

**Janitorial & Trash Removal Services - Winding Stair Campground - Ouachita
NF 12444026Q0110 _0001**

This Request for Quotation (RFQ) is prepared in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 8.4 and General Service Administration Regulation (GSAR) 538.71, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. Proposed pricing must be offered against the contractor's current schedule contract.

Statement of Requirement

The Contractor shall provide janitorial services and waste removal with grounds policing services, as per the specifications, drawings, exhibits, and schedules at the Winding Stair Recreation Site, Oklahoma Ranger District, within the Ouachita National Forest.

Price Schedule

See Attachment 3 Schedule of Items (SOI)

Attachments:

- (01) Attachment 1 Wage Determination
- (02) Attachment 2 Performance Work Statement (PWS)
- (03) Attachment 3 Schedule of Items (SOI)
- (04) Attachment 4 Map
- (05) Attachment 5 Exhibit A: Performance Relevancy Questionnaire (PRQ)

- This solicitation will be awarded as a fixed-firm-price Purchase Order to one (1) vendor
- The government intends to award a contract without discussion

Targeted Period of Performance:

Base Year: August 07, 2026 through August 06, 2027
Option Year 1: August 07, 2027 through August 06, 2028
Option Year 2: August 07, 2028 through August 06, 2029

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Location:

Winding Stair Recreation Site.

Contract Clauses

All FAR clauses contained in the GSA schedule contract will be applicable to any resultant order.

The following FAR Clauses will be applicable to this order:

- 52.217-8 Option to Extend Services (Nov 1999)
 30 calendar days prior to contract expiration
- 52.217-9 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract (Mar 2000)
 - (a) 30 Calendar days prior to contract expiration and 60 days
 - (c) five years.

United States Department of Aquiculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Clauses

The clauses and provisions contained herein are applicable to any order awarded as a result of this solicitation.

- 452.203-71 Anti-Discrimination and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Compliance (Dec 2025)

(a) By entering into this contract, the Contractor certifies that:

It is compliant with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws and the Equal Protection principles of the U.S. Constitution, and it will remain compliant for the duration of the contract.

Neither it nor any subcontractor or teaming partner operates or funds any program, policy, or initiative that promotes DEI in a manner that violates any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws, including but not limited to Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, or the Equal

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Protection principles of the U.S. Constitution, and the Contractor and any subcontractor or teaming partner will not do so for the duration of the contract.

(b) If the Contractor participates in, facilitates, or funds programs that implicate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, including but not limited to grants to or for schools, colleges, universities, 4-H programs, non-governmental organization (NGO) programs, sports programs, and education-related grants to prisons or other detention facilities, the Contractor certifies that it will remain compliant with those laws, including the requirements set forth in Executive Order 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government, and Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity.

(c) The Contractor affirms that the above requirements are conditions of payment that go to the essence of the contract and are therefore material terms of the contract. Payments under the contract are predicated on compliance with the above requirements, and therefore the Contractor is not eligible for funding under the contract or to retain any funding under the contract absent compliance with the above requirements.

(d) This certification reflects a change in the Government's position regarding the materiality of the foregoing requirements and therefore any prior payment of similar claims does not reflect the materiality of the foregoing requirements to this contract.

(e) Submission of a knowing false statement relating to Contractor's compliance with the above requirements and/or eligibility for the contract may subject the Contractor to liability under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, and/or criminal liability, including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 287 and 1001.

(f) The Contractor must include the provisions of this clause in all subcontract solicitations.

(g) Failure on the part of the Contractor or its subcontractors to comply with the terms of this clause may be grounds for the Contracting Officer to terminate this contract for default.

(End of Clause)

452.204-70 Modification for Contract Closeout (Nov 2025)

(a) If unliquidated funds in the amount of \$1000 or less remain on the contract, the Contracting Officer (Contracting Officer) shall issue a unilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification but will not be required to provide a signature. The Contracting Officer shall immediately proceed with contract closeout upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.

(b) Upon contract closeout for contracts utilizing SAP: if unliquidated funds of more than \$1000 remain on the contract, the Contracting Officer shall issue a bilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification and will be required to provide a signature. (The Contracting Officer may also request a "Contractor Release of Claims" be completed by the contractor, although not required for contracts and orders using SAP.) If the bilateral modification and Release of Claims are not returned to the Contracting

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Officer within 60 days, the Contracting Officer shall release the modification as unilateral and proceed with contract close-out upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.

(c) Upon contract closeout for contracts utilizing anything other than cost reimbursement, if unliquidated funds of more than \$1000 remain on the contract, the Contracting Officer shall issue a bilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification and a "Contractor Release of Claims" and will be required to provide a signature on both forms. If the bilateral modification and Release of Claims are not returned to the Contracting Officer within 120 days, the Contracting Officer shall release the modification as unilateral and proceed with contract closeout upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.

