

Attention Vegetation Management Contractors:

Please see the attached scope of work for a site on Lower McCarthy Creek at Cornelius Pass Road and Highway 30. The project work includes maintenance of upland, riparian and wetland planting areas and planting of new wetland areas. Please respond with initial interest and your rates, if possible, by Tuesday, April 13. Indicate availability during the target time periods and how many days you would expect to need to complete the work. I welcome contractors to submit rates from either Clean Water Services or Metro’s competitively bid rate sheets, which we accept via “cooperative procurement.”

Contractors will be selected based on any or all of the following criteria, which should be addressed in your response:

- Competitive rates, which meet our budget limitations: please include your rates in the attached spreadsheet
- Experience with like work
- Plant identification skills that enable crews to differentiate between non-native pasture and invasive grasses/monocots to treat, including reed canary grass and woolgrass (*scirpus cyperinus*), and desirable/seeded grasses, e.g. blue wild rye, California brome and oatgrass, and meadow barley
- Ownership and /or crews and crew leaders that qualify as historically marginalized or BIPOC / persons of color *
- Availability for timely treatments and initiative to proactively schedule treatments

*West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is culturally committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout our organization and has adopted a racial equity statement which can be found here: <https://wmswcd.org/library/adopted-racial-equity-statement/>.

We welcome and encourage disadvantaged, emerging, minority, service disabled veteran and /or women business enterprises to respond to this Request for Bids and as such respondents will be given added consideration in the selection under this request. To receive this added consideration, please respond to the following question to the extent they apply and return along with your submittal.

Do you self-identify as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE), Emerging Small Business (ESB), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and/or Disabled Veteran Enterprise? Please check the boxes below to those that apply.

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Emerging small business (ESB)
- Minority business enterprise (MBE)
- Women business enterprise (WBE)
- Service Disabled Veteran Certification (DSV)

- Check here if you are certified as one or more of these business enterprises with the state of Oregon (See <http://www.oregon4biz.com/How-We-Can-Help/COBID/> for more information, and to request certification)

Note that a project site map is available. Please direct any requests for a site map, site visit, or questions about this request for proposal /response to kammy@wmswcd.org. Thank you for your interest and happy spring to you.



2021- 22 Project Scope of Work / Addendum to Contract # - DRAFT

Project: Lower McCarthy Creek Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) maintenance & planting **Date:** April 5, 2021
Location: near Highway 30 and Cornelius Pass Road **Contract awarded via:** *Cooperative Procurement?*
Total Acres: 10-11 ac.: 4.75 ac. riparian, 3.25 ac. upland, ~2 ac. wetland (3 ac. in 2022) **District technical contact:** Kammy Kern-Korot
Site Code: B-C (depending on WRE water & RCG levels along stream) **Contractor:**

If using CWS Cooperative Procurement: The Conservation District and Contractor agree that the Work Area qualifies as a site code B or C, as defined below. The Contractor shall perform the following according to the quality criteria laid out in the Work Task Descriptions beginning on page 6 of Exhibit A / Attachment 1, of [General] Scope of Work and Special Terms & Conditions, Revegetation Services Master Contract with Clean Water Services, and consistent with WMSWCD's project-specific specifications, for the costs and completion dates estimated below. **Unit numbers are approximate.** (All herbicide and mowing work will be done with the utmost of care to protect desirable plants.) The District reserves the right to withhold payment for work that causes excess damage to plantings and/or is unsatisfactory for other reasons.

