



**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
I363-10
DUE JULY 27, 2010**

The Boulder County Land use Department is seeking quotes from qualified consultants to provide Technical Assistance and Consulting for the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The awarded contractor will be expected to enter into a continuing services contract to provide the following services on an on-going, as-needed basis through November, 2010, with the option to renew the contract an additional two 1 year periods depending on available funding. Estimated consultant hours to perform the services listed is 60 hours or a total budget of 3,000. There is no guarantee the contractor will receive any more hours than this. Services shall include:

- Provide advice and answer questions from staff to help quantify forest fuel in select zones of Boulder County
- Re-create predictive classification and regression tree (CART) models for four fuel parameters necessary for fire simulation (surface fuel model, canopy bulk density, canopy base height, and stand height).
- Collect data as specified by staff for analysis
- Complete a detailed forest fuels map for select areas in Boulder County where no information is currently available.
- Provide general advice and knowledge sharing via phone and e-mail as needed

1. Funding Requirement Considerations:

1. This project is being funded through a Grant provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), which has specific guidelines on how and on what the funds can be spent on.

2. The Buy American provision in Section 1605 of Division A, Title XVI of the ARRA requires that all "iron, steel and manufactured goods used in the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a "public building or public work funded in whole or in part by funds made available under the ARRA be "produced in the United States.

3. SMWBE: In accordance with ARRA, Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprise requirements apply. Boulder County will provide practicable opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to compete and participate as prime and subcontractors while ensuring that the agency procures supplies and services at fair market prices.

4. Prevailing Wage: In accordance with ARRA, Prevailing Wage requirements apply. Pursuant to §1606 of the Act, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on

projects funded in whole or in part with funds available under the ARRA shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a similar character in the locality, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40 of the United States Code. The Secretary of Labor's determination regarding the prevailing wages applicable in Colorado is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon/co.html>.

For technical questions, please contact Jim Webster at 720-564-2600 or jwebster@bouldercounty.org

Quotes should briefly indicate the following:

- Name, address, phone number and contact information
- Working knowledge of forests in Boulder County, Colorado; please describe
- Expertise in forest fuel mapping; please describe
- Experience and knowledge of predictive classification and regression tree models necessary for fire simulation
- Working knowledge of Geographic Information Systems
- Please provide the lead person intended to work on this project's resume and include educational history. A Master's Degree is preferred, but not required.
- Please provide the hourly rate you would charge for the services listed in this Request for Quotation.

Submittal Instructions:

Quotes are due in the Purchasing office for time and date stamping by **4:00 p.m. on July 27, 2010**. Your quote should be clearly marked as RFQ I363-10, and delivered to the Boulder County Purchasing Section in one of the following ways:

E-Mail (preferred): jolberding@bouldercounty.org and jwebster@bouldercounty.org

-OR-

Fax: Attn: Jenny Olberding to 303-441-4524

-OR-

Deliver to: Boulder County Purchasing
Attn: RFQ I363-10
2020 13th Street, Boulder, CO 80302

All quotes must be received and time and date stamped in the Purchasing office by the above due date and time. Any quotes received after due date and time will be returned unopened.

The Land Use Department reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to accept the quote that, in the opinion of the Department and/or Granting Agency, is in the best interest of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

If you need special services provided for under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the ADA Coordinator or the Human Resources office at (303) 441-3508 at least 48 hours before the scheduled event.

**Does not have to be returned with Informal Quote
Just a Sample of Boulder County Contract**

SAMPLE CONTRACT

BOULDER COUNTY (name of service contracting for) CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") is entered into between the County of Boulder, State of Colorado, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners ("County") and (name of company) ("Contractor").

In consideration of the rights and obligations specified below, the County and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. Incorporation into Contract: *The Invitation for Bid and Bid Specifications of Boulder County Bid No. _____*, together with any alterations and/or modifications to these Specifications (the "Bid Documents"), are expressly incorporated into this Contract by this reference.

2. Work to be Performed: The Contractor will, in a good and workmanlike manner and at its own cost and expense, furnish all labor and equipment and do all work necessary and incidental to performing (specify type of work) as specified in the Bid Documents and this Contract (the "Work"). The Contractor shall perform the Work in strict accordance with the Bid Documents and this Contract.

