



Request for Bids

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of South Carolina seeks to contract one 4-person wildland fire module. The contract term will be for three years beginning January 2018 and continuing through January 2021. Funding for the fire module is guaranteed for two 14-week periods, beginning approximately late April of 2018 and 2019, to work primarily on Francis Marion National Forest lands. Additional funding may be available for the same timeframe in 2020. Work may also occur on TNC, state lands, and private lands. The module will operate in, but not limited to: northern Charleston County, Berkeley and Georgetown Counties in South Carolina.

Duties:

- Fireline preparation
- General stewardship/land management
- Equipment preparation and rehabilitation/maintenance
- Prescribed fire implementation, mop up, and patrol
- Fire effects monitoring
- Mapping and fire planning
- Timber marking or other silvicultural activities
- Trail and public access improvements

Crew expectations:

- Physical fitness: work will be conducted in challenging hot conditions on long days, NWCG arduous fitness is required.
- Scheduling flexibility, including the ability to split into groups
- Commitment to excellent conservation and operational outcomes, highly reliable and dependable
- Commitment to safe field and fire operations
- Willingness to learn and think outside of the box to meet objectives
- Work as part of an interagency team, under different leadership depending on work location

Qualifications/specifications:

- Proof of insurance for crew, vehicles and activities*
- Crew leader: 1 NWCG single resource boss qualified (crew, engine, firing, etc) required
- Crew members: 3 NWCG firefighter type 2
- Other preferred qualifications of crew: Helicopter Crew Member and Plastic Sphere Dispenser Operator
- Self-sufficiency: the crew must be able to acquire housing, camp if needed, and transportation to work sites.

- Equipment:
 - Fireline gear for each crew member including new generation fire shelter, hard hat, nomex clothing, 8" leather boots, etc.
 - 2 vehicles (4WD preferred) – recommend at least 1 pickup, preferably enclosed for secure equipment storage, and 1 Type 6 wildland engine.
 - 2 chainsaws – 18" bar minimum. At least two sawyers must be NWCG Class B/Type 2.
 - 2 leafblowers
 - 2 brushcutters
 - Fireline tools (fire rakes, rogue hoes, etc) – recommend a total of two x # of persons (i.e. 8 tools) to accommodate various conditions - to be an assortment (rogue hoes, rakes, combi, Pulaski, etc).
 - Personal protective equipment and repair tools to keep equipment functioning in good order

The crew will be under the direct supervision of a variety of partner agencies, including but not limited to: US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, TNC and State land management agencies. The crew will be expected to have high standards for work completion and professionalism.

Bid details: Please itemize as much as possible, including housing costs. **Bids are due by November 30, 2017 and all bids shall be submitted via email to: tdooley@tnc.org.** Bids do not need to be exact, as we expect to negotiate specifics, final details and as funding allows.

For questions or to submit a bid for this contract, please contact:

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**The Contractor shall carry at least \$1,000,000 of hazard and liability insurance written on an occurrence basis during the term of this Contract. The Contractor's insurance policy shall cover fire management activities, including accidents or injuries resulting from smoke. Contractor's policy(ies) shall be primary insurance to any other valid and collectible insurance available to the Conservancy with respect to any claim arising out of Contractor's performance of this contract. The Contractor shall have the Conservancy named as an additional insured on the Contractor's policy, on a primary and non-contributory basis, and shall provide the Conservancy with evidence that the appropriate insurance coverage is in effect (specifically listing the prescribed burn and smoke coverage) at least 10 days prior to reporting for work, and shall provide the Conservancy with 30 days advance written notice of cancellations, non-renewals or reduction in limits or coverage or other material change. Contractor is responsible for payment of insurance deductibles. If Contractor is self-insured, a Certification of Self-Insurance must be attached. If the Conservancy finds the insurance coverage to be insufficient, the Conservancy may immediately terminate this Contract.*