

SOLICITATION ADDENDUM

Date: **05/23/2023**
Subject: **DCNR, State Forest Lands Re-Certification & Audit Services
Map Provided and Answers Provided to Questions Received**
Solicitation Number: **6100058602**
Due Date/Time: **Friday, May 26, 2023 at 10:00 am**
Addendum Number: **2**

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation “Addendum” as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

List any and all changes:

Following are questions received from bidder(s) and the answers that were provided.

Q1 - Do you use or are you involved in the trails on genetically modified or manipulated species?

A1 - At this time, the Bureau is not actively involved in modified species trialing. If hybrid or cultivar species are requested for use, that use must undergo a thorough review to determine the conservation benefit, and to establish necessary controls and monitoring processes.

Q2 - Do you use chemicals/pesticides in the forest management? Are there aerial applications of herbicides?

A2 - We do use pesticides (including herbicides) as a component of our Integrated Pest Management system. We conduct aerial applications to treat for spongy moth.

Q3 - How many employees are directly employed for the management of the concerned forest(s)?

A3 - As of April, 700 staff are directly employed by the agency across multiple job classifications, from semi-skilled laborer to forester to program specialist. We have many contracted staff that work with us as well.

Q4 - Is there artificial regeneration occurring?

A4 - No, we regenerate forests naturally and, in some cases, supplement with plantings.

Q5 - T&E, are there sensitive or at risk species or habitats present?

A5 - Yes, there are.

In addition, a map has been provided.

Addendum 2 Cont'd:

The solicitation due date and time remain unchanged at Friday, May 26, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Type of Solicitation: Electronic Bid (SRM) - Review the Questions section of your solicitation response to ensure you have responded, as required, to any questions relevant to solicitation addenda issued subsequent to the initial advertisement of the solicitation opportunity.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

Respectfully,

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