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Request for Bid

Stampede Recreation Project

The Truckee River Watershed Council is seeking construction bids for the Stampede Recreation Project

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Bids Due: 5PM May 6, 2024

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In 2024, TRWC will release several Requests For Proposals (RFP) and Requests For Bids (RFB) for restoration design, construction, environmental compliance, permit assistance, and the like. We appreciate that some firms may wish to respond to multiple RFPs & RFBs. To help with proposal and bid preparation, we offer the following:

1. **Responding to Multiple RFPs/RFBs.** Firms may respond to multiple RFPs and RFBs. In the vast majority of our projects, a firm will not be prevented from bidding on future work if they participate in current work. In the rare case where this prohibition exists, we will state the prohibition in the current RFP/RFB.
2. **Lead Firm vs. Subcontracted Firm.** We understand and accept a given firm may be the lead in one response and a subcontractor in another response.
3. **Respond Uniquely to Each RFP/RFB.** Each of our projects has a unique combination of partners, stakeholders, funders, constraints, opportunities, and timelines. Due to the characteristics of each project, we purposely release separate RFPs/RFBs. Firms must submit a response to each RFP or RFB to be considered. While we appreciate that a firm might be able to offer efficiencies if we combined projects, the unique blend of characteristics of each project prevent us from combining projects more than has already been done.
4. **Repeating Information Across Multiple Responses.** We understand and accept that information about the firm, its staff, past work, references, work approach, and the like may be repeated, perhaps even word for word, across multiple responses.

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A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The lead for the project is the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC). The project partner and landowner is the U.S. Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest (USFS).

Project Overview

The purpose of the Stampede Recreation Project is to decommission unauthorized, user created routes on the east and south side of Stampede Dam in the Boca watershed. The work will reduce erosion and sedimentation, restore natural drainage paths, improve overall ecological conditions, and manage changes of recreation use patterns.

Work to Be Completed

- (1) **Road Decommission** – Contractor will decommission and restore 15 road segments, approximately 2.77 total miles of unauthorized, user created routes. Road decommissioning will generally include filling ditches, de-compacting soil to approximately 18", ensuring furrows do not concentrate flow, re-constructing ephemeral drainage paths across the former roadbeds. Implementation actions may include one or a combination of the following items: installation of water bars scarification, road surface roughening, recontouring, soil loosening, outsloping roadbed, treatment area protection, seeding, slashing, and camouflaging road junction.

Road Segment Lengths

South Stampede – Road Name	Mileage
U-002	0.1
U-003	0.15
X-283	0.9
X-287	0.1
X-290	0.2

East Stampede – Road Name	Mileage
X-342	0.1
X-339	0.3
X-061	0.1
X-060	0.1
X-059	0.15
X-057	0.1
X-056	0.1
X-055	0.07
X-053	0.2
X-027	0.1

- (2) **Gate Installation** – Installing four gates to manage access during seasonal and/or USFS ordered road closures. Gates will need to be picked up in Sparks, NV and delivered to site.

Please see Attachment 1 for the site plan with approximate location of road segments and gate installation. Work generally consists of restoring natural drainage paths as well as dirt road removal, exact conditions will be determined after snowmelt and additional details will be provided at the pre-bid site tour.

Construction Oversight. Project layout and on-site construction oversight will come from USFS Recreation Manager with assistance from TRWC personnel.

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Expected Project Schedule

Task	Deadline
Pre-bid meeting (optional attendance)	April 24, 2024
Deadline for requests for additional information	April 29, 2024
Bids Due	May 6, 2024
Interviews	May 14, 2024
Contract Award	May 17, 2024
Construction Start (estimated)	June 17, 2024
Construction Completion (estimated)	June 28, 2024

B. WORK REQUIREMENTS

Work Schedule. The Work Schedule will be established between Contractor and TRWC. The work is expected to continue until the project is completed. No overtime charges will be accommodated.

Environmental Compliance. The Contractor shall be responsible for complying with the conditions in the NEPA Proposed Action (NEPA compliance) Attachment 3.

Staging and Access. Equipment/site access will be limited to routes designated by USFS personnel. All equipment staging and stockpiling will take place in designated areas.

Equipment. Contractor must provide equipment in excellent operating condition. No leaks of any size will be allowed. Contractor will be required to secure replacement equipment if any equipment is inoperable for two (2) days or longer. Failure to perform these requirements is grounds for contract termination.

All equipment will be pressure washed prior to mobilizing to the site to remove any vegetative matter, soil, or other organic matter to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Any equipment that leaves the site must be cleaned again before re-entry.

Contractor will be required to provide all fuel, servicing and repairs to maintain equipment in operating condition. The Contractor shall fuel equipment at areas designated by USFS. When fueling must be done at a construction area, the Contractor shall designate a site(s) and obtain approval in writing from the USFS. All fueling, servicing, and repairs will be done in designated fueling areas at a minimum of 50 feet from any water surface or drainage area to prevent accidental petroleum discharge in riparian and other sensitive areas.

Water quality concerns require that all equipment be free of all operating fluid leaks. The Contractor will be required to submit a spill prevention plan prior to mobilization and is required to have the appropriate materials on-site to clean up any spills that may occur.

Fire Plan. Contractor will be required to prepare and follow a U.S. Forest Service Fire Plan for Service Contracts and Special Use permit holders. Contractor shall comply with U.S. Forest Service Project Activity Levels (PALs). Contractor may apply for an eV Variance to continue operations under eV fire conditions.

Personnel. No change in personnel will occur without written agreement between the Contractor and TRWC. TRWC reserves the right to have Contractor replace a non-performing operator.

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Materials. TRWC will provide native seeds for use in the project site and four gates, all other materials necessary to complete the work will be provided by the contractor or derived on-site (fill, mulch, etc.).

