



**INFORMAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
No. JD172677IP**

**TIMBER CRUISING SERVICES FOR
OSU COLLEGE FORESTS**

PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME:
November 24, 2014 (3:00 PM, PT)

OSU Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management Offices are open Monday through Friday 8:00 am-12:00 noon and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.
Offices are closed during the 12:00 noon-1:00 pm lunch hour.

SUBMITTAL LOCATION:

Oregon State University
Procurement, Contracts, and Materials Management
644 SW 13th Avenue
Corvallis, Oregon 97333

1.0 GENERAL**1.01 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Issue Date..... November 5, 2014
- Deadline for Requests for Clarification or Change..... November 14, 2014 (4:00 pm, PT)
- Proposal Due Date and Time..... November 24, 2014 (3:00 pm, PT)

This Schedule of Events is subject to change. Any changes will be made through the issuance of Written Addenda.

1.02 ISSUING OFFICE

The Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management (PCMM) department of Oregon State University ("OSU") is the issuing office and is the sole point of contact for this Request for Proposal. Address all concerns or questions regarding this solicitation to the Administrative Contact identified below.

1.03 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT

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1.04 DEFINITIONS

As used in this solicitation, the terms set forth below are defined as follows:

- a. "Addenda" means an addition to, deletion from, a material change in, or general interest explanation of the Request for Proposal.
- b. "Exhibits" means those documents which are attached to and incorporated as part of the Request for Proposal.
- c. "Proposal" means an offer, binding on the Proposer and submitted in response to the Request for Proposal.
- d. "Proposer" means an entity that submits a Proposal in response to the Request for Proposal.
- e. "Proposal Due Date and Time" means the date and time specified in the Request for Proposal as the deadline for submitting Proposals.
- f. "Request for Proposal" (RFP) means the document issued to obtain Written, competitive Proposals to be used as a basis for making an acquisition or entering into a Contract when price will not necessarily be the predominant award criteria.
- g. "Responsible" means an entity that demonstrates their ability to perform satisfactorily under a Contract by meeting the applicable standards of responsibility outlined in OAR 580-061-0130.
- h. "Responsive" means a Proposal that has substantially complied in all material respects with the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposal.
- i. "Written or Writing" means letters, characters, and symbols that are intended to represent or convey particular ideas or meanings and are made in electronic form or inscribed on paper by hand, print, type, or other method of impression.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**2.01 INTRODUCTION**

Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management is seeking Responsive Responsible Proposers to submit Proposals for timber cruising services and forest measurement (inventory) services for the OSU Research Forests. Contractor will provide all the necessary professional services, materials and equipment to provide estimates of net and gross log and pole volume by species, product, domestic and export (upon request) grade to be cut from standing timber as part of the timber harvest program. The harvest program is expected to average 2,000 mbf to 6,000 mbf, per year for the next ten (10) years. OSU has forests in the following counties and work will be performed on all or part of the following list: Benton County, Polk County, Columbia County, Clackamas County, and Washington County. A portion of the harvest program is anticipated to include "auto mark" thinning areas that will not be marked with paint prior to advertisement. The timber harvest program is anticipated to include 4 – 8 timber sale projects annually. OSU normally sells logs that are paid for by third

party scale. OSU normally does not sell lump sum or recovery sales of standing timber. OSU intends to select up to four (4) companies to contract with as a result of this solicitation. This will insure all geographical areas are covered by the contractor best able to meet OSU immediate requirements. OSU will, at its sole discretion, select the Contractor for a particular project and shall be under no obligation to distribute work evenly between all Contractors.

2.02 BACKGROUND

The OSU Research Forests are living laboratories where active forest management practices provide teaching, research and demonstration opportunities for students of all ages, forest managers, and Oregonians. OSU's existing contracts for these services will be expiring in 2014. This solicitation will result in new contract(s) that will allow these services to be provided past 2014.

2.03 OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1868, Oregon State University is a comprehensive, research-extensive, public university located in Corvallis. OSU is one of only two American universities to hold the Land Grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant and Sun Grant designations. OSU is also the only Oregon institution to hold the Carnegie Foundation's top ranking for research universities, a recognition of the depth and quality of OSU's graduate education and research programs.

Through its centers, institutes, Extension offices and Experiment Stations, OSU has a presence in almost every one of Oregon's 36 counties, including its main campus in Corvallis, the Hatfield Marine Sciences Center in Newport and OSU-Cascades Campus in Bend. OSU offers undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees through 12 academic colleges enrolling more than 26,000 students from every county in Oregon, every state in the country and more than 90 nations.

3.0 STATEMENT OF WORK

3.01 SAMPLE CONTRACT

A sample contract containing a statement of work and contractual terms and conditions is included at Exhibit A.

4.0 PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS

4.01 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify as a Responsive Proposer, the Proposer needs to meet the minimum qualifications below.

- a. A minimum of five (5) years' experience with the related activities surrounding full cruise services to include design, management in the field, product identification, domestic log grading, estimating defect and summarization.

4.02 PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

OSU will award additional points for Proposers able to meet the preferred qualifications below.

