



C o u n t y o f S a n L u i s O b i s p o
GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

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INVITATION TO BID #3571-12
ARROYO GRANDE CREEK CHANNEL WEED ABATEMENT WITH GOATS

June 15, 2012

The County of San Luis Obispo is currently soliciting bids for Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Weed Abatement with Goats as noted.

Each bid shall specify each and every item as set forth in the attached specifications. Any and all exceptions must be clearly stated in the bid. Failure to set forth any item in the specifications shall be grounds for rejection. The County of San Luis Obispo reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informalities.

Please submit your bids on the attached form. They must be received at the office of the General Services Agency no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2012.

Any and all comments and suggestions are sincerely encouraged prior to the bid opening.

All questions pertaining to the content of this Invitation to Bid must be made in writing via e-mail to Nola Engelskirger at: nengelskirger@co.slo.ca.us. All questions will receive a response within two (2) business days. The question and its response will be posted (anonymously) on the County's Purchasing web site located at: http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/GSA/Purchasing/Current_Formal_Bids_and_Proposals.htm. The County reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of comments / questions that will be posted on the website.

DEBBIE BELT
Buyer – GSA Purchasing
dbelt@co.slo.ca.us

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TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SUBJECT: LOCAL BIDDERS PREFERENCE

The County of San Luis Obispo has established a local vendor preference. All informal and formal bids for contracts will be evaluated with a 5% preference for local vendors. Note the following exceptions:

1. Those contracts which State Law requires be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
2. Public works construction projects.

A "local" vendor will be approved as such when, 1) It conducts business in an office with a physical location within the County of San Luis Obispo; 2) It holds a valid business license issued by the County or a city within the County; and 3) Business has been conducted in such a manner for not less than six (6) months prior to being able to receive the preference.

As of March 3, 1994 individual County Buyers evaluate bids considering the local vendor preference described above. The burden of proof will lie with bidders relative to verification of "local" vendor preference. Should any questions arise, please contact a buyer at (805) 781-5200. All prospective bidders are encouraged to quote the lowest prices at which you can furnish the items or services listed in County bids.

	YES	NO
Do you claim local vendor preference?		
Do you conduct business in an office with a physical location within the County of San Luis Obispo?		
Business Address: _____ _____		
Years at this Address: _____		
Does your business hold a valid business license issued by the County or a City within the County?		
Name of Local Agency which issued license: _____		

Business Name: _____

Authorized Individual: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Dated: _____

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TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

**SUBJECT: POLICY ON PURCHASING PRODUCTS MADE WITH OR CONTAINING
 CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC's)**

Summary

Many products contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's), a known depleter of ozone in the atmosphere. Under the U.S. Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, CFC production for use in industrialized nations is to be totally phased out by January 1, 1996. There are still many products on the market that contain CFC's or are made with CFC's. The Department of General Services, purchasing staff must identify products made with or containing CFC's and purchase alternative products whenever practical and possible.

Policy

To this end, it shall be the policy of the County of San Luis Obispo that all bidders, who wish to do business with the County are required to identify all products that contain CFC's or use CFC's in the manufacturing or shipping processes. Bidders are required to identify alternative products that do not use CFC's, for possible purchase by the County.

Bidder Response

	YES	NO
Do any products offered herein contain CFC's or use CFC's in the manufacturing or shipping process?		
If yes, please offer an alternative product by copying bid forms and submitting an alternate bid. Will you offer an alternate?		
Please provide any other information that may be helpful to the County. Attachments are acceptable.		

Bidder: _____

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. All bids submitted by Seller to Purchaser should be submitted upon the attached bidder's form, completed and signed, (only typewritten or ink shall be accepted with no erasures or corrections unless properly authenticated by signature) in accordance with the instructions contained herein.
2. The issuance of this bid request creates no obligation on the part of the County and the County reserves the unconditional right at its option to either reject all bids or waive any irregularities or informalities therein. Each bid shall be in a separate sealed envelope with the bid number, name of bidder, title of the bid, date and time due showing on the outside of the envelope.
3. All prices must be firm for 45 days from the date of the bid opening and be inclusive. Upon award, prices will be in effect for the term of the contract.
4. If you offer any prompt payment discounts, please indicate this on your bid.
5. Awards will be made to realize the greatest savings to the County.
6. Submission of a signed bid will be interpreted to mean that the bidder has thereby agreed to all conditions, instructions, descriptions and specifications contained herein.
7. All materials included in the contract shall be in compliance with all Federal and State OSHA laws.
8. All applicable City, State, and Federal taxes and fees are to be included in the proposal.
9. The only terms that will be honored are those terms included in general and special conditions and instructions, purchase order or other documents issued by the County.
10. In the event of any conflicts or ambiguities between these instructions and State or Federal laws, regulations or rules, then the latter shall prevail.
11. Only one bid will be accepted