job.**
13. Are the rates listed as active ingredient. **Yes rates listed are for active ingredients**

**Socorro SWCD Special Instruction Reminders:**

- **Make sure to submit 6 copies of proposal in sealed box.**
- **Do not send by Fed Ex--they have a really hard time delivering during business hours in Socorro and there is no local Fed Ex office in Socorro. UPS and USPS both have offices in Socorro. If you are hand delivering, call me on my cell phone and I will make sure to meet you. (505) 440-9488**
- **If the conflict of interest does not apply to your staff, you do not have to submit it.**

**Questions for Sierra RFP**

1. If a contractor is called to fill a task order, what happens if at that time either pilots or equipment are unavailable because of work already on the calendar? What are the repercussions to declining after the award? **There is no penalty, we will go to the 2nd Contractor. The 1<sup>st</sup> Contractor will still be receiving task orders to bid without a penalty for previously turning one down.**
2. Are generics allowed to be used on the RFP? **Generics on the BLM approved list will be accepted on all bids with no preference shown for original labels.**
3. Please clarify how many gallons per acre were used with conventional spraying. Only electrostatic spraying was defined at 1 gal per acre. **The gallons will specified in the task order, or use whatever the label recommends for the particular herbicide and target plant.**
4. What is "tax identification (for New Mexico Gross Receipts taxing)" . **This would be your NM CRS number needed to file gross receipts taxes. This is generally an 11 digit number.**