



# CLIMATE & WILDFIRE INSTITUTE

## Teakettle Prescribed Burn Project

### RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FOR: CWI RFP 23-01 - Project Management Services

**1. Can proposers submit bids for implementation portions of this project through this RFP?**

A. No. Climate and Wildfire Institute (CWI) will release separate RFPs for each implementation portion of this project. Please email Scott Scherbinski, [teakettleproject@climateandwildfire.org](mailto:teakettleproject@climateandwildfire.org) to request to be added to the email list for additional RFPs.

**2. In addition to the Cultural and Threatened and Endangered Species (TES) surveys, will botany survey be required?**

A. Not at this time. The NEPA process is not yet complete and there is a possibility that this could change in the future to include rare plants, but rare plant surveys are not included at this time. Implementation Contractor equipment will require invasive plant inspection prior to any ground disturbing activity. This will be defined in detail as part of the Implementation Contract RFPs.

**3. Will the contracted Project Management Services firm be responsible for flagging all sensitive resources or will this be the responsibility of firm(s) conducting the Cultural and TES Surveys?**

A. The primary responsibility of flagging sensitive resources will be on the firm(s) contracted to complete the Cultural and TES Surveys. However it will be the responsibility of the contracted Project Management Services firm to ensure flagging is complete and sufficient. Additionally, it will be the responsibility of the contracted Project Management Services firm to ensure flagging is intact if there is a gap in time or significant weather events between surveys and ground disturbing activities.

**4. Will hazard fuel piles built for burn be based on specific GPS location for each pile or will they be based on general pile zones? And, after piles are build will individual piles need to be GPS?**

A. For building piles, zones will be designated rather than specific locations for each pile. The contracted Project Management Services firm will

work with the Implementation Contractor(s) to identify zones and build piles as specified in the treatment prescriptions. After pile building is complete, it is expected that the contracted Project Management Services firm(s) will create GIS files for specific pile locations.

**5. Is the contractor(s) expected to provide their own GIS software licenses (specifically Esri suite of software) or will CWI provide a license for the contractor(s) to work under?**

A. CWI will work with the selected contractor(s) to provide access to Esri licenses (ArcGIS Online and Field Maps) under CWI's account for this project. All other software licenses are the responsibility of the contracted Project Management Services firm(s).

**6. With several elements of this project and the timeline for implementation yet to be confirmed, will there be allowances if there are substantial changes to this project?**

A. CWI is committed to work with the contracted Project Management Services firm(s) to ensure any substantial changes to the scope of work or timeline of this RFP and/or project is accounted for. If substantial changes are required, CWI will work with the existing contractor(s) to amend contracts or issue new RFP to include the changes to the scope of work or timeline.

**7. This RFP highlights the importance of relationship and partnership building and community outreach, but there are no specific associated tasks listed on EXHIBIT A. SCOPE OF WORK. What specific task will be associated with this element?**

A. As relationship and partnership building and community outreach is extremely important to CWI, USFS, and this project, CWI will engage with the selected Project Management Services firm(s) individually to outline if and how the firm(s) will be expected to support this element of the RFP before a contract is entered into. Some support CWI will be looking for is meeting with local partners, facilitating site visits and presentation the project to local communities.