3. Term of Contract: This Contract shall begin and become effective on the date of execution by the parties, which date is the date specified on the signature page of this Contract. Under this Contract, the Contractor shall begin Work on (date) and shall continue through (date).

4. Payment for Work Performed: In consideration of the Work to be performed by the Contractor, and subject to paragraph 14, the County shall pay to the Contractor, in accordance with the Bid Documents, \$ (contract price).

5. Extension and/or Renewal of Contract Term:

a. The County, in its sole discretion, may elect to extend the term of this Contract. In the event the County elects to exercise this right, it shall send written notice to Contractor, pursuant to paragraph 15, of its intent to extend the term of the Contract. The notice shall set forth the length of the extension.

b. Upon mutual agreement by the parties, this Contract may be renewed for two additional one-year periods through date during which time this Contract shall be in full force and effect, subject to the termination provisions of paragraph 14. If this option to renew is exercised, the parties shall execute a written agreement no later than thirty (30) days before the expiration of this Contract.

c. All of the provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect during any extension or renewed term except that the scope of services and compensation to be paid to Contractor during any extension or renewed term shall be mutually agreed upon prior to the commencement of any extension or renewed term. The agreed upon scope of services and compensation shall be reduced to writing, signed by both parties, and attached to this Contract.

d. **TEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXTENDED TERM THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY PROOF OF INSURANCE AS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH 9.**

e. Should the parties fail to agree upon the scope of services or compensation to be paid to Contractor for any extension or renewed term, or should Contractor fail to submit the required documents within the time period specified in paragraph 5(d), then this Contract shall terminate at the end of the then current term and no extension or renewal of the term of the Contract shall occur.

6. Quality of Performance: The Contractor shall perform the Contract in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the quality of performance.

7. Schedule of Work: The Contractor shall perform the Work during the hours designated by the County so as to avoid inconvenience to the County and its personnel and interference with the County's operations.

8. Indemnity: The Contractor shall be liable and responsible for any and all damages to persons or property caused by or arising out of the actions, obligations, or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives or other persons acting under the Contractor's direction or control in performing or failing to perform the Work under this Contract. The Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless the County, its elected and appointed officials, and its employees, agents and representatives (the "indemnified parties"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, damages, losses, judgments, costs or expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, which may be made or brought or which may result against any of the indemnified parties as a result or on account of the actions or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents or representatives, or other persons acting under the Contractor's direction or control. Nothing in this indemnification agreement shall be construed in any way to be a waiver of the County's immunity protection under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq., as amended.

9. Insurance Requirements: The Contractor shall procure and maintain at its own expense, and without cost to the County, the following kinds and minimum amounts of insurance for purposes of insuring the liability risks which the Contractor has assumed until this Contract has expired or is terminated:

a. Commercial General Liability. This coverage should be provided on an ISO 1998 Form or most current with minimum limits of \$600,000.00 combined single limit for each occurrence.

b. Automobile Liability. Minimum limits are required to be \$600,000.00 for each occurrence. Coverage must include:

- All vehicles owned, non-owned, and hired to be used on the Contract

c. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. Workers' Compensation must be maintained with the statutory limits. Employer's Liability is required for minimum limits of \$100,000.00 Each Accident/\$500,000.00 Disease-Policy Limit/\$100,000.00 Disease-Each Employee.

****Do not print these lines in your contract. Point your cursor to the yellow highlighted areas for additional explanation. Other insurance policies that may be required by the County include the following: Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions), Pollution Liability, Employee Dishonesty, and Farmer's Liability. Contact Risk Management if you have questions about which insurance policies to include. An illustration of insurance requirements is attached at the end of this sample contract. This illustration may be completed and sent by the Contractor to their insurance carrier for clarification of insurance requirements.****

The Contractor shall provide Certificates of Insurance to Boulder County demonstrating that the insurance requirements have been met prior to the commencement of Work under this Contract. The Commercial General Liability certificate shall indicate Boulder County as an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**.

The Additional Insured wording should be as follows: *County of Boulder, State of Colorado, a body corporate and politic, is named as Additional Insured.*

These Certificates of Insurance shall also contain a valid provision or endorsement that these policies may not be canceled, terminated, changed or modified without **thirty (30) days** written notice to the County, pursuant to paragraph 15.