Construction water. Drafting out of Stampede Reservoir may be feasible, however additional construction water may be needed.

C. OPTIONAL PRE-BID MEETING

An optional pre-bid meeting and tour of the project site will be held on **Wednesday, April 24th** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. To attend, register with Tiffanee Hutton at thutton@truckeeriverwc.org by **5PM Friday, April 19th**.

D. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All requests for additional information or clarifications after the pre-bid meeting shall be submitted via e-mail to thutton@truckeeriverwc.org by **5PM Monday, April 29th**. Responses will be posted at www.truckeeriverwc.org in the "News" section, and emailed in our weekly E-Currents newsletter **Wednesday, May 1st**.

E. BID SUBMISSION

Bids must be received **by 5PM on MONDAY MAY 6th**. Bids must be submitted electronically in .pdf format. All materials must be contained in a single file. Send bids to thutton@truckeeriverwc.org.

F. BID PACKAGE AND EVALUATION

In the Bid Package, the Contractor shall document the following qualifying experience:

1. The Contractor shall have completed a minimum of three drainage restoration projects as the prime contractor in the past ten years. Example project must demonstrate working in natural drainage restoration, road decommissioning, and revegetation.
2. The Contractor's superintendent or foreman assigned to this project shall have at least three years' experience supervising restoration projects which included drainage re-connection and road decommissioning.
3. State of California Class A General Engineering Contractor's license in good standing
4. Work experience – minimum three (3) example projects showing montane (>4000 feet elevation) restoration work in the past 10 years. Submit a minimum of five (5) representative photographs showing operations for each project, including earthwork, revegetation, road decommissioning, and site stabilization.
5. The Contractor shall have demonstrable experience implementing restoration projects within budget that were subject to field fit and design modifications during implementation.

Bid Completeness. All sections of this bid package are important and must be addressed. Bids must be submitted for the entirety of the work as described in this RFB and its attachments.

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Bid Evaluation. Bids will be evaluated on the basis of cost, project experience, past performance, qualifications of proposed equipment operators, integrity and capability of bidders, and probable level of service and convenience to TRWC. TRWC will conduct interviews with select Contractor(s) or teams based on their evaluation of bids.

If in the sole opinion of the TRWC, the Contractor does not meet the required qualifications the bid will be non-responsive.

TRWC reserves the right to retain all bids for a period of 60 days for examination and comparison, and to delete any portion of work from the contract. TRWC reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

G. BID FORMAT

This is a time and materials contract. A Not to Exceed amount will be agreed upon between TRWC and the selected contractor.

Bids should clearly break out anticipated costs by roads and gate installation.

No overhead or administration costs are allowed.

Bids should include the following:

- ◆ Scope of work and approach. Outline the proposed technical approach to project activities including work sequencing and equipment. The approach should include discussion of all major project components including but not limited to Best Management Practices, earthwork, revegetation/site stabilization, and invasive weed control.
- ◆ Proposed project schedule
- ◆ Cost Estimate by site, showing estimated # hours, equipment (with operator) hourly rates, and rates for laborers, foreman, etc.
- ◆ Rate sheet
- ◆ List of relevant project experience, with photographs and contact information for references
- ◆ List of current certifications of staff assigned to project (e.g. Class A Contractor's license)
- ◆ Experience of project manager, superintendent, foreman, and operators assigned to project
- ◆ Exact specifications of equipment to be used
- ◆ If you have completed work or submitted proposals to work with TRWC before, please list the most recent project or proposal.

Bid packages are limited to 12 pages, including all attachments.

Amendments. Once a contract has been executed, no changes to the agreed upon scope of work shall occur without written agreement between the Contractor and TRWC.

H. PAYMENT TERMS

Funding sources for this project allow invoices to be submitted monthly for work completed. It is expected that payment can be made within 60 days of invoice(s) submittal; however payment will only be made to the Contractor once TRWC has received payment from the project funders. All efforts will be made by TRWC to expedite payment; however no interest will be paid on overdue payments.

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I. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Bonding. Contractor must furnish a performance bond in favor of TRWC in the following amounts: faithful performance (100%) of contract value; labor and materials (100%) of contract value for any contract over \$25,000 (Civ. Code, § 3247 et seq.; Pub. Contract Code, § 7103).

Insurance. Contractor must provide insurance certificates covering \$2 Million per Each Occurrence and no less than \$4 Million Aggregate showing the Truckee River Watershed Council, the US Forest Service, as well as their principals, directors, employees, mortgagees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns as special endorsements to be added to the insurance policy.

Indemnification. TRWC and Contractor agree they shall attempt to settle any dispute arising out of this contract, to include allegations of professional negligence, through communication and negotiation in the spirit of mutual friendship and cooperation. If the dispute cannot be resolved in this manner, Contractor, at its expense, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and when requested by TRWC to do so, defend TRWC, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands or charges and from any loss or liability, including attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, resulting from negligence or carelessness on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or agents in the execution of the work or delivery of materials and supplies, by or on account of any act or omission of the Contractor, its employees or agents, including damage or destruction of any property or properties arising from, caused by or connected with the performance of work by Contractor, its agents, subcontractors and employees, and any failure to fulfill the terms of any laws or regulations which apply to the contract.

Qualifications. Contractor must possess a valid California Class A General Engineering Contractor's license.

Debarment and Suspension. TRWC cannot contract with any party listed on the SAM Exclusions in accordance with Executive Orders 12549 and 12689.

Audit. Contractor shall maintain, and TRWC shall have access to, all records connected with this contract until December 31, 2026 in the event an audit is required by the funder.

J. ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment 1. Site Plan](#)

[Attachment 2. Road Specifications](#)

[Attachment 3. NEPA Proposed Action: East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project Environmental Assessment](#)