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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 2022, weather permitting.

This Invitation to Quote is divided into 3 parts.

### **Road Grading – Part 1**

Part 1 is primarily for the Lake Travers / Barron Canyon Road (County Road 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 Lake Travers Road into the Achray Campground. 1 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. Separate floating invoices are not eligible for this part of the project and should be covered by the cost per productive hour grading the road.

### **Road Grading – Part 2**

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. Separate floating invoices are not eligible for this part of the project and should be covered by the cost per productive hour grading the road.

### **Road Grading – Part 3**

Part 3 is for a variety of forest access roads on the east side of Algonquin Provincial Park as directed by the AFA Supervisor. Access roads include the Bissett Creek Road, Narrowbag Road, Basin Depot Road, and Gunn's Road as well as various branch roads as directed by the AFA Supervisor. Floating is a separate eligible expense specifically for this particular project (Part 3).

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 resumé 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.

At all times, the vehicles and grader must be equipped with a functional CB radio.

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

The successful Contractor will be required to enter in 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 and Sustainable Forest 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.

Please direct any questions to Evan Dombroskie at 613-735-0173, ext. 229 or by email at [evan.dombroskie@algonquinforestry.on.ca](mailto:evan.dombroskie@algonquinforestry.on.ca)

### **Quotation Submission**

**All costs incurred shall be included in the price per productive hour as part of the quotation, excluding HST.** All hourly work is to be paid per productive hour carrying out grading (commuting, equipment maintenance, breaks, etc. are not eligible for payment). Floating of equipment is to be at the Contractor's expense and included in the price per hour for Part 1 and Part 2. Please provide a separate cost per hour for floating specifically for Part 3. Your quotation must list the type of grader that will be used including make, model, year, horsepower, and moldboard length. A detailed description of the operator's experience and training with references is to be included in the quotation.

Quotes must be received no later than 3:00 pm local time, **Friday, May 6, 2022.**

Quotes must be submitted electronically to [tenders@algonquinforestry.on.ca](mailto:tenders@algonquinforestry.on.ca) clearly marked in the subject line, i.e., "Road Grading – Part 1 **or** Road Grading – Part 2 **or** Road Grading – Part 3".

Verbal, hand delivered, or faxed quotations will not be accepted.

***The lowest or any quotation will not necessarily be accepted.***