

Event 32801-11748 TWRA Live Catfish

Specifications

This event is for a two (2) year contract for the purchase and delivery of live, pure channel catfish. No hybrids shall be accepted by the State. Fish shall be delivered to each of the four (4) regions of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) – see #12 and Attachment 1. Request for delivery of fish shall be made between March and October each year. Bids shall be based on a delivered price per pound for catfish meeting the following specifications below. The State may award a single contract for all line items to the respondent whose response meets the requirements and criteria in this ITB at the lowest cost. Alternatively, the State may award a separate contract for each line item. Line item totals shall be calculated by multiplying the unit price by the line item quantity.

1. Up to eighty-two thousand (82,000) pounds of delivered catfish may be requested during the two-year term of the contract. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity under this Contract. At least fifty percent (50%) of the delivered catfish must be produced and raised by the Contractor.
2. Channel catfish are to have an average weight of three-quarter (.75) to one and a half (1.5) pounds each, with the maximum acceptable variance outside this weight range being no more than ten (10) percent.
3. Non-target species shall not be included with the delivery of live channel catfish. If non-target species are found the entire load shall be denied by The State and the amount/poundage shall either be replaced or the entire dollar amount shall be deducted.
4. Channel catfish shall be healthy and appear to be disease free. TWRA shall not pay for dead or diseased fish. If any dead/sick fish are found the amount/poundage will be replaced or that dollar amount shall be deducted.
5. Hauling tanks must be adequate for the load/poundage and have oxygen and aerators (agitation) available for transport. Again, the State will not pay for dead or sick fish.
6. The Contractor is responsible for delivering and off-loading the live channel catfish to the specified regions with the appropriate nets, tubes, pipes, etc.
7. The time of delivery of fish shall be made before 5:00 pm CST., for all regions.
8. The Contractor shall be capable of delivering the requested pounds of live channel catfish after receiving **a fourteen (14) day advance notice** of the pounds needed, the delivery location(s), and date(s) to each TWRA region.

9. Some deliveries may require the contractor to meet a TWRA hatchery truck at a designated location within the region. The Contractor shall be responsible for off-loading fish from their transport vehicle to the TWRA hatchery truck, and/or waterbody.
10. Delivery dates and times shall be established by mutual agreement between the Contractor and the TWRA regional personnel once a purchase order is issued to the Contractor.
11. Prior to off-loading/stocking, fish shall be made available to TWRA for inspection. TWRA may evaluate the quality and weight of the fish being delivered, and check for the presence of non-target fish species.
12. Bidding should be made for delivery of live channel catfish to any or all of the following four (4) TWRA Regions and the corresponding counties. See Attachment 1. Up to ten thousand-six hundred (10,600) pounds of fish may be requested for delivery to each Region listed for each year of the two (2) year contract.

Region 1 – West Tennessee - The counties include Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crocket, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphries, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Perry, Shelby, Stewart, Tipton, and Weakly. **(Note: Most likely delivery location(s) for Region 1 is Humboldt Hatchery – Gibson County.)**

Region 2 – Middle Tennessee - The counties include Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Dickson, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Williamson and Wilson. **(Note: Most likely delivery location(s) for Region 2 is Normandy Hatchery – Bedford County.)**

Region 3 – Cumberland Plateau - The counties include Bledsoe, Bradley, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Hamilton, Jackson, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren and White. **(Note: Most likely delivery location(s) for Region 3 may be within the region, including off-loading to TWRA hatchery trucks or waterbodies.)**

Region 4 – East Tennessee - The counties include, Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union and Washington. **(Note: Most likely delivery location(s) for Region 4 is Eagle Bend Hatchery – Anderson County)**

