

**Upper Wenatchee River Habitat Restoration Project: Helicopter Wood Transport
Bidder Questions and Clarifications
Bid Opening January 29th 2024 @ 11:00 AM**

| Question | Response | Date |
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| If trees are tipped and left in place how will those flight distances differ from the staging areas? | It would actually be a shorter flight time/ distance if the habitat trees were tipped and picked in place versus transported to any of the staging areas and picked from there. | 12/7/23 |
| Can cable leads be used for transporting the boulders instead of the eyebolts? | The Ground and Helicopter Contractors may coordinate to identify an alternative hardware option for review and approval by the Contracting Agency. However, no chains or cables that remain attached to the boulders after placement can be used. This is not allowable per the project permits. | 12/7/23 |
| Will it be possible to remove some trees to make the Tumwater landing site usable? | We anticipate this to be allowable, but must be approved by CCNRD and USFS prior to any work occurring. This work is incidental to the contract. | 12/7/23 |
| Should we anticipate the need for additional personnel for temporary traffic control? | TTC is incidental to the contract and it is ultimately up to the Contractor to determine when/how it is needed to allow for safe delivery of equipment and materials and to ensure the safety of those on the ground. However, the anticipated flight paths for material transport is outside of the primary road corridor so we wouldn't anticipate the need for any extensive TTC measures. Close coordination between the Helicopter and Ground Contractors as well as the | 12/7/23 |

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| | Engineer and Contracting Agency will be necessary. | |
| Habitat trees and boulders need to be picked and transported one at time? | Yes. But all other materials for use by the ground contractor can be flown in multiples based on the capacity of the aircraft and assuming prevention of damage to materials. | 12/7/23 |
| Confirming that the proposal is L.S versus hourly? | Yes, the bid items associated with section 8-30 are all L.S instead of hourly or per each. This was in an effort to create a fair bidding structure without setting a requirement of a specific type/size of aircraft. The awardee will be expected to submit a L.S breakdown of each of those bid items prior to the start of work. If the hourly work performed is either substantially over, or under the work bid, equitable adjustments may be made to the Contract amount. | 12/7/23 |
| If equitable adjustments to the Contract can be made, is there any risk that other bid items would be eliminated | Equitable adjustment to the Contract would not trigger the elimination of any bid item and we do not anticipate any of the work outlined in the bid form to be eliminated. | 12/7/23 |
| Will wood staging need to occur the day prior to the start of the in-water work window? Is there flexibility to this date? | Wood staging will need to be complete prior to the Ground Contractor's scheduled start of IWW. The current dates listed in the Contract are based on the assumption that the Ground Contractor would begin IWW on the permitted start date of July 15 th . If that date changes, the deadline for wood transport would also change. This will require coordination between both contractors and the | 12/7/23 |

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| | Contracting agency to refine project schedule based on field conditions. | |
| Can we assume a direct flight path up the river corridor? | Somewhat. There are sensitive species within the project area that the Contracting Agency is working with State and Federal Agencies to identify and determine location of. There may be buffers around certain areas that would need to be avoided during helicopter work. The Contracting Agency will work with the Helicopter Contractor to develop a flight path which avoids sensitive areas. | 12/7/23 |