

## **Boca Stewardship Agreement Addendum #2**

**Q: How will timber payments be made? i.e. from estimates on RFP or actual weight slips.**

Payments will be made based on weight slips provided by the contractor.

**Q: Is this a scale or weight measurement sale for log removal, i.e. is this a lump sum sale or scaled sale?**

This is a scaled sale. Contractor will need to verify weight of each log load via certified scale measurement and provide a receipt of scaled weight.

**Q: Is there is a timber cruise that details the 52,728 tons of sawtimber that is being advertised? Can this be provided?**

Cruise data can be accessed via [THIS LINK](#).

**Q: Could you tell me the project's funding source and amount?**

Funding for this project is federally sourced. I prefer not to disclose the funding amount at this time as this would likely skew bid proposals and cost estimates received from prospective contractors, and also because the allocated funding source will cover a variety of tasks including project management, project oversight, implementation and other associated project considerations.

**Q: Can you separate the haul costs from cut, skid, deck costs.**

This is now separated in the bid sheet. Please see [Appendix A - Boca Stewardship - Bid Sheet](#). for the revised information.

**Q: Whose responsibility is it to complete survey spices of concern?**

TRWC/USFS have completed pre-project surveys for all species of concern. Based on previous surveys, areas will be revisited and flagged as needed during implementation. There are currently no LOPs for this project, however there is a Bald Eagle nest along the eastern perimeter of the project and depending on occupancy, a LOP may need to be reinstated.

**Q: Will the unit boundaries and stream courses be flagged?**

Unit boundaries have been marked w/ placards and have been flagged with blue flagging. Stream courses will be marked/flagged by USFS staff prior to implementation. Note that units with discernible boundaries (ie roads) are not flagged or painted.

**Q: Under conifer removal, what is species CS?**

CS = Combined Softwood.

**Q: Is this project a prevailing wage job subject to Department of Industrial Relations wages?**

Prevailing wage is not a requirement of this project.

**Q: Can operations exceed 8 hours daily?**

This is negotiable between the selected contractor and TRWC/USFS staff. Note that PALs regulations/requirements may dictate allowable hours of operation.

**Q: Is the road package subject to Davis Bacon laws?**

No it is not.

**Q. Will this project be awarded to more than one contractor?**

We anticipate awarding the project to a single contractor.

**Q: If project were to receive state funding, how would prevailing wage affect the work tasks? Could this be addressed by segmenting work if needed for the contractor to only pay prevailing wage in areas where state funded work would take place?**

As needed, this can be addressed through a contract amendment to determine specific work tasks that would be undertaken and paid for with state funding.

**Q: Unless this is a T&M project, line item #6 in proposal requirements: this should be addressed by unit cost (ie per acre) not via breakdown of personal costs.**

Agreed - this language has been revised - please prepare the bid costs according to the information provided in the revised document: [Appendix A - Boca Stewardship - Bid Sheet](#).

**Q: Bond requirements - what is the flexibility in requiring a bond certificate for the anticipated entire cost of the project? This can be very expensive, and given the current price of pine, there are a lot of unknowns as to what the project will ultimately cost.**

Agreed, language for bond requirement has been adjusted to reflect a 5% security bond for anticipated cost of project. TRWC can work with the selected contractor to determine best approach for securing and submitting a bond certificate.

**Q: Under bid evaluation how does F.4 and F.5 correspond in the evaluation process?**

We expect to see adequate detail on the proposed work plan and schedule submitted with each proposal so that the selection committee can appropriately evaluate contractor's understanding of what work needs to be completed and so that all parties have a accurate understanding of the proposed sequencing of work (item #4). We would like to see a brief description of personnel from the contractors firm including qualifications, training, certifications, etc (item #5). Both of these aspects will be a consideration in evaluating the submitted proposals.

**Q: Is there a possibility of pushing the proposal due date back to be able to assess the USFS roads package and information related to the selected RPF consultant firm who will be working on this project?**

We have extended the construction bid proposal date to May 26th. Bids will be due by 5pm on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Q: Can you share the plot data that shows basal area per acre/unit? Based on initial walk through of some of the project units, it seems like basal area is higher than what is shown in the appendices.**

Plot data can be accessed via [THIS LINK](#).

