FOREST PRESERVES OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY
Bid # 26-1101

I

CALL FOR BIDS

INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR

Forestry Projects at Funderburg Forest Preserve

The Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County will receive sealed bids at the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District Headquarters, 5500 Northrock Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61103, until **November 12, 2026 at 10:00 am**. A public opening and reading will be held at this date and time.

An optional pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at Funderburg Forest Preserve, located at:

4551 S. Meridian Road
Rockford, IL 61102

ALL BIDS MUST BE ENCLOSED IN SEALED ENVELOPES MARKED:

"Forestry Projects at Funderburg Forest Preserve"
10:00 AM, November 12, 2026

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or to waive technicalities, or to accept any item of any bid. Information is available from the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, 5500 Northrock Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61103. Telephone (815) 877-6100, E-Mail FPWC@winnebagoforest.org.

The documents constituting component parts of the Bid Form are the following:

- **I Call for Bids**
- **II Requirements for Bidding and Instructions to Bidders**
- **III Project Specifications**
- **IV Bid Forms**

Legal Advertisement for this bid was published in the Rockford Register Star on October 29, 2026 and on the Forest Preserve's website at http://winnebagoforest.org/.

END OF CALL FOR BIDS

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II

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

TAXES NOT APPLICABLE

The Winnebago County Forest Preserve District as a Governmental Unit pays neither Federal Excise Tax nor Illinois Retailers Occupational Tax, and therefore, those taxes should be excluded from bid. Illinois Exemption E99923483.

PROMPT PAYMENT ACT

The bid should provide that all payments are subject to the Local Governmental Prompt Payment Act.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Any responses and supporting documents submitted in response to a Bid will be subject to disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The District will assume that all information provided in a Bid is open to inspection or copying by the public unless clearly marked with the appropriate exception that applies under the Freedom of Information Act. Additionally, if providing documents that you believe fall under an exception to the Freedom of Information Act, please submit both an un-redacted copy along with a redacted copy which has all portions redacted that you deem to fall under a Freedom of Information Act exception.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

The Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act, Public Act 95-0635, prohibits the use of drugs and alcohol, as defined in the Act, by employees of the contractor and by employees of all approved subcontractors while performing work on a public works project. The contractor/subcontractor hereby certifies that it has a superseding collective bargaining agreement or makes the public filing of its written substance abuse prevention program for the prevention of substance abuse among its employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement dealing with the subject as mandated by the Act.

Bidders and their subcontractors (if applicable) certifies that the entity has signed collective bargaining agreements that are in effect for all of its employees, and that deal with the subject matter of Public Act 95-0635, or certifies that the contracting entity has in place for all of its employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement a written substance abuse prevention program that deals with subject of the Act, and will attach the substance abuse prevention program that meets or exceeds the requirements of Public Act 95-0635.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

All services, work and materials that in any manner affect the production, sale, or payment for the product or service contained herein must comply with all Federal, State, County and Municipal laws, statutes, regulations, codes, ordinances and executive orders in effect now or later and whether or not they appear in this document, including those specifically referenced herein. The successful Bidder must be authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, and must be able to produce a Certificate of Good Standing with the State of Illinois upon request. The Bidder must obtain all licenses, certificates and other authorizations required in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder, and Bidder must require any and all Subcontractors to do so. Failure to do so is an event of

disqualification and/or default and may result in the denial of this Bid and/or termination of this Agreement.

In the event Federal or State funds are being used to fund this Contract, additional certifications, attached as addenda, will be required. Lack of knowledge on the part of the Bidder will in no way be cause for release of this obligation. If the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County becomes aware of violation of any laws on the part of the Bidder, it reserves the right to reject any Bid, cancel any Contract and pursue any other legal remedies deemed necessary.

It shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to determine if the project work described herein is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) and prepare their bid submission accordingly. If the Bidder determines prevailing wage is required, the Contractor, or subcontractors, shall pay the proper prevailing wage rate for the position(s) published by the Illinois Department of Labor for work occurring in Winnebago County, IL.

https://labor.illinois.gov/laws-rules/conmed/current-prevailing-rates.html

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Bidder will comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 USC 12101-12213) and all applicable Federal Regulations under the Act, including 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, sexual orientation, or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation, the contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunities. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of the Non-Discrimination Clause.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL

The bidder must submit his proposal on forms furnished by the Forest Preserve. All blank spaces on the proposal form must be filled in. Authorized signature must be the individual owner of a proprietorship, a general partner of a partnership, or signed in the name of a corporation by an officer whose title shall be stated. Bids or proposals shall be sealed in an envelope and marked as required in the instructions. The bid or proposal is contained in these documents and must remain attached hereto when submitted.

CATALOGS

Each bidder shall submit catalogs, descriptive literature and detailed drawings, where applicable, to fully illustrate and describe the material and/or work he proposes to furnish.

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USE OF TRADE NAMES

In cases where a specified item is identified by a manufacturer's name, trade name, or other references, it is understood that the bidder proposes to furnish the item identified. If the bidder proposes to furnish an "equal," the proposed "equal" item must be so indicated in the written bid or proposal. The Forest Preserve shall be the sole determiner of the equality of the substitute offered.

COST OF BID OR PROPOSAL

Expenses incurred in the preparation of Bids in response to this bid is the Bidder's sole responsibility. There is no expressed or implied obligation by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County to reimburse any individual or firm for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting bids, providing additional information when requested by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, or for participating in any selection interviews.

DELIVERIES

All materials shipped to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District must be shipped F.O.B. designated location, County of Winnebago, Rockford, Illinois.

DEVIATIONS, EXCEPTIONS OR ALTERNATES

Deviations, exceptions or alternates from terms, conditions, or specifications shall be described fully, on Bidder's letterhead, signed, and attached to the Invitation for Bid. In the absence of such statement, the Bid shall be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions, and specifications and the Bidder shall be held liable. Bidders are cautioned to avoid making deviations and exceptions to the specifications, which may result in rejection of their Bid. If deviations, exceptions or alternates are submitted, it is the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's sole and final decision whether specifications have been met and will be considered for award.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS OR PROPOSALS

Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an authorized representative of the Bidder or by formal written notice prior to the final due date and time specified for Bid submission. Submitted Bids will become the property of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County after the Bid submission deadline. However, no Bidder shall withdraw or cancel their Bid for a period of sixty (60) days after said advertised closing time for the receipt of Bids; the successful Bidder shall not withdraw or cancel their Bid after having been notified by the Executive Director, or their designee, that said Bid has been accepted by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board. The Bidder, by signing the Bid Form, acknowledges, understands and abides by all of the above "Requirements for Bidding and Instructions to Bidders".

CANCELLATION

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County reserves the right to cancel any Contract in whole or in part without penalty due to failure of the Bidder to comply with terms, conditions and specifications of their awarded Contract.

ORDERING

Purchase orders shall be placed directly to the contractor by an authorized agency. No other purchase orders are authorized.

NON-COLLUSION

The Bidder, by its officers, agents or representatives present at the time of filing this bid, say that neither they nor any of them, have in any way directly or indirectly, entered into any arrangement or agreement with any other Bidder's, or with any public officer of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, whereby, the Bidder has not paid or is to pay to such Bidder or public officer any sum of money, anything of value or has not directly or indirectly entered into any arrangement or agreement with any other Bidder(s). Whereby, no inducement of any form or character other than that which appears upon the face of the bid will be suggested, offered, paid or delivered to any person whomsoever to influence the acceptance of the said bid or understanding of any kind whatsoever, with any person whomsoever to pay, deliver to, or share with any other person in any way or manner, any of the proceeds on the Contract sought by this bid.

NON-BARRED BIDDING

The bidder is not barred from bidding on this Contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of state laws prohibiting bid rigging or bid rotating.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

The Bidder certifies, by submission of this Bid or acceptance of this Contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal, State, or Local department or agency. It further agrees by submitting this Bid that it will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, bids, contracts, and subcontracts. Where the Bidder or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, it shall attach an explanation in their bid response. Additionally, for all new Bidder's and Bidder's to be paid, the District will review the Federal and State Excluded Parties List System prior to requesting the Bidder be created in our accounting system.

The Bidder, by signing the bid form, acknowledges, understands and abides by all of the above "Requirements for Bidding and Instructions to Bidders".

GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Bidder is required to be familiar with and shall be responsible for complying with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Knowledge of occupational license requirements and obtaining such licenses for the County of Winnebago and municipalities within the County are the responsibility of the Bidder.

CHANGES

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County reserves the right to make any desired change in the specifications after the same shall have been put under contract; but the change so made, with the price to be added or deducted from the contract price, therefore, shall be agreed upon in advance between County and the successful Bidder. The District shall issue to the successful Bidder a written change order to the original contract; such change orders shall be binding upon both parties thereto and shall in no way invalidate or make void the terms of the original contract not modified by such change.

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COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

The successful Contractor must not commence any billable work prior to the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's execution of the contract, issuance of a purchase order or until all required documents have been submitted. Work done prior to these circumstances shall be at the Contractor's risk.

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

The Bidder covenants and agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, its Board members, officers, employees, agents and servants from any and all claims for bodily injury, including death, personal injury, and property damage, including damage to property owned by the District, and any other losses, damages, and expenses of any kind, including attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, which arise out of, in connection with, or by reason of services provided by the Bidder or any of its Sub-consultant(s) in any tier, occasioned by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Bidder, or its Sub-consultant(s) in any tier, their officers, employees, servants or agents.

In the event that the completion of the project (to include the work of others) is delayed or suspended as a result of the Bidder's failure to purchase or maintain the required insurance, the Bidder shall indemnify the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County from any and all increased expenses resulting from such delay. Should any claims be asserted against the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County by virtue of any deficiency or ambiguity in the plans and specifications provided by the Bidder, the Bidder agrees and warrants that Bidder shall hold the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County harmless and shall indemnify it from all losses occurring thereby and shall further defend any claim or action on the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's behalf.

INDEMNITY

The Bidder shall, at all times, fully indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County and their officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims and demands, actions, causes of action, and cost and fees of any character whatsoever made by anyone whomsoever on account of or in any way growing out of the performance of this Contract by the Bidder and its employees, or because of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of the Bidder, its employees and agents or its Subcontractors including, but not limited to, any claims that may be made by the employees themselves for injuries to their person or property or otherwise, and any claims that may be made by the employees themselves or by the Illinois Department of Labor for the Bidder's violation of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.). Such indemnity shall not be limited by reason of the enumeration of any insurance coverage or bond herein provided.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County and their officers, agents, or its employees, from defending through the selection and use of their own agents, attorneys and experts, any claims, actions or suits brought against them. The Bidder shall likewise be liable for the cost, fees and expenses incurred in the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's or the Bidder's defense of any such claims, actions, or suits. The Bidder shall be responsible for any damages incurred as a result of its errors, omissions or negligent acts and for any losses or costs to repair or remedy construction as a result of its errors, omissions or negligent acts.

BID PROTEST

Firms wishing to protest any bid and/or awards shall notify the Executive Director of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County in writing within five (5) calendar days after the bid due date/opening. The notification should include the bid number, the name of the firm protesting and the reason why the firm is protesting the bid. The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County will respond to the protest within five (5) calendar days.

DISPUTES

In case of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Executive Director, or authorized representative, shall be final and binding to all parties.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

These Standard Terms and Conditions of the Bid shall apply to any contract or order awarded as a result of this Bid except where special requirements are stated elsewhere in the Bid; in such cases the special requirements shall apply. Further, the written contract and/or order with referenced parts and attachments shall constitute the entire agreement and no other terms and conditions in any document, acceptance, or acknowledgement shall be effective or binding unless expressly agreed to in writing by the contracting authority.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County reserves the right to reject any or all Bids failing to meet the District's specifications or requirements and to waive technicalities. If, in the District's opinion, the lowest Bid is not the most responsible Bid, considering value received for monies expended, the right is reserved to make awards as determined solely by the judgment of the District. Intangible factors, such as the Bidder's reputation and past performance, will also be weighed. The Bidder's failure to meet the mandatory requirements of the bid package will result in the disqualification of the Bid from further consideration. The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County further reserves the right to reject all Bids and obtain goods or services through intergovernmental or cooperative agreements, or to issue a new and revised bid package. Submission of a Bid confers no rights on the Bidder to a selection or to a subsequent Contract. All decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions shall be made solely at the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's discretion and shall be made in the best interest of the District.

TERMINATION, CANCELLATION AND DAMAGES

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County may terminate based on the Bidder's breach or default. Unless the breach or default creates an emergency, as determined in the County's sole discretion, the Bidder shall be given notice and a five (5) day opportunity to cure before the termination becomes effective. If the District terminates this Contract because of the Bidder's breach or default, the District shall have the right to purchase items or services elsewhere and to charge the Bidder any additional cost incurred, including but not limited to the cost of cover, incidental and consequential damages and the cost of re-bidding. The District may offset these additional costs against any sums otherwise due to the Bidder under this Bid or any unrelated Contract. The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County may terminate any Contract or agreement resulting from this IFB at any time for any reason by giving at least thirty (30) days' notices in writing to awarded Bidder. If the Contract is terminated by the District as provided herein, the Bidder will be paid a fair payment as negotiated with the District for the work completed as of the date of termination.

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BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICES PROPOSED

The Bidder must thoroughly examine and will be held to have thoroughly examined and read the entire IFB document. Failure of Bidder's to fully acquaint themselves with existing conditions or the amount of work involved will not be a basis for requesting extra compensation after the award of a Contract.

PAY REQUEST

Forest Preserve makes payments once a month after the Board of Commissioners approval of invoices. The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month. The last day a pay request can be submitted for payment for the month is eight days before the Board meeting or the Tuesday a week before the Board Meeting.

When applicable Contractors are to submit a Waiver of Lien and Certified Payroll forms with requests for payment.

INSURANCE

Contractor shall provide insurance to protect him and the District from claims, which may arise out of, or resulting from operations on this construction. Proof of insurance shall be submitted to the Forest Preserve District prior to construction. This insurance shall include the following types and limits:

A. Workmen's Compensation	Illinois Statutory Limits
Employers Liability	$2,000,000
B. Comprehensive General Liability form	
Limits - Bodily Damage	$2,000,000 per occurrence
	$2,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	$2,000,000 per occurrence
	$2,000,000 aggregate

C. Auto Insurance; Comprehensive form including, owned; non-owned and hired autos, uninsured motorists.
Limit - Same as General Liability

Any questions may be directed to Mike Brien, Director of Natural Resources, 5500 Northrock Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61103, by telephone 815-877-6100; by fax 815-877-6124; or email mbrien@winnebagoforest.org

III

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS OVERVIEW

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County have allocated $200,000 to fund Forestry Projects at Funderburg Forest Preserve, located in southcentral Winnebago County, IL, in the FY 2026 – 2027 budget. The District anticipates the following allocations to the Project Components contained in this bid package:

Project Component One (35%): $70,000

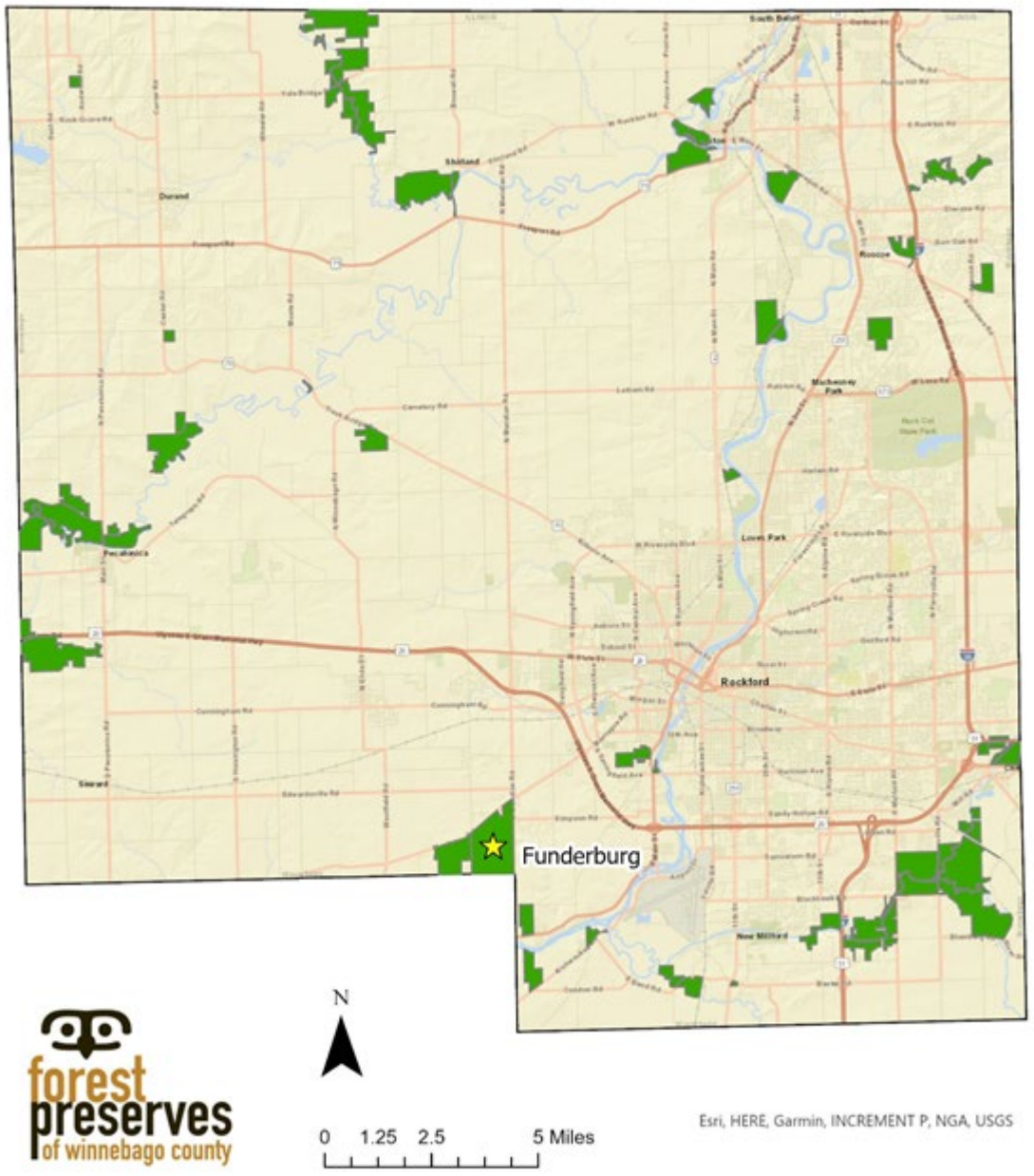
Project Component Two (50%): $100,000

Project Component Three (15%): $30,000

The final allocation of project funds for the Project Components will be determined after all bid submissions have been compiled and are at the sole discretion of the District.

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

Locator Map



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PROJECT COMPONENT ONE SPECIFICATIONS
TREE & BRUSH CLEARING

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

See **Project Overview** at "Defined Terms" page, attached hereto. Defined terms appear in bold herein.

1.2 BASIS OF PAYMENT

This work shall be paid for on a total not-to-exceed basis. The proposed price shall include all material, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the work. The District shall pay 70% of the contract upon the satisfactory completion of the **Tree Cutting Period**. The remaining 30% shall be held until the **Project Deadline** and shall only be released when the **Performance Standard** stated herein is achieved.

1.3 PROJECT DEADLINE

All work on this project must be complete by the **Project Deadline**.

1.4 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have a valid Illinois Department of Agriculture Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. All workers under the Contractor's supervision shall have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator or Commercial Pesticide Operator license registered to the contractor's Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. Copies of all Applicator's and Operator's licenses must be provided to the District prior to the commencement of any field work. The Contractor shall be able to provide the specified equipment and manpower to successfully complete all phases of the job(s) in the time frame indicated herein. Prospective contractors must demonstrate past experience working on weed management in Illinois natural areas and demonstrate staff has an advanced knowledge of regional flora.

2.0 MATERIALS

2.1 MACHINERY

a) The Contractor shall supply and primarily utilize **Authorized Machinery** on this project.

b) All equipment and work clothing, including boots, shall be clean and free of any seeds, soil, and debris prior to entering or leaving work area to prevent the spreading of invasive species within and among job sites and other areas where the Contractor may have worked.

c) Large machinery must be inspected by Project Manager prior to unloading from the trailer at the project location and be found to be clean and free of seeds, soil, and debris.

d) Project Manager is not immediately available to inspect equipment. Therefore, the Contractor shall coordinate equipment inspection times and locations at least 24 hours in advance.

2.2 HERBICIDE

a) All chemicals necessary for completion of the contract shall be provided by the Contractor.

b) The Contractor shall comply with all **Herbicide Requirements**.

c) Surfactant shall be added at the highest recommended rate for application to **Target Species**.

d) The Contractor shall comply with all pesticide label guidelines and requirements.

e) The Contractor shall mix only the amount of solution to be used during that day's work, as reduced activity may result from use of leftover solutions. The Contractor shall not apply herbicide solution mixed on previous days.

f) All chemical containers and herbicide application equipment must be clearly labeled with the chemical name and concentration. All herbicide must be dyed in order to determine where chemicals have been sprayed.

g) The **Project Manager** has the right to designate mixing and staging areas at the preserve after the contract is awarded. All herbicide mixing, tank cleaning, and equipment maintenance should be performed within these staging areas to limit the potential for damage in the event of a spill.

h) Extreme care must be taken to avoid contamination of non-target species with herbicides and herbicide spills within the project area. Damage to non-target species is a concern of the District; as such the Contractor shall follow all applicable label recommendations for drift management. The Contractor shall not spray herbicide when winds exceed 12 mph. Additionally, low-pressure sprayers and nozzles that produce larger droplets are desirable to reduce the likelihood of drift. Application should not occur on days where the chance for precipitation is 30% or higher. The District reserves the right to prohibit spraying on days where weather conditions are not favorable. Significant damage to non-target species will result in the termination of the contract and contract obligations.

