GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS (Double Tap Tree Felling Project)

I. SCOPE OF WORK:

- A. The Pennsylvania Game Commission, Southwest Region, requires tree felling services. Services shall include, but not be limited to, the furnishing of all labor, superintendence, tools and equipment for the tree felling project as per Attachment 1 Tree Felling Specifications. *All Purchase Orders require the contractor to provide the equipment, labor, insurance, and all miscellaneous expenses to complete the operation.*
- B. This project is being bid as one contract and the contract is comprised of one line item bid.

Any questions concerning the technical aspects of this bid should be directed to the Regional Forester.

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II. CONTRACT TASKS:

A. Project Location:

Project Coordinates (Gamelands parking area along SR 865 southeast of Blandburg): Lat/Long N40.6828 W78.4063

State Game Lands No. 158 in Antis and Reade Townships, Blair and Cambria Counties as identified on the attached maps.

B. Contractor must comply with Attachment 1, Tree Felling Specifications. All trees 1" DBH (diameter at breast height) and larger found on 40 acres of State Game Lands will be felled within an existing deer exclosure fence.

III. SITE INSPECTION AND ASSISTANCE:

The PGC will conduct an optional one-time-only tour of the work site for prospective bidders on **Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 10:00am**. Attendees will meet at the gameland parking area along SR 865 southeast of Blandburg as indicated on the attached Location Map. Coordinates for the meeting location are N40.6828 W78.4063.

Viewing the site prior to bidding is strongly encouraged. Additional site inspections are the responsibility of the bidder.

IV. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

- A. All work must be completed by the termination date <u>June 15, 2020.</u> No contract extensions will be approved.
- B. The contractor agrees to comply with all attachments.
- C. Failure to comply with any of the terms or conditions of the Contract will result in cancellation of the agreement.

V. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The contractor will provide Workmen's Compensation insurance sufficient to cover all of the employees of contractor working to fulfill this contract.
- B. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, including bodily injury and property damage insurance, to protect the Commonwealth and the contractor from claims arising out of the performance of the contract. The amount of Bodily Injury Insurance shall not be less than \$300,000.00 for injury to or death of persons per occurrence. The amount of Property Damage Insurance shall not be less than \$300,000.00 per occurrence.

<u>Such policies shall name the Commonwealth as an additional insured</u>. Prior to the commencement of work under this contract, the contractor must provide the Commonwealth with current Certificates of Insurance. These Certificates shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy shall not be canceled or changed until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Commonwealth.

HOLD HARMLESS:

The contractor shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth from and against damages to property or injuries (including death) to any persons and other losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions by any party against the Commonwealth in connection with the work performed by the contractor.

VI. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:

The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to Commonwealth property resulting from the improper use of equipment for this tree felling project.

VII. BID AWARD:

Bidders must offer a **price per acre** for all required services on the 40 acres of the designated site.

Bid is for all materials and services as outlined in Attachment 1, Tree Felling Specifications.

The bid will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest price for the above listed line item. One purchase order will be awarded for the project.

Bids are to be submitted electronically thru the Commonwealth's "PA Supplier Portal" system by 2:00 PM, Tuesday November 5, 2019. If you have not registered as a vendor with the state, you must do this at www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us prior to submitting an electronic bid. Any questions regarding this may be directed to Bobbi Mercer (bmercer@pa.gov) at 717-787-6594.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to choose the bid that, in its sole opinion; best meet the needs of this project.

ALL VENDORS WHO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION MUST HAVE A VENDOR NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THEM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

Vendors may access the website www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us or phone (877) 435-7363 or (717) 346-2676 or email ra-srmhelp@state.pa.us for assistance to register as a new vendor or, if you are an existing vendor, to change a main or remit to address. This is a Dept of General services (DGS) website so you need to contact them directly if you have any problems with the website.

VIII CONTRACT TERM:

The contract term shall commence upon contractor's receipt of the Purchase Order that includes a notice to proceed, and terminate **June 15, 2020**. No contract extensions will be approved.

IX. PAYMENT TERMS:

Payment for tree felling contract: The unit price shall include all labor, equipment, tools, insurance and all items necessary for the completion of the project.

The contractor shall be paid on a reimbursement basis after the final inspection verifies work was successfully completed to the terms and specifications outlined in the contract.

TREE FELLING SPECIFICATIONS

Tree Felling Project – SGL 158
Double Tap, Project # 158-2019-01-n
Blair and Cambria Counties, Antis and Reade Townships

- 1. All unmarked live trees 1" DBH (*Diameter Breast High*) and larger within a deer exclosure fence boundary must be felled. All dead trees may be left standing, at the discretion of the operator.
- 2. All trees marked with red paint are reserved and shall not be cut, but may be felled if in the opinion of the operator they pose a safety hazard.
- 3. All conifers are reserved and must not be felled or damaged.
- 4. All tress marked with blue tree marking paint must not be felled or damaged.
- 5. Trees may be felled with hand operated devices (chainsaws and brush cutting saws). Trees felled must be completely severed at the stump.
- 6. Stump heights must be not higher than 6 inches above the ground, or as close to ground level as possible.
- 7. All trees must be felled to ground level. Any leaning trees must be pushed or pulled to ground level.
- 8. All woody material must remain on site.
- 9. All tree felling must be completed by June 15, 2020 (a total of 40 acres in one contiguous block).
- 10. All care should be taken to directional fell trees away from the deer fence. All trees that fall on the fence must be completely cleared off the fence. The operator is responsible for repairing any damage to the deer exclosure fence caused by the tree felling operation.
- 11. If heavy equipment is used, equipment will not be operated when ground conditions are such that excessive damage will result. The contractor will be required to repair areas that become rutted due to work.
- 12. The contractor will remove all trash and garbage at the end of each work day generated from the completion of this contract. This is to include all materials generated from the support of felling tools and equipment, and items generated from the personal use by the contractor's employees.

- 13. The contractor will notify the Forestry Division representative three days prior to beginning the project. The contractor may work at times other than the schedule of the Forestry Division representative. The contractor may be present at the final inspection.
- 14. Except on Sundays, it is unlawful to be present on State Game Lands from November 15 through December 15 inclusive when not engaged in lawful hunting or trapping and fail to wear a minimum of 250 square inches of daylight fluorescentorange material on the head, chest, and back combined, or in lieu thereof, a hat of the same colored material. The material shall be worn so it is visible in a 360-degree arc.

15. No work will be permitted on the following days:

- a) All Saturdays in the months of October, November, December, and January.
- b) The opening day and all Saturdays during spring turkey season, including the youth spring gobbler.
- c) The four days of general statewide bear season.
- d) The entire 2 weeks of the general firearms deer season.
- e) The opening day of the flintlock muzzleloader season.



