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Invitation to Quote – Road Side Brushing Bissett Creek Road

The Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) invites contractors to submit quotes for roadside brushing to be conducted along the Bissett Creek Road. This is a public access road leading to Algonquin Provincial Park with both logging truck traffic and public users.

The Bissett Creek Road starts at Highway 17 just south of Bissett Creek and proceeds in a southwesterly direction for 17 kilometers, at which point it enters Algonquin Provincial Park. The Bissett Creek Road requires 46 Kilometers (km) of brushing on both sides from the start of the road at Highway 17 to the Park Boundary and then proceeding inside the Park to the intersection of Bissett Creek Road and Narrowbag Road at Kilometer 46.

The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a contract with the AFA to supply all required equipment, personnel and materials. WSIB coverage or personal injury insurance is required prior to commencing as well as \$2,000,000 liability insurance with the AFA listed as additionally insured.

The Contractor will also be required to abide by the terms of the AFA's Environmental Management System (EMS) and all other laws and regulations of Ontario pertaining to the performance of the work. An EMS training session is required prior to commencing any work.

The contract will require all brush and small trees to be cut from the road right of way including the ditch line, remove all brush and small trees from the graveled running surface, shoulder and ditch line including trimming overhanging branches up to a height of 5 metres (16') from the graveled surface and small trees that are less than 15 cm (6 ") in diameter that are leaning towards the road. These are to be wholly cut and laid flat or mulched to lay within 15 cm of the ground. Branches should be cut close to the tree trunk without scarring the trunk. Debris on the graveled road surface is to be kept to a minimum. Dead standing trees that could fall onto the road need to be cut as well as they pose a hazard. All chainsaw operators need proper certification. This project is to be completed by **1 December 2017**.

Traffic control with signage per MTO standards will be required. A flag / safety person is required as part of your quote to accompany the brushing equipment at all times.



The lowest or any quote will not necessarily be accepted. **All costs incurred shall be included in the quotations excluding HST.** Your quotation must list the type of equipment that will be used to complete the project and your expected start-up date. Quotes may be used to procure contractors for additional brushing work.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Please refer any questions to Gavin Marquardt at 613-735-0173, ext. 232 or by email at gavin.marquardt@algonquinforestry.on.ca
- Only quotations received prior to the closing date and time will be accepted. Quotes should be sent by email to tenders@algonquinforestry.on.ca or delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Brushing Bissett Creek Road” to our Pembroke Office at the address below.
- Faxed or verbal quotations will **NOT** be accepted.
- The closing time and date for submitting quotes ***4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, November 3, 2017***