2.3 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

a) The Contractor shall ensure that the following safety equipment is available at the project site at all times for personnel involved in this project:

- First Aid Kit
- Portable emergency eye wash station
- Chemical spill kit
- All required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- All appropriate herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the chemicals being applied

b) All of the work crew MUST wear blaze orange or high visibility yellow reflective vests and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment at all times when in the preserve.

2.4 PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have a copy of these Project Specifications, with attachments, available at the project site at all times.

3.0 EXECUTION

3.1 PROJECT TIME FRAME

a) No work may begin until commencement of the **Tree Cutting Period**. The Contractor shall commence work as soon after commencement of the **Tree Cutting Period** as the soils are dry and/or frozen enough to support **Authorized Machinery** used on the project. The Contractor will notify the **Project Manager** at least 24 hours in advance of beginning work.

b) All tree and brush felling must be completed by the end of the **Tree Cutting Period**.

c) All herbiciding of re-sprouts must be completed by the **Re-Sprout Herbicide Treatment Completion Date**.

d) All work on the project must be completed and the **Performance Standard** achieved by the **Project Deadline**. No payments shall be issued to the Contractor until satisfactory completion of the tree cutting work.

e) The Contractor is permitted to work on Saturdays or Sundays.

3.2 TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL

a) Brush and tree Target Species shall be cut or mowed to ground level primarily using **Authorized Machinery**.

b) The Contractor shall hand-cut **Target Species** growing near **Non-Target Species** as necessary to prevent damage of **Non-Target Species**.

c) Shredded material must be six inches or smaller in length and create a mat no deeper than three inches deep.

3.3 HERBICIDE TREATMENT

a) The Contractor must treat all resprouts and seedlings of **Target Species** within the **Project Area.**

b) Though not required, the Contractor may elect to treat stumps with herbicide to prevent their re-sprouting. Initial herbicide treatment for all cut stumps or shattered stems must occur the same day they were cut or mowed.

c) Herbicide shall be applied only when weather conditions permit. If weather conditions prevent treatment of stumps on the same day they were cut, the Contractor will be required at a later date to foliar spray stump re-sprouts.

3.4 SAFETY

a) It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to adhere to all applicable District and OSHA safety regulations and guidelines, as well as Federal Construction Safety and Health Standards while carrying out activities related to this project.

b) Herbicide applicators shall, at all times, have on the work site the appropriate herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the chemicals being applied. All herbicide applications shall follow appropriate label instructions.

c) Herbicide applicators and operators should use all applicable and standard personal protective equipment during work and shall meet OSHA requirements.

3.5 COMMUNICATION

a) Communication and coordination with the **Project Manager** must be made for on-site inspection prior to the start of work to formalize access points, appropriate staging areas, site conditions for work, chemical selection, etc.

b) The Contractor's foreman shall attend progress meetings at times and locations designated by the **Project Manager** to discuss work progress and other issues.

c) The **Project Manager** must be given a 24-hour notice prior to the start of any work.

d) The **Project Manager** reserves the right to restrict the Contractor's access to the **Project Area** with 24-hours' notice.

e) The **Project Manager** must be immediately notified if more than 1 oz. of herbicide concentrate is spilled near the project site.

3.6 SIGNAGE

During all times of machine operations, the Contractor must clearly post at least two professionally made 24" x 24" blaze orange signs indicating "TREE CLEARING AHEAD" or "CAUTION MACHINERY WORK AREA." During all times of herbicide application, the Contractor must place at least two professionally made 24" x 24" blaze orange signs warning the public of herbicide applications. Signs must contain wording such as "CAUTION HERBICIDE WORK AHEAD" or similar wording as approved by the District.

3.7 ACCESS

The Contractor shall limit vehicular access to paved roads and routes approved by the **Project Manager**.

3.8 PERFORMANCE STANDARD

a) The Contractor shall contact and schedule a final on-site meeting with the **Project Manager** when the Contractor assesses that they have achieved the **Performance Standard**.

b) The percent kill will be evaluated during a joint meeting with the **Project Manager** and the Contractor no less than 10 days after the final herbicide treatment (which shall occur no later than the **Project Deadline**).

c) If the project goal kill rate is not met, then the Contractor will be responsible for additional foliar herbicide treatments until the necessary kill rate is achieved. When the **Project Manager** certifies that the **Performance Standard** is met, then the Contractor may submit an invoice to release the retainage.

d) The Contractor is responsible for any expenses which the District may incur as a result of inadequate treatment where follow-up is required to meet the project goal.

4.0 REPORTING

The Contractor shall complete an up-to-date herbicide log detailing the kind and amount of herbicide applied each day. The District has provided the Contractor with a Daily Herbicide Report Form (attached hereto). The complete current Daily Herbicide Report Forms must be submitted to District Headquarters via fax or electronic copy upon demand and at Project Completion.

5.0 DAMAGES

5.1 DAMAGES – General

The Contractor shall be held solely responsible for any claims of damages, foreseen or unforeseen, resulting from the performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, the following damages.

5.2 DAMAGE TO NON-TARGET TREES

The Contractor shall not damage **Non-Target Species** trees. Damage to **Non-Target Species** shall be assessed at $400.00 per caliper inch, measured 4.5 feet above the ground. Damage charges will be assessed directly to the Contractor.

5.3 DAMAGE TO TURF

Repairs for damage to turf grass by machinery operated by the Contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Repairs include, but are not limited to, filling ruts,

adding soil, gill raking, hand raking, leveling, and seeding or installing and watering sod.

5.4 PAVED SURFACES

The Contractor shall not damage roadway surfaces, parking areas, trails, or roadway shoulders with machinery used on this project. Repair of any and all damaged roadway, shoulder, or parking area asphalt or gravel base is the sole responsibility of the Contractor and shall be performed in accordance with IDOT and ASTM paving standards.

5.5 SOIL COMPACTION & RUTS

Soil compaction by equipment is a concern to the District. To avoid rut formations, work can commence only if soil is frozen to sufficient depth (as determined by the District).

In the event that ruts are created by the Contractor during the course of this project, the Contractor will be responsible for repairing all ruts to the satisfaction of the District at least one week before the **Project Deadline**. For the purposes of this project, ruts are defined as a soil impression from a tire or track, deeper than 2 inches below the original soil grade.

5.6 DAMAGE TO ADJACENT LANDS

The Contractor shall not cross the established limits of the **Project Area** to limb, trim, apply herbicide to, or otherwise remove trees, brush, vines, or obstructions from property adjoining District property. The Contractor is responsible for verifying boundary lines before work begins. If damage to private property occurs as a result of the Contractor's operations, then the Contractor shall pay any and all damages.

Project Component One Overview:

The District seeks a qualified firm using specific heavy duty forestry clearing equipment to mow all non-native seedling, sapling, and mature shrubs to ground level, and as necessary hand cut or chemically control brush growing around mature trees to be saved within a degraded oak-hickory woodland in the Funderburg Forest Preserve located in Rockford, IL at 4551 S. Meridian Road, Rockford, IL 61102 (see attached **County Locator Map**). The objectives of this project are to remove non-native brush and small mesic trees in a degraded oak woodland, with an emphasis on bush honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and buckthorn, and to greatly reduce their ability to reinvade the area via seed or re-sprouting. The project has an area of 31.5 acres. The Contractor may request that District staff mark actual project boundaries on the ground with paint and flagging tape.

District staff may delineate certain sensitive and high–quality areas with yellow "Caution" tape. Machinery is not permitted within these areas under any circumstances. Contactors violating this restriction may face cancellation of the contract and revocation of payment owed if damage to these areas occurs.

Stump herbicide treatment and stump grinding below grade are not required in this project.

Timeframes:

- **Tree Cutting Period:** 12/1/2026 – 3/15/2027
- **Re-Sprout Herbicide Treatment Completion Date:** First foliar treatment must be completed by 5/28/2027. Follow up treatments must be completed by 9/30/2027 so that the **Performance Standard** may be reviewed at the **Project Deadline.**
- **Project Deadline:** 10/15/2027

Performance Standard: At least 95% of Class I Target Species dead at Project Deadline.

Project Area: See attached **Project Area Map**.

Project Manager: The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's Director of Natural Resources, Mike Brien, or his designee. Mike Brien may be called or texted at: (815) 988-2981, or emailed at mbrien@winnebagoforest.org.

Methods:

- The Contractor shall make every attempt to use approved forestry mulching equipment to cut and shred all Class 1 Target Species and Class 2 Target Species up to 4 inches in diameter at breast height.
- Class 1 and 2 Target Species that occur at the base of trees, within areas of blow down, on slopes, or that are otherwise inaccessible by forestry equipment may be controlled using the following methods:

    - The contractor shall leave the Target Species standing where it occurs and apply an approved basal bark herbicide to the target, as directed by the herbicide label.
    - The contractor may cut the Target Species at the base and move the plant to an area where they shall cut and shred the material with forestry mulching equipment. The contractor may, at their discretion, immediately treat the cut stump of a plant removed using this method, or foliar spray the resprout during the chemical treatment period.

    The contractor may use approved forestry equipment to grind up or relocate fallen woody debris in order to access Target Species with forestry mulching equipment.

- Herbicide Application
    - The contractor shall, at their discretion, use a combination of stump, foliar, and basal bark chemical applications to achieve 95% control of Class 1 Target Species within the project area by the Project Deadline
    - Basal bark application is reserved for areas inaccessible by forestry mulching equipment unless otherwise approved by the Project Manager. Basal bark application should take place during the dormant season, when the following conditions are met:

- Temperatures are not forecast to exceed 80* F for the following 24 hours
- There is not a greater than 30 percent chance for liquid precipitation forecast for the following 24 hours

Basal bark application shall take place during the Tree Cutting Period and will be included with the Tree Cutting Period standard for the BASIS OF PAYMENT.

- Foliar application should be timed to maximize efficacy, while minimizing impact to spring ephemerals and native flora. Any concerns regarding the potential for off target impact to native species should be brought to the attention of the Project Manager immediately. The contractor shall treat all resprouts before they exceed 40 inches in height. Any resprouts exceeding 40 inches in height shall be re-cut and chemically treated in accordance with the project specifications or receive basal bark treatment.

Authorized Machinery: Heavy duty, low ground pressure professional grade forestry clearing machinery such as a low-ground pressure, rubber tracked skid-steer with FECON style rotary-drum forestry mower. Only skid-steers with full-time dedicated rubber tracks and dedicated bogie wheel carriage units shall be allowed on the job. Rubber tired Skid-steers with aftermarket rubber track covers are not allowed on this project. Hydro-axe, Brown bear mowers, and large tracked style machines are not permitted on this job.

