

Entity Name: South Dakota State Government

Event Number: 9104

Event ID: 23RFP-SDSU08282023

Event Name: Biodiversity Response to Dev of Climate-Smart Beef & Bison Commodities

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Due By Date: 09/18/2023 10:00 AM Central Time

Q&A Cutoff Date: 08/28/2023 12:37 PM Central Time

Invitation Type: Invitation Only

Assigned Commodities: 918-12 Analytical Studies and Surveys (Consulting)

Allow Supplier Terms and Conditions: No

Public Responses: No

Display Awardee: Display

Posting Board Status: Published

Event Status: Event Under Review

Section #: Name:

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Today's livestock producers face increasing public scrutiny because animal agriculture is often cited as a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. However, this negative perception does not take into account the carbon sequestration benefits of grazing livestock. Grazing beef cattle and bison are key to healthy grassland ecosystems and provide the most nutrient dense source of protein available for human consumption. Additionally, ranchers are known as excellent stewards of the land, soil, water, and livestock under their care. Many strategies exist to provide incentives to livestock producers to enact climate smart land management practices, such as the NRCS EQIP program that rewards producers for practices such as prescribed grazing, planting cover crops, and improving riparian and watershed function. This project supports ranchers and farmers who are committed to Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices that sequester carbon, add biodiversity, improve water quality, and provide wildlife and pollinator habitat, resulting in positive impact well beyond an individual producer's property.

This RFP is focused on the biodiversity monitoring component of our larger project. We will conduct surveys on six intensively monitored ranches during years 1 and 4 of the 5-year project. Ranches will be located in or near South Dakota and may support beef cattle or bison. Surveys should include multiple types of wildlife, insects, and vegetation with a focus on species of interest or concern. All data should be cleaned, processed, and transferred to the South Dakota State University (SDSU) team before completion of the project. Any change in biodiversity will be associated with other metrics collected by the SDSU team and used to evaluate the impacts of CSA practices on the flora and fauna.

1.2 ISSUING OFFICE AND RFP REFERENCE NUMBER

The SDSU Purchasing Office is the issuing office for this document and all subsequent addenda relating to it, on behalf of the State of South Dakota, SDSU Natural Resource Management Department. The reference number for the transaction is RFP #SDSU08282023. This number must be referred to in all proposals, correspondence, and documentation relating to the RFP.

1.3 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

RFP Publication: August 28, 2023

Proposal Submission: September 18, 2023, by 10:00am

Oral Presentations/discussions (if required): October 6, 2023

Proposal Revisions (if required): October 13, 2023, by 10:00am

Anticipated Award Decision/Contract Negotiation: October 20, 2023

1.4 SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

All proposals must be completed and received in the SDSU Purchasing Office by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Activities.

Proposals received after the deadline will be late and ineligible for consideration.

All proposals must be signed by an officer of the responder, legally authorized to bind the responder to the proposal, and emailed to South Dakota State University. Proposals that are not properly signed may be rejected.

All required files must be emailed to Karen Bravek, SDSU Purchasing Manager, at Karen.Bravek@sdstate.edu. The email must have a subject line which MUST include the appropriate RFP Number and Open Date.

Example:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #SDSU08282023 Opening 09-18-2023

This information is the ONLY information that should appear in the Subject Line of your email. Any other information could cause your bid to be rejected.

No proposal shall be accepted from, or no contract or purchase order shall be awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears upon any obligations to SDSU/State of South Dakota, or that otherwise may be deemed irresponsible or unreliable by SDSU or the State of South Dakota.

Terms and Conditions

ESM Sourcing Terms

None

General Terms and Conditions

None

Event Specific Terms and Conditions

See attached RFP Document.