| Work Task | Target Date | Unit | Total Units | Unit Cost* | Total Cost | Date Complete |
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| Spring backpack spot-spray 3.25 ac. upland | 4/15-4/30/21 | ac | 3.25 | | | |
| Spring " spot &/or circle-spray <6.75 ac. riparian & wetland, as soon as water conditions, access allow | 4/15-6/30/21 | ac | 6.75 | | | |
| hourly labor to spot-spray adjacent area encroaching weeds; hourly rates can be used for all spray work, in lieu of acreage, subject to an agreed-upon cap | 4/1-6/30/21 | hr. | 10.00 | | | |
| Hourly labor to remove & re-place blue tubes & cages | 4/1-6/30/21 | hr. | 5.00 | | | |
| Herbicide (<i>bill actual cost; \$170 estimated</i>) | | ga | | | | |
| Project Management (as needed & budget allows) | | hr | | | | |
| <i>Covid mobilization fee, if warranted (i.e., individual staff are reimbursed for travel to site) (up to \$200)</i> | | flat | | | | |
| <i>Spring work sub-total (FY 20-21)</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>plus 10% contingency: consult WMSWCD if needed</i> | | | | | | |
| END OF WMSWCD FISCAL YEAR: 6/30/21 | | | | | | |
| Summer hand mow 4.75 ac. riparian (50 feet each side of creek); just after July 15 is best, before RCG gets away from us (assumes spring spray) | 7/15-7/30/21 | ac | 4.75 | | | |
| Alternative: Hourly rate for mowing (subject to cap) | | hr. | | | | |
| <i>Mobilization fee, if warranted</i> | | flat | | | | |
| Late summer/fall spot/circle-spray ~10 ac. | 8/30-10/1/21 | ac | 10.00 | | | |
| Alternative: Hourly rate for spraying (subject to cap) | | hr. | | | | |
| Herbicide (<i>bill actual cost; \$225 estimated</i>) | | ga | | | | |
| <i>Mobilization fee, if warranted</i> | | flat | | | | |
| Project Management (as needed & budget allows) | | hr | | | | |
| <i>Summer - Fall work sub-total (FY 21-22)</i> | | | | | | |
| Plant ~12-18" BR & 3' cuttings (1 ac. new wetland enhancement) | 2/10/22 | ea | 2700 | | | |
| Plant 3' cuttings along recontoured McCarthy Creek | 2/10/22 | ea | 300 | | | |
| (Inter-)Plant ~12-18 BR & ~3' cuttings in WRE riparian + possibly NARA, adjacent. (Actual # of plants/acreage to re-plant depends on how successful 2021 reed canary grass / weed control is and approved budget.) | 2/10/22 | ea | up to 7500 | | | |
| Spring spray 3.25 ac. upland, 7.75 ac. wetland, riparian | 4/1-6/30/22 | ac | 11.00 | | | |
| Alternative: Hourly rate for spraying (subject to cap) | | hr. | | | | |
| Herbicide (<i>bill actual cost; \$225 estimated</i>) | | ga | | | | |
| Project Management (as needed & budget allows) | | hr. | | | | |
| <i>winter & spring mobilization, if warranted</i> | | flat | | | | |
| <i>Winter - Spring work sub-total (FY 21-22)</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Fiscal year sub-total (FY 21-22)</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>plus 10% contingency: consult WMSWCD if needed</i> | | | | | | |
| END OF WMSWCD FISCAL YEAR: 6/30/22 | | | | | | |
| summer mow 4.75 ac. riparian, if needed | 7/15-7/30/22 | ac | 4.75 | | | |
| Alternative: Hourly rate for mowing (subject to cap) | | hr. | | | | |
| Late summer/fall spot/circle- spray 11 ac. | 8/30-10/1/22 | ac | 10.25 | | | |
| Alternative: Hourly rate for spraying (subject to cap) | | | | | | |
| Herbicide (<i>bill actual cost; \$250 estimated</i>) | | | | | | |
| project management | | | | | | |
| <i>Fall work sub-total (FY 22-23)</i> | | | | | | |
| SOW will likely continue through 6/30/23 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

We are looking for a plant-savvy contractor to help steward the site, monitor seasonal needs and maintain timely weed treatments as demanded by the site's conditions, including hydrology. Knowing how to differentiate between weedy grasses and desired planted grasses is important.