- a. A minimum of ten (10) years' recent experience with the related activities surrounding full cruise services to include design, management in the field, product identification, export log grading, estimating defect and summarization.

5.0 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS AND EVALUATION

5.01 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

Proposers must submit the following information:

- Detailed information about how the Proposer meets the minimum and, if applicable, preferred qualifications described in section 4.0, Proposer Qualifications. At a minimum the Proposer should provide:
 - Company history outlining at least five (5) years of experience in the industry.
 - Company history outlining at least ten (10) years of experience in the industry.

- Description of how the goods or services offered specifically satisfy the statement of work described in Exhibit A, Section 2. Specifically, proposer should provide documentation/examples outlining the proposers standard process and experience for the following:
 - **Qualifications:** List the general experience level of personnel who will be designing the cruise, conducting the cruise in the field, and summarizing the cruise.
 - **Cruise Summary:** Past experience demonstrating knowledge of product identification, domestic log grading, estimating defect, and summarizing the cruise (include evidence of historical accuracy and references). List computer programs utilized.
 - **Cruise Accuracy:** Describe how the accuracy of the cruise will be assured. Include example reports.
 - **Cruise Design:** Provide an example of a cost-efficient grade-cruise design procedure for a harvest program similar in size to those specified in the Statement of Work, Exhibit A. Include examples of estimating the coefficient of variation and design of a sampling system with a sample intensity to meet target 5 percent standard error of the estimate at + or – one standard deviation (68 percent confidence limit) of the total net volume per acre.
 - **Capability and method to Determine Area:** Provide method to determine area of harvest units. This information is normally determined and provided to Contractors, but OSU may occasionally ask the Contractor to determine area.
 - **Response Time:** Provide standard response time in days from start to completion for a cruise project totaling fifty (50) acres in size.
 - **Automark Experience:** Demonstrated experience and past services provided for unmarked “automark” thinning units.
- Exhibit B: Certifications, fully completed and signed.
- Exhibit C: References, fully completed.
- Exhibit D: Pricing Sheet, fully completed.

5.02 EVALUATION

This is a multistage evaluation. OSU will first review all Proposals to determine Responsiveness. Proposals that do not comply with the instructions, that are materially incomplete, that do not meet the minimum requirements, or that are submitted by Proposers who do not meet minimum qualifications may be deemed non-Responsive. Written notice will be sent to Proposers whose Proposal is deemed non-Responsive identifying the reason. The evaluation committee will then perform first stage evaluations on the Written Proposals based on the following evaluation criteria. Points will be given in each criteria and a total score will be determined. The maximum points available for each criterion are identified below.

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
Preferred Qualifications	10
References	15
Cruise Summary	15
Cruise Accuracy	10
Cruise Design	10
Capability and Method to Determine Area	5
Response Time	5
Automark Experience	15
<u>Pricing</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	100

Pricing Calculation:

The Proposal that contains the lowest price to OSU will receive the maximum number of price points. A Proposal whose price is higher than the lowest submitted price will receive proportionately fewer price points, as demonstrated in the example below.

- Proposer A’s price is \$450 (the lowest)
 Proposer A is awarded 15 price points (the maximum)
- Proposer B’s price is \$500
 Proposer B is awarded 13.5 price points (450/500 x 15)

In the event of a discrepancy between unit prices and extended (arithmetically calculated) prices, unit prices will prevail over extended prices.

OSU may award after the first stage evaluation to the highest ranked Proposer(s) without moving on to the second stage evaluation. If OSU decides to move to a second stage evaluation, the highest ranked Proposers from the first stage evaluation will move to the second stage evaluation. Proposers who are included in the second stage evaluation may be requested to provide additional information about their Proposal through interviews, presentations, requests for best and final Proposals or other methods relevant to the goods or services, in order for the evaluation committee to make a final determination. Points awarded in the first stage evaluation will not be carried to the second stage evaluation. If a second stage evaluation of all Proposers does not produce an award that is in OSU's best interest, OSU may return to the first stage evaluation to advance additional Proposers to a second stage evaluation.

5.03 AWARD

Contracts will be awarded to the Proposer(s) who, in OSU's opinion, meets the requirements and qualifications of the RFP and whose Proposal is in the best interest of OSU. If a successful Contract cannot be completed after award, OSU may conclude contract negotiations, rescind its award to that Proposer, and return to the most recent RFP evaluation stage to negotiate with another Proposer(s) for award.

5.04 INVESTIGATION OF REFERENCES

OSU reserves the right to investigate and to consider the references and the past performance of any Proposer with respect to such things as its performance or provision of similar goods or services, compliance with specifications and contractual obligations, and its lawful payment of suppliers, subcontractors, and workers. OSU further reserves the right to consider past performance, historical information and facts, whether gained from the Proposal, Proposer interviews, references, OSU or any other source in the evaluation process. OSU may postpone the award or execution of the Contract after the announcement of the notice of intent to award in order to complete its investigation.

6.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

6.01 APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

This RFP is subject to the applicable provisions and requirements of the Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, and OSU Policies and Procedures.

