BRUSH HOG MULCHERS AND BRUSH MOWERS

ON CALL EQUIPMENT RENTAL
With Operator

In
Regions 1, 2, and 3

2014

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

STATE PROJECT

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the bid forms with pen and ink.

2. The following are to be completed and returned with the bid:

    a. the completed Appendix A or separate attachment with required bid information
    b. two (2) copies of the completed and signed Private Equipment Rental Agreement form

3. Bids may be delivered directly to the MaineDOT headquarters located at 24 Child Street, Augusta. If a paper Bid is to be hand carried to the DOT Headquarters, deliver directly to the Reception Desk using the "Public Entrance" which is located on the Capitol Street side of the MaineDOT Headquarters Building in Augusta. Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope, and should be marked with the following information:

    Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open
    Title:
    Date of Bid Opening:
    Name of Contractor

4. Bid packages may also be mailed to Maine Department of Transportation, 16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0016. If a bid is to be sent express or overnight delivery, "FedEx First Overnight" delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the MaineDOT Headquarters Building, 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME. Other means, such as U. S. Postal Service's Express Mail has proven not to be reliable. All Bid Packages which are mailed or sent overnight delivery, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:

    Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open
    Title:
    Date of Bid Opening:
    Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number

    In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

    Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed
    Title:
    Date of Bid Opening:
    Name of Contractor:

5. If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT Contracts Section at (207) 624-3410. All questions and requests for information must be made in writing on the Request for Information form and fax all questions to **Gail Iler** at (207)624-3431. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Friday prior to bid date will not be answered. For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specification, Revision of December 2002.

January 19, 2012
Supersedes September 09, 2011

NOTICE

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled, and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain an optional planholders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments, must provide an email address to Diane Barnes or David Venner at the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: MDOT.contracts@maine.gov. Each bid package will require a separate request.

Additionally, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids using the Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment Form.

NOTICE

Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when faxing questions and comments concerning specific Contracts that have been Advertised for Bid. Include additional numbered pages as required. Questions are to be faxed to the number listed in the Notice to Contractors. This is the only allowable mechanism for answering Project specific questions. Maine DOT will not be bound to any answers to Project specific questions received during the Bidding phase through other processes.

State of Maine
Department of Transportation

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Date _____ Time _____

Information Requested: **PIN:** _____ **Town(s):** _____

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Request by: _____ **Phone: (_____)**_____
Bid Date: _____ **Fax: (_____)**_____

Complete top portion of form and transmit to the number listed in the Notice to Contractors

RFI No: _____ **RFI received:** _____

Response:_____

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Response By:_____ Date: _____

Vendor Registration

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –
http://www.maine.gov/purchases/venbid/index.shtml

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Bids addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper "Bids for **Brush Hog Mulchers and Brush Mowers Equipment Rental with an Operator** in Regions 1, 2, and 3" will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, Maine DOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 o'clock A.M. (prevailing time) on August 27, 2014 and at that time and place publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. All responsive bidders may be required to demonstrate successful completion of projects of similar size and scope to be considered for the award of this contract.

Description: Boom Brush Cutter Equipment Rental with Operator

Location: Regions 1, 2, and 3 **Bidders may bid on one or more Regions and any combination of Regions**

Basis of Award: The Department and each responsive, responsible bidder who meets the requirements and specifications of this proposal may enter into a Contract to provide brush hog mulchers and/or brush mowers with experienced operators for maintenance work as needed. The Contractor with the particular equipment deemed useful for a particular job and lowest price will have first option to furnish the equipment.

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact George Macdougall at (207)624-3410. Our webpage at http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/ contains a copy of the schedule of items, Plan Holders List, written portions of bid amendments (not drawings), and bid results. For Project-specific information fax all questions to **Gail Iler** at (207)624-3431. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Friday prior to bid date will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other Departmental staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and the Department will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

Bid proposal packages are available at http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/. They may be seen at the Maine DOT Building in Augusta, Maine and at the Department of Transportation's Regional Offices. They can be obtained at no cost at the Department at 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., may be requested by telephone at (207) 624-3536 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, or from Maine Department of Transportation, Attn.: Mailroom, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016.

There will be no bid bonds, performance bonds or payment bond required.

Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by the Department.

This Contract is subject to all applicable State Laws.

All work shall be governed by "State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002", price $10 [$13 by mail], and Standard Details, Revision of December 2002, price $20 [$25 by mail]. They also may be purchased by telephone at (207) 624-3536 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Standard Detail updates can be found at http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/publications/ .

The right is hereby reserved to the Maine DOT to reject any or all bids.

