



BID SHEET
National Wildlife Refuge System
North Carolina Coastal Refuges Complex



APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Proposal Submitter): _____

Partner Name (if applicable): _____

Name of Business or Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tax ID #: _____ Phone Number: _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell

E-mail Address: _____

BID INFORMATION:

Please provide the percentage of farmed acres you would be willing to leave for the refuge's share as rent for the corresponding Farm Area(s) in the space(s) provided below (see map in Public Notice). If bidding on more than one Area, list bids in priority order. Minimum allowable percentage for refuge share is 20%.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Farm Area _____ Refuge Share Amount (%): _____

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Current Pesticide Applicator's License: ☐ Yes ☐ No (Check One) Type: _____ Expiration: _____

Current Organic Farming Certificate: ☐ Yes ☐ No (Check One) Cert #: _____ Expiration: _____

The following questions will be used to evaluate bids and assess how well the answers align with the objectives of the Refuge's Cooperative Agriculture Program as described in the Notice of Opportunity. When answering questions, include what will distinguish your operations from another applicant.

Describe your experience in farming operations (including number of years) or other related experience.

Describe important dates for your proposed operations (e.g., planting dates, harvest dates), keeping in mind harvest must be completed by November 1 of each year. (Note- Impoundment drainage will begin in February but may not be completed until mid-March.) Include dates for v-ditch and filter strip maintenance.

Describe your relevant knowledge and experience specific to farming on a national wildlife refuge or comparable conservation lands.

Describe your experience working with non-neonicotinoid treated seeds and how this changed your approach to pest management.

Describe your experience working with Genetically Engineered Crops (GECs) including best management practices used to prevent pesticide resistance and to incorporate non-GEC seeds.

Describe what conservation measures (i.e., no-till, cover cropping, etc.) you have used and how they could be incorporated in farming operations at Alligator River NWR.

Please describe what in-kind services you are willing to assist the Refuge with in conducting a successful cooperative agriculture program (e.g. mowing, disking, erosion mitigation, road maintenance, spraying invasive species, etc.):

List all available equipment (make, model and year) in good working condition, for example harvesters, tractors, implements, trucks & trailers, and personnel available to complete farming operations.

Equipment:

Personnel available:

Describe your capabilities to routinely scout crops to allow for timely application of pesticides to control weeds, insects, and diseases (Note – subcontracting is not permitted with the exception of crop consultants, field/insect scouts, certified aerial applicators of pesticides, and custom harvesting if necessary due to weather):

Do you need the ability to store equipment on the Refuge? If so, describe the amount of area needed and information on how you will maintain the storage area in a clean, tidy manner including spill prevention measures if needed.:

Please provide contact information for three landowners or references you have worked with and are familiar with your background, knowledge and experience:

Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and, if selected, agree to the permit conditions listed in the bid package. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to reject any or all bids. I further certify that the information submitted in this bid sheet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).

Purpose: To collect the applicant's information to process permits allowing for commercial activities such as: guiding hunters, anglers or other outdoor users; commercial filming; agriculture; rental of cabins and trapping while on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Routine Uses: The information will be used by the refuge's administrative office for processing Commercial Activity Special Use permits. More information about the routine uses maybe found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary. However, submission of information is required to process and approve commercial activity usage on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is required to obtain or retain a benefit; however, failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0102.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the requested specific refuge use. We estimate the relevant public reporting burden for the Commercial Activity Special Use Permit Application form to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email to Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.