6.02 COMMUNICATIONS DURING RFP PROCESS

In order to ensure a fair and competitive environment, direct communication between OSU employees other than the Administrative Contact or other PCMM representative and any party in a position to create an unfair advantage to Proposer or disadvantage to other Proposers with respect to the RFP process or the award of a Contract is strictly prohibited. This restricted period of communication begins on the issue date of the solicitation and for Proposer(s) not selected for award ends with the conclusion of the protest period identified in OAR 580-061-0145(3) and for Proposers(s) selected for award ends with the contract execution. This restriction does not apply to communications to other OSU employees during a Pre-Proposal conference or other situation where the Administrative Contact has expressly authorized direct communications with other staff. A Proposer who intentionally violates this requirement of the RFP process or otherwise deliberately or unintentionally benefits from such a violation by another party may have its Proposal rejected due to failing to comply with all prescribed solicitation procedures. The rules governing rejection of individual solicitation responses and potential appeals of such rejections are at OAR 580-061-0130.

6.03 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE

Requests for clarification or change of the Request for Proposal must be in Writing and submitted to PCMM at least two (2) days before the Proposal Due Date and Time, unless specified otherwise herein. Such requests for clarification or change must include the reason for the Proposer's request. OSU will consider all timely requests and, if acceptable to OSU, amend the Request for Proposal by issuing an Addendum. Envelopes, e-mails or faxes containing requests should be clearly marked as a Request for Clarification or Change and include the RFP Number and Title.

6.04 ADDENDA

Only documents issued as Written Addenda by PCMM serve to change the Request for Proposal in any way. No other direction received by the Proposer, written or verbal, serves to change the Request for Proposal. Addenda will be publicized on the OUS procurement website. Proposers are advised to consult the OUS procurement website prior to submitting a Proposal in order to ensure that all relevant Addenda have been incorporated into the Proposal. Proposers are not required to submit Addenda with their Proposal. However, Proposers are responsible for obtaining and incorporating any changes made by Addenda into their Proposal. Failure to do so may make the Proposal non-Responsive, which in turn may cause the Proposal to be rejected.

6.05 PREPARATION AND SIGNATURE

Proposals should be Written and signed in ink by an authorized representative with authority to bind the Proposer. Signature certifies that the Proposer has read, fully understands, and agrees to be bound by the RFP and all Exhibits and Addenda to the RFP.

6.06 PUBLIC RECORD

Upon completion of the Request for Proposal process, information in all Proposals will become subject records under the Oregon Public Records Law. Only those items considered a "trade secret" under ORS 192.50 (2), may be exempt from disclosure. If a Proposal contains what the Proposer considers a "trade secret" the Proposer must mark each sheet of information as such. Only bona fide trade secrets may be exempt and only if public interest does not require disclosure.

6.07 SUBMISSION

Proposals must be received in the PCMM office no later than the Proposal Due Date and Time. Envelopes, faxes, or e-mails containing Proposals should contain the RFP No., RFP Title and the Proposal Due Date and Time. Proposals may be mailed to Oregon State University, Procurement, Contracts, and Materials Management, 644 SW 13th Street, Corvallis, OR 97333-4238, faxed to (541) 737-2170 or e-mailed in PDF format to the Administrative Contact noted above. It is highly recommended that a Proposer confirms receipt of the Proposal with the Administrative Contact noted above.

6.08 PROPOSALS ARE OFFERS

The Proposal is the Proposer's offer to enter into a Contract pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the RFP, its Exhibits, and Addenda. The offer is binding on the Proposer for one hundred twenty (120) days, unless otherwise specified herein. OSU's award of the Contract constitutes acceptance of the offer and binds the Proposer.

6.09 RIGHT TO REJECT

OSU may reject, in whole or in part, any Proposal not in compliance with the RFP, Exhibits, and Addenda. OSU may reject all Proposals if it is in the best interest of OSU to do so.

6.10 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS

OSU is not liable for costs incurred by the Proposer during the RFP process.

6.11 AWARDS

OSU reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or any combination thereof; on a geographical basis and/or on a statewide basis with one (1) or more suppliers. OSU reserves the right to delete any item from the contract when deemed to be in the best interest of OSU.

**EXHIBIT A
SAMPLE CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Oregon State University and its College Forests ("OSU"), and [Contractor's name] ("Contractor").

WHEREAS, OSU competitively solicited for the services outlined in this Contract under Informal Request for Proposal number JD172677IP entitled Timber Cruising Services for OSU College Forests and Contractor was selected as the Proposer best able to provide this service; and

WHEREAS, Contractor understands the requirements for the services outlined in this Contract, and is willing and able to provide, in accordance with the terms of this Contract, the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, OSU and Contractor agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT TERM AND TERMINATION:

A. CONTRACT TERM.

This Contract is effective on the date of last signature and expires one (1) year from that date. OSU has the option to extend the term of this Contract for nine (9) additional one (1) year terms based on the current terms and conditions. OSU may exercise this option to extend by providing written notice to Contractor prior to the expiration of the Contract.

