



Procurement and Contracting Services
Request for Bids for Cow Canyon Fence Project

ADDENDUM #1

Please mark all bid submission
Files with the following information

Sealed RFB # S252301

Due on March 30, 2023 no later than 2:00 PM, MST

The following questions have been received by the technical question due date of March 17, 2023 by 12:00 PM, MST.

1. The clearing in primitive for the fence has to be cleared by axe or hand tool only?
 - a. Please note this is not “right of way fence clearing” - the practice of clearing to a specific spacing (usually 20 feet) around each fence line to protect fences and ease future repairs on them, which is identified by the USDA Forest Service (USFS) during fence maintenance with the allotment permittees.
This project bid item is only to remove fallen debris off the current fence line that pose a safety hazard to fence workers or interfere with fence building. USFS is still responsible for the actual right of way fence clearing activities.
That being said, only primitive tools are allowed in the Blue Range Primitive Area per USFS requirements.
2. What average density would you say primitive fence clearing is? Light, moderate or heavy?
 - a. Removal of tree and other debris off the fence line for safety and fence building is all the grant funding covers. The density will vary based on fire intensity in each area, how bad post fire weather events have damaged the area, and other impacts. There is currently no way to evaluate average density based on the 2022/2023 winter and spring weather impacts in the fire area.
3. Project timeline says 2 years but expected completion says spring 2024? Is that an error?
 - a. No. Grants were approved in 2022 and the grant cycle ends in 2024 unless approval is granted by the State of Arizona Department of Forest and Fire Management (DFFM) for extension.
4. Due to the weather (seasons), extreme conditions, remoteness, and unforeseen delays is there a time extension possibility beyond the 2 years?
 - a. Yes, pending DFFM approval.
5. Is the contractor supplying materials or the customer? Contract says DFFM is supplying materials but bid matrix shows pricing for materials?
 - a. Contractor (otherwise known as U of A Vendor) will purchase all materials for the project based on listed materials in bid matrix. The vendor will then bill the University of Arizona for 100% of the purchase and delivery price of the materials, and the vendor is paid from the DFFM Grant Funds. Vendor is expected to maintain, move and protect all purchased materials during the life of the project.

6. We would like better maps, especially depicting where we are to build new fence and repair old fence.
 - a. Area is inaccessible at this time and there is not way to determine the current status of the fences, especially after the recent storms. The only information we have currently on the status of the fences is what was provided in the bid documents.

7. If we come across a fence that is listed as rebuild but it only needs repair are we able to make that adjustment with the approval of our supervisor? Or if we come across a fence that is repair but it really needs to be built new?
 - a. Yes. All that would need to done is approval by U of A project representative.

8. Are your fence measurements as the “crow flies” or is it actually accounting for elevation changes? Are you going to allow us to bill by the actual footage on the ground and “not as the crow flies”?
 - a. All fence measurements are actual footage rounded up to the nearest either 0.10 of a mile or 0.5 of a mile depending on length of fence. Bill based on actual footage only.

9. Can you show us on the map where (if any) the permanent water sources are within the allotment and near the project locations?
 - a. Successful vendor on project will receive that information in conjunction with the USFS, as many of the permanent water sources were damaged in the fire and may not have been rebuilt. Or they may be under protections, restrictions or be private. Recommendation is each bidder should assume water will be available from Forest Service approved locations in the general area.

End of addendum, all else remains the same.