The certificate holder is: Boulder County

Attn: Pam Stonecipher, Risk Manager
Boulder County
P.O. Box 471
Boulder, CO 80306

Please forward certificates to the above certificate holder.

10. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor agrees to comply with the letter and spirit of the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, C.R.S. § 24-34-401, et seq., as amended, and all applicable local, state and federal laws respecting discrimination and unfair employment practices.

11. Nondiscrimination Provisions Binding on Subcontractors: In all solicitations by the Contractor for any Work related to this Contract to be performed under a subcontract, either by competitive bidding or negotiation, the Contractor shall notify each potential subcontractor of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, and of all pertinent regulations relative to nondiscrimination and unfair employment practices.

12. Information and Reports: The Contractor will provide to authorized governmental representatives, including those of the County, State and Federal Government, all information and reports which they may require for any purpose authorized by law. The Contractor will permit such authorized governmental representatives access to the Contractor's facilities, books, records, accounts, and any other relevant sources of information. Where any information required by any such authorized government representative is in the exclusive possession of a person other than the Contractor, then such Contractor shall so certify to the County, and shall explain what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

13. Independent Contractor: The Parties recognize and agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor for all purposes, both legal and practical, in performing services under this Contract, and that the Contractor and its agents and employees are not agents or employees of Boulder County for any purpose. As an independent contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for employing and directing such personnel and agents as it requires to perform the services purchased under this Contract, shall exercise complete authority over its personnel and agents, and shall be fully responsible for their actions.

Contractor acknowledges that it is not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits or workers' compensation benefits from Boulder County, its elected officials, agents, or any program administered or funded by Boulder County. Contractor shall be entitled to unemployment

insurance or workers' compensation insurance only if unemployment compensation coverage or workers' compensation coverage is provided by Contractor, or some other entity that is not a party to this Contract. Contractor is obligated to pay federal and state income tax on any monies earned pursuant to this Contract.

14. Termination and Related Remedies:

- a. The other provisions of this Contract notwithstanding, financial obligations of Boulder County payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted and otherwise made available. Boulder County is prohibited by law from making financial commitments beyond the term of its current fiscal year. The County has contracted for goods and/or services under this Contract and has reason to believe that sufficient funds will be available for the full term of the Contract. Where, however, for reasons beyond the control of the Board of County Commissioners as the funding entity, funds are not allocated for any fiscal period beyond the one in which this Contract is entered into, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract by providing seven (7) days written notice to the Contractor pursuant to paragraph 15, and will be released from any and all obligations hereunder. If the County terminates the Contract for this reason, the County and the Contractor shall be released from all obligations to perform Work and make payments hereunder, except that the County shall be required to make payment for Work which has been performed by the Contractor prior to the effective date of termination under this provision; and, conversely, the Contractor shall be required to complete any Work for which the County has made payment prior to providing written notice to the Contractor of the termination.

- b. The preceding provisions notwithstanding, the County may terminate this Contract, either in whole or in part, for any reason, whenever the County determines that such termination is in the County's best interests. Such termination shall be effective after the County provides seven (7) days written notice to the Contractor pursuant to paragraph 15.
- c. In the event the County exercises either of the termination rights specified in paragraphs 14(a) or 14(b), this Contract shall cease to be of any further force and effect, with the exception of all Contract remedies which are specified herein and may otherwise be available to the parties under the law, and with the exception of any rights or liabilities of the parties which may survive by virtue of this Contract.

15. Notices: For purposes of the notices required to be provided under paragraphs 5, 9, and 14, all such notices shall be in writing, and shall be either sent by Certified U.S. Mail - Return Receipt Requested, or hand-delivered to the following representatives of the parties at the following addresses:

For the County: (enter DH/EO's name, Department, and Mailing Address)

For the Contractor: (enter Contractor's name and Mailing Address)

In the event a notice is mailed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, the time periods specified in paragraph 14 shall commence to run on the day after the postmarked date of mailing.