B. TERMINATION.

This Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of both parties or by OSU upon thirty (30) days' written notice. In addition, OSU may terminate this Contract at any time by written notice to Contractor if (a) Federal or state statutes, regulations or guidelines are modified or interpreted in such a way that the services are no longer allowable or appropriate for purchase under this Contract; (b) any license or certificate required by law or regulation to be held by the Contractor to provide the services required by this Contract is for any reason denied, revoked, or not renewed; or (c) OSU fails to receive funding, appropriations, allocations or other expenditure authority as contemplated by OSU's budget and OSU determines, in its assessment and ranking of the policy objectives explicit or implicit in OSU's budget, that it is necessary to terminate the Contract, or (d) if the OSU program for which this Contract was executed is abolished.

OSU may also terminate this Contract at any time by written notice for default (including breach of contract) if (a) Contractor fails to timely provide services or materials called for by this Contract; or (b) Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Contract, or so fails to pursue the work as to endanger performance of this Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and after receipt of written notice from OSU, fails to correct such failures within ten (10) days. Termination of this Contract under this Section or any other section is without prejudice to OSU's other rights and remedies.

C. REMEDIES FOR CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT.

In the event Contractor is in default (which includes without limitation, incomplete services), OSU may, at its option, pursue any or all of the remedies available to it under this Contract and at law or in equity, including, but not limited to: (a) rejection of the services, (b) requiring Contractor to correct any defects without charge, (c) negotiation with Contractor to sell the services to OSU at a reduced price, (d) termination of the Contract, (e) withholding all moneys due for the services Contractor has failed to deliver within any scheduled completion dates or has performed inadequately or defectively, (f) initiation of an action or proceedings for damages, specific performance, or declaratory or injunctive relief, or (g) exercise of its right of set off. These remedies are cumulative to the extent the remedies are not inconsistent, and OSU may pursue any remedy or remedies singly, collectively, successively, or in any order whatsoever.

2. STATEMENT OF WORK:

A. REQUIRED SERVICES, DELIVERABLES AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

Contractor shall provide OSU with the following services during the Term of this Contract:

1. Cruise design including estimation of the coefficient of variation and design of a sampling system with a sample intensity to meet target 5 percent standard error of the estimate at + or - one standard deviation (68 percent confidence limit) of the total net volume per acre.
2. Field measurements and data recording to include plot location, type, size, tree species, count, diameter, height, basal area, product, defect and domestic log or pole grades.
3. Cruise summary including a short written narrative of the timber cruise specifications, volume summary, timber description, any unusual findings or concerns.
4. Summary data table reports containing at least the following information:
 - species, sort, grade, gross and net Scribner board foot and cubic volumes per acre of cut and leave trees for each harvest area and for the total sale;
 - log stock tables of trees to be cut displaying net volume by scaling diameter and length with breakout of species, sort, grade, and defect.
5. Statistics table of percent standard error and coefficient of variation for the total net volume with a breakout by species, number of sample trees, and trees per acre.
6. Other miscellaneous data upon request.
Acreage determination (optional at sole discretion of OSU – OSU will normally provide Contractor with cutting unit area in acres as determined from GPS traverses of posted cutting boundaries).

B. ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICES.

Services furnished under this Contract are subject to acceptance by OSU. If OSU finds services furnished to be incomplete or not in compliance with the Contract, OSU, at its sole discretion, may either reject the services, require Contractor to correct any defects without charge, or negotiate with Contractor to reduce the price, whichever OSU deems appropriate under the circumstances. If Contractor is unable or refuses to cure any defects within a time deemed reasonable by OSU, OSU may pursue any of the remedies for Contractor's default detailed in that Section above.

3. COMPENSATION:

A. METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.

OSU shall pay Contractor, for services accepted, based on the hourly rates as specified in Attachment A, Pricing.

B. BASIS OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.

OSU shall pay Contractor all amounts due under this Contract in one payment upon OSU's approval of Contractor's invoice to OSU but only after OSU has determined that Contractor has completed, and OSU has accepted, all services required under this Contract.

C. EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.

OSU will not reimburse Contractor for any expenses under this Contract.

D. INVOICES AND PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR.

Contractor shall send invoices to OSU for services completed and accepted by OSU. Contractor shall include in each invoice:

- a. The Contract number;
- b. A description of services performed, including the dates services were performed, all deliverables delivered during the period of the invoices, the rate(s) for services performed, and the total cost of services;
- c. Itemization and explanation of all expenses for which Contractor claims reimbursement authorized under this Contract;
- d. The total amount due and the payment remittance address.

Contractor shall send all invoices to OSU's Department Administrator or to the Department to which the services were provided if a Department Administrator is not specified.

OSU shall pay Contractor for services performed at the prices and rates specified herein. Contractor shall look solely to OSU for payment of all amounts OSU owes to Contractor. Payment of OSU contracts is normally made within 30-45 days following the date the invoice is received. After 45 days, Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum of two-thirds of one percent (2/3 of 1%) per month or eight percent (8%) per annum on the outstanding balance pursuant to ORS 293.462.

PRICE ESCALATION CLAUSE

Contractor shall keep the pricing specified in Attachment A the same throughout the Initial Term of the Contract. Contractor may negotiate unit costs after the initial Term for subsequent renewals. Contractor shall submit any proposed increase in the unit costs in writing to PCMM for consideration at least sixty (60) days before the renewal period. Contractor must provide supporting documentation to back up the request. Accepted increases, by PCMM, in the pricing will remain the same for the full term of the renewal period.

