

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge **Rock Outcrops Invasive Species Control Project**

REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Project Type: Public Lands Prairie Enhancement (Hand Crew Rock Outcrops Woody Invasive Species Control)

Bids are being considered by American Bird Conservancy (ABC) for the treatment of approximately 7.5 acres of invasive woody vegetation encroachment by hand crews within designated rock outcropping project units on public lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

Location: Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge

- Lac qui Parle County: Yellow Bank Township & Big Stone County: Ortonville Township
- Section 27 T121 R46W

Project bids will be submitted on a total project cost basis for completing all project work described herein. Contracted work must be completed between 6/15/2024 – 12/31/2025 (August-November 2024 is preferred) and may be completed only on dry ground conditions without heavy snow cover approved by the Big Stone NWR and ABC Project Managers.

Existing Site Conditions and Scope of Work:

This project will restore sensitive granite outcrop areas that contain several state threatened species on Big Stone NWR. Heavy equipment will not be permitted in these areas. Heavy equipment use will be limited to designated areas adjacent to Project Units.

The goal of this project is to remove woody invasive species from rock outcroppings within core tracts of native prairie and grasslands at the USFWS Big Stone NWR. Rock outcroppings contain sensitive native vegetation at risk of being overgrown by encroaching invasive tree and brush species. The Contractor will complete woody vegetation cutting, removal of all woody material, and herbicide treatments by hand crews on three Habitat Management Project Units.

Woody species to remove within project units consist largely of buckthorn and honeysuckle as well as trees including ash, elm, boxelder, cottonwood, cedars, and maples larger than 2 inches in diameter and/or 2 feet tall.

Bids will be received until: Friday, June 14th, 2024 at 4:00pm

If you would like a digital bid packet sent to you that includes more detail pertaining to this project, please contact ABC MN Public Lands Coordinator, Peter Dieser:

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