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Invitation to Quote – Forest Access Road Grading

The Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) is the Ontario Crown agency responsible for sustainable forest management in Algonquin Provincial Park. The AFA has an agreement with Ontario Parks to conduct Algonquin Park's public access road maintenance program. These are public access roads leading to and within Algonquin Provincial Park.

As part of this program, the AFA invites heavy equipment contractors to submit quotes for forest access road grading conducted from approximately late April to the end of October 2018 – weather permitting.

This Invitation To Quote is divided into 2 parts.

Part 1 is primarily for the Lake Travers / Barron Canyon Road (County Rd 28) from the end of the pavement to the Lake Travers access point near km 72, but also includes the occasional grading of the Mallard / Sec Lake Road, the McManus Lake Road and the Achray Road – into the Achray Campground. One grader will be dedicated to this road system, working an average of approximately 40 hours per week. The total contract will be a minimum of 800 hours, and may vary, depending on need and funding available, up to a maximum of approximately 1200 hours. Actual hours will be as directed by the AFA supervisor on the project.

Part 2 is for a variety of forest access roads on the east side of Algonquin Provincial Park as directed by the AFA supervisor. The Brent Road is to be graded 4 times per year prior to the statutory holidays starting the week prior to the long weekend in May. This road is 42 km in length starting at Deux Rivieres on highway 17 and ending in the old town site of Brent. Other access roads include the Bissett Creek Road and the Wylie Bronson Road as well as various branch roads as directed by the AFA supervisor. This will involve approximately 8 float moves and there will be some weeks of inactivity where the grader is not required. This part of the quote will range from a minimum of 400 hours to a maximum of 700 hours and may vary as directed by the AFA supervisor.

All road graders must be in good working condition, no more than 20 years old, have a minimum of 200 horsepower and be a minimum of 30,000 lbs. The AFA reserves the right to inspect all equipment and determine if equipment is acceptable prior to awarding the contract. Graders must be equipped with hazard warning lights. The contractor is responsible for supplying and maintaining warning signage required pursuant to MTO Book 7.

Operators must have grader operator training and a minimum of 5 years' experience. They must be able to provide references and a resume of work experience. Operators are expected to cover approximately 8 km per day. The road will be maintained and repaired to the standards in the Grader Operator Forest Access Roads manual (March 2009) and as directed by the AFA supervisor.

All vehicles and grader must be equipped with a functional CB radio at all times.

This Invitation To Quote is subject to monies being appropriated by the Legislature of Ontario and provided to the AFA by Ontario Parks for the public roads maintenance program.

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 be required to abide by the terms of the AFA's Environmental Management System and all other laws and regulations of Ontario pertaining to the performance of the work. A training session is required prior to commencing any work.

All costs incurred shall be included in the price per productive hour as part of the quotation, excluding HST. Floating of equipment is to be at the contractor's expense and included in the price per hour. All hourly work is to be paid per productive hour carrying out grading (commuting, equipment maintenance, breaks etc. are not eligible for payment). Your quotation must list the type of grader that will be used including make, model, year, horsepower and mouldboard length. A detailed description of the operator's experience and training with references is to be included in the quotation.

The lowest or any quote will not necessarily be accepted.

Quotes must be received no later than **2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, April 19, 2018.**

Please direct any questions to Bob Coleman at 613-735-0173, ext. 227 or by email at bob.coleman@algonquinforestry.on.ca

Quotations must be submitted either electronically to tenders@algonquinforestry.on.ca or delivered in a sealed envelope marked, "Grading - Part 1 or Grading - Part 2" - to our Pembroke office at the address below. **Verbal or faxed quotations will not be accepted.**

Thank you.

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