

Field Sampling Services
in Support of the
Provincial Forest Resources Inventory Program

The **Detailed Description** is as follows:

The Ministry is proceeding with a procurement for field data collection services for a component of Ontario's forest inventory program, using a Vegetation Sampling Network Protocol (VSNP) that is included in the Request for Bids. These services are sought for fourteen (14) Target Sampling Areas, for which the minimum bid is one (1) such Target Sampling Area.

Scope of Work

The successful Bidder(s) will safely perform plot-based field sampling and associated data management and transfer services across predetermined locations in the Managed Forest Zone (similar to the area formerly known as the Area of the Undertaking). Such services will be provided for about eleven (11) months, without possibility of extension, and will serve to support: lidar (light detection and ranging) models used to produce forest inventory, forest growth and yield models, digital soil mapping, and a variety of status and trend reporting needs.

Bidder(s) will establish and measure four hundred square metre (400 m²) fixed radius Field Plots in forested conditions within Target Sampling Area(s) in the Managed Forest Zone. The VSNP outlines in detail three (3) plot Types to be used for this purpose: A, B and C. Field protocols differ by plot Type.

The number and Type of plots to be completed in each Target Sampling Area is provided or estimated in the RFB. Exact quantities, Types, and specific locations (coordinates) of plots will be provided by the Ministry prior to Bidder(s) developing Work Plan(s). A quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) framework must be included in each Work Plan and monthly reporting is required.

Please note that until April 21, any questions that prospective bidders may have about the opportunity/procurement must be directed in writing to Supply Chain Ontario's designated RFB contact, Vijay Kandiah (vijay.kandiah@ontario.ca). Written answers to these questions will be publicly posted and available equally to all potential bidders. As outlined on the OTP site, prospective bidders may also email the designated RFB contact to receive meeting details for an optional Information Session to be held March 30, 10:30 a.m. until noon.

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