
REQUEST FOR BID
RFB 2024-06
Weed Control Services
South Dakota Science and Technology Authority
April 22, 2024

The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) is seeking bids for weed control services at various locations at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Documents included in this Request for Bid include:

- A. Insurance Requirements
- B. Environment, Safety, and Health Requirements
- C. Draft Contract
- D. Attachment 1: Service Area Locations

1.0 Background

SDSTA is a quasi-governmental agency established by the State of South Dakota to operate and manage SURF at the former Homestake Gold mine in Lead, SD. This facility has been rehabilitated and developed to support a variety of scientific experiments, including physics, biology, geology, and others.

2.0 Scope

The general Scope of Work is for a Contractor to service the circled areas shown in the maps provided labeled: Attachment 1. The total surface area that SDSTA is requesting to be sprayed for weeds is 60 acres.

Common weeds to be treated with chemicals include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Tansy
- Knapweed
- Leafy Spurge
- St. Johnswort
- Thistle (all)
- Toadflax
- Burdock
- Mullein
- Hounds tongue
- Poison Hemlock (Conium Maculatum)

Exclusions:

1. No spraying on slopes steeper than 1.5:1 On the slopes greater than 1.5:1 spray toe and crest.
2. No spraying within 20 feet of any active water course
3. No spraying on days where wind exceeds 15 mph
4. No spraying within a 10-foot radius of any tree
5. No spraying within 4-hours of any precipitation event, and if so, the contractor shall re-spray at no charge.

3.0 SDSTA Additional Requirements

- 3.1 If any areas are found to need additional applications, pre-approval will be required via a change order.
- 3.2 The applicator shall provide sufficient equipment and resources to spray each area including safety data sheets. These must be submitted prior to the initial visit so they can be approved by our Environmental, Safety, and Health team.
- 3.3 The applicator's employees shall be SD certified weed sprayers.

4.0 Schedule

The activities noted in the Scope section above should commence following the award of the contract. The schedule for completion of this project is negotiable and flexible to accommodate the contractor's availability. The proposed schedule for the project is:

RFB Posted.....	April 22, 2024
Register for Site Visit	April 29, 2024
Site Visit (Optional)	May 1, 2024
Questions Submitted.....	May 6, 2024
Q&A Posted	May 10, 2024
RFB Responses Due.....	May 15, 2024
Contract Awarded By (Target).....	May 20, 2024

Work to be completed by September 1 of each year.

5.0 Progress Reporting and Communication

The SDSTA contact person for this work will be Dan Regan, Buildings and Grounds Foreman.

The following shall be reported to the previously designated contact person at the conclusion of each day spent on property:

1. Areas sprayed with chemical (to include type and concentration amounts)
2. Identification of weeds in each area sprayed
3. Total gallons of chemical used per day
4. Total labor hours spent on property

6.0 Bid Elements

The bid in response to this RFB must contain the following:

A rate sheet for charges per year, based on the scope of work provided and total acreage being completed in one year.

1. Provide a price per acre per year for spraying.

Year	Price Per Acre	Yearly Total Price
2024		

2025		
2026		
TOTAL		

Bid Requirements

- 6.1 Proposers should submit an electronic copy (.pdf format) of the bid to:

Benjamin Brack
Senior Contracts Specialist
bbrack@sanfordlab.org

- 6.2 Questions must be sent in writing by email to Benjamin at the above email address. Answers will be emailed to all prospective proposers and posted to the sanfordlab.org website. Prospective proposers must submit names of attendees to Benjamin to attend the site visit in Lead, SD.
- 6.3 The bid period may be extended at the discretion of the SDSTA based on the quantity and/or complexity of questions. Any notices of extension of time to respond will be distributed to all prospective proposers.
- 6.4 All communications regarding this procurement between RFB release and contract award shall be directed to Benjamin Brack. Communications with other SDSTA staff regarding this procurement in advance of the contract award are not allowed.

7.0 Selection Process

The SDSTA will review all submitted bids for adherence to this requirement and select the firm providing the best price, qualifications/references, safety record and execution plan, number of personnel, and equipment list to complete all areas shown in the attachment.

Revision History

Rev	Date	Section	Paragraph	Summary of Change	Authorized by
01	5/17/2022	NA	NA	Initial issue	CCR 573
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