

Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

RFQ 25-01

ADDENDUM NO. 1

FOREST PROJECTS PLAN (FPP) PHASE 1

July 14, 2025

To: All Potential Submitters

THIS IS AN ADDENDUM TO WHICH SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE VALIDITY OF ANY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ). THE RFQ IS REVISED, MODIFIED, AND CLARIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

**The proposal due date and time is UNCHANGED and remains as follows: Due Date:** July 25, 2025

**Due Time:** 3:00 PM Local Time

**Item 1** – Questions received and answered by UMRWA:

Question 1: We see that part of the evaluation criteria, listed under costs, are the Labor rates, Equipment rates, and Mobilization Cost. Are we to provide hourly rates and mobilization cost for each piece of equipment?

The rates will vary greatly from contractor to contractor based on the type of equipment and how new it is. These factors will play a large role in how much can be completed per day. A Skid-steer with a mastication head cannot complete as much as a Tiger Cat with horizontal mastication head, on the same ground. Nor can it masticate to the size of the larger machine. Additionally, an older machine may not be able to complete what a newer machine can do. We hope these factors will be considered when the evaluation takes place.

*Answer 1: Rates should be provided for each piece of equipment anticipated to be used for the type of projects described in the Scope of Services section of the RFQ. The type of equipment and its operating hours will be* *considered in the evaluation process.*

Question 2: Are we to provide hourly rates for various personnel types, such as equipment operator, chainsaw operator, or laborer?

Obviously the experience of the personnel and operators will also make a great difference in how much can be accomplished per hour or per day. More experienced personnel are paid higher for this reason. We hope these factors will also be considered in the evaluation process with regard to cost.

*Answer 2: Yes, rates should be provided for the various personnel types* *anticipated to be needed for the type of projects described in the Scope of Services section of the RFQ. The experience of the personnel will be considered in the evaluation process.*

Question 3: How will work orders (projects) be awarded? Will they be competed between the "awarded 6 contractors" from the base contract at a cost per acre? Cost for the project? Or are projects going to be awarded based on the hourly rates presented for this evaluation?

*Answer 3: UMRWA will solicit specific cost proposals from the ranked Contractors. We will award contracts based on per acre cost, Contractor availability, and schedule for completion.*

Question 4: Are any rates given in this original evaluation "set" for the entirety of the contract?

We believe the most cost effective method of award for projects would be to compete them between the contractors you have chosen to award a base contract. Additionally, bidding those projects by the acre to complete them to the specifications you desire. This removes any unforeseen situations that hourly pricing may not cover and holds the contractor to a set amount of money to complete the project.

*Answer 4: No. The rates provided by Contractors in their SOQ will solely be used in our evaluation of SOQs.*

Question 5: How does the “Sample Project” area work out? Is the sample a part of one of the project sites and also intended to be awarded?

*Answer 5: The term “Sample Project” is not used in the RFQ. The term “Sample Contract” may have been mentioned in the Pre-SOQ Meeting on 6/30/25. The term was meant to refer to the contract UMRWA uses when awarding fuel reduction project contracts.*

Question 6: In reviewing the RFQ, there are no mentions of any insurance requirements. Can you please clarify what if any insurance requirements exist for this project?

*Answer 6: For the RFQ process, no proof of insurance is required. Insurance will be required at the time a contract is awarded for a specific project. Required insurance includes Workers Compensation Insurance for all of the employees on the project plus Automobile and General Liability Insurance that provides protection from claims which may arise from operations or performance. The amounts of insurance shall be not less than $1,000,000 occurrence each for automobile and general liability.*

Question 7: Are bidders required to provide both mechanical and hand treatments for this project?

*Answer 7: Yes, the projects will include both mechanical and hand treatments.*

Question 8: Can we pass this on to other contractors that we know of if they are qualified?

*Answer 8: Yes.*