Augusta, Maine
August 6, 2014

Brian Burne
Highway Maintenance Engineer
Bureau of Maintenance & Operations

SPECIAL PROVISION 102.7.3
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BID AMENDMENTS

With this form, the Bidder acknowledges its responsibility to check for all Amendments to the Bid Package. For each Project under Advertisement, Amendments are located at http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/ . It is the responsibility of the Bidder to determine if there are Amendments to the Project, to download them, to incorporate them into their Bid Package, and to reference the Amendment number and the date on the form below. The Maine DOT will not post Bid Amendments any later than noon the day before Bid opening without individually notifying all the planholders.

Amendment Number	Date

The Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby acknowledges that it has received all of the above referenced Amendments to the Bid Package.

CONTRACTOR

_____
Date

_____
Signature of authorized representative

_____
(Name and Title Printed)

TEDOCS No. _____

MATS No. _____

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

On Call Brush Hog Mulchers and Brush Mowers
Private Equipment Rental Agreement – With an Operator

☐ Published Rates ☐ Quoted Rates ☒ Bid Rates

Expiration Date: December 31, 2014

This Private Equipment Rental Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract**") is entered into by and between the **MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** (hereinafter referred to as "**MaineDOT**"), an agency of state government with its principal administrative offices located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, and _____, a corporation or other legal entity (hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**"). The following attachments are hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference:

Appendix A –Rental Rates for Equipment with an Operator

MaineDOT and the Contractor, hereby agree that the Contractor shall provide the equipment described in Appendix A and a licensed experienced operator to perform construction and maintenance services (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract Work**") as requested and directed by MaineDOT and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth below. This Contract is not a guarantee of work; Contractor shall be hired on an as needed basis during the term of this Contract.

1. **Work & Term. The Contractor agrees to provide the equipment listed in Appendix A for use on (check each that apply):**

   ☐MaineDOT work in Region 1 ☐MaineDOT work in Region 2 ☐MaineDOT work in Region 3

   This Contract becomes effective on the date last signed by MaineDOT and constitutes the earliest date for which work may commence. The term of the Contract will continue until the end of the calendar year. MaineDOT does not guarantee the use of any of the equipment listed in Appendix A.

2. **Equipment.** Contractor shall be responsible for all fuel, grease, oil, maintenance, servicing, operation, protection required for their equipment, in addition to mobilization and all other incidentals. Contractor shall provide for the required vehicle insurance, registration and licensing of any equipment used to perform the services herein.

3. **Contact Information.** All correspondence and reports will be sent to the individual below.

   Contractor: _____

   Attn: _____

   Mail Address:_____

   _____

   _____

   Vendor Code: _____

   Tel: _____

   E-mail: _____

   FAX: _____

4. **Standard of Care and Correction of Errors.** Contractor hereby represents and warrants that the Contractor and its employees have the requisite skills, and expertise to perform all Contract Work using the accepted standards of care in the Contractor's profession or occupation. If MaineDOT finds either the equipment or the operator to be unsatisfactory, the Contractor shall provide an immediate replacement so as to avoid any impact on the project schedule. If Contractor is unable to provide a replacement in a timely manner, MaineDOT reserves the right to hire a new Contractor to complete the work.

5. **Insurance Requirements.**

   Contractor Procured Insurance. Signed, valid, and enforceable Certificates of Insurance shall be provided to the MaineDOT upon execution of the Contract and whenever said policies are renewed thereafter during the period of the Contract. All insurance coverage must be provided by an insurance company or companies licensed or approved to do business in the State of Maine by the Maine Bureau of Insurance. Contractor shall pay all premiums and take all other actions necessary to keep required insurances in effect during such times as Contract obligations exist. Any requests for waivers, to the requirements below, shall be submitted to the MaineDOT.

   Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor and Sub-contractor(s) shall purchase and maintain a policy of Commercial General Liability or other coverage affording equal or greater protection as determined by the MaineDOT, in an amount not less than $400,000 per occurrence and not less than $2,000,000 in the aggregate. Such policy shall include products and completed operations as well as contractual liability coverage and must name MaineDOT as an additional insured.

   Automobile Liability Insurance. The Contractor and Sub-contractor(s) shall carry Automobile Liability insurance covering the operation of all motor vehicles including any which are rented, leased, borrowed or otherwise used in connection with the project. The limit of liability under this section shall be no less than $400,000 per occurrence and shall name MaineDOT as an additional insured.

   Workers' Compensation Insurance. Contractor shall carry Workers' Compensation Insurance or shall qualify as a self-insurer in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Maine.

6. **Rates.** MaineDOT will pay rates at or below the published "Private Equipment Rates" found at www.maine.gov/mdot/csd/laborrates.htm. Rates greater than published rates will only be paid when suitable equipment and operators are not available at or below published rates. Rates for equipment not included in, or greater than those published by MaineDOT will be determined by bid and paid at the attached rates in Appendix A in accordance with the process in Section 7. "Assignments". Any rate so determined shall be considered to be unique and therefore, not a basis for making changes in the published rates. Mobilization to and from the jobsite will not be paid separately and will be considered incidental to the base rental rate.

