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REQUEST FOR BIDS
CLARK CREEK DEBRIS AND TREE REMOVAL
FOR
SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING DEPARTMENT
BARABOO, SAUK COUNTY, WI

Sauk County is receiving bids from qualified contractors for the removal of flood damaged or flood threatened trees, brush and debris within the Clark Creek stream corridor. Clark Creek parallels State Highway 113, located on the east side of Baraboo, Town of Baraboo, Sauk County. Flood events in 1993, 2000 and 2008 have caused severe damage along the corridor, leaving a number of debris piles in the stream and many fallen and threatened trees along the banks. These trees could likely be moved downstream in future flood events and plug culverts and bridges. The goal of the project is to remove much of this debris to reduce the chances of future blockages and resulting flood damage.

Trees slated for removal along the corridor have been marked by DNR foresters. Those tree locations are shown in the included PDF. The physical description, species, diameter and height of each tree is also included as an attachment to this document. There are approximately 300 marked fallen or threatened trees and 22 debris piles to be removed. Trees located at the top of steep banks or that may provide other challenges are shown in photos tagged to the site location shown in green or blue. The locations of the 22 debris piles have also been marked in red on the PDF. These piles are not marked with paint or described on the attachment. Each of those piles is tagged to a photo to assist in your determination of the size and scale of that removal. All required removals will consist of cutting all trees to less than 4' maximum length and their elimination from the corridor, either through chipping and shredding, burning or removing them to a safe area farther than 25' from the top of the eroded stream corridor or to an approved piling area as identified by county staff. Some fallen trees and trees in debris piles have root masses that need to be removed or burned to reduce their chance of washing downstream. Most of the stumps and roots from threatened trees will be left in place to provide anchoring of the banks. Small diameter materials can be chipped or shredded and disposed of along the banks of the stream at a distance greater than 25' from the stream. Large root masses and other large materials can be burned if proper permits are obtained by the contractor. Final debris from any burning in the stream corridor must be no larger than 24" in diameter in any measurement. If materials are larger than 24" in diameter, they must be hauled either to a site farther than 25' from the top of the eroded stream corridor or hauled to the pre-approved site on DNR land off of Tower Road. No excavating or

burying of any wood or stumps is allowed within the stream corridor. All cut wood is to remain the property of the landowners and is not available for contractor salvage, use, or sale.

Sauk County staff is responsible for agreements with all landowners regarding access, ownership and any special disposition of the cut materials, including its potential availability for landowners to use as firewood. Contractor will be required to sign a master agreement to meet the conditions identified in the separate landowner agreements.

Access to these sites is difficult. The easiest access is along the stream corridor starting at the Maxwell property off of Highway 113. Machinery must travel up this corridor with considerable caution to avoid causing any damage to the stream or its banks. Crossing of the stream shall be minimized and limited to locations where there is a good gravel or cobble substrate and banks. Crossing sites shall be identified and approved in advance by county staff. The number of stream crossings shall be minimized and travel should be coordinated to those approved sites. All crossings must avoid any area flagged by county staff to indicate spawning areas for trout. Any disturbed areas shall be seeded with rye and/or clover and mulched to provide vegetation and minimize future erosion. Sites with limited accessibility may require considerable hand labor. Private access roads may be used with the agreement of the owner but all roads and access routes must be restored to the condition found before initiation of the project. Any constructed roads would need prior approval from both the landowner and county staff. Any additional work required for access will be allowed through agreement with county staff and shall be performed as part of the proposed cost.

Timeframe for this project will run from the contract date, anticipated to be January 18 through April 30. Deadline for project completion is April 30, 2012. Because this project is funded through a grant from the State of Wisconsin, a penalty of \$1,000 per day will be imposed for failing to complete the project by the deadline. There may be times during this span when snowmelt, runoff and wet, rainy conditions may limit access. Determinations regarding access will be made jointly with the contractor, but final authority will rest with the county staff in consultation with DNR staff. Appropriate adjustments in the completion date due to weather are the sole decision of the Land Conservation Committee.

Safety at Work Site. Contractor shall be solely and completely responsible for providing and maintaining safe conditions at the Work Site, including the safety of all persons and property during performance of the Work. This requirement shall apply continuously and shall not be limited to normal working hours. Contractor shall take all safety precautions as shall be necessary to comply with all applicable laws and to prevent injury to persons and damage to property.

Indemnification. Contractor shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend County against any and all lawsuits, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees and administrative expenses, that may arise, or be alleged to have arisen, out of or in connection with Contractor's performance of, or failure to

perform, the Work or any part thereof, whether or not due or claimed to be due in whole or in part to the active, passive, or concurrent negligence or fault of Contractor, except to the extent caused by the sole negligence of the County.

Notice of Completion. When the Work has been completed and is ready in all respect for acceptance by County, Contractor shall notify County and request a final inspection ("Notice of Completion"). Contractor's Notice of Completion shall be given sufficiently in advance of the completion date to allow for scheduling of the final inspection and for completion or correction before the completion date of any items identified by such inspection as being defective, damaged, flawed, unsuitable, nonconforming, incomplete, or otherwise not in full compliance with, or as required by or pursuant to, this Contract.

County may terminate this Contract without liability for further payment of amounts due or to become due under this Contract.

Compliance with Laws and Grants. Contractor shall give all notices, pay all fees, and take all other action that may necessary to ensure that the Work is provided, performed, and completed in accordance with all required governmental permits, licenses or other approvals and authorizations that may be required in connection with providing, performing, and completing the Work, and with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulation, including without limitation the Prevailing Wage Act. Contractor shall also comply with all conditions of any federal, state, or local grant received by County or Contractor with respect to this Contract or the Work.

Additional materials regarding Clark Creek flooding, including the reports: "Flooding Conditions at Clark Creek and Possible Mitigations." FEMA, 2008; "Clark Creek Watershed Study." Montgomery Associates Resource Solutions LLC, 2011; "Clark Creek Water Quality and Management Report." Underwater Habitat Investigations, LLC, 2011, and additional photos can be accessed through the county website at www.co.sauk.wi.us.

Bids must be on forms provided, signed, and delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Clark Creek Debris Removal." They must be received at the Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning office, Room 232 of the West Square Building in Baraboo before 3:30 p.m., January 9, 2012. Bids will be opened in Room 237 of the West Square Building Baraboo at 4:00 Monday, January 9, 2012. Bids must identify the crew size, machinery and anticipated timeframe intended for project completion, as well as any previous similar project experience. Three references shall be provided from jobs similar in scope and nature to this project. The bid must identify the planned approach, timeframe and the on-site project supervisor. All bidders must provide proof of insurance for \$1,000,000 of liability coverage.

Payments will be made on a monthly basis, based on the percentage of work completed. The final twenty percent of the payment will be held by Sauk County until the work is judged to be completed satisfactorily and in full compliance with the requirements.

Sauk County reserves the right to accept or reject all bids and select the bid judged to be most advantageous to the county based upon the materials presented.

For questions regarding the project contact: Brian Cunningham, 608-355-4833
Brent Bergstrom, 608-355-4836

Deadline: Signed bids shall be received in a sealed envelope marked “Clark Creek Debris Removal” in the Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Office before 3:30 p.m. on January 9, 2012.

Attachments:

- PDF with photos tagged V6.3
- Tree removal log
- Bid form for completion
- Example Access and Cutting Agreement.