16. Statutory Requirements: This Contract is subject to all statutory requirements that are or may become applicable to counties or political subdivisions of the State of Colorado generally. Without limiting the scope of this provision, the Contract is specifically subject to the following statutory requirement:

Contract payments may be withheld pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-26-107 if the County receives a verified statement that the Contractor has not paid amounts due to any person who has supplied labor or materials for the project.

17. Prohibitions on Public Contract for Services: (REMOVE THIS SECTION IF NOT A SERVICE CONTRACT)

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.), § 8-17.5-101, et seq., as amended 5/13/08, the Contractor shall meet the following requirements prior to signing this Agreement (public contract for service) and for the duration thereof:

- A. The Contractor shall certify participation in the E-Verify Program (the electronic employment verification program that is authorized in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a and jointly administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration, or its successor program) or the Department Program (the employment verification program established by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment pursuant to C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5)) on the attached certification.
- B. The Contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this public contract for services.
- C. The Contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to certify to the Contractor that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this public contract for services.
- D. At the time of signing this public contract for services, the Contractor has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this

public contract for services through participation in either the E-Verify Program or the Department Program.

E. The Contractor shall not use either the E-Verify Program or the Department Program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this public contract for services is being performed.

F. If Contractor obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this public contract for services knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, the Contractor shall: notify the subcontractor and the County within three days that the Contractor has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien; and terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if within three days of receiving the notice required pursuant to the previous paragraph, the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien; except that the contractor shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during such three days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien.

G. Contractor shall comply with any reasonable requests by the Department of Labor and Employment (the Department) made in the course of an investigation that the Department is undertaking pursuant to the authority established in C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5).

H. If Contractor violates any provisions of this Section of this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement for breach of contract. If the Agreement is so terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for actual and consequential damages to the County.

18. Amendments: This Contract may be altered, amended or repealed only on the mutual agreement of the County and the Contractor by a duly executed written instrument.

19. Assignment: This Contract shall not be assigned or subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the County.

20. Benefit to Successors and Assigns: This Contract shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

21. Governing Law: The laws of the State of Colorado shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Contract. Any litigation that may arise between the parties involving the interpretation or enforcement of the terms of this Contract shall be initiated and pursued by the parties in the Boulder Courts of the 20th Judicial District of the State of Colorado and the applicable Colorado Appellate Courts.

22. Breach: Any waiver of a breach of this Contract shall not be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach of this Contract. All remedies afforded in this Contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided herein or by law.

23. Termination of Prior Agreements: This Contract cancels and terminates, as of its effective date, all prior agreements between the parties relating to the services covered by this Contract, whether written or oral or partly written and partly oral.

24. Severability: If any provision of this Contract is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

25. Third Party Beneficiary: The enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract and all rights of action relating to such enforcement shall be strictly reserved to the County and the Contractor, and nothing contained in this Contract shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other or third

person. It is the express intent of the parties to this Contract that any person receiving services or benefits under this Contract shall be deemed an incidental beneficiary only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____, _____.

**COUNTY OF BOULDER
STATE OF COLORADO**

ATTEST: _____

By: _____

Administrative Assistant
Clerk to the Board of
Commissioners
(seal)

Chair, Board of County
Commissioners

CONTRACTOR:

ATTEST: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

(If this Contract is executed on behalf of a corporation, it must be signed by an agent duly authorized by the corporation to execute such Contract, and if specified by the corporate by-laws, the corporate seal must be affixed to the Agreement by the Secretary of the corporation or other authorized keeper of the corporate seal.)

CONTRACTOR’S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute, § 8-17.5-101, et seq., as amended 5/13/08, as a prerequisite to entering into a contract for services with Boulder County, Colorado, the undersigned Contractor hereby certifies that at the time of this certification, Contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under the attached contract for services and that the Contractor will participate in the E-Verify Program or Department program, as those terms are defined in C.R.S. § 8-17.5-101, et seq., in order to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under the attached contract for services.

CONTRACTOR:

Company Name

Date

Name (Print or Type)

Signature

Title

Note: Registration for the E-Verify Program can be completed at: <https://www.vis-dhs.com/employerregistration>. It is recommended that employers review the sample “memorandum of understanding” available at the website prior to registering