4. INSURANCE:

A. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's expense, and keep in effect during the term of this Contract, Commercial General Liability Insurance, including Products and Completed Operations coverage, with minimum limits of \$1 Million per occurrence and \$2 Million aggregate. Such insurance policy is to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Oregon with an A.M. Best rating of at least A-VII, or such other insurance carrier approved in writing, in advance, by OSU. OSU and the Oregon University System, their officers, employees and agents shall be included as additional insured in said insurance policy.

B. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's expense, and keep in effect during the term of this contract, Automobile Liability Insurance. This coverage can be provided by combining the Automobile Liability Insurance with the General Liability Insurance. Coverage limits shall not be less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

C. PRIMARY COVERAGE.

Insurance carried by Contractor under this Contract shall be the primary coverage and OSU's insurance is excess and solely for damages or losses for which OSU is responsible.

D. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

The Contractor, its subcontractors, if any, and all employers providing work, labor or materials under this Contract are subject employers under the Oregon Workers' Compensation law and shall comply with ORS 656.017, which requires them to provide workers' compensation coverage that

satisfies Oregon law for all their subject workers, unless such employees are exempt under ORS 656.126.

E. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE.

As evidence of the insurance coverages required by this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish Certificate(s) of Insurance to the OSU Contract Administrator, upon request. The Certificate(s) will specify all of the parties who are Additional Insureds (or Loss Payees). Insurance coverages required under this Contract shall be obtained from acceptable insurance companies or entities. Contractor shall be financially responsible for all deductibles, self-insured retentions and/or self-insurance included hereunder.

F. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR CHANGE.

Contractor shall not cause or permit any cancellation, material change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or notice of intent not to renew insurance coverage(s) without 30 days' written notice from the Contractor or its insurer(s) to OSU's Contract Administrator. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of this insurance, except for the potential exhaustion of aggregate limits, shall not affect the coverage(s) provided to OSU.

5. INDEMNIFICATION:

A. INDEMNITY.

- a. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless OSU, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and their respective officers, board members, employees, agents and other representatives against claims, expenses, or losses: (i) that result from Contractor's negligence, wrongful acts or willful misconduct, or (ii) alleging Contractor's services, information or materials supplied by Contractor to OSU under this Contract, or OSU's use of any of the foregoing infringes on any patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark, or other proprietary right of a third party.
- b. OSU's right to receive indemnification under this Section is conditioned upon OSU giving reasonably prompt notice and assistance of any claim; provided however, that OSU's failure to provide notice and assistance does not limit OSU's right to indemnification except to the extent such failure or assistance materially affects Contractor's ability to defend the claim.
- c. Contractor's indemnification obligation under this Section includes but is not limited to all of OSU's expenses of litigation, court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

B. DEFENSE.

- a. Contractor shall have control of the defense with counsel reasonably acceptable to OSU, except that: (i) OSU may join the defense with its own counsel and at its own expense if OSU determines there is a conflict of interest or there is an important government principle at issue, and (ii) OSU'S consent is required for any settlement that requires OSU to pay any money, does not release OSU from all liability from the claim, or adversely affects OSU's interest.

6. LAWS AND POLICIES:

A. APPLICABLE LAW; JURISDICTION AND VENUE.

- a. The laws of the State of Oregon (without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles or laws) govern all matters arising out of or relating to the Contract, including, without limitation, its validity, interpretation, construction, performance or enforcement. Any party bringing a legal action or proceeding against the other party arising out of or relating to this Contract shall bring the legal action or proceeding in the Circuit Court of Oregon for Benton County.
- b. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if a legal action or proceeding must be brought in a federal forum, the party shall bring the legal action or proceeding in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. This paragraph does not authorize Contractor to bring a legal action or

proceeding against OSU in a federal forum except to the extent Congress has validly abrogated OSU's sovereign immunity. This paragraph is also not a waiver by OSU of any form of immunity, including without limitation sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution.

- c. Except as set forth in paragraph (b), the parties consent to in personam jurisdiction in the above courts and waive any objection to venue and any objection that the forum is inconvenient.

B. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND POLICIES.

- a. The parties shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, executive orders and ordinances pertaining to their respective businesses, products or services, employment obligations, and the subject matter of this Contract. The parties shall at all times comply with all applicable policies of the Oregon University System and OSU, including without limitation any such laws or regulations regarding employment discrimination. If this Contract is being funded with federal funds, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal contracting statutes, regulations and policies.
- b. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor expressly agrees to comply with the following laws, regulations and executive orders to the extent they are applicable to the Contract: (i) Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; (ii) Paragraphs 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; (iii) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; (iv) Executive Order 11246, as amended; (v) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; (vi) the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; (vii) the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended; (viii) ORS Chapter 659, as amended; (ix) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; (x) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act requirements noted in OAR 125-055-0115; (xi) the Oregon Consumer Identity Theft Protection Act, ORS 646A.600-646A.628; (xii) all regulations and administrative rules established pursuant to the foregoing laws; and (xiii) all other applicable requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes, rules and regulations. These laws, regulations and executive orders are incorporated by reference herein to the extent that they are applicable to the Contract and required by law to be so incorporated.

