

INVITATION TO BID

Project Title:

Fencing Removal, Vegetation Clearing, and Replacement for Agricultural Land along the Catawba River

Issue Date:

December 20, 2024

Submission Deadline:

January 10, 2025

Contact for Inquiries:

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Catawba Indian Nation seeks qualified contractors to submit bids for the removal, clearing, and replacement of approximately 5,700 linear feet of damaged agricultural fencing along the Catawba River. The fencing must meet specifications to contain horses and smaller livestock while withstanding future flooding events caused by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

This project will be awarded as a lump sum contract to a single contractor who will be responsible for all tasks outlined in the scope of work.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The project consists of three primary tasks:

1. Fencing Removal and Disposal:

- a. Remove and properly dispose of all existing fencing materials, including posts, wires, and any other debris.
- b. Ensure that no waste is left on-site.

2. Brush and Vegetation Clearing:

- a. Remove brush, vegetation, and small trees within a minimum of 10 feet of either side of the existing fence line.
- b. Haul off or mulch removed vegetation according to environmental guidelines.
- c. Avoid damage to nearby trees and ecosystems not specified for removal.

3. Fencing Installation:

- a. Install approximately 5,700 linear feet of wooden rail fencing suitable for containing horses, supplemented with a durable mesh capable of containing smaller livestock.
- b. Use high quality, flood-resistant materials such as galvanized steel for mesh and treated wood or cedar for posts and rails.

- c. Ensure fence posts are installed securely with proper reinforcement to prevent displacement during future flood events.

III. BID REQUIREMENTS

All bidders must provide the following information:

- 1. Company Information:**
 - a. Name, address, and contact information.
 - b. Relevant experience in fencing removal, vegetation clearing, and installation.
- 2. Detailed Work Plan:**
 - a. Describe how each task will be completed.
 - b. Include proposed materials, equipment, and labor to be used.
- 3. Timeline:**
 - a. Proposed start and completion dates for the project.
- 4. Cost Estimate:**
 - a. Lump sum cost for completing the entire project, including a breakdown of labor, materials, and other expenses.
- 5. References:**
 - a. Provide at least three references for similar projects completed in the past five years.
- 6. Proof of Insurance and Licensure:**
 - a. Proof of liability insurance and any licenses required to perform the work in South Carolina.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Bids will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Experience and Qualifications (30%)
2. Proposed Work Plan and Materials (25%)
3. Cost Estimate (20%)
4. Timeline (15%)
5. References and Past Performance (10%)

V. SUBMISSION DETAILS

All proposals must be submitted by January 10, 2025 to:

aaron.baumgardner@catawba.com (cc myprocurement@catawba.com)

Late submissions will not be accepted. Bids must address the entire scope of work as outlined above.

VI. ADDITIONAL NOTES

Site Visit:

Contractors may request a site visit before submitting bids. Contact Aaron Baumgardner to schedule.

Environmental Compliance:

All activities must comply with local, state, and federal environmental regulations.

Tribal Preferential Hiring Ordinance:

The Catawba Indian Nation follows a Tribal Preferential Hiring Ordinance. All contractors are encouraged to bid, but preference will be given to Catawba citizens and other Native-owned businesses if they meet qualifications.

Award of Contract:

The Catawba Indian Nation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive any irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of the Nation.