(End of Clause)

452.204-71 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Employees (Nov 2025)

(a) The contractor shall comply with the personal identity verification (PIV) policies and procedures established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Directives 4620-002 series.

(b) Should the USDA Directives 4620-002 require the exclusion of a contractor's employee, the contracting officer will notify the contractor in writing. The contractor must appoint a representative to manage compliance with the PIV policies established by the USDA Directives 4620-002 and to maintain a list of employees eligible for a USDA LincPass required for performance of the work.

(c) The responsibility of maintaining a sufficient workforce remains with the contractor. Contractor employees may be barred by the Government from performance of work should they be found ineligible or to have lost eligibility for a USDA LincPass. Failure to maintain a sufficient workforce of employees eligible for a USDA LincPass may be grounds for termination of the contract.

(d) The contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor is required to have routine unaccompanied physical access to a Federally controlled facility and/or routine unaccompanied access to a Federally controlled information system.

(e) The PIV Sponsor for this contract is a designated program point of contact, which in most cases is the COR, unless otherwise specified in this contract. The PIV Sponsor will be available to receive contractor identity information from [hours and days to be added by CO] to [hours and days to be added by CO] at [office address for registration to be added by CO]. The Government will notify the contractor if there is a change in the PIV Sponsor, the office address, or the office hours for registration; however, it is the contractor's responsibility to meet all aspects of paragraphs (c), (d), and (e).

(End of Clause)

Solicitation Information

Award Type

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It is anticipated that a Firm-Fixed-Price purchase order will be awarded as a result of this request for quotation.

The Government intends to make one award from this solicitation. Therefore, to be considered responsive, contractors must submit pricing for all items.

Basis on which Selection will be made:

Award Method: Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable

Quotations will be evaluated based on the criteria listed below. Award will be made to the quoter that represents the LPTA to the Government based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Method

The Government will evaluate quotations based on the lowest price technically acceptable criteria. Only the lowest priced offer will be evaluated for Technical Acceptability. Should the lowest priced offer not receive an acceptable technical or past performance rating, the process will continue in order of lowest priced offer until the lowest price, technically acceptable offer with acceptable or neutral past performance is identified.

Technical Data - Technical Acceptability:

Technical Acceptability will be evaluated to receive an overall rating of "acceptable" or "unacceptable." This will be based on the offeror's ability to provide a sound and compliant approach that meets all requirements and shows a thorough understanding of them. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure their quotation clearly demonstrates their capability to meet these requirements. All offerors must provide the following minimum information and documentation with their quotations to be considered responsive and have their offers evaluated:

- a. Complete **Exhibit A** (Performance Relevancy Questionnaire)
 - b. Provide a synopsis of the Contractor's Technical Capability
 - c. Contractor must specify personnel who will perform the work, the equipment that will be used and if they plan to subcontract the work. If subcontracting, those personnel, and their experience must be listed. At least one (1) Primary and Alternate who will perform the services must be included in the quote.
- Personnel must be insured according to the minimum insurance requirements.

Price:

The offeror's quotation will be evaluated in accordance with FAR 12.204, to determine if it is fair and reasonable.

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For purposes of evaluation, the potential need to exercise the option under FAR 52.217-8 to extend a period of performance for a maximum period of six (6) months beyond any period of performance will be considered the same for all offerors. The Government will consider that if the extension of service clause (FAR 52.217-8) is exercised, it will be on the exact same rates and terms, other than length of performance, as the period of performance being extended. For purposes of evaluation only, the Government will use the rates specified in the last option period and add the cost of six months to the prices proposed for the base period and all option periods to determine total evaluated price of the contract. The Government will determine whether the price, including the options available under FAR 52.217-8, is fair and reasonable.

The Government will not accept quoted prices that are higher than the offeror's current price published in the General Services Administration Schedule.

Past Performance:

The Government may utilize any references provided by the Contractor, along with information available from past contracts/orders with the USDA and any information found using sources such as Federal Government sources or the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to determine if the Contractor has acceptable or neutral Past Performance. Past Performance will be evaluated using the following rating system:

- Acceptable: The contractor shows a demonstrated ability to meet contract requirements in prior or current contracts, including quality of work, timeliness, cost control, business relations, and adherence to contract terms.
- Neutral: Offeror does not have a past performance record.
- Unacceptable: The contractor has a documented history of failing to meet contract requirements, including poor quality, missed deadlines, cost overruns, lack of responsiveness, or unethical behavior.

Period for acceptance of offers.

The Offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for **90 calendar days** from the date specified for receipt of offers.

FAR Solicitation Provisions (Incorporated by Reference)

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52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors - Commercial Products and Commercial Services
(Nov 2025)

52.217-5 Evaluation of Options (Nov 2025)

AGAR Provisions

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(End of Provision)

- 52.203-18 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation (Jan 2017)
- 52.209-2 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations - Representation (Sep 2025)
- 52.209-11 Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law (Sep 2025)
- 52.240-90 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications (Nov 2025)

The following provisions are applicable if checked:

- ☐ 52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (Sep 2024)
- ☒ 52.204-7 System for Award Management—Registration (Nov 2025)
☐ Alternate I (Nov 2025) to 52.204-7
- ☐ 52.204-90 Offeror Identification (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.207-6 Solicitation of Offers from Small Business Concerns and Small Business Teaming Arrangements or Joint Ventures (Multiple-Award Contracts) (Aug 2024)
- ☐ 52.209-12 Certification Regarding Tax Matters (Oct 2025)
- ☐ 52.219-2 Equal Low Bids (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.222-18 Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Feb 2021)
- ☐ 52.222-48 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Certification (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.222-52 Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards for Certain Services-Certification (Nov 2025)
- ☒ 52.222-56 Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan (Oct 2020)
- ☒ 52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (Apr 2026)
- ☐ 52.223-4 Recovered Material Certification (May 2008)
- ☒ 52.225-2 Buy American Certificate (Oct 2022)
- ☐ 52.225-4 Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate (Nov 2025)
- ☐ 52.225-6 Trade Agreements-Certificate (Feb 2021)
- ☐ 52.226-3 Disaster or Emergency Area Representation (Nov 2007)
- ☐ 52.229-11 Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation (Jul 2025)

Other Applicable FAR Provisions

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52.237-1 Site Visits (Apr 1984)

NOTICE FOR FILING AGENCY PROTESTS
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Ombudsman Program

The USDA is committed to issuing solicitations and awarding contracts in a fair and prompt manner. The Ombudsman Program for Agency Protests (OPAP) was established to address protest issues within the agency, providing an alternative to costly and time-consuming litigation. Operating independently, OPAP offers relief comparable to that granted by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Interested parties are encouraged to resolve concerns through USDA's internal Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process before pursuing external forums such as the GAO. Concerns may be addressed informally or through a formal agency protest filed with either the Contracting Officer or the Ombudsman.

Informal Forum with the Ombudsman

1. **Initial Point of Contact:** Interested parties who believe a specific USDA procurement is unfair or otherwise defective should first direct their concerns to the applicable Contracting Officer.
2. **Escalation:** If the Contracting Officer is unable to address their concerns, interested parties are encouraged to contact the USDA Ombudsman for Agency Protests. Under this informal process, the agency is not required to suspend contract award performance. Utilization of the informal forum does not suspend any time requirement for filing a formal protest with the agency or other forums.
3. **Required Information:** To ensure a timely response, interested parties should provide the following information to the Ombudsman: solicitation/contract number, contracting office, Contracting Officer, and solicitation closing date (if applicable).

Formal Agency Protest with the Ombudsman

1. **Effort to Resolve:** Prior to submitting a formal agency protest, protesters must first use their best efforts to resolve their concerns with the Contracting Officer through open and frank discussions.
2. **Independent Review:** If the protester's concerns remain unresolved, an Independent Review is available by the Ombudsman. The protester may file a formal agency protest with either the Contracting Officer or, alternatively, with the Ombudsman under the OPAP program. Contract awards or performance will be suspended during the protest period unless justified in writing for urgent and compelling reasons or determined in writing to be in the best interest of the Government.
3. **Resolution Timeline:** The agency's goal is to resolve protests within 35 calendar days from the date of filing.
4. **Required Information:** Protests shall include the information set forth in FAR 33.104(a)(3). Failure to submit the required information may result in a delay or dismissal of the protest.
5. **Timeliness:** Protests must be filed within the timeframes specified in FAR 33.104.

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6. **Submission:** Formal protests under the OPAP program should be submitted electronically to SPE.inquiry@usda.gov and the Contracting Officer.

Election of Forum. By initiating a protest with the USDA, the protester agrees not to pursue the same matter with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) or any other external forum while the agency protest is pending. If a protest is filed externally, the agency protest will be dismissed.

Questions: Submit via email to stacey.phillips@usda.gov and are due no later than August 05, 2026, at 12:00 PM Eastern Time. Please include the solicitation name and number as the subject line of the email. **“12444026Q0110_0001 - Janitorial & Trash Removal Services - Winding Stair Campground - Ouachita NF”**