C. FEDERALLY REQUIRED PROVISIONS.

- a. Equal Employment Opportunity – Contractor shall comply with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."
- b. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement – If this Contract is for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work, the Federal Government and OSU have rights in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- c. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended – If this Contract provides for payments in excess of \$100,000, Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- d. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) – Contractors who apply or bid for an contract of more than \$100,000 shall file a certification that it will not and has not used Federally

appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor shall require any subcontractor who applies or bids for subcontract in excess of \$100,000 to provide a similar certification to the next higher tier (Contractor or subcontractor as applicable). Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Contractor or subcontractor must forward any disclosures from tier to tier up to OSU.

- e. Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689) - No contract shall be made to parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension." This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. If this Contract is in excess of the small purchase threshold, Contractor hereby certifies they are not listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs.

D. PUBLIC RECORDS LAW NOTICE.

OSU advises Contractor that information OSU receives may be subject to public inspection under Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410-192.505).

E. SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/HAZARD COMMUNICATION.

Services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and with all Oregon safety and health requirements, including those of the State of Oregon Workers' Compensation Division. Contractor shall notify OSU prior to using products containing hazardous chemicals to which OSU employees may be exposed. Products containing hazardous chemicals are those products defined by Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 437. Upon OSU's request, Contractor shall immediately provide Material Safety Data Sheets, as required by OAR 437-155-025, for the products subject to this provision.

F. FIREARMS POLICY.

The State Board of Higher Education has adopted a policy that prohibits Contractor and Contractor's employees, agents, and subcontractors from possessing firearms on Board-owned or Board-controlled property.

G. PARKING.

Contractors doing business on the OSU campus may be required to have a permit to park if utilizing restricted street parking or parking lots. Contractor parking permits may be obtained through OSU's Office of Transit & Parking Services.

H. SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.

The State Board of Higher Education has adopted policies that prohibit sexual harassment of members of the OSU community and in keeping with those policies Contractor and Contractor's employees, agents, and subcontractors are prohibited from engaging in sexual harassment of members of the OSU community.

I. SMOKING POLICY.

OSU has adopted a policy that prohibits Contractor and Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors from smoking on the OSU campus or other OSU owned property. The smoking prohibition includes all indoor and outdoor spaces.

J. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY.

If Contractor is designing or developing web page(s) for OSU under this Contract, Contractor shall design and develop (as applicable) the web page(s) in conformance with OSU's Policy on

Information Technology Accessibility available at <http://oregonstate.edu/accessibility/ITpolicy>.

7. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

In the event of a conflict, all the terms and conditions of this Contract, its exhibits, and any amendments thereto supersede all terms and conditions on any forms used by the Contractor.

B. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY.

OSU and Contractor are the only parties to this Contract and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Nothing in this Contract gives, is intended to give, or shall be construed to give or provide any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly, or otherwise, to third parties

C. ASSIGNMENT/SUBCONTRACT/DELEGATION.

Contractor shall not assign, subcontract, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Contract, without the prior written approval of OSU. Any assignment of rights or delegation of duties is prohibited under this Section, whether by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law or any other manner. Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of duties in violation of this Section is void. OSU's consent to delegation does not relieve Contractor of any of its performance obligations.

D. WAIVER.

No waiver of an obligation under this Contract is effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party granting the waiver. No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy, or in requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Contract operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy or condition.

E. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND AUDIT.

Contractor shall maintain accurate books, records, documents, and other evidence (collectively, "Records") following accounting procedures and practices sufficient to reflect properly all costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred and anticipated to be incurred in the performance of this Contract. Contractor shall permit OSU, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, Oregon Secretary of State, the federal government, and their duly authorized representatives to have access to the Records that are directly pertinent to this Contract for the purpose of conducting an audit, or other examination, or for creating excerpts or transcripts. Contractor shall maintain Records for OSU's review for at least six years beyond the term of the Contract. Contractor shall promptly remedy any discrepancies involving deviation from the terms of this Contract and shall promptly reimburse OSU for any commitments or expenditures found by OSU to have been in excess of amounts authorized by OSU under this Contract.

OSU shall have the right to an independent third-party audit of the Contractor's records associated with or related to the goods or services provided for under this Contract. OSU may request an independent third-party audit no more than one time per calendar year. OSU will determine the time-period that will be the subject of the audit. However, the entire term of the Contract, including the original term and any subsequent renewals or extensions, may be the subject of the independent third-party audit at any time. Contractor shall bear the full cost of such independent third-party audit.

F. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

Contractor certifies that either (a) it is not currently employed by OSU, Oregon University System, or the federal government; or (b) if Contractor is so employed, Contractor has fully disclosed to OSU in writing such employment status, is in full compliance with any statutes, regulation, and OSU, Oregon University System, or the federal government policies regarding employee contracting, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless OSU for any failure by Contractor to comply with such statutes, regulations, or policies.

G. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.

