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Management Corporation

RE: 2021 Slash Pile Burning Program – Pic and White River Forests

May 27, 2021

The Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation (NFMC) is accepting proposals for the 2021 Slash Pile Burning program on the Pic and White River Forests. The following table details the forest, block, number of piles, and approximate area of roadside slash rows; where applicable.

2021 NFMC Slash Burning Program			
Forest	**Block**	**Roadside Rows (m)**	**Piles / Cones**
Pic Forest	Wabikoba Lake	1300	110
White River Forest	18-551/550	6125	2
	540/1012	-	406
	18-541	1890	104
	141	100	52
	142	160	347

Additional Information:

- This request for proposal is for **some or all** of the above-mentioned program; the NFMC retains the right to hire multiple contractors or compartmentalize the program listed above;
- Will commence the burning operation at the approval of the Company and the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Management Headquarters and only when suitable weather and burning conditions exist;
- Must provide qualified personnel to supervise and oversee the project;
- Must supply and maintain all ignition and suppression equipment and fuel necessary to carry out operations;
- Slash Pile Burning is to be done in approved areas as per the attached maps in the slash pile burn plan;
- This program includes conifer slash piles only; unless hardwood slash has been fluffed into piles / cones

Proposals Requirements:

The proposal must include each of the items described below:

- A description of all equipment and services employed to fully deliver the Program objectives;
- A description of any local First Nations opportunities and benefits that may be provided in the delivery of services;
- A description of the contractor's qualifications to provide services including reference to the individuals who will perform the work;
- A description of the contractor's ability to meet the required time frames;
- A description of the warranties provided with the services;
- Three references from previous clients;
- 2021 Pricing Form (attached);
- Cost including all applicable duties and taxes to provide services, broken down as follows:
    a. Cost of the service (Canadian funds);
    b. Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), if applicable, as a separate item;
- All bids must be submitted on the attached pricing form(s).

Please note that all bid prices will be considered final.

NFMC Evaluation Matrix

Proposals received will be evaluated against the following criteria which have the weighted point indicated:

5pts → Demonstrated ability to meet required timeframes
5pts → Proposal completeness; overall organization and clarity
5pts → Health and Safety Program and information on staff training
5pts → Understanding of the services required, approach to and logistics for providing the services
5pts → Demonstrated related knowledge and experience of the contractor
5pts → Description of local community employment opportunities and involvement
10pts → Description of local aboriginal employment opportunities and involvement
60pts → Costs

The NFMC will evaluate proposals in two stages:
Stage One will consist of the NFMC scoring each submission based on the non-cost(s) criteria described above.

Stage Two will consist of the NFMC scoring the cost(s) quoted by each contractor based on a relative cost formula using the cost(s) submitted by the contractor in its submission. Each contractor will receive a percentage of the total possible points allocated to cost(s) by dividing that contractor's cost(s) for the non-consulting services with the lowest cost submitted. The scores from stages one and two will be added at the conclusion of the evaluation.

This request and any contractor proposals do not constitute a commitment by the NFMC to procure the services described herein or the commitment of any contractor to supply the services described herein. The NFMC shall not be liable for any expenses incurred, including the expenses associated with the cost of preparing responses to this request by any contractor.

The NFMC reserves the right to select one or more service providers for this engagement. The NFMC makes no guarantee of the value or volume of work to be assigned to the successful supplier(s).

Proposals must be e-mailed to mathew.hodgkin@nfmcforestry.ca and are to be received no later than **June 11th, 2021 at 5:00 pm**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at:

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Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation
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Thank you for your interest in this opportunity.

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2021 Slash Pile Burning Program

PRICING FORM

Contractor name: _____

Description	Units
Burning Slash Piles	$ _____ / pile with < 1 inch of snow
	$ _____ / pile with > 1 inch of snow
	$ _____ /meter with > 1 inch of snow
	$ _____ /meter with > 1 inch of snow
Fire Suppression Crew	$ _____ /day per unit

Authorized contractor signature: _____

Date: _____

** The pricing form or similar must be included with the contractor's proposal **
*** One fire suppression crew consists of two qualified fire fighters, one 4x4 vehicle and one pumping unit ***

SCHEDULE "A"

to the Agreement for Non-Consulting Services between
Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation ("Company") and …. ("Supplier") dated as of the Effective Date September 1, 2021.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NON-CONSULTING SERVICES

In May 2012, Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation (NFMC) became the first Local Forest Management Corporation (LFMC) to be established through regulation under the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act (OFTMA). The NFMC maintains licensee obligations, including forest management activities on the Pic and White River Forests. The NFMC is responsible for all silvicultural programs and activities compliant with the approved Forest Management Plan(s).

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE NON-CONSULTING SERVICES

2.1. To complete some or all of the 2021 Slash Pile Burning Program on the Pic and White River Forests consistent with the approved Annual Work Schedule (AWS) and Forest Management Plan (FMP).

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Note: This program is to include the ignition of conifer slash piles only, unless hardwood slash has been fluffed into piles / cones.

Note: Slash Pile burning is to be done in approved areas as per the attached maps in the slash pile burn plan. No slash pile burning is allowed in any Areas of Concern (AoCs).

