



MENDOCINO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

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Request for Proposals

MCFSC Community Chipping Program

1. Project Description

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. The MCFSC owns a Vermeer BC1000XL chipper and desires to make arrangements with a local contractor or contractors that can utilize this chipper to assist with fire fuels reduction projects throughout Mendocino County.

These projects will include roadside clearing, community chipper days and work days that combine those two activities. Roadside clearing is the cutting, stacking and chipping of small trees, lower limbs, and brush to remove roadside vegetation, reduce ladder fuels, and improve ingress/egress safety for communities. Standard methods of removal can include chippers, chainsaws, pole saws, weed wrenches, hand trimmers and weedwackers. In general, the contractor will strive to leave cleared road sides clean and “park like” with trees 6” in diameter or greater limbed up to 8’ (if possible while leaving a healthy tree), larger diameter trees limbed up to 15’ and smaller diameter trees may be removed. Stumps shall be cut as close to the ground as possible and no greater than 12 inches height on the uphill side of the stump. The quality of work should be professional and equal to that required by encroachment or utility permit specifications. ISA Arboricultural standards and procedures will be followed. Contractor is expected to have a good working knowledge of tree types and to be able to identify common invasive species.

Community chipper days involve chipping assembled branches and brush (cut and piled by volunteers) along public and private roadways. Both projects require chipping, removal and/or dispersal of project-generated slash and may require encroachment permits and traffic control during collection,.

Assuming no invasive species are present, chipped biomass may be scattered on site if desired or permitted by landowners. Otherwise, it must be removed to a proper green waste disposal facility. Larger cut materials may be lopped and scattered.



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Projects may be located throughout Mendocino County but will initially be concentrated in Hopland, the Anderson Valley and along the North Coast.

Contractor would be responsible for maintaining industry standard liability and accident insurance, obtaining encroachment permits as needed and maintaining appropriate fire suppression equipment on site. Contractor's insurance policy or policies shall provide for a minimum coverage limit of \$1,000,000 combined bodily injury and property damage liability, or its equivalent, and shall further provide that such policy is subject to cancellation only upon 30 days' prior written notice delivered to MCFSC. Such insurance shall be issued by a company or companies admitted to transact business in the State of California. Contractor shall, prior to commencement of this project, furnish to MCFSC a certificate evidencing that such insurance has been procured and is in full force and effect, together with a copy of an endorsement confirming coverage of the MCFSC as an additional insured.

Contractor will be responsible for operating MCFSC's Vermeer BC1000XL chipper in a professional manner and insuring that all routine maintenance is performed, that the machine is only used as intended and that all recommended safety protocols are followed. Contractor assume responsibility for replacement or repair costs if the chipper is damaged due to misuse or insufficient maintenance.

Contractor is also expected to abide by the following general guideline.

General Environmental Practices for Vegetation Maintenance Operations in the Right of Way

- *After pruning, chipping, and removing vegetation, clean up your work area.*
- *Do not leave cuttings or chips in areas where they may be easily washed into the stormwater drainage system.*
- *Do not fuel or lubricate equipment, such as weed whackers or leaf blowers, next to drain inlets or watercourses.*
- *Consider and avoid potential erosion problems in an area when vegetation is disturbed.*
- *Remember to cover your load when transporting vegetation debris.*

From: Caltrans, Maintenance Stormwater Pollution Prevention Bulletin, Feb. 2000.



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BID SUMMARY SHEET

This project will be a “time and materials” contract. Selection of contractors is determined by price, proven experience of quality and timeliness, and experience within Mendocino County terrains. Other than the Chipper, Contractor is expected to furnish all project equipment including a truck sufficient to haul the chipper and chips, power tools and saws, PPE and safety gear, etc. **Interested contractors must submit a summary of rates below, where applicable, and a brief written narrative with three references of prior work. Submissions are due by July 24, 2020.**

Item	Equipment	Rate (Put N/A when not applicable)
1	Assuming the MCFSC Chipper was not available if you have your own chipper to deploy (indicate type, size, throughput capacity)	/hour
2	Labor, chipper (indicate cost per person per hour, and how many to run chipper)	/hour
3	Labor, hand crew (chainsaw, loppers, etc.)	/hour
4	Labor, climber or other tree specialist	/hour
5	Dump truck or 4x4 truck with chip trailer or box	/hour
6	Truck with low-bed trailer	/hour
7	Water truck or trailer of at least 500 gallons with 4x4 truck	/hour
8	Portable Toilet	/week
9	Spill Response Kits	/week
10	Flagger for Traffic Control	/hour
11	Other (specify)	

Note: Hourly rate for heavy equipment must include: a fueled and properly lubricated, fully functional and leak-free piece of heavy equipment with operator with experience in steep and confined mountainous terrain and ranch roads. The hourly rental rate per piece of heavy equipment must also include any other administrative, overhead and bonding costs.



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It is further agreed that:

- (a) In case of a discrepancy between words and figures, the words shall prevail, and in the case of a discrepancy between unit prices and totals, the unit price shall prevail.
- (b) No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of MCFSC, either before or after the execution of the Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations of this proposal.
- (c) MCFSC will not be responsible for any errors or omission on the part of the undersigned in making up his/her BID, nor will the BIDDER be released on account of error.
- (d) The undersigned BIDDER is properly licensed in accordance with the California Contractors State License Board or CAL FIRE.
- (e) The Undersigned BIDDER certifies that he/she has confirmed that the proposed forms of the BID, and the prescriptions and specifications are complete.

Printed Name

Title

Signature

Company Name

Address

City/State/Zip Code

License #

Date



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EXPERIENCE

BIDDERS must present satisfactory evidence that they are fully prepared with the necessary experience to furnish the articles called for and to conduct the WORK as required by the specifications. **BIDDERS must provide three (3) references from similar projects within the last five years using the table below**

Project Title, Dates, and Location	Landowner/Customer and phone no.	Project Description



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LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4104 to 4113, inclusive of the Government Code of the State of California, each BIDDER shall list below the name, location, and place of business of each SUBCONTRACTOR who shall perform any portion of the contract work. In each instance, the nature and extent of the work to be sublet shall be described.

Subcontractor Name	Address/Phone	Description of Work to be Performed

ALL PAGES must be received by ground-mail, hand-delivery, or email (showing wet signature) by MCFSC, 410 Jones St. Suite C-3, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Applications and questions should be directed to: Executive Director, MCFSC, directorfiresafe@pacific.net