Herbicide Requirements:

- **Stump Spraying:** The Contractor shall use an aquatic-rated, glyphosate-based herbicide (Rodeo, Aqua Neat, Glypro, or approved equal) or an amine formulation of triclopyr (e.g. Garlon 3A, Tahoe 3A, Element 3A) diluted with water to a 30% solution; or an ester formulation of tricoplyr (e.g. Garlon 4, Element 4, Tricoplyr 4) mixed with a basal oil to form a 20% v/v solution for stump treatments. A blue or red marker dye must be mixed with the herbicide so that treated stumps will be apparent. The Contractor must obtain **Project Manager**'s prior approval of any herbicide to be used.
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The Contractor shall cut or mow and shred all sizes of Class 1 trees and shrubs.

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The Contractor shall mow and shred all Class 2 trees and shrubs less than 4” in diameter at breast height.

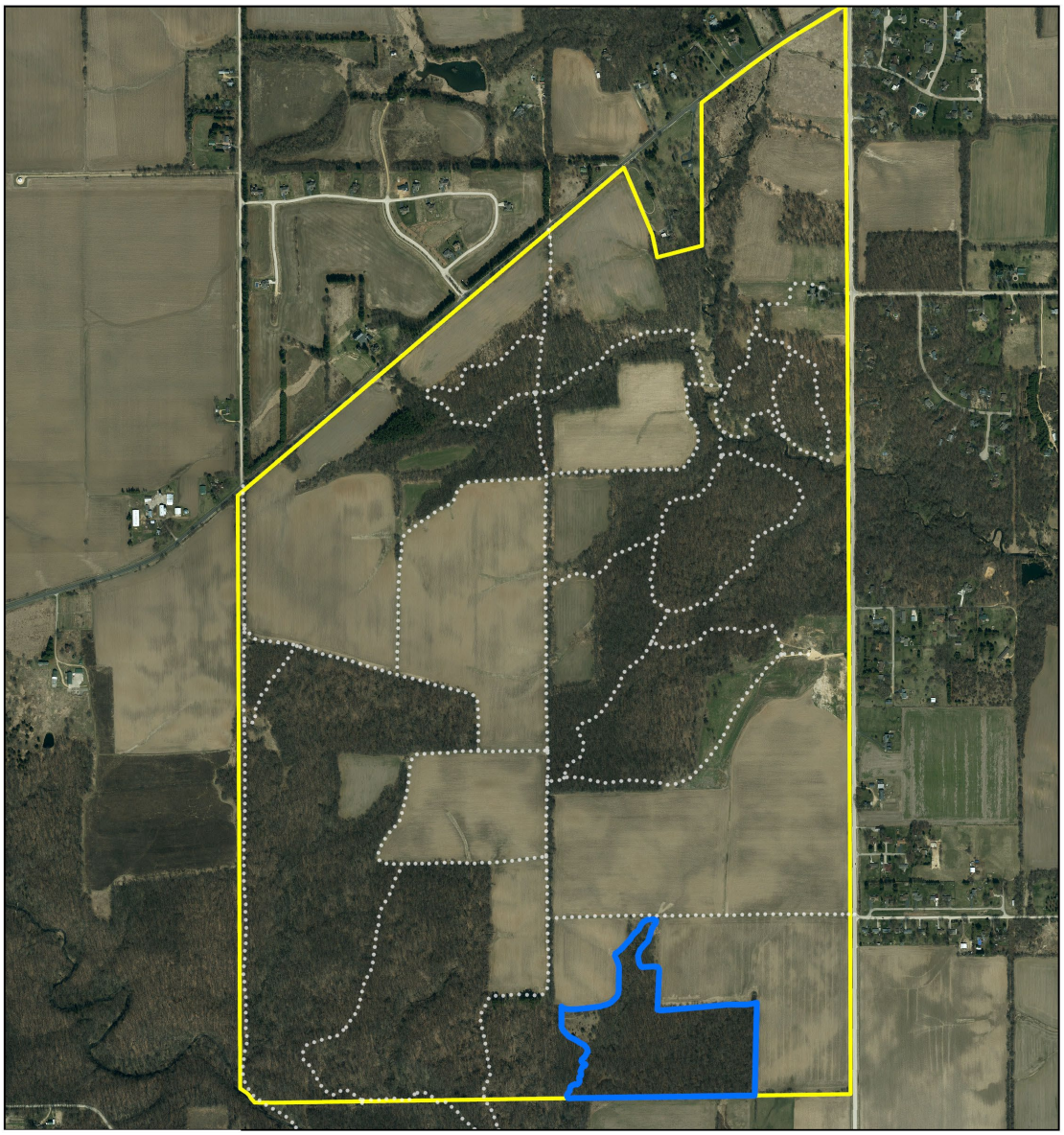
Non-Target Species:

- Any trees and shrubs marked with “DO NOT CUT” tape
- Hickories (*Carya* spp.)
- Oaks (*Quercus* spp.)
- Native understory woody plants not on the Class 1 or Class 2 list (e.g. hazelnut, viburnums, elderberry, plum, serviceberry, etc.)

The Contractor shall not fell any hickories, oaks, or trees marked with “DO NOT CUT” tape.

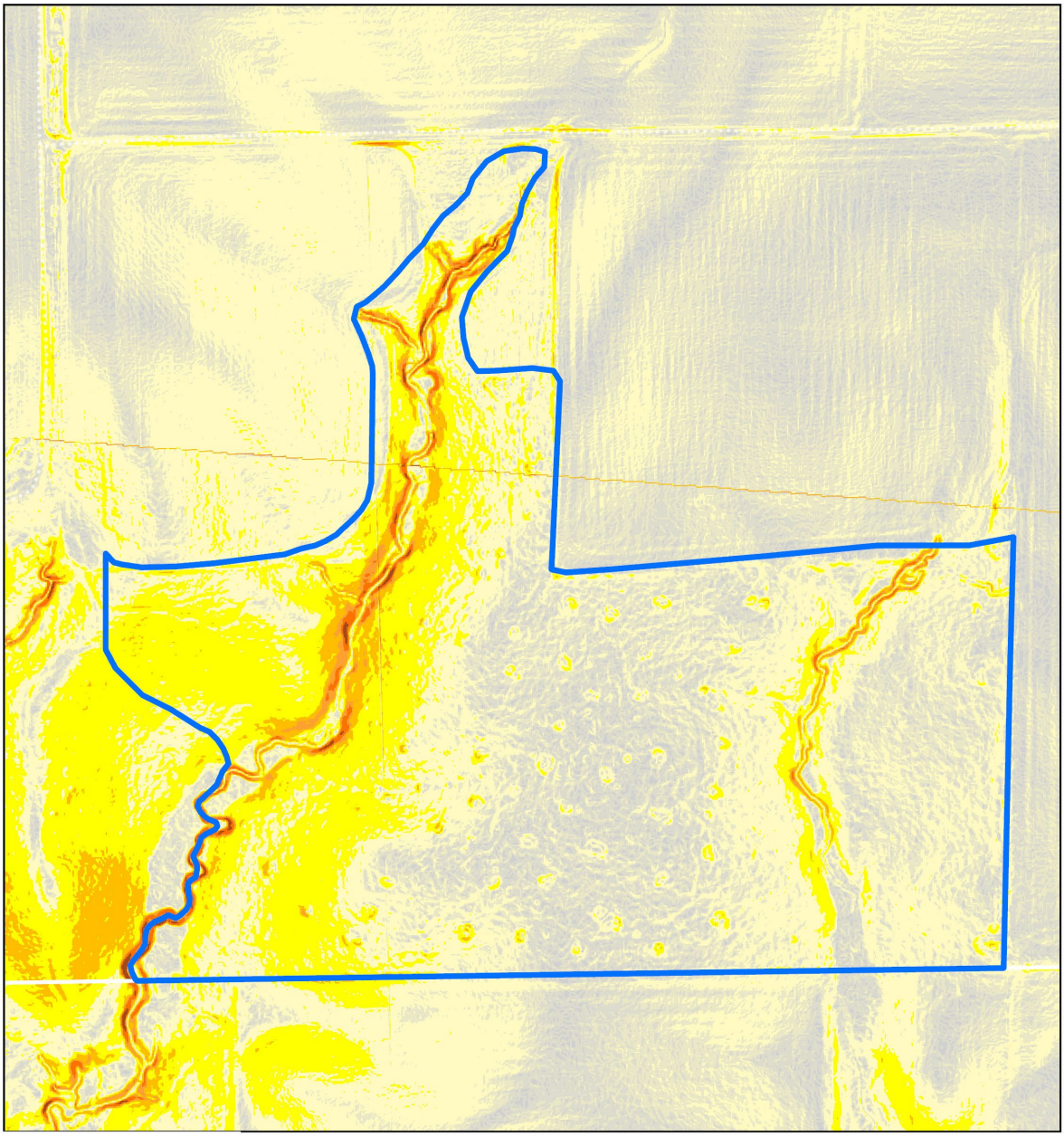
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Funderburg Forest Preserve
Project Component One Site Map



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Funderburg Forest Preserve
Project Component One Terrain Map



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Record of Pesticide Application

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PLEASE NOTE:

1)This form shall be completed for EACH pesticide application on the day of that application.

2) Completed forms must be sent to the District upon Project Completion.

3) Please email completed forms to mbrien@winnebagoforest.org or fax to 815-877-6124, attention: Mike Brien, Director of Natural Resources.

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PROJECT COMPONENT TWO SPECIFICATIONS

LOGGING AND STORM DEBRIS CLEANUP

6.0 GENERAL

6.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

See **Project Overview** at "Defined Terms" page, attached hereto. Defined terms appear in bold herein.

6.2 BASIS OF PAYMENT

7.0 This work shall be paid for on a total not-to-exceed basis. The proposed price shall include all material, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the work. The contractor shall invoice the District for the actual hours completed by each position, as outlined in the Cost Schedule submitted as part of their bid on a monthly basis. Invoices will be paid by the District in accordance with the Illinois Prompt Payment Act.

7.1 PROJECT DEADLINE

All work on this project must be complete by the **Project Deadline**.

7.2 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have a valid Illinois Department of Agriculture Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. All workers under the Contractor's supervision shall have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator or Commercial Pesticide Operator license registered to the contractor's Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. Copies of all Applicator's and Operator's licenses must be provided to the District prior to the commencement of any field work. The Contractor shall be able to provide the specified equipment and manpower to successfully complete all phases of the job(s) in the time frame indicated herein. Prospective contractors must demonstrate past experience working on weed management in Illinois natural areas and demonstrate staff has an advanced knowledge of regional flora.

The Contractor shall have a minimum of one employee certified as a Wildland Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), or higher, on site while igniting and loading burn piles.

8.0 MATERIALS

8.1 MACHINERY

e) The Contractor shall supply and primarily utilize **Authorized Machinery** on this project.

f) All equipment and work clothing, including boots, shall be clean and free of any seeds, soil, and debris prior to entering or leaving work area to prevent the spreading of

invasive species within and among job sites and other areas where the Contractor may have worked.

g) Large machinery must be inspected by Project Manager prior to unloading from the trailer at the project location and be found to be clean and free of seeds, soil, and debris.

h) Project Manager is not immediately available to inspect equipment. Therefore, the Contractor shall coordinate equipment inspection times and locations at least 24 hours in advance.