7. **Assignments.** For Contract Work paid at greater than the published rates, Contract Work will be assigned under these agreements according to the following process: The Contractor with the lowest rate for the particular Equipment and Operator with the appropriate attachments and capabilities (the "Assignment") will have first option to furnish the equipment. If this Contractor is unable to accept the Assignment, then the Department will contact the firm that submitted the next lowest rate to see if that Contractor will accept the Assignment and subsequent Contractors in ascending order of the amount of their bids, until a Contractor accepts the Assignment.

8. **Termination and Failure to Perform.** If, a Contractor accepts an assignment and then fails to furnish equipment when required or furnishes unsatisfactory equipment, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the MaineDOT may issue a written warning. If the Contractor subsequently fails to furnish equipment when required or furnishes unsatisfactory equipment, or fails to meet other contractual requirements, the MaineDOT reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination. Any person employed by the Contractor, who, in the opinion of the

MaineDOT, is intemperate or disorderly or jeopardizes safety of any person or the Project shall be removed immediately by the Contractor. The employee shall not be employed again in any portion of the Contract Work without prior approval from the MaineDOT. All persons employed by or through the Contractor, shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Contract Work properly. The MaineDOT may terminate this Contract with or without cause upon 7 days written notice.

9. **Hold Harmless.** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and holds harmless the MaineDOT and its officers, agents and employees from and against any liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs), claims and demands arising from:

   a. bodily injury, including death, and property damage (public or private) that in any way arises out of the acts or omissions of the Contractor, its Subcontractors, or employees, in connection with the performance of this Agreement;

   The language in the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any defense, immunity or limitation of liability that may be afforded the MaineDOT, or its officers, agents or employees, under the Maine Tort Claims Act (Title 14 M.R.S.A. 8101 et. seq.), and shall not constitute a waiver of any other privileges or immunities that may be afforded to the MaineDOT. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

10. **Project Records.** Records shall be available for review by the MaineDOT or its designee, for a period of three (3) years following final payment. The Contractor shall keep records in such form as may be easily audited.

    Contractor shall be required to complete a Daily Rental Report, and must attest to the accuracy of the quantity of equipment, and duration of use. This Report must be signed by a MaineDOT representative and remain on site. If no Report is completed, accepted quantities of equipment rental will be determined by the MaineDOT.

11. **Representations.** By signing below, the Contractor hereby represents that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

    a. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.

    b. The person signing below is legally authorized by the Contractor to sign this Contract on behalf of the Contractor and to legally bind the Contractor to the terms of this Contract.

12. **Dispute Resolution.** If, in the performance of this Agreement, there arises a dispute between the Contractor and MaineDOT that cannot be resolved by the parties to the Contract, the parties may agree to submit the dispute to non-binding Alternate Dispute Resolution. All disputes shall be governed by Maine law, and all actions shall be filed in the Kennebec Superior Court, in Augusta Maine.

13. **Governing Law**. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Government and the State of Maine. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including all applicable OSHA laws and regulations.

14. **Entire Contract.** This Contract consists of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002, Sections 101, 102, & 103 and this agreement will be governed by the documents listed above. This document cannot be changed except through the execution of a written modification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby execute this Contract and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

For Contractor:

_____
(Print Name)

_____
(Authorized Signature)

_____
(Date)

For Maine Department of Transportation:
(Region Manager, Superintendent or TOM only)

_____
(Region)

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(Approval Signature)

_____
(Printed Signature & Title)

_____
(Date)

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Rental Rates for Equipment with an Operator
On Call Brush Hog Mulchers and Brush Mowers
Appendix A

Contractor Name: _____

Contractors should attach an Equipment & Rate List contacting all of the required information or fill out the form below.

☐ Equipment & Rates Attached

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The Bidder will have no opportunity to cure the above Non-curable Bid Defects. For clarification, questions, comments/recommendations use the "Request for Information" form as directed in the Bid Book instructions.

Equipment Description, Make, Model, Capacity	Region(s)	Hourly Rental Rate

Contracts will be executed for equipment listed in these bid documents. Rates furnished for additional pieces of equipment will not be used by the Department.

TEDOCS No. _____

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For Contractor:

_____
(Print Name)

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(Authorized Signature)

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(Date)

For Maine Department of Transportation:
(Region Manager, Superintendent or TOM only)

_____
(Region)

_____
(Approval Signature)

_____
(Printed Signature & Title)

_____
(Date)

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Brush Hog Mulchers and Brush Mowers

This work consists of furnishing and operating equipment when needed by the MaineDOT.

