



MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

221 W 8th St
Alturas CA 96101
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Request For Proposals

The Modoc Resource Conservation District (MRCD) is accepting requests for proposals (RFP) for an upcoming roadside shaded fuels reduction project from qualified contractors.

Sealed Bids will be accepted from:

- April 22nd, 2024 to May 6th, 2024

Sealed Bids will be opened May 13th at 1:00 p.m. inside of the NRCS conference room located at 221 W 8th St, Alturas CA, 96101

The funds from this grant are provided from:

1. Cal Fire Contract # 5GA21120

Project Location:

2. North Overland Road, Alturas, CA 96101

Project Commencement: June 1st 2024

Project Completion: No later than Nov 1st 2024

Additional information such as photos & maps can be found at modocrd.org

Additional questions, please contact: elyse.mrcd@gmail.com

I. Project Overview

The Cal Pines North Overland Rd Shaded fuels reduction project will take place in the Cal Pines community of Alturas, CA. The project is based on shaded fuels reduction alongside 3.4 miles of North Overland Rd. The project will include fuels reduction within 100ft on both sides of the road. This project will utilize non ground disturbing practices.

II. Timeline

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III. Grant Description

The grant funds are from the Cal Fire Grant #5GA2210. The grant is focused on a fuel reduction project. The Modoc Resource Conservation District (MRCD) in partnership with the Modoc Fire Safe Council (MFSC) was awarded funds to implement a 3.4-mile roadside shaded fuels reduction treatment along North Overland Road within the eastern portion of the California Pines Community subdivision which consists of 55,000 acres. This project will have a fuel reduction treatment area of 82.9 acres and an influence zone of 3,818 acres.

IV. Project Objectives

This project is part of a larger effort of fuels reduction in the Rush Creek Watershed through a larger collaboration that includes MRCD, Modoc National Forest, Pit RCD, Modoc Fire Safe Council, Sierra Pacific Industries, W.M. Beaty & Assoc., and California Deer Association. By implementing these fuel break projects, the MRCD will improve the effectiveness of wildfire mitigation and structure protection on private land within SRA, all within the High Hazard Severity Zone. This project directly affects approximately 150 structures/homes located in the central and east section of Cal Pines

V. Treatment

The vegetation treatment includes hand thinning using chain saws, chipping, and thinning within 100 ft of each side of the road. Contractor crews will thin trees to the minimum of 10' X 10'ft spacing while targeting larger trees for retention. Dead and dying trees; small trees; shrubs; and other surface fuels pruned to eliminate ladder fuels and general fuel buildup. Material generated by this fuel treatment will be processed using a variety of practices including a 14" chipper, piling, and limbing.

VI. Site Description

Project acres: 82.9 acres

Terrain: Mountainous

Elevation: 4,406 ft

Habitat: Mixed coniferous forest

Infrastructure Present: Some of the proposed work is near residential homes and infrastructure. Typical infrastructure includes fencing, septic lines, outdoor furniture, trails, and old roads. All these resources will need to be restored to their original status if disturbed. Items that may present as old or as cultural resources found during work that are not flagged shall be reported to the MRCD project manager and shall not be disturbed.

Avoidance Areas (flagged)

- Cultural Resources will be flagged for avoidance.
- Human Habitation/ Infrastructure: flagged as needed.
- Botanical Resources will be flagged for avoidance.
- Biological Resources will be flagged for avoidance.
 - Identification of any sensitive species, or active nests will be avoided and retained.

Notify MRCD project manager if any of these are identified while on site.

VII. Bid Evaluation & Criteria

All proposals shall include the following to be reviewed for criteria and scoring.

The contract award will be issued to the proposal with best value, not based solely upon the lowest bid. The award shall be made to the qualified proposal who is most advantageous to the MRCD and the projects goal, including all other factors. Solicitation shall identify all evaluation factors, including cost prices. The award shall be made to the best proposal or quotation as represented by the highest points in accordance with the stated evaluation factors and rating system.

Local work force development shall be considered for an additional scoring criteria.

It is the proposer's sole responsibility to include the following required information items prior to submitting the proposal.

1) Project Proposal Items

a) Proposal

All prices or quotations shall be typed or written in ink.

A firm-fixed-price grant contract (lump sum or unit price) shall be awarded to the bidder whose bid conforms to all evaluation and rating criteria.

Proposals written in pencil shall not be accepted. All quotations must match and be confirmed prior to submission, as they cannot be corrected after submitting.

b) Signature Authority

All bids must be signed by the agency or firm responsible officer or employee to include "for" the name of the firm responsible.

c) Subcontractors

List of all or any additional subcontractors, equipment, and licenses as applicable.

2) Insurance & licenses required to complete specified project work

- i) Insurance shall include the following: Workers compensation coverage & employers liability insurance in accordance with CA state laws to include any authorized subcontractors, general liability insurance with coverage no less than \$2,000,000 for personal injury and property damages, automobile liability insurance with a minimum of no less than \$1,000,000 for bodily damage, and \$100,000 for property damage. Auto insurance shall cover all vehicles including those for subcontractors, company, and

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private employees' vehicles.

- ii) Proof of proper contractor licenses & operating licenses for all employees (equipment operators).

3) Qualifications & Experience

- i) Company/ Contractor name
- ii) Proof of CA Contractor License/ Class A License/ Timber License (LTO A/ C61/ C49).
- iii) Insurance certifications.
- iv) Equipment list with brief description.
- v) Employee list, names, position, time in field and hrs. of equipment operation (if they will be operating equipment).
- vi) Knowledge of implementation and prior project experience.
- vii) Name and relevant experience of project site lead/ manager.
- viii) Safety protocols, training & field emergency plan.

4) Strategy & approach to project completion

- i) Describe strategy to approach project completion, and the following sequence of operations until project completion.
- ii) Treatment (if needed) for steep or rough terrain.
- iii) Include names of operators & equipment to be used (specify areas).
- iv) Describe two similar or most recent projects that included similar treatment requirements.

5) Project Cost

Complete costs with separate line items. Provide cost per acre and line items for each treatment as applicable.

6) Local Benefit

MRCD supports local workforce development if contractors are based locally within Modoc County (additional points will be included if

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7) Safety Measures

Safety is of the utmost important to MRCD. Describe safety measures taken by the firm and any applicable training staff may have. Include measures to be taken when in the field, and during project implementation (in the event of fire or emergency).

Criteria for Evaluation

1	Completeness of project proposal	Pass/Fail
2	Required Insurance & Licenses	Pass/Fail
3	Qualifications & Experience	30
4	Strategy	30
5	Project Cost	30
6	Local Benefit	5 pts
7	Safety Measures	5 pts
	Total	/100 pts

Items 1 & 2 must receive a pass for award consideration.

VIII. Process

- I. Bids will be publicly solicited, and publicly opened on the announced date and time.
- II. Bids received will be dated and time stamped for receipt of bids and for public opening.
- III. A bidder may withdraw bids any time prior to public opening by providing written notice to the listed MRCD contact.
- IV. Bidders will only be selected after criteria evaluation from MRCD.
- V. If only one proposal is received the sole proposal may be received only if they meet the stated criteria, if the bidder does not MRCD ..will sole source a contractor based on MRCD policy.

IX. Proposal Mistakes

- I. Once a bid is opened no changes can be made. A bidder with a mistake on a bid may be relieved of the bid with the consent of MRCD, if the following is established.
 - i. A good faith mistake was made.
 - ii. The bidder gives written notice within five (5) days of bid opening specifying in detail the mistake made.
 - iii. The mistake was material and not due to an error in judgement or to carelessness in inspection of the project site or in reading the project plans/specifications.

X. Award Process

- I. Proposers will be notified via email for all award and non-award notifications. Notifications will include the name of the proposer to be awarded the contract as well as the contracted amount. All bidders will be notified of the order they placed within evaluation.
- II. No additional information will be provided.