8.2 HERBICIDE

i) All chemicals necessary for completion of the contract shall be provided by the Contractor.

j) The Contractor shall comply with all **Herbicide Requirements**.

k) Surfactant shall be added at the highest recommended rate for application to **Target Species**.

l) The Contractor shall comply with all pesticide label guidelines and requirements.

m) The Contractor shall mix only the amount of solution to be used during that day's work, as reduced activity may result from use of leftover solutions. The Contractor shall not apply herbicide solution mixed on previous days.

n) All chemical containers and herbicide application equipment must be clearly labeled with the chemical name and concentration. All herbicide must be dyed in order to determine where chemicals have been sprayed.

o) The **Project Manager** has the right to designate mixing and staging areas at the preserve after the contract is awarded. All herbicide mixing, tank cleaning, and equipment maintenance should be performed within these staging areas to limit the potential for damage in the event of a spill.

p) Extreme care must be taken to avoid contamination of non-target species with herbicides and herbicide spills within the project area. Damage to non-target species is a concern of the District; as such the Contractor shall follow all applicable label recommendations for drift management. The Contractor shall not spray herbicide when winds exceed 12 mph. Additionally, low-pressure sprayers and nozzles that produce larger droplets are desirable to reduce the likelihood of drift. Application should not occur on days where the chance for precipitation is 30% or higher. The District reserves the right to prohibit spraying on days where weather conditions are not favorable. Significant damage to non-target species will result in the termination of the contract and contract obligations.

8.3 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

c) The Contractor shall ensure that the following safety equipment is available at the project site at all times for personnel involved in this project:

- First Aid Kit
- Portable emergency eye wash station
- Chemical spill kit
- All required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- All appropriate herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the chemicals being applied

d) All of the work crew MUST wear blaze orange or high visibility yellow reflective vests and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment at all times when in the preserve.

8.4 PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have a copy of these Project Specifications, with attachments, available at the project site at all times.

9.0 EXECUTION

9.1 PROJECT TIME FRAME

f) No work may begin until commencement of the **Work Period**. The Contractor shall commence work as soon after commencement of the **Work Period** as the soils are dry and/or frozen enough to support **Authorized Machinery** used on the project. The Contractor will notify the **Project Manager** at least 24 hours in advance of beginning work.

g) All tree and brush felling must be completed by the end of the **Work Period**.

h) All herbiciding of re-sprouts must be completed by the **Re-Sprout Herbicide Treatment Completion Date**.

i) All work on the project must be completed and the **Performance Standard** achieved by the **Project Deadline**. No payments shall be issued to the Contractor until satisfactory completion of the tree cutting work.

j) The Contractor is permitted to work on Saturdays or Sundays.

9.2 Woody Debris Cleanup

d) Woody debris greater than 8” in diameter identified for removal shall be handled with **Authorized Machinery**.

e) The Contractor shall cut woody debris greater than 8” in diameter to a length that allows the safe handling by **Authorized Machinery** to transport the material to the nearest designated Burn Pile.

9.3 HERBICIDE TREATMENT

d) The Contractor must treat all resprouts and seedlings of **Target Species** within the **Project Area.**

e) Though not required, the Contractor may elect to treat stumps with herbicide to prevent their re-sprouting. Initial herbicide treatment for all cut stumps or shattered stems must occur the same day they were cut or mowed.

f) Herbicide shall be applied only when weather conditions permit. If weather conditions prevent treatment of stumps on the same day they were cut, the Contractor will be required at a later date to foliar spray stump re-sprouts.

9.4 SAFETY

d) It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to adhere to all applicable District and OSHA safety regulations and guidelines, as well as Federal Construction Safety and Health Standards while carrying out activities related to this project.

e) Herbicide applicators shall, at all times, have on the work site the appropriate herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the chemicals being applied. All herbicide applications shall follow appropriate label instructions.

f) Herbicide applicators and operators should use all applicable and standard personal protective equipment during work and shall meet OSHA requirements.

9.5 COMMUNICATION

f) Communication and coordination with the **Project Manager** must be made for on-site inspection prior to the start of work to formalize access points, appropriate staging areas, site conditions for work, chemical selection, etc.

g) The Contractor's foreman shall attend progress meetings at times and locations designated by the **Project Manager** to discuss work progress and other issues.

h) The **Project Manager** must be given a 24-hour notice prior to the start of any work.

i) The **Project Manager** reserves the right to restrict the Contractor's access to the **Project Area** with 24-hours' notice.

j) The **Project Manager** must be immediately notified if more than 1 oz. of herbicide concentrate is spilled near the project site.

9.6 SIGNAGE

During all times of machine operations, the Contractor must clearly post at least two professionally made 24" x 24" blaze orange signs indicating "TREE CLEARING AHEAD" or "CAUTION MACHINERY WORK AREA." During all times of herbicide application, the Contractor must place at least two professionally made 24" x 24" blaze orange signs warning the public of herbicide applications. Signs must contain wording

such as “CAUTION HERBICIDE WORK AHEAD” or similar wording as approved by the District.

9.7 ACCESS

The Contractor shall limit vehicular access to paved roads and routes approved by the **Project Manager**.

9.8 PERFORMANCE STANDARD

e) The Contractor shall contact and schedule a final on-site meeting with the **Project Manager** when the Contractor assesses that they have achieved the **Performance Standard**.

f) The percent kill will be evaluated during a joint meeting with the **Project Manager** and the Contractor no less than 10 days after the final herbicide treatment (which shall occur no later than the **Project Deadline**).

g) If the project goal kill rate is not met, then the Contractor will be responsible for additional foliar herbicide treatments until the necessary kill rate is achieved. When the **Project Manager** certifies that the **Performance Standard** is met, then the Contractor may submit an invoice to release the retainage.

h) The Contractor is responsible for any expenses which the District may incur as a result of inadequate treatment where follow-up is required to meet the project goal.

10.0 REPORTING

The Contractor shall complete an up-to-date herbicide log detailing the kind and amount of herbicide applied each day. The District has provided the Contractor with a Daily Herbicide Report Form (attached hereto). The complete current Daily Herbicide Report Forms must be submitted to District Headquarters via fax or electronic copy upon demand and at Project Completion.

11.0 DAMAGES

11.1 DAMAGES – General

The Contractor shall be held solely responsible for any claims of damages, foreseen or unforeseen, resulting from the performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, the following damages.

11.2 DAMAGE TO NON-TARGET TREES

The Contractor shall not damage **Non-Target Species** trees. Damage to **Non-Target Species** shall be assessed at $400.00 per caliper inch, measured 4.5 feet above the ground. Damage charges will be assessed directly to the Contractor.

11.3 DAMAGE TO TURF

Repairs for damage to turf grass by machinery operated by the Contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Repairs include, but are not limited to, filling ruts, adding soil, gill raking, hand raking, leveling, and seeding or installing and watering sod.

11.4 PAVED SURFACES

The Contractor shall not damage roadway surfaces, parking areas, trails, or roadway shoulders with machinery used on this project. Repair of any and all damaged roadway, shoulder, or parking area asphalt or gravel base is the sole responsibility of the Contractor and shall be performed in accordance with IDOT and ASTM paving standards.

11.5 SOIL COMPACTION & RUTS

Soil compaction by equipment is a concern to the District. To avoid rut formations, work can commence only if soil is frozen to sufficient depth (as determined by the District).

In the event that ruts are created by the Contractor during the course of this project, the Contractor will be responsible for repairing all ruts to the satisfaction of the District at least one week before the **Project Deadline**. For the purposes of this project, ruts are defined as a soil impression from a tire or track, deeper than 2 inches below the original soil grade.

11.6 DAMAGE TO ADJACENT LANDS

The Contractor shall not cross the established limits of the **Project Area** to limb, trim, apply herbicide to, or otherwise remove trees, brush, vines, or obstructions from property adjoining District property. The Contractor is responsible for verifying boundary lines before work begins. If damage to private property occurs as a result of the Contractor's operations, then the Contractor shall pay any and all damages.

Project Component Two Overview:

The District seeks a qualified firm using specific heavy duty forestry equipment to clean up logging and storm debris throughout an oak-hickory woodland at Funderburg Forest Preserve located in Rockford, IL at 4551 S. Meridian Road, Rockford, IL 61102 (see attached **County Locator Map**). The objectives of this project are to remove storm damaged trees and logging slash throughout the 165 acre project area in order to remove heavy ladder fuels and facilitate future maintenance. Woody debris will be cut, hauled, and stacked at designated burn pile locations and burned by the contractor. The Contractor may request that District staff mark actual project boundaries on the ground with paint and flagging tape.

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Stump herbicide treatment and stump grinding below grade are not required in this project.

Timeframes:

- **Work Period:** 12/1/2026 – 3/15/2027
- **Project Deadline:** 10/15/2027

Performance Standard: Completion of the agreed upon project scope

Project Area: See attached **Project Area Map**.

Project Manager: The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's Director of Natural Resources, Mike Brien, or his designee. Mike Brien may be called or texted at: (815) 988-2981, or emailed at mbrien@winnebagoforest.org.

Methods:

- The Contractor shall meet weekly with the **Project Manager** to identify priority work areas and staffing needs.
- Woody Debris Removal:
    - Logging slash and storm damage may be entirely at ground level or hung up in adjacent trees. The contractor shall provide sawyers with sufficient training to safely drop, limb, and buck woody debris as required by the **Project Specifications.**
    - The contractor shall remove all woody debris larger than 8 inches in diameter from the work area by any combination of hand or machine cutting and grappling by **Authorized Machinery**. Some downed woody debris shall be marked by the **Project Manager** with "DO NOT CUT" flagging tape to be left for habitat and should not be disturbed.
    - The contractor shall remove any **Class 1 or Class 2 Target Species** that are located within concentrations of logging slash or storm damage to be removed. **Target Species** shall be hauled to a burn pile located to be burned with the rest of the woody debris and the stumps shall be treated as specified in the **Herbicide Requirements.**
    - The **Project Area** contains areas of uneven terrain that may not be accessible by a compact track loader and will require an excavator to remove woody debris.
- Burn Pile
    - The **Project Manager** will coordinate burn pile locations with the contractor prior to beginning work. The contractor may need to remove standing trees marked by the **Project Manager** in order to prepare burn pile locations.
    - The contractor shall make every attempt to minimize the footprint of a burn pile. Burn Piles should not exceed a 20' x 20' area.
    - The contractor shall ensure that the burn piles are managed safely and in such a manner that adjacent trees, to include tree canopies, are not negatively impacted by heat or flames.