2.2. Slash Pile Burning Plan

The Company uses the "Low Complexity Prescribed Burn Plan for Slash Pile Burning" template provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). Following MNRF approval, and upon having obtained a Fire Permit issued by the MNRF for the slash pile burning; burning operations can commence. Advertising and public notice of the slash pile burning is a part of the Slash Pile Burn Plan. A copy of this plan is attached as schedule **"B";** this plan must be followed by the Supplier.

2.3. Slash Pile Burning

The Supplier:

a) Is to provide qualified personnel to supervise and oversee the project.
b) Is to provide a work schedule which is satisfactory to the Company, Supplier, and within the timelines permissible per the low complexity Prescribed Burn Plan for Slash Pile Burning.
c) Is to supply and maintain all ignition and suppression equipment and fuel necessary to carry out operations under this Agreement;
d) Agrees to re-burn slash piles that did not achieve an acceptable combustion as determined by the Company;
e) Will commence the burning operation at the approval of the Company and the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Management Headquarters and only when suitable weather and burning conditions exist and the required indices are met,
f) Will ensure that all slash piles in the treatment area are out or extinguished by December 15, 2021;
g) Will ensure burning continues in the approved treatment areas until completed, or until the Company and the Supplier agree that weather conditions will no longer allow acceptable combustion of the slash piles;
h) Will contact the Company representative and the MNRF Wawa District Fire Management Headquarters prior to ignition each day;
i) Will ensure burning will begin at the rear most areas and progress outward to main roads and that smoke does not hinder highways, main roads, camps, communities, and any other forest operations.
j) Will ensure all accessible roads in and adjacent to the area to be burned will be checked to confirm that no people or private vehicles are within the burning zone prior to ignition;
k) Must ensure burning only takes place when the risk of escapement is minimal in areas where piles are near standing timber, to be determined by the Fire Boss on site. Extra care during ignition and monitoring will be taken to reduce the risk;
l) Agrees to notify the Company immediately should there be any escapement

3. RATES

3.1. Total Amount Payable

Notwithstanding anything else in the Agreement to the contrary, the total amount payable by the NFMC to the Supplier, including all disbursements such as travel and accommodation and/or delivery expenses and applicable taxes, under the Agreement shall not exceed $000,000.00 Cdn. funds.

3.2. Fixed Rates

The following rates shall remain fixed during the Term of this Agreement:

DESCRIPTION	UNITS
Burning Slash Piles	$ .... per pile with < 1-inch of snow
Burning Slash Piles	$ .... per pile with > 1-inch of snow
Fire Suppression Crew	$ .... per day per unit

Note: One fire suppression crew consists of two qualified fire fighters, one 4x4 vehicle and one pumping unit. No other charge shall be payable by the Company under the Agreement to the Supplier other than fixed Rates established under the Agreement.

3.3. Invoices and Payments

The Supplier shall invoice NFMC on a monthly or mutually agreed upon basis for work completed. Each invoice shall include the following:

a) Period being invoiced for;
b) On a block by block basis, the amount of burned slash piles at < 1-inch of snow invoiced;
c) On a block by block basis, the amount of burned slash piles at > 1-inch of snow invoiced;
d) On a block by block basis, amount of Fire Suppression Crew days;
e) Rate of payment and HST;

The Supplier shall provide the Company with a final invoice no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after the successful completion or delivery and acceptance by the Company of any of the Non-Consulting Services described above. The Company shall approve or reject the invoice within fifteen (15) Business Days. If the Company rejects the invoice, it shall so advise the Supplier promptly in writing and the Supplier shall provide additional information as required by the Company to substantiate the invoice.

Each invoice must be approved by the Company before any payment is made to the Supplier and payment shall be made within thirty (30) Business Days of such approval.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Company, the Supplier agrees that, if the assessment method outlined above indicates that any of the burned slash piles do not conform to the above specifications, then:

a) The Supplier may be given notice by the Company and will have no more than one week to improve the quality to acceptable limits; and/or;
b) The Supplier may be required by the Company to return to an area for re-treatment at the Supplier's own expense; and/or;
c) Failing these, the Agreement will be cancelled.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Supplier agrees that the Company from time to time may wish to assess the quality and quantity of the slash pile burning performed under this agreement by the following method:

a) Work will be monitored on a regular basis by a Company representative. An inspection of the burned slash piles will be done to verify that the work is being done as per the specifications of Schedule "A".
b) Plantable microsites created by the slash pile burning will be audited using the following criteria:
    a. Burned area must be clear of heavy debris, no greater than 2 cm in diameter.
    b. There must be mineral soil, or a mixture of mineral soil and organic soil exposure well distributed in at least 50% of the burned area.

SCHEDULE “B”

Low Complexity Prescribed Plan for Slash Pile Burning

Pic Forest/ White River Forest 2021 Slash Burn Index Map

Pic Forest

White River Forest

Hornepayne

White River

Marathon

Manitouwadge

Pukaskwa National Park

Marshalling Stations
Community
Railway
Utility Line
Highway
Municipal
Primary Roads
Branch Roads
Slash Management Area
Lakes
Park/Reserve

1:150,000

0 3.5 7 km

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This map is for illustrative purposes only. Do not rely on it as being a precise indicator of routes, location of features nor as a guide to navigation. The Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation (NFMC) does not guarantee the accuracy of information on the map.

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