**Q: Can you share the chain of command so that we have an idea of who we will be reporting to through the length of the contract?**

Chain of command can be accessed via [THIS LINK](#).

**Q: Can you share the USFS closure order?**

Closure order can be accessed via [THIS LINK](#).

**Q: Will the contractor need to have an authorized encroachment permit from Nevada County?**

This sale utilizes portions of County Roads: NEV-886 (Nevada County - Hobart Mills Road), NEV-886E (Nevada County - Old Reno Road), NEV-889 (Nevada County - Dog Valley Road), NEV 787 (Nevada County - Prosser Dam Road) and NEV-890 (Nevada County - Boca Dam Road). Contractor will be responsible for obtaining and complying with the terms of any required Encroachment/Road Use permits from Nevada County for road use, traffic control, and/or road maintenance activities, if required by the county having jurisdiction over the use of the road.

**Q: Section E. Work Requirements limits contractors to 40 hours per week. Please clarify the reason for this, as most loggers are seasonal and typically work 10-hour days, 5-6 days a week for 6-8 months each year when weather and LOPs allow.**

Section E has been revised to reflect agreement amongst contractor and TRWC/USFS regarding work schedule.

**Q: The price sheet asks for Cut, Skid, Deck haul conifers by the acre with a total number of acres. I believe there are 33 different units with different prescriptions identified within project area and costs associated with them. Is the intent to bid all unit costs into one lump sum? If that is the cast it will make any adjustments to units hard to evaluate.**

We generally see cost per acre based on either timber sale or service items (ie mastication). If the contractor wishes to provide an alternate breakdown or format of proposed cost estimates, alternate submittals will be accepted.

**Q: Please explain on page 14 Boca SA mulch and ground cover outside of RCA is at least 50%. Is this done with slash, lop and scatter or chips. How will this 50% be looked at with mastication and no mastication units?**

Per the description in this section: Any bare ground resulting from operations will be mulched as needed to maintain ground cover requirements. Native mulch from adjacent areas is preferred (pine needles, slash or wood chips). Certified weed-free mulch could be used if no native materials are available. Masticated materials will adequately serve as acceptable mulch material.

**Q: Appendix F page 15 indicates a stump height of 3", however page 1 of Appendix F calls for a stump height of 12". Please clarify desired stump height.**

Minimum stump height is 3" to be able to appropriately treat the bare wood and prevent disease. Maximum stump height is 12".

**Q: In Appendix F page 17 is it the intent to till landings and skid roads and temp roads?**

All impacted soils (landings, skid roads/temp roads) will need to be de-compacted to restore soil health. Tilling is one method, but other appropriate methods may be discussed and agreed on between contractor and TRWC/USFS (ie ripping/de-compacting with tines of excavator).

**Q. Under Appendix E schedule of items and specifications #3 list fire line reconstruction 3.51 miles. I cannot find it on the map or under specifications, where is this work to be performed and at what width?**

Fireline construction is noted as a green-dashed line on Appendix C – project map. Specific details are located on p. 4 of Appendix E.

**Q: #5 road reconstruction 9.3 miles, please provide drawings or plans.**

A roads package will be released as a separate addendum as soon as we receive it from USFS.

**Q: In checking surrounding mills availability for Ponderosa Pine, some have asked to have the minimum DIB raised from 6" to 10". This helps the haul average and mill production costs compete in a downed market condition.**

Understood – the contracting officer for this project is currently out of town. We will determine if this is feasible and will respond with an additional addendum release.

**Pre-bid Tour Attendees:**

Rob Walker	Fox Enterprises
Jared Pew	J&C Enterprises
Tim Bordges	Bordges Timber TNC
George Dayles	VM West
Matthew Setty	NVENN
Logan Bamford	Apex
David Mercer	Cross Check Services
Clinton Adams	J.W. Bamford
Joe Williamson	North Fork
Jason Smith	Ceres Forestry