- The contractor should actively stock burning piles throughout the workday, but should allow sufficient time prior to ceasing work at the end of the day for piles to burn down and fire behavior to decrease.
- Burn piles will not need to be extinguished by the contractor before leaving the work area provided fuels around the burn pile are not present or conducive to fire spread.
- The contractor may stockpile material at a burn pile location for addition to the burn pile at a later time. Any stockpiled material must be burned completely prior to completion of the project.
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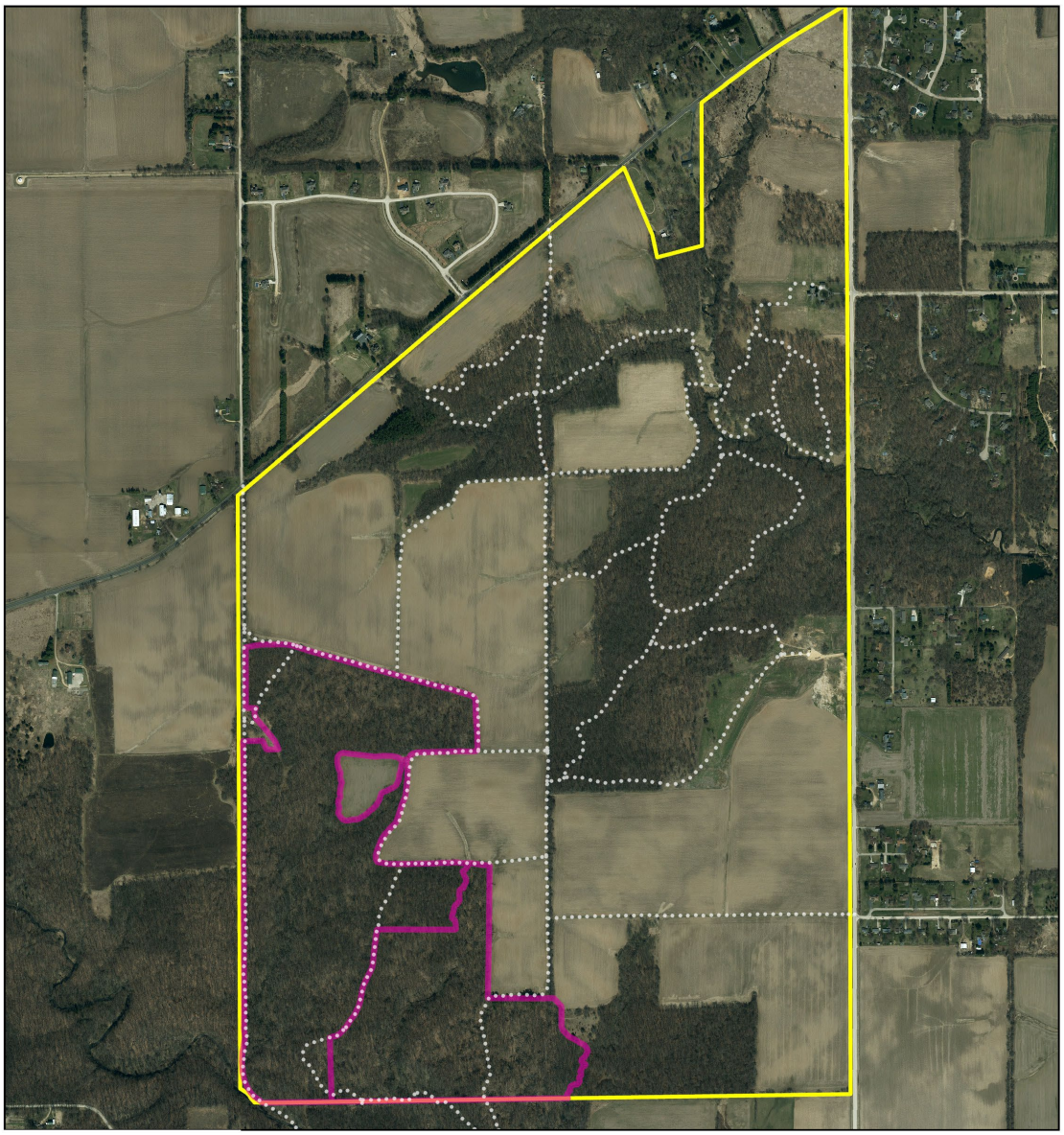
The Contractor shall mow and shred all Class 2 trees and shrubs less than 4” in diameter at breast height.

Non-Target Species:

- Any trees and shrubs marked with “DO NOT CUT” tape
- Hickories (*Carya* spp.)
- Oaks (*Quercus* spp.)
- Native understory woody plants not on the Class 1 or Class 2 list (e.g. hazelnut, viburnums, elderberry, plum, serviceberry, etc.)

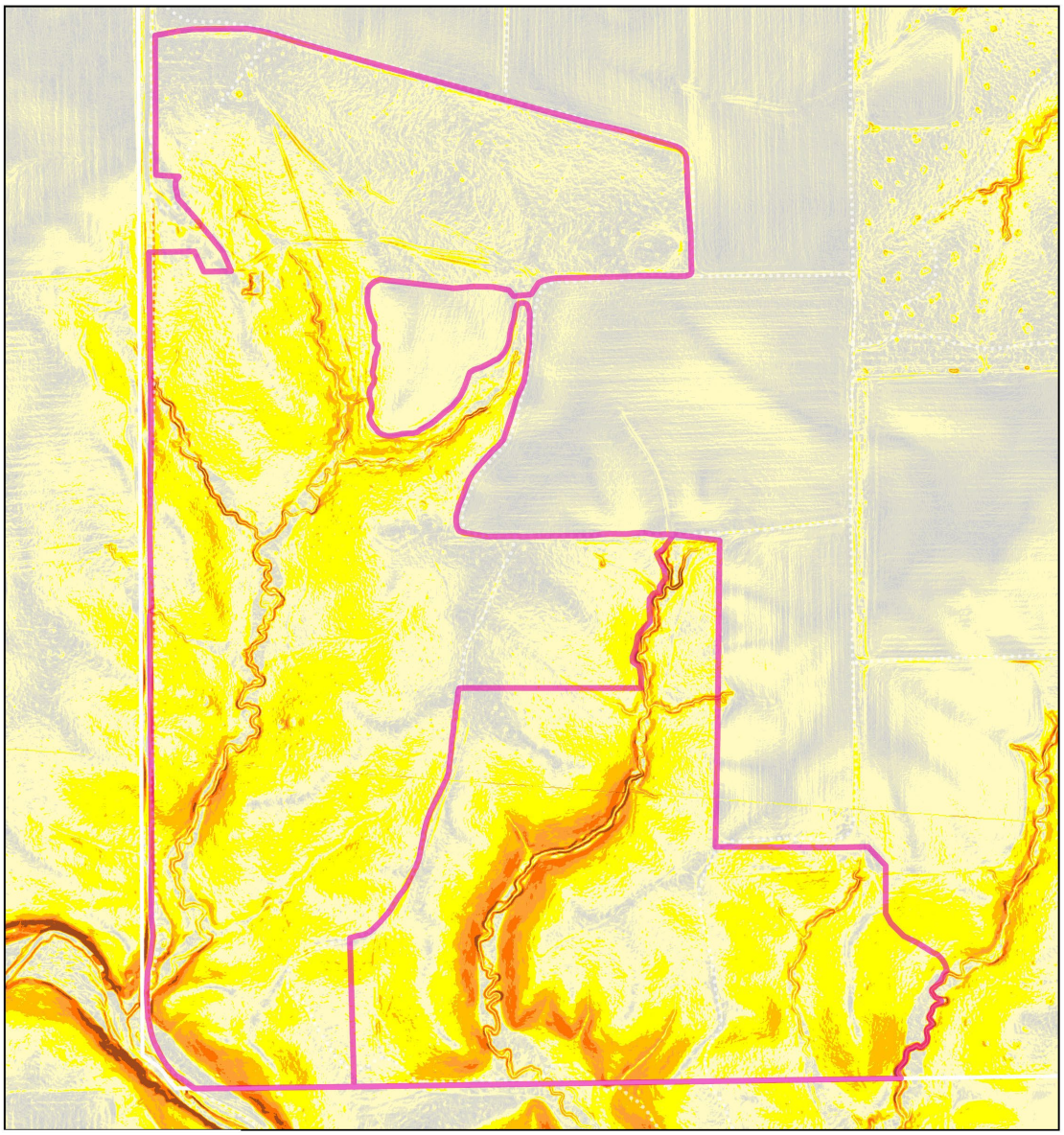
The Contractor shall not fell any hickories, oaks, or trees marked with “DO NOT CUT” tape.

Funderburg Forest Preserve
Project Component Two Site Map



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Funderburg Forest Preserve
Project Component Two Terrain Map



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PROJECT COMPONENT THREE SPECIFICATIONS
HERBICIDE TREATMENTS

12.0 GENERAL

12.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

See **Project Overview** at "Defined Terms" page, attached hereto. Defined terms appear in bold herein.

12.2 BASIS OF PAYMENT

This work shall be paid for on a total not-to-exceed basis. The proposed price shall include all material, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the work. The contractor shall invoice the District for 80% of the actual hours completed by each position, as outlined in the Cost Schedule submitted as part of their bid, on a monthly basis. The District will pay the invoice at the time of the invoicing in accordance with the Illinois Prompt Payment Act. The final 20% of the contract amount shall be invoiced at the Project Deadline, after verifying treatment efficacy, in accordance with the Illinois Prompt Payment Act.

12.3 PROJECT DEADLINE

All work on this project must be complete by the **Project Deadline**.

12.4 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have a valid Illinois Department of Agriculture Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. All workers under the Contractor's supervision shall have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator or Commercial Pesticide Operator (hereafter collectively referred to as "Applicator") license registered to the contractor's Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. Copies of all Applicator's and Operator's licenses must be provided to the District prior to the commencement of any field work. The Contractor shall be able to provide the specified equipment and manpower to successfully complete all phases of the job(s) in the time frame indicated herein. Prospective contractors must demonstrate past experience working on weed management in Illinois natural areas and demonstrate staff has an advanced knowledge of regional flora.

13.0 MATERIALS

13.1 MACHINERY

i) The Contractor shall supply and primarily utilize **Authorized Machinery** on this project.

j) All equipment and work clothing, including boots, shall be clean and free of any seeds, soil, and debris prior to entering or leaving work area to prevent the spreading of invasive species within and among job sites and other areas where the Contractor may have worked.

k) Large machinery must be inspected by Project Manager prior to unloading from the trailer at the project location and be found to be clean and free of seeds, soil, and debris.

l) Project Manager is not immediately available to inspect equipment. Therefore, the Contractor shall coordinate equipment inspection times and locations at least 24 hours in advance.