The Department and each responsive, responsible bidder who meets the requirements and specifications of this proposal may enter into a Contract to provide brush hog mulchers or brush mowers with experienced operators to perform routine maintenance services on an as needed basis. The Contractor with equipment determined by the Department to be appropriate for the work and with the lowest hourly rate in the equipment category with the appropriate attachments and capabilities will have first option to furnish the equipment.

Equipment The equipment specifications and terms are as follows:

Brush hog mulchers may be mounted on rubber track excavators; skid steers; or be dedicated track or rubber tire mulchers capable of working on rough and uneven terrain including but not limited to typical inslope and backslope areas. Brush hog mulcher heads must be capable of grinding trees, woody debris, stumps, and plant materials into the soil to a depth of at least 3 inches below existing surface grade and be capable of preparing the surface suitable for seeding and grass mowing when done.

Brush mowers may be mounted on rubber track excavators, excavators with street pads, or rubber tires, suitable for operation from pavement or inslopes with a minimum reach of at least 15 feet and capable of mowing brush to a minimum of 20 feet from edge of pavement. Mower heads must chip brush in place and deposit chips directly to the ground and be capable of mowing trees up to 4 inch diameter measured at the ground.

- All equipment shall have at least one high intensity strobe light, minimum one million candle power, with 360 degree rotation mounted to be visible from all directions
- All equipment shall have slow moving vehicle triangle mounted to be plainly visible to oncoming traffic when moving along the roadway.
- The Department reserves the right to consider alternates and determine equivalency. All equipment is subject to the Department's approval prior to award of the contract. Boom Brush Cutters must be equipped with shields or flaps around cutting devices.

Signs: Two Work Area Ahead signs that meet MUTCD standards will be placed, according to traffic control specifications, while Work is being performed on roads other

than the interstate or control of access highways, one on each side of the road where work is being performed to warn motorists travelling into the work area from either direction of travel.

If Work is performed on the interstate or control of access highways, two Work Area Ahead signs that meet the MUTCD standards for Work on the interstate will be placed, according to traffic control specifications, while Work is being performed one sign on either side of the two lane travel way. In the event Work is in the median and both sides of the interstate are impacted by the Work two signs shall be placed on either travel way, according to traffic control specifications, one sign on either side of the travel way for the northbound and southbound or eastbound and westbound sides for a total of four signs.

Area of Work: Work may be in any part of the Region on state maintained roads, control of access highway, or interstate.

Schedule: The Contractor shall provide and operate the equipment intermittently, as needed by the MaineDOT. The MaineDOT will notify the Contractor at least 24 hours prior to scheduled contract work.

Performance: The MaineDOT reserves the right, at the time of delivery, to inspect the equipment and reject because of condition, and the Contractor will have the option to replace the equipment with another acceptable, equivalent unit or the MaineDOT will assign the Work to another Contractor. In the case of repetitive breakdowns during operation or if a piece of equipment is unable to run, is unsafe to operate or should not be run as determined by the MaineDOT, the Contractor will have the option to repair the equipment, begin correcting the defect within 4 hours and complete the repairs in no more than 8 hours, unless waived by Maine DOT, or replace the equipment with another acceptable, equivalent unit or the MaineDOT will assign the Work to another Contractor.

Operators shall have be familiar with the work being performed and have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Contract Work properly. Operators determined by the MaineDOT to be below normal acceptable standards of production or workmanship will be replaced with another acceptable operator immediately or the MaineDOT will assign the Work to another Contractor.

If, a Contractor furnishes unsatisfactory equipment or operators, the MaineDOT may issue a written warning. If the Contractor subsequently furnishes unsatisfactory equipment or operators, the MaineDOT reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination.

Measurement and Payment Equipment rental will be measured by the hour to the nearest ¼ hour. Time spent moving to and from the site, servicing and maintaining will not be measured for payment. Equipment rental will be measured for payment beginning no earlier than the show up time directed by the MaineDOT and end when equipment rental contract work is done for the day. If scheduled equipment rental contract work is

not cancelled prior to 5 pm on the preceding day, the MaineDOT may pay the Contractor for 2 hours for showing up. The accepted quantities of equipment hours will be paid for at the contract unit price per hour, with no additional payment for overtime.

Bidding: At a minimum, the Bidder will submit a bid Package consisting of the completed Appendix A or a separate attachment listing equipment description, capacity, Region(s), and rates, 2 copies of the completed and signed Private Equipment Rental – With an Operator form and any Certifications or Bid Requirements listed in the Bid Book.

Award and Contracting: After Bid Opening and as a condition for Award of a Contract, the MaineDOT may require an Apparent Successful Bidder to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that the Bidder is responsible and qualified to perform the Work and that the equipment is acceptable to the MaineDOT.

The properly completed and signed Private Equipment Rental – With an Operator form provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder's offer. Once the MaineDOT has received any other pre-award items required, the MaineDOT will sign the Private Equipment Rental – With an Operator form and execute the Contract.