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| Notes / Instructions: | |
| <p>Maintenance: Spray and mow (as needed) weeds in the 4.75 acres of mostly previously planted riparian area, which includes the pond buffer planting area, for a total of ~3 treatments; aggressive control of remaining reed canary grass (RCG) is needed. The wetter parts of the project are often not accessible until July, but the dryer areas need earlier weed control. The goal is to treat the reed canary grass early enough in the spring/summer, as water levels and access allow, before it gets very tall. There is patchy scirpus cyperinus to control in the riparian area, along with other target weeds. Mowing should be avoided during primary bird nesting season (before July 15, per NRCS).</p> <p>Spot-spray (no mow) in the 6.75-7.75 ac. of upland and wetland areas, carefully working around planted and seeded native species. Circle-spray up to ~1 ft diameter around planted woody plants where weed pressure necessitates -- including RCG around planting cuttings in the wetlands -- with priority given to planted (and tubed or caged) Oregon oaks in the uplands. RCG, teasel, poison hemlock, thistle, and blackberry are among the main target weeds. Control these weeds in areas adjacent to planting areas, as budget allows.</p> <p>Remove and replace blue tubes where necessary to effectively treat grass and weeds growing w/in tubes. Permanently remove tubes that are impeding growth of planted woody species. Save removed tubes for re-use by WMSWCD. Remove constructed wire cages and t-posts from planted oaks that have died and re-install them around a surviving, tubed oak (removing tubes first) in the same cluster.</p> | |
| <p>Planting: In ~ Feb. 2022, install bareroot plants and cuttings into newly placed soils in 1 ac. wetland enhancement area. Plant/Inter-plant riparian areas to achieve the full 100' of desired riparian buffer (50' each side), assuming adequate RCG control in 2021.</p> | |
| <p>Weed Prevention: Clean and/or brush all equipment and footwear before entering the site to ensure it's clean and free of weed propagules</p> | |
| <p>Wildfire caution: During the hot dry months of summer, and early fall, take steps to minimize fire danger and follow relevant Oregon Dept. of Forestry restrictions; for the latter see: https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/lfpl.html</p> | |
| <p>Herbicide Usage: Use caution when applying herbicide near streams and waterways (BUT DO NOT AVOID TREATMENT) and report required details of herbicide use specifically within 3 ft of water on an agreed-upon reporting form. Always follow the herbicide label and wear proper PPE. Use only aquatic-approved glyphosate (at 2% or other locally recommended rate) or triclopyr amine or choline (e.g. Vastlan at 1.5% or other locally recommended rate), plus competitor or agridex surfactant (at 1% or other locally recommended rate) (or other agreed-upon aquatic surfactant) and temporary blue/aquatic marking dye -- in both the riparian/wetland and upland project areas. Timely, correct, and complete spray records -- including the amount of use near water -- are required with each invoice.</p> | |
| <p>**Herbicide Records must be included with invoices and contain the following: name and location of site(s), date and times of application, applicator names and license numbers, herbicide brand and chemical name, formulation and quantities used, rate of application of all components (e.g. % herbicide, surfactant, dye), acres treated, target species, and actual environmental conditions when spray occurred. For applications made within 3' of water (including ditches/canals with water present): Please indicate subtotal of herbicide quantity used, treated surface area & linear length of adjacent stream where treatment occurred (in addition to the above requested information). <u>Invoices will not be processed without accurate and complete herbicide records.</u></p> | |
| <p>All operations must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; including herbicide label restrictions.</p> | |
| <p>Send invoices for payment to: kammy@wmswcd.org and randi@wmswcd.org</p> | |

Kammy Kern-Knot
WMSWCD Project Manager

4/5/21
Date

Contractor Name & Signature

Date

*CWS Site Codes: A: mostly ideal conditions: low invasive cover, good soil, flat; multiple access points. B: moderate invasive cover, fair soil, mixed terrain, few access points. C: high invasive cover, poor soil, sloped; one main access point