13.2 HERBICIDE

q) All chemicals necessary for completion of the contract shall be provided by the Contractor.

r) The Contractor shall comply with all **Herbicide Requirements**.

s) Surfactant shall be added at the highest recommended rate for application to **Target Species**.

t) The Contractor shall comply with all pesticide label guidelines and requirements.

u) The Contractor shall mix only the amount of solution to be used during that day's work, as reduced activity may result from use of leftover solutions. The Contractor shall not apply herbicide solution mixed on previous days.

v) All chemical containers and herbicide application equipment must be clearly labeled with the chemical name and concentration. All herbicide must be dyed in order to determine where chemicals have been sprayed.

w) The **Project Manager** has the right to designate mixing and staging areas at the preserve after the contract is awarded. All herbicide mixing, tank cleaning, and equipment maintenance should be performed within these staging areas to limit the potential for damage in the event of a spill.

x) Extreme care must be taken to avoid contamination of non-target species with herbicides and herbicide spills within the project area. Damage to non-target species is a concern of the District; as such the Contractor shall follow all applicable label recommendations for drift management. The Contractor shall not spray herbicide when winds exceed 12 mph. Additionally, low-pressure sprayers and nozzles that produce larger droplets are desirable to reduce the likelihood of drift. Application should not occur on days where the chance for precipitation is 30% or higher. The District reserves the right to prohibit spraying on days where weather conditions are not favorable. Significant damage to non-target species will result in the termination of the contract and contract obligations.

13.3 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

e) The Contractor shall ensure that the following safety equipment is available at the project site at all times for personnel involved in this project:

- First Aid Kit
- Portable emergency eye wash station
- Chemical spill kit
- All required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- All appropriate herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the chemicals being applied

f) All of the work crew MUST wear blaze orange or high visibility yellow reflective vests and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment at all times when in the preserve.

13.4 PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall have a copy of these Project Specifications, with attachments, available at the project site at all times.

14.0 EXECUTION

14.1 PROJECT TIME FRAME

k) No work may begin until commencement of the **Tree Cutting Period**. The Contractor shall commence work as soon after commencement of the **Tree Cutting Period** as the soils are dry and/or frozen enough to support **Authorized Machinery** used on the project. The Contractor will notify the **Project Manager** at least 24 hours in advance of beginning work.

l) All tree and brush felling must be completed by the end of the **Tree Cutting Period**.

m) All herbiciding of re-sprouts must be completed by the **Re-Sprout Herbicide Treatment Completion Date**.

n) All work on the project must be completed and the **Performance Standard** achieved by the **Project Deadline**. No payments shall be issued to the Contractor until satisfactory completion of the tree cutting work.

o) The Contractor is permitted to work on Saturdays or Sundays.

14.2 TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL

f) Brush and tree Target Species shall be cut or mowed to ground level primarily using **Authorized Machinery**.

g) The Contractor shall hand-cut **Target Species** growing near **Non-Target Species** as necessary to prevent damage of **Non-Target Species**.

h) Shredded material must be six inches or smaller in length and create a mat no deeper than three inches deep.

14.3 HERBICIDE TREATMENT

g) The Contractor must treat all resprouts and seedlings of **Target Species** within the **Project Area.**

h) Though not required, the Contractor may elect to treat stumps with herbicide to prevent their re-sprouting. Initial herbicide treatment for all cut stumps or shattered stems must occur the same day they were cut or mowed.

i) Herbicide shall be applied only when weather conditions permit. If weather conditions prevent treatment of stumps on the same day they were cut, the Contractor will be required at a later date to foliar spray stump re-sprouts.

14.4 SAFETY

g) It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to adhere to all applicable District and OSHA safety regulations and guidelines, as well as Federal Construction Safety and Health Standards while carrying out activities related to this project.

h) Herbicide applicators shall, at all times, have on the work site the appropriate herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the chemicals being applied. All herbicide applications shall follow appropriate label instructions.

i) Herbicide applicators and operators should use all applicable and standard personal protective equipment during work and shall meet OSHA requirements.

14.5 COMMUNICATION

k) Communication and coordination with the **Project Manager** must be made for on-site inspection prior to the start of work to formalize access points, appropriate staging areas, site conditions for work, chemical selection, etc.

l) The Contractor's foreman shall attend progress meetings at times and locations designated by the **Project Manager** to discuss work progress and other issues.

m) The **Project Manager** must be given a 24-hour notice prior to the start of any work.

n) The **Project Manager** reserves the right to restrict the Contractor's access to the **Project Area** with 24-hours' notice.

o) The **Project Manager** must be immediately notified if more than 1 oz. of herbicide concentrate is spilled near the project site.

14.6 SIGNAGE

During all times of machine operations, the Contractor must clearly post at least two professionally made 24" x 24" blaze orange signs indicating "TREE CLEARING AHEAD" or "CAUTION MACHINERY WORK AREA." During all times of herbicide application, the Contractor must place at least two professionally made 24" x 24" blaze orange signs warning the public of herbicide applications. Signs must contain wording such as "CAUTION HERBICIDE WORK AHEAD" or similar wording as approved by the District.

14.7 ACCESS

The Contractor shall limit vehicular access to paved roads and routes approved by the **Project Manager**.

14.8 PERFORMANCE STANDARD

i) The Contractor shall contact and schedule a final on-site meeting with the **Project Manager** when the Contractor assesses that they have achieved the **Performance Standard**.

j) The percent kill will be evaluated during a joint meeting with the **Project Manager** and the Contractor no less than 10 days after the final herbicide treatment (which shall occur no later than the **Project Deadline**).

k) If the project goal kill rate is not met, then the Contractor will be responsible for additional foliar herbicide treatments until the necessary kill rate is achieved. When the **Project Manager** certifies that the **Performance Standard** is met, then the Contractor may submit an invoice to release the retainage.

l) The Contractor is responsible for any expenses which the District may incur as a result of inadequate treatment where follow-up is required to meet the project goal.

15.0 REPORTING

The Contractor shall complete an up-to-date herbicide log detailing the kind and amount of herbicide applied each day. The District has provided the Contractor with a Daily Herbicide Report Form (attached hereto). The complete current Daily Herbicide Report Forms must be submitted to District Headquarters via fax or electronic copy upon demand and at Project Completion.

16.0 DAMAGES

16.1 DAMAGES – General

The Contractor shall be held solely responsible for any claims of damages, foreseen or unforeseen, resulting from the performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, the following damages.

16.2 DAMAGE TO NON-TARGET TREES

The Contractor shall not damage **Non-Target Species** trees. Damage to **Non-Target Species** shall be assessed at $400.00 per caliper inch, measured 4.5 feet above the ground. Damage charges will be assessed directly to the Contractor.

16.3 DAMAGE TO TURF

Repairs for damage to turf grass by machinery operated by the Contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Repairs include, but are not limited to, filling ruts,

adding soil, gill raking, hand raking, leveling, and seeding or installing and watering sod.

16.4 PAVED SURFACES

The Contractor shall not damage roadway surfaces, parking areas, trails, or roadway shoulders with machinery used on this project. Repair of any and all damaged roadway, shoulder, or parking area asphalt or gravel base is the sole responsibility of the Contractor and shall be performed in accordance with IDOT and ASTM paving standards.

16.5 SOIL COMPACTION & RUTS

Soil compaction by equipment is a concern to the District. To avoid rut formations, work can commence only if soil is frozen to sufficient depth (as determined by the District).

In the event that ruts are created by the Contractor during the course of this project, the Contractor will be responsible for repairing all ruts to the satisfaction of the District at least one week before the **Project Deadline**. For the purposes of this project, ruts are defined as a soil impression from a tire or track, deeper than 2 inches below the original soil grade.

16.6 DAMAGE TO ADJACENT LANDS

The Contractor shall not cross the established limits of the **Project Area** to limb, trim, apply herbicide to, or otherwise remove trees, brush, vines, or obstructions from property adjoining District property. The Contractor is responsible for verifying boundary lines before work begins. If damage to private property occurs as a result of the Contractor's operations, then the Contractor shall pay any and all damages.

Project Component Three Overview:

The District seeks a qualified firm to chemically treat woody invasive species within an oak-hickory woodland in the Funderburg Forest Preserve located in Rockford, IL at 4551 S. Meridian Road, Rockford, IL 61102 (see attached **County Locator Map**). The objectives of this project are to remove non-native brush throughout the woodland, with an emphasis on bush honeysuckle, multiflora rose, Japanese barberry, and buckthorn, and to greatly reduce their ability to reinvade the area via seed or re-sprouting. The project has an area of 165 acres. The Contractor may request that District staff mark actual project boundaries on the ground with paint and flagging tape.

District staff may delineate certain sensitive and high–quality areas with yellow "Caution" tape. Machinery is not permitted within these areas under any circumstances. Contactors violating this restriction may face cancellation of the contract and revocation of payment owed if damage to these areas occurs.

Timeframes:

- **Work Period:** 12/1/2026 – 3/15/2027

  Project Deadline: 10/15/2027

Performance Standard: At least 95% of treated Class I Target Species dead at Project Deadline.

Project Area: See attached **Project Area Map**.

Project Manager: The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County's Director of Natural Resources, Mike Brien, or his designee. Mike Brien may be called or texted at: (815) 988-2981, or emailed at mbrien@winnebagoforest.org.

Methods:

- The Project Manager and Contractor will identify priority areas for the chemical treatment of Class I Target Species within the 145 Project Area.
- Foliar application of an approved herbicide via backpack sprayer by a licensed Applicator shall be the primary method utilized on this project.
- Herbicide Application
    - The contractor shall, at their discretion, use a combination of foliar and basal bark chemical applications to control Class 1 Target Species within the project area by the Project Deadline
    - Foliar application should be timed to maximize efficacy, while minimizing impact to spring ephemerals and native flora. Any concerns regarding the potential for off target impact to native species should be brought to the attention of the Project Manager immediately. The contractor shall treat all Class 1 Target Species less than 40" in height within the Project Area.
    - Basal bark application shall be used when the height of a Class 1 Target Species exceeds 40" in height, or cannot otherwise be treated via foliar spray. Basal bark application should take place during the dormant season, when the following conditions are met:
        - Temperatures are not forecast to exceed 80* F for the following 24 hours
        - There is not a greater than 30 percent chance for liquid precipitation forecast for the following 24 hours

Authorized Machinery: The Contractor may use UTVs / ATVs to navigate the site, but boom spraying and gun spraying from vehicles or equipment is not permitted for this project. All equipment must remain on trail or in designated staging areas.

Herbicide Requirements:

- **Foliar Spraying:** The Contractor shall only use an aquatic-rated, glyphosate-based herbicide (Rodeo, Aqua Neat, Glypro, or approved equal), an amine formulation of triclopyr (e.g. Garlon 3A, Tahoe 3A, Element 3A), or a choline salt formulation of triclopyr (e.g. Vastlan) diluted with water to a 2.5% - 5% solution for foliar treatments.

- A blue marker dye must be mixed with the herbicide so that treated re-sprouts will be apparent. The Contractor must obtain **Project Manager**'s prior approval of any herbicide to be used. Dicamba, 2,4-D esters, and metsulfuron methyl (MSM) will not be permitted on this project.
- **Basal Bark Application:** The Contractor shall only use an ester formulation of tricoplyr (e.g. Garlon 4, Element 4, Tricoplyr 4) in an approved basal oil to basal bark standing vegetation. Kerosene, diesel, or other fuel oils are not permitted for use as a carrier. A blue or red marker dye must be mixed with the herbicide so that treated stumps will be apparent. The Contractor must obtain **Project Manager**'s prior approval of any herbicide to be used.
- The Contractor is responsible for selecting an herbicide that will achieve the desired results of this Project Specification and may suggest alternatives not listed above to the Project Manager. The Project Manager will evaluate all suggestions and make a final determination on chemicals approved for application on this project.

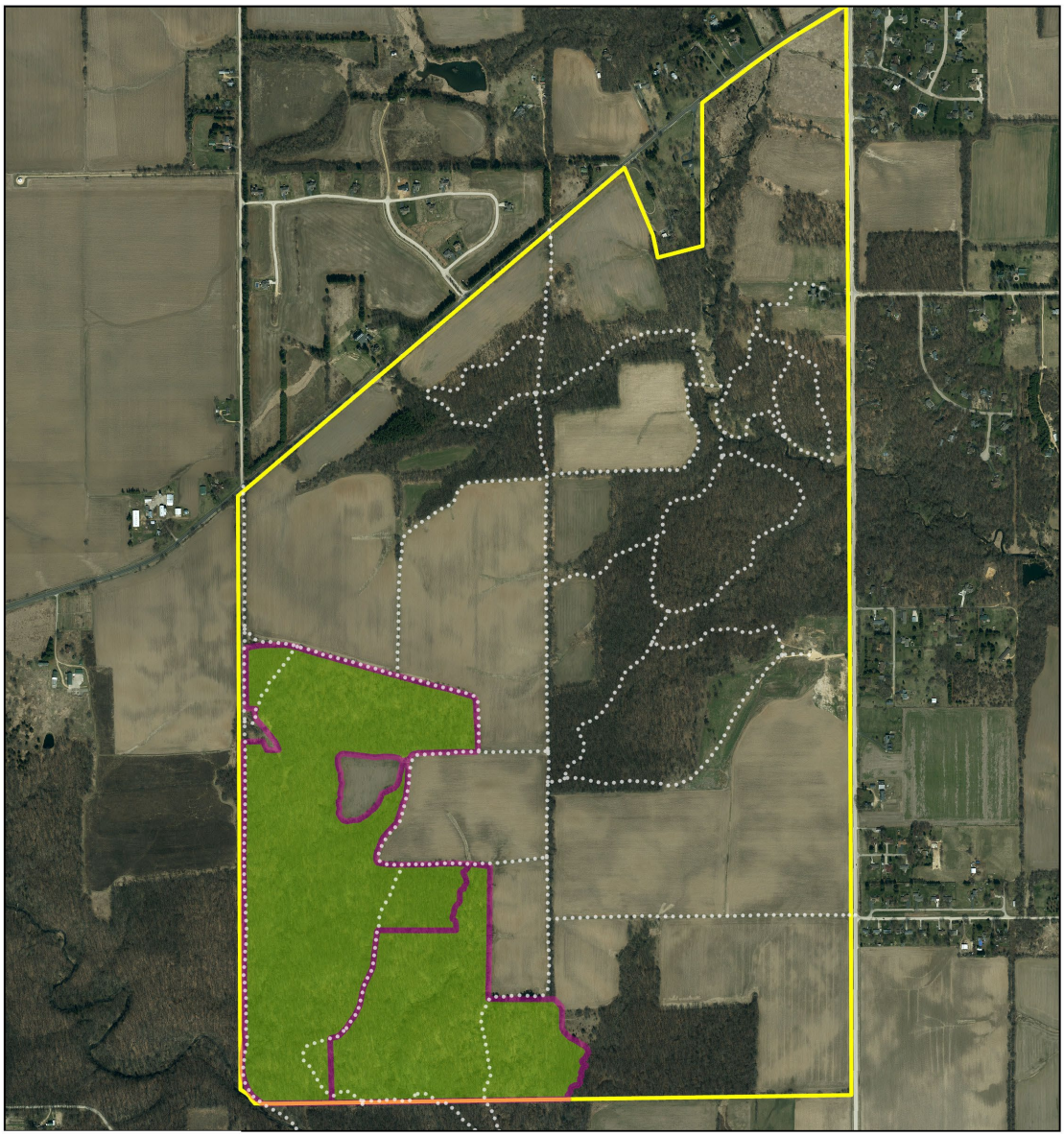
Target Species:

Class 1:

- Autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)
- Burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*)
- Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
- Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
- Glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)
- Highbush cranberry (*Viburnum opulus*)
- Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.)
- Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*)
- Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)
- Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

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Funderburg Forest Preserve
Project Component Three Site Map



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Record of Pesticide Application

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PLEASE NOTE:

1)This form shall be completed for EACH pesticide application on the day of that application.

2) Completed forms must be sent to the District upon Project Completion.

3) Please email completed forms to mbrien@winnebagoforest.org or fax to 815-877-6124, attention: Mike Brien, Director of Natural Resources.

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FIRM NAME: _____

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BID FORM

TO: Winnebago County Forest Preserve District
5500 Northrock Drive
Rockford, Illinois 61103

DATE: _____

The undersigned declares they have carefully examined the requirement, information sheet, detailed specifications and bid form, In addition, declares that his bid is made without any connection with any person making another bid, that the bid is in all respects fail and without collusion or fraud, that no member of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District Board or other officer of the District, or any person in the employ of the County is directly or indirectly interested in this bid, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County will award each Project Component individually to the one vendor that has been determined to be the lowest qualified bidder. Bidders are not required to submit a bid for every Project Component and may bid independently for Project Components 1, 2, and 3. Regardless of how many Project Components a bidder wishes to be considered for, they must submit their Company Information, an Affidavit of Compliance, and a complete bid form in order to be eligible.

Company Information:

Female Business Enterprise (FBE) Yes_____ No_____

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Yes_____ No_____

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Yes_____ No_____

If yes, check the following boxes that apply:

Black/African American_____ Hispanic_____

Native American or Alaskan Native_____ Asian American_____

Type of Organization:

Individual_____ Partnership_____ Corporation_____ Other_____

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VENDOR SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PRINT/TYPE SIGNATURE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

FAX _____

EMAIL _____

FEIN NO. _____

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AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

NOTE: THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE SIGNED BID FORM. NO BIDS CAN BE ACCEPTED BY THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT BOARD UNLESS SAID AFFIDAVIT IS SUBMITTED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE BID.

_____, being first
(Name of person making affidavit)

duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the _____
(Title of Office)

of _____ and that he has authority to make

the following affidavit; that he has knowledge of the Forest Preserve District Ordinance

relating to Fair Employment Practices and knows and understands the contents thereof;

that he certifies hereby that _____ is an

"Equal Opportunity Employer", as defined by Section 2000 (e) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code annotated and Federal Execution Orders #11246 and #11375, which are incorporated herein by reference. The undersigned further declares that this bid is made without any connection with any person making another bid for the same contract and that the bid is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

_____
(Signature)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me

this _____ day of _____, 20___.

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(Notary Public)

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PROJECT COMPONENT ONE BID RESPONSE

BASIS OF AWARD: This Project Component will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder based on their response of the lump sum price to complete the project per the Project Specifications. Qualification will be determined based on the capacity of the vendor to provide approved forestry equipment and positive reference checks.

Tree and Brush Clearing (31.5 acres)

Total Cost for Base Project $ _____

Please provide the Make, Model, and Quantity of approved forestry equipment (carrier and attachment) that will be used on this contract:

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Please provide the contact information of three references for projects of a similar size and scope completed by your firm:

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The undersigned declares that, if awarded the contract, they have the availability and requisite equipment to meet all deadlines and provisions outlined in the Project Specifications for

PROJECT COMPONENT ONE: _____.

NO BID ON PROJECT COMPONENT ONE: Signature: _____

Received Addendum: _____ of_____

Please check the Forest Preserve website at winnebagoforest.org for addendums prior to final submittal. Bid may be rejected if the addendums are not acknowledged.

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PROJECT COMPONENT TWO BID RESPONSE

BASIS OF AWARD: This Project Component will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder based on their response of the total price per day to supply the following Daily Minimum Crew Requirement:

- One compact track loader with grapple bucket, operator, and all other supplies and consumables required to complete the project as specified
- One excavator with hydraulic thumb, operator, and all other supplies and consumables required to complete the project as specified
- Two properly trained sawyers and all required equipment and consumables required to complete the project as specified
- One assistant or helper to support sawyers and / or equipment operators and monitor burn piles, along with all the required equipment and consumables required to complete the project as specified

Qualification will be determined based on the capacity of the vendor to provide the required staffing and equipment, time available to dedicate to the project, and positive reference checks.

The daily rate to provide the Daily Minimum Crew Requirement shall be the basis of award for this Project Component; however, the Project Manager, with approval of the Selected Contractor, may adjust the staffing and equipment requirements during the Work Period based on project need. The contractor shall invoice the District for the actual days worked by each position in accordance with the following Cost Schedule:

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Cost Schedule

Position	Quantity	Daily Rate
Compact track loader and operator	1	
Excavator and operator	1	
Sawyer	2	
Assistant	1	
Total Daily Rate		

Total Daily Rate for Daily Minimum Crew Requirement $ _____

# of hours ON SITE working per billable day _____

Minimum # of days Contractor can provide full the
Daily Minimum Crew Requirement _____

Maximum # of days Contractor can provide full the
Daily Minimum Crew Requirement _____

Please provide the Make, Model, and Quantity of approved forestry equipment (carrier and attachment) that will be used on this contract:

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Please provide the contact information of three references for projects of a similar size and scope completed by your firm:

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The undersigned declares that, if awarded the contract, they have the availability and requisite equipment to meet all deadlines and provisions outlined in the Project Specifications for

PROJECT COMPONENT TWO: _____.

NO BID ON PROJECT COMPONENT TWO: Signature: _____

Received Addendum: _____ of_____

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PROJECT COMPONENT THREE BID RESPONSE

BASIS OF AWARD: This Project Component will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder based on their response of the daily rate to provide one herbicide Applicator and all of the chemicals, equipment, supplies, and consumables required to complete the project as specified.

Qualification will be determined based on the capacity of the vendor to provide the required staffing and equipment, time available to dedicate to the project, and positive reference checks.

The daily rate to provide an herbicide applicator shall be the basis of award for this Project Component. The Project Manager will coordinate with the Contractor on the actual number of Applicators required during the Work Period based on project need. The contractor shall invoice the District for the actual days worked by an applicator in accordance with the following Cost Schedule:

Cost Schedule

Daily rate per applicator and all of the chemicals, equipment, supplies, and consumables required for FOLIAR APPLICATIONS $ _____

Daily rate per applicator and all of the chemicals, equipment, supplies, and consumables required for BASAL BARK APPLICATIONS $ _____

# of hours ON SITE working per billable day _____

Minimum # of days Contractor can dedicate to project _____

Maximum # of days Contractor can dedicate to project _____

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Please provide the contact information of three references for projects of a similar size and scope completed by your firm:

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The undersigned declares that, if awarded the contract, they have the availability and requisite equipment to meet all deadlines and provisions outlined in the Project Specifications for

PROJECT COMPONENT THREE: _____.

NO BID ON PROJECT COMPONENT THREE: Signature: _____

Received Addendum: _____ of_____

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