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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 April 24, 2017 to the end of October 2017 – weather permitting.

This 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.

All road graders must be in good working condition, be a minimum of 30,000 lbs and have a minimum of 200 horsepower. 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 if requested.

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.

Graders and other vehicles must be equipped with a working CB radio.

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 hour as part of the quotation, excluding HST.** Your quotation must list the type of grader that will be used including make, model, year, horsepower and mouldboard length.

**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 20, 2017.**

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

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