XI. Contract Items

- I. The bidder will sign into a contracted agreement with MRCD upon being awarded. The contract will include the provisions and necessary items to define the responsibilities of each party, Items will adhere to state and federal laws and regulations consistent to the items included in the grant agreement and accept all clauses.
- II. Clauses
 - i. Termination for convenience
 - ii. Termination for default
 - iii. Equal Employment Opportunity
 - iv. Anti-Kickback Act

- v. Davis-Bacon Act
- vi. Contract work hours & safety standards act
- vii. MRCD grant reporting requirements
- viii. Appropriate insurance and indemnity provisions
- ix. Additional clauses that are in the best interest of MRCD

XII. Protest Appeal

- I. Any prospective contractor protesting the solicitation or award of a contract for serious violations of the principles of the Policy will be entitled to have that protest reviewed by the Modoc RCD board.
- II. Any protest against a solicitation shall be received before the due date for receipt of bids or proposals and any protest against the award of a contract shall be received within ten (10) calendar days after contract award.
- III. All bid protests shall be in writing, submitted to the Executive Director or his or her designee who shall issue a written decision in the matter. The Executive Director or his or her designee may, at his or her discretion, suspend the procurement pending resolution of the protest but is in no way obligated to do so.
 - i. The submission must include a complete statement of the basis for the protest and include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person representing the protest.
 - ii. Protests must be submitted before 5 P.M. on the 10th day following the notification of award.

Submit protests in writing to:

Modoc Resource Conservation District
Attention Executive Director
221 W 8th St. Alturas CA, 96101
- IV. The proposer's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the protest, including filing a claim or legal proceedings.

XIII. Non-Discrimination

The Contractor selected through this RFP shall provide services without discrimination based on race, creed, color, ethnic or linguistic identification, gender or sexual preference, disability or handicap or any other basis prohibited by law.

XIV. Public Records Access & Confidentiality

- I. Proposers should be aware that submitted proposals are subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. **It is the responsibility of the proposers to clearly identify information in their proposals that they consider to be confidential under the California Public Records Act.** To the extent that MRCD agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.
- II. All information regarding the proposals will be held as confidential until such time the Review Committee has completed its evaluation and, or if, contract negotiations are completed.

XV. Ethics in Procurement

- I. Non-Discrimination: MRCD shall provide services without discrimination based on race, creed, color, ethnic or linguistic identification, gender or sexual preference, disability or handicap or any other basis prohibited by law.
- II. No employee, consultant or board member of the MRCD shall participate in the selection, or award or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- III. Gratuities, Kickbacks, and Use of Confidential Information: In no case shall the Modoc RCD board, employees, and/or consultant, solicit or accept a gift from a contractor or supplier in exchange for any promised action or inaction involving the Modoc RCD procurement and contracting.
- IV. Conflict of Interest: No district employee or official shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any purchase, contract, sale, or transaction to which the district is a party and which comes before said official or employee for recommendation or action. No employee or official shall realize any personal gain from any purchase, contract, sale, or transaction involving the district.

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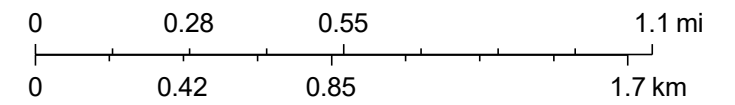
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- Project Boundary N Overland

- World Imagery
- Low Resolution 15m Imagery
- High Resolution 60cm Imagery
- High Resolution 30cm Imagery

- Citations
- 9.6m Resolution Metadata



- Overland_Road
- Co Rd 71_CalPines Blvd




California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS, Maxar

Cal Pines Project Boundary

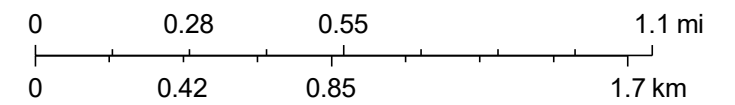


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