The services to be rendered under this Contract are those of an independent contractor. OSU reserves the right (a) to determine and modify the delivery schedule for the services and (b) to evaluate the quality of the services; however, OSU may not and will not control the means or manner of Contractor's performance. Contractor is responsible for determining the appropriate means and manner of performing the services. Contractor is not an officer, employee or agent of OSU as those terms are used in ORS 30.265. Contractor has no authority to act on behalf of OSU and shall not purport to make any representation, contract, or commitment on behalf of OSU.

H. NOTICE.

- a. A party giving or making any notice, request, demand or other communication (each a "Notice") pursuant to this Contract shall give the Notice in writing and use one of the following methods of delivery: personal delivery, United States Postal Service Registered or Certified Mail (return receipt requested and postage prepaid), overnight courier (with all fees prepaid), facsimile or e-mail to the other party's address as listed on the signature page of this Contract. Notice to OSU is to be delivered to the Contract Administrator and Departmental Administrator except where this Contract expressly directs or permits delivery of Notice to a different Department.
- b. Notice is effective: (i) if given by facsimile, upon receipt by the sending party of an appropriate facsimile confirmation; (ii) if given by e-mail, by confirmation of receipt by return e-mail, which is not satisfied by an automatically-generated message that the recipient is out of the office or otherwise unavailable; or (iii) if given by any other means, when delivered at the address specified in this Section.

OSU Contract Administrator
OSU PCMM
ATTN: JD172677 Contract Administrator
644 SW 13th Street
Corvallis, OR 97333
Telephone: (541) 737-4261
Fax: (541) 737-2170
E-mail: pacs@oregonstate.edu

and: OSU Departmental Administrator
Brent Klumph
Forest Manager
OSU Research Forest
Corvallis, Oregon
Telephone: 541-737-6594
Cell: 541-979-4254
E-mail: Brent.klumph@oegonstate.edu

CONTRACTOR Contract Administrator

[Name]
[Title]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]
Telephone: [Phone Number]
Fax: [Fax Number]
E-mail: [E-Mail Address]

I. OSU NAME AND TRADEMARK.

Contractor shall not identify this Contract, nor use OSU's names, trademarks, service marks, or other proprietary marks in any of Contractor's marketing material, advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without the prior written consent of OSU, which consent may be withheld in OSU's sole discretion.

J. RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS.

Contractors will use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the Contract.

K. SALES AND USE TAXES.

OSU shall pay all applicable sales, excise, or use taxes in connection with this Contract. Invoices shall separately identify all such taxes and shall include either Contractor's sales tax or use tax permit number. Contractor shall be responsible for all other taxes, including taxes based upon

Contractor's income. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless OSU from and against any interest, penalties, or other charges resulting from the non-payment or late payment of taxes or other charges for which Contractor failed to invoice OSU or which Contractor otherwise failed to pay in a timely manner.

L. **FORCE MAJEURE.**

Neither party is responsible for delay caused by an act or event that prevents the party from performing its obligations under this Contract where such cause is beyond the party's reasonable control and the nonperforming party has been unable to avoid or overcome the act or event by the exercise of due diligence. Such acts or events include without limitation fire, riot, acts of nature, terrorist acts, or other acts of political sabotage or war. Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to remove or eliminate such a cause of delay and shall, upon cessation of the cause, diligently pursue performance of its obligations under this Contract. However, if delay due to a force majeure event continues for an unreasonable time, as determined by OSU, then OSU is entitled to terminate the Contract.

M.

Upon request by OSU, Contractor is required to provide a report on the dollar volume of products provided under the Contract which are purchased by the Contractor from firms which are defined as follows:

Disabled Veteran Enterprise means a business that is at least 51% owned by one or more disabled veterans. A disabled veteran is a veteran of the military, naval, or air service of the United States with a service connected disability who is a resident of the State of Oregon. To qualify as a veteran with a service connected disability, the person must be currently declared by the United States Veterans Administration to be 10% or more disabled as a result of service in the armed forces. The business must be licensed and registered in the state of Oregon.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is a small business with average annual gross receipts less than \$17,420,000. The business must be owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s). The one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s) must have made a contribution of capital to the business, which is commensurate with their ownership interest. Socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s) are people who have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. The business must be independent. The business must be licensed and registered in the state of Oregon.

Emerging Small Business, (defined in ORS 200.005), is a licensed and registered business located in Oregon for which the average annual gross receipts for the three previous tax years do not exceed \$3,266,219 for construction and \$1,088,740 for non-construction businesses. The business must have fewer than 29 employees.

Minority Business Enterprise, (defined in ORS 200.005), is a business which is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock of which is owned by minority individuals. Minority individuals are Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. The business must be licensed and registered in the state of Oregon.

Women Business Enterprise, (defined in ORS 200.005), is a business which is at least 51% owned by one or more women. The woman or women must have managerial and operational control over all aspects of the business. The one or more women owner(s) must have made a real and substantial contribution of capital or expertise to the business, which is commensurate with their ownership interest. The business must be licensed and registered in the state of Oregon.

This report shall be in consolidated form showing all such purchases under the Contract. This report will be provided on an annual basis to OSU. This report will provide a cumulative figure that

shows year to date amounts for each supplier ownership category.

N. *(OPTIONAL CLAUSE: Include the following only if Contractor agrees in Attachment B - Certifications, Section IV. Permissive Cooperative Procurements.)* PERMISSIVE COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENTS.

Contractor agrees to make prices offered under this Contract available to other Oregon public agencies upon the same terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. The prices offered to other public agencies shall be at the same rate as offered to OSU. OSU does not guarantee purchases from any other public agencies. Any purchases pursuant to this Contract by a public agency other than OSU are directly between the Contractor and the public agency and the obligations and rights of OSU under this Contract, except for the Administrative Fee (which shall be paid to OSU and not to the other public agency), are that of the other public agency. Contractor shall provide written notification to OSU when a new public agency begins utilizing this Contract. The total expenditures of other public entities shall be included in the volumes reported to OSU and included in the calculation of the Contract Administrative Fee. Should the total purchases by OSU and other public entities collectively trigger any volume discounts, Contractor shall apply such discounts to fees charged to OSU.

O. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS.

This Contract may be executed by facsimile or PDF and in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

P. SURVIVAL.

The terms and conditions of this Contract that by their sense and context are intended to survive termination or expiration hereof shall so survive.

Q. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Contract is determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Contract remain in full force and effect if the essential terms and conditions of this Contract for both parties remain valid, legal and enforceable.

R. MERGER.

This Contract, including all documents referred to herein and attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior representations, understanding and agreements between the parties. It is the complete and exclusive expression of the parties' agreement on the matters contained in this Contract. No amendment, consent, or waiver of terms of this Contract shall bind either party unless it is in writing and signed by authorized representatives of each of the parties. Any such amendment, consent, or waiver is effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given.

8. CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES:

This Contract must be signed in ink by an authorized representative of Contractor. The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury both individually and on behalf of Contractor that:

- A. The undersigned is a duly authorized representative of Contractor, has been authorized by Contractor to make all representations, attestations, and certifications contained in this Contract and to execute this Contract on behalf of Contractor and that this Contract, when executed and delivered, shall be a valid and binding obligation of Contractor enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- B. Contractor is not a contributing member of the Public Employees' Retirement System and will be responsible for any federal or state taxes applicable to payment under this Contract. Contractor will not, by virtue of this Contract, be eligible for federal Social Security, employment insurance, workers' compensation or the Public Employees' Retirement System, except as a self-employed individual.

- C. Pursuant to OAR 580-061-0030, Contractor has not discriminated against Minority, Women or Emerging Small Business Enterprises in obtaining any required subcontracts;
- D. Pursuant to ORS 305.385(6), Contractor, to the best of the person's knowledge, is not in violation of any tax laws described in 305.380(4).

Each of the parties has caused its duly authorized representative to execute this Contract on the date set forth in its respective signature block below.

CONTRACTOR:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

OSU:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

**EXHIBIT B
CERTIFICATIONS**

By signature on this certification the undersigned certifies that they are authorized to act on behalf of the Proposer and that under penalty of perjury the undersigned will comply with the following:

SECTION I. OREGON TAX LAWS

The undersigned hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that the Proposer, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, is not in violation of any tax laws described in ORS 305.380(4).

SECTION II. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The undersigned hereby certifies that they have not discriminated against Minority, Women or Emerging Small Business Enterprises in obtaining any required subcontracts, pursuant to OAR 580-061-0030 (3).

SECTION III. COMPLIANCE WITH SOLICITATION

The undersigned agrees and certifies that they:

1. Have read, fully understands and agrees to be bound by the Request for Proposal and all Exhibits and Addenda to the Request for Proposal; and
2. Are an authorized representative of the Proposer, that the information provided is true and accurate, and that providing incorrect or incomplete information may be cause for rejection of the Proposal or Contract termination; and
3. Will furnish the designated item(s) and/or service(s) in accordance with the Request for Proposal and the Contract; and
4. Has provided a correct Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number with Proposal.

SECTION IV. PERMISSIVE COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENTS

If Proposer is awarded a contract from this Request for Proposal, Proposer hereby (check one)

- agrees
- disagrees

to offer the resulting contractual terms and prices to other Oregon public institutions.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Type or Print): _____ Telephone:(_____)_____

Title: _____ Fax:(_____)_____

FEIN ID# or SSN# (required): _____ Email: _____

Company: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Construction Contractors Board (CCB) License Number (if applicable): _____

Business Designation (check one):

- Corporation
- Partnership
- LLC
- Sole Proprietorship
- Non-Profit

**EXHIBIT C
REFERENCES**

REFERENCE 1

COMPANY: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
CITY, STATE ZIP: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
WEBSITE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED: _____

REFERENCE 2

COMPANY: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
CITY, STATE ZIP: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
WEBSITE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED: _____

REFERENCE 3

COMPANY: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
CITY, STATE ZIP: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____
WEBSITE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED: _____

EXHIBIT D PRICING SHEET

1. Field Time Hourly Rate
(if travel time is not included, complete item #2) \$ _____

2. Travel Time Hourly Rate \$ _____

3. Office Time Hourly Rate \$ _____

4. Mileage Rate \$ _____

5. Per Diem Rate when more efficient than commuting
(As determined by OSU) \$ _____