

**Public Notice**

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**State of Maine**  
**Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**  
**Public Notice for RFP # 201209382**  
**Maine Farms for the Future Program – Round 12 – Phase 1 Business Plan Development**

The State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Agricultural Resource Development has a requirement for business plan development and investment support as authorized through the Maine Farms for the Future Program (Title 7, Chapter 10-B). In accordance with State procurement practices, the Department is hereby announcing the publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) # 201209382 for the purchase of the aforementioned services.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the Department’s RFP Coordinator for this project: Stephanie Gilbert, Farm Viability and Farmland Protection Specialist. The RFP Coordinator can be reached at the following email address: [Stephanie.Gilbert@Maine.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Gilbert@Maine.gov), or mailing address: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Farms for the Future Program – Room 314, 28 SHS, Augusta, ME, 04333-0028. The Department encourages all interested vendors to obtain a copy of the RFP and submit a competitive proposal.

The deadline for submitted questions is Thursday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. local time. Submit questions to [Stephanie.Gilbert@Maine.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Gilbert@Maine.gov), or mailing address: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Farms for the Future Program – Room 314, 28 SHS, Augusta, ME, 04333-0028.

A Bidders’ Conference will be held at the Department Offices on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM, in Room 319 of the Deering Building located at 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine.

Proposals must be submitted to the State of Maine Division of Purchases, located at the Burton M. Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 9 State House Station, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0009. Proposals must be submitted by 2:00PM, local time, on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, when they will be opened at the Division of Purchases’ aforementioned address. Proposals not received at the Division of Purchases’ aforementioned address by the aforementioned deadline will not be considered for contract award.

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