

NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTORS

TO PARTIES INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRE-QUALIFIED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. (MEA) is seeking contractors who wish to become pre-qualified and eligible to perform work on MEA's distribution and transmission facilities during 2026-2027. To become pre-qualified contractors must submit, and MEA must approve, the documentation outlined in this notice and execution of the Vegetation Management Services Contract 2026. The pre-qualification submittal period is open from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. To bid on a project under the Contract, contractors shall be prequalified prior to MEA releasing the project for bidding. It should be noted that any contract that was executed prior to January 1, 2026, shall not fall under the Contract's terms and conditions, and contractors shall not be required to be a party to the Contract in order to fulfill their obligations under those contracts.

Copies of the Contract may be obtained electronically through MEA's ShareFile site. Access to the ShareFile site can be obtained by contacting Marcy Sutton, Senior Manager, Procurement and Warehouse, at (907)761-9292. Upon request of the Contract a folder shall be set up in ShareFile for the contractor. The contractor must upload qualification documents and a signed copy of the Contract to this folder.

When submitting qualifications for the Contract, the following information is mandatory.

1. One (1) electronic copy of insurance certificate meeting requirements in the Contract.
2. Resumes of all proposed key personnel, such as Forepersons and/or Project Managers, that will be working under the Contract. Resumes should include a copy of Line Clearance Tree Certification in accordance with 29 CFR OSHA 1910.269 and 29 CFR OSHA 1926 Subpart V, and previous project experience that is related to Utility Vegetation Management. If contractor's key personnel change during the term of the contract, contractor shall be responsible for providing MEA with updated resumes and required certifications. Contractor shall be responsible for providing updates if personnel changes or certification expirations occur during the term of this Contract. Additionally, Contractor shall provide and/or update the Line Clearance Certifications for all employees on a project(s).
3. One (1) copy of the bond document to indicate which surety company contractor shall use. Surety must be accepted by the US Department of the Treasury.
4. A copy of contractor's current financial statement including balance sheet and income statement.
5. An inventory list of vegetation management equipment-assets (vehicles, tools, etc.) available for the work under this Contract. Please note if equipment is to be rented.
6. Completion of the "MEA Contractor Safety Review Program" (Exhibit G).

7. Contractor's written plan including personnel and telephone numbers for responding to and cleaning up hazardous material discharges as required in Article II, Section 3 of this Contract. If this work is being subcontracted, please identify the contractor, personnel, and provide telephone numbers.
8. Copies of contractor's (and any subcontractors) Alaska Business License, Alaska Contractor's License, Matanuska Borough Business License, and Municipality of Anchorage Business License.
9. Contractor's list of key personnel designated for after-hour project(s) follow-up and emergency response including business, home, and cellular numbers.

All contractors submitting documents should allow at least seven (7) business days for MEA to review submittals. Additional review time will be required for incomplete submittals. MEA will provide a written explanation for any submittal deficiency.

Contractor's ability to be awarded a Utility Vegetation Management contract, is dependent upon MEA's acceptance of the qualifications and execution of the Contract. Additionally, outstanding issues from previous year's project(s) may delay or cause a contractor to be found unqualified under this Contract.

A 10% Bid Bond will be required at time of bid submittal for all task order projects associated with this Contract in a form acceptable to MEA. MEA will hold the 10% Bid Bond until the bid is awarded and notice to proceed is issued (no longer than sixty (60) days from bid opening).