



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOR
STATE FOREST TIMBER INVENTORY

RFI # 32501-408
9/21/2023

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Agriculture issues this Request for Information ("RFI") for the purpose of determining the feasibility of a large-scale timber inventory of the entire state forest system. We appreciate your input and participation in this process.

1. BACKGROUND:

The main objective of this project is to perform a statewide systematic cruise/inventory to accurately measure volume, growth and sustainability on each of the 15 state forests managed by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry. The timber cruise would require typical measurements (i.e., Diameter Breast Height (DBH), height, log grade, site index, live crown ratio) and would utilize the Mobile Map program for data collection. Plot locations are provided by the Tennessee Division of Forestry with an intensity of 1 plot/10 acres. This would equal approximately 15,775 plots. Locations of each state forest can be viewed here: <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/state-forests.html>

2. The Contractor will also be required to complete a quality control/quality assurance check cruise from a State approved third party company.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1. Please submit your response to this RFI to:

Andy McBride, State Forest Unit Leader
Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry
Ellington Agricultural Center, Bruer Building
406 Hogan Road
Nashville, TN 37220
(931)510-1442

3.2. Please feel free to contact the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry with any questions regarding this RFI. The main point of contact will be:

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3.3. Please reference RFI # 32501-408 with all communications to this RFI.

4. RFI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

EVENT		TIME (Central Time Zone)	DATE (all dates are State business days)
1.	RFI Issued		9/19/2023
2.	RFI Response Deadline		10/6/2023

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

5.1. Please note that responding to this RFI is not a prerequisite for responding to any future solicitations related to this project and a response to this RFI will not create any contract rights. Responses to this RFI will become property of the State.

5.2. The information gathered during this RFI is part of an ongoing procurement. In order to prevent an unfair advantage among potential respondents, the RFI responses will not be available until after the completion of evaluation of any responses, proposals, or bids resulting from a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid or other procurement method. In the event that the state chooses not to go further in the procurement process and responses are never evaluated, the responses to the procurement including the responses to the RFI, will be considered confidential by the State.

5.3. The State will not pay for any costs associated with responding to this RFI.

6. INFORMATIONAL FORMS:

The State is requesting the following information from all interested parties. Please fill out the following forms:

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TECHNICAL INFORMATIONAL FORM	
1.	RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:
2.	RESPONDENT CONTACT PERSON: Name, Title: Address: Phone Number: Email:
3.	Please provide a brief description of experience providing similar scopes of services/products.
4.	What percentage of third-party check cruising have you had experience with for this number of plots (1%, 5%, 10% etc.)?
5.	
6.	How much time would your company need to complete a project of this size?

COST INFORMATIONAL FORM	
1.	Describe what pricing units you typically utilize for similar services or goods (e.g., per hour, each, etc.):
2.	Describe the typical price range for similar services or goods
3.	Does this price range include the cost associated with the check cruise? If not, would be the range of cost for this based off the standard percentage mentioned above?

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS	
1.	Please provide input on alternative approaches or additional things to consider that might benefit the State: