

**Klamath River Renewal Project
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1	The amount of Bottlebrush Squirreltail shown on the pricing sheet available for planting is 0.04 lbs. Is that correct? If it is correct the expectations for final project lbs is not attainable in the timeframe. Will more be forthcoming? Would nearby collections be considered for planting?	Available seed base for Elymus Elymoides/Multisetus (Squirreltail Grass) is 0.04 LB PLS. No additional base seed is planned to be provided. Proposers are expected to respond based on their own yield estimates, and KRRC recognizes that it may not be possible to meet the minimum amount of seed required for some species.	12/04/18
2	The species list seems incomplete as there are many important widespread and dominant species on the landscape not included while species that are much less prevalent are slated for production. Is this exclusion intentional?	Yes. Please respond based on the available seed base.	12/04/18
3	N/A (KRRC observation)	For the purposes of pricing and contract, Appendix 2 Service Fee (Revision 1) "LB PLS available" quantities shall take precedence over any discrepancies with "lbs or PLS provided" quantities in Appendix 1 Scope of Services Table A.	12/04/18
4	Are there restrictions on where the land can be located?	There are no geographical restrictions on where the land for propagation of the seed is located.	12/04/18
5	Are there substitutions for seed yields? Can a better performing plant take the place of similar species?	No substitutions are permissible. The seed base was collected from the watershed in the vicinity of the project area.	12/04/18
6	Does this include or will there be a later bid for container plants? Will the seeds propagated and collected in this contract lead to later container plant growth?	There are no container plants required under this contract, and there are no plans for container plant growth as part of this project.	12/04/18
7	Any further info you can share regarding financing?	We regret we cannot answer the question as stated.	12/04/18
8	4.2.3 Local and Tribal Business - How will this be evaluated? How much involvement constitutes enough involvement to be given the 10% preference in the proposal evaluation?	A full 10% will be scored by bidders who can demonstrate 50% or greater local or tribal participation. A 5% will be scored by bidders who can demonstrate 5% local/tribal participation (ie. meeting targets equivalent to the main design build contract). Any other scores will be awarded based on a consensus of the Selection Committee.	12/04/18
9	The following species having a limited amount of stock seed available. This will make it extremely difficult to produce the desired amount of seed by 12/31/20 and 10/1/2021. The seed produced the first year would all be used for stock seed for establishing a new field the second season. Therefore the Unit Rate would be zero and seed produced would be zero in the first establishment year. Is this an appropriate way to fill in the Price Proposal table? Elymus elymoides/multisetus Elymus glaucus Elymus triticoides Hordeum brachyantherum	Proposers are expected to respond based on their own yield estimates, and KRRC recognizes that it may not be possible to meet the minimum amount of seed required for some species. KRRC will make decisions regarding quantity of seed to be used for establishing a new field in the second season.	12/04/18
10	Appendix B. 8.1.2 Warranty It may not be possible to produce seed that has 0.0% weed of the non-noxious invasive species listed. Is there potential for flexibility with this requirement?	Noxious weed seed content of propagated seed must be in compliance with all legal and AOSA requirement.	12/04/18
11	Are the fields that exist after the contract expires the property of the contractor?	The land utilized by the seed propagation contractor should be land that the contractor owns or has a legal right to use for this purpose. This contract does not intend to convey any land ownership transfer of any kind.	12/04/18
12	If not enough seed can be produced for delivery in 2020 and 2021 will the contract delivery date be extended?	Service Fee allows for growing years through 2022.	12/04/18
13	Will additional seed testing laboratories be considered?	Yes.	12/04/18
14	In order for us to register newly planted fields into a state's Certification/Source Identification program, the already-collected stock seed ("Seed Base") used for planting will have to have already been Source Identified through the state it was collected in. Last I was aware the state of California had no such program in place. If any of the seed base was collected in the state of California, or was collected in Oregon without following the correct protocol/paperwork at the time of collection, it may not be possible to enroll the seed base material for planting into a source identification/certification program as required by the RFQP.	The source identification seed collection protocol has been closely followed by KRRC and its seed collection contractor.	12/04/18

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15	The bulk weight (or "scale weight" ...shown as "Seed Base" to be used for planting) for each species is not useable information without accompanying laboratory results for each lot, indicating the seed's purity—including weed and crop content—and viability. Without that information in conjunction with the seed base number, no bidder can reliably forecast the acres that can be applied to each species.	KRRC will place orders based on actual pounds of pure live seed after laboratory confirmation. KRRC will also work with Contractor to establish and update seed propagation projections as information becomes available.	12/04/18
16	N/A (KRRC observation)	Proposers are requested to delete existing Appendix 2 - Service Fee form and replace with attached Appendix 2 - Service Fee (Revision 1). The revised form has been designed for increased simplicity and includes a number of definitions and examples, to address questions raised during the solicitation period.	12/04/18
17	Service Fee - In the first paragraph "Amounts must be the sum of multiplying the relevant quantity column by the unit rate." What does this refer to?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1).	12/04/18
18	Service Fee - Amount of seed per acre Is this an average or expected yield overall? Or how is this different from the Forecast yield: maintenance years?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), and the 'Pricing Notes and Definitions' section at the end.	12/04/18
19	Service Fee - Acreage payment: establishment year. Is each year column the number of acres to be planted? Is the Unit Rate in this row \$/acre for each establishment year?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), and the 'Pricing Notes and Definitions' section at the end.	12/04/18
20	Service Fee - Acreage payment: maintenance year. Is each year column the number of acres to be planted? Is the Unit Rate in this row \$/acre for each establishment year?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), and the 'Pricing Notes and Definitions' section at the end.	12/04/18
21	Service Fee - Seed Produced Unit Rate Is this \$/PLS Lb for all seed produced?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), and the 'Pricing Notes and Definitions' section at the end.	12/04/18
22	Service Fee - Seed Stored or delivered to KRRC Is this the PLS Lbs of seed produced for each year?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), where this information is no longer requested.	12/04/18
23	Service Fee - Please provide an example of the correct way to fill out each of these color-coded cells.	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), which includes Service Fee pricing examples and Contract Ordering pricing examples.	12/04/18
24	Service Fee - Column widths appear to be locked and cannot be resized to fit larger numbers. This is making working in this spreadsheet very difficult. Additionally, I am unable to double-click into a cell in order to follow the formula logic.	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), which now requires less information, has columns to fit the requested information, and contains no formulas.	12/04/18
25	Service Fee - Asking bidders to make forecast per acre yields for most of these species is misleading to the bidding process and convolutes other subsequent formulas in other cells, for the following reasons: (i) A number of these species have never been grown commercially before, so estimates are solid conjecture and allow a company to misrepresent its ability to reliably produce these seed in order to influence the bid. (ii) A species' yield is not consistent across local source collections. For example: We have grown selections of Elymus Elymoides/Multisetus (Squirreltail Grass) that yield near 0 lbs/acre and others that yield above 1,000 lbs/acre. However, even using an average of these two examples convolutes the calculations in this spreadsheet, as that number appears to be applied through other formulas in the spreadsheet.	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1).	12/04/18
26	Service Fee - What exactly is being calculated through the "acreage payment" cells over time?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), and the 'Pricing Notes and Definitions' section at the end.	12/04/18
27	Service Fee - What exactly is being calculated through the "seed produced" cells over time?	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1), and the 'Pricing Notes and Definitions' section at the end.	12/04/18
28	Service Fee - For the reasons outlined above, I would ask that you strongly consider redesigning this spreadsheet in a way that is in line with how native seed producers actually produce and price/sell seed. Toward that end, the only numbers that any of the bidders on this RFQP can reliably provide should be limited to: a. Acres to be seeded per species; establishment year (Pending the availability of the aforementioned laboratory results.) b. Acreage payment; establishment year c. Acreage payment; maintenance year(s) d. Unit rate (\$) per PLS lb produced	Please refer to replacement Service Fee (Revision 1).	12/04/18

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29	Response to question #10 states non-noxious weeds not noxious weeds. Is it possible to get an answer about the flexibility of the 0% non-noxious weed requirement?	Non-noxious weed seed is referenced in Scope of Services section 8.1.2 as non-native plant seed and its content is limited to 1.0%.	12/06/18
30	In question #11 the word "fields" is referring to the plants that are growing in the fields not the land. Do the plants that are growing in the fields become the property of the contractor after the contract expires?	Plants growing in the fields become the property of the contractor after the contract expires, subject provisions of the contract including Scope of Services section 16.6 "KRRC retains right of first refusal for any additional amount of seed produced at the price calculated by the Service Fee"	12/06/18

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