

Request for Proposals
Baldwin and Kiva Beach Resource Protection Fencing Project
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, CA

Background and Statement of Work: The National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the USDA Forest Service are working together to protect and restore the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) through targeted efforts and a shared vision to enhance the lands around Lake Tahoe. The NFF and LTBMU are collaborating on a number of projects, including the Baldwin and Kiva Beach Wetland Resource Protection Fencing Project located in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The project entails installing two sections of split rail cedar fence totaling 630 linear feet. Approximately 480 feet of fencing will be installed between the Baldwin Beach parking lot and the adjacent wetland habitat. An additional 150 feet of fence will be added to the existing split rail cedar fence at Kiva Beach. The fencing will act as a passive barrier for the general public, while not inhibiting wildlife movement between these areas.

Information Requested

If interested in submitting a bid for this project, please provide a proposal for the above statement of work by providing:

- technical approach
- work experience
- cost
- capacity for this project/ anticipated time of initiation and completion of project
- experience in similar projects

Specific requirements are detailed below.

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS

General Specifications

(a) Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for restoration services related to the construction and installation of split rail cedar fencing. Additional information, requirements, and specifications are provided in the attached appendices.

1. **630 linear feet of split rail cedar fencing.** All project activities will adhere to Appendix B. Project Specifications and will be informed by Appendix A. Map.

The Contractor shall identify what they can supply in terms of materials, labor, equipment, supplies, supervision, quality control, and incidentals required to complete the work described. The Contractor shall perform all work in a safe and conscientious manner.

- (b) Project Location – The Project will be conducted in two locations. The first, Baldwin Beach, lies approximately 4.5 miles west of the intersection of Highway 50 and Highway 89, in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The second location, Kiva Beach, is approximately 0.5 miles east of Baldwin Beach, at the outlet of Taylor Creek. The Project is located on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. The project is located in El Dorado County, California.
- (c) Work Schedule – Work may be conducted between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, or March 1, 2024, and May 15, 2024, as weather permits. The Project must be completed no later than May 31, 2024.

Other Project Requirements and Specifications

- (a) Utilities – In many locations there will be no or limited sanitation, water, electrical, cell service, or housing services available. The Contractor shall make its own arrangements for temporary facilities if needed.
- (b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:
 - Appendix A – Project Map
 - Appendix B – Project Specifications

Insurance Requirements

Upon selection of the winning bid, the Contractor agrees that it has and shall maintain the following insurance coverage indicated below. The effective date of all coverage shall precede the start of any work.

- a. State minimum workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees, if any.
- b. Broad form general liability, property damage, and automotive liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of any person and \$2,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of more than one person. The Contractor shall name NFF an Additional Named Insured and provide NFF with a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverages, prior to the initiation of the Scope of Services.
- c. Contractor shall provide professional errors and omissions liability insurance if its Scope of Services includes professional services. Professional services for purposes of this section include, but are not limited to performing: architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, land surveying or planning, geological investigation, interior design/space planning, preparation and signing or stamping of drawings, maps, surveys or construction specifications, consulting, or design and development of computer software, programs or websites by the Contractor or by subcontractors on behalf of the Contractor. The minimum coverage limits required are \$1,000,000 for each claim and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.

Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment

The Contractor is responsible for compliance with the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment identified in 2 CFR 200.216.

Payment/Performance Security

Contractor shall post cash, a letter of credit, bond, or other financial security that is easily convertible into cash in a form acceptable to the NFF, in its sole determination, to assure completion of the work required under any subsequent agreement and payment of all amounts lawfully due to all persons supplying or furnishing to the Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors with labor, laborers, materials, rental machinery, tools or equipment used or to perform the work. Contractor may incorporate required associated costs into mobilization costs or other approved expenses.

- a. Work that is classified as construction in accordance with the Miller Act or Little Miller Act or if required per conditions of the funding source, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of any Agreement. For the purposes of this Request for Proposal, construction is defined as "any contract greater than \$100,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work where the federal government is the owner", or
- b. If Contractor is not self-performing at least 85% of the total contract or if the cost of materials is in excess of the larger of \$100,000 or 50% of the contract total, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of the agreement, or
- c. If the value of the agreement is in excess of \$250,000, Contractor will be required to post financial security in a form acceptable to the NFF in the amount of 5% of the total agreement value up to \$250,000 in total financial security.

American Made Products. The work associated with this RFP is subject to Build America, Buy America Act. P.L. 117-58, Secs 70911-70917, and as such, domestic content procurement preference requires all iron and steel, manufactured products and construction materials used within the scope of this Agreement, be produced in the United States.

Federal Exclusion Verification

The selected Contractor will be required to affirm that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

I. REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Technical Proposal

Please provide a detailed technical approach to the work.

Contractor Qualifications

- I. Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.
- II. References – Please provide three professional references that can speak to past performance.

Pricing Schedule

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below. Prevailing wages are required per conditions of funding sources.

	Task/Item	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
(a)	Construction Materials	Lump Sum		
(b)	Fencing Installation (Labor)	Per Foot		
			Total Bid	

III. SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND CONTACTS

Contractor Selection Process

This is a request for proposals only and bids furnished are not offers from the National Forest Foundation. This request does not commit the National Forest Foundation to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of the proposal or to contract for supplies or services.

The NFF will use the Evaluation Factors below to review each submitted bid. Based on the outcomes of that selection process, the NFF will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders within 10 business days from the closing of the bid window and will prepare a separate contract document.

Evaluation Factors and Relative Importance

The following criteria will be used in the evaluation of submitted proposals, ordered from highest weighting (level 3) to lowest weighting (level 1).



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Level 3 Criteria

- Price / cost
- Equipment and contractor capability
- Timing of when contractor can begin and/or finish the project
- Past performance, references, and USFS feedback

Level 2 Criteria

- Technical proposal / proposed approach to project
- Overall strategic benefits to meeting NFF goals and grant needs, requirements, and timelines

Level 1 Criteria

- Benefits to the local community
- Relationship to local community

Point of Contact

Please submit any questions about the project in writing to the Point of Contact.

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Responses will be shared with known interested parties by email or otherwise posted at <https://www.nationalforests.org/rfp>.

Bid Submission

Submit bids via email to mbock@nationalforests.org by September 25, 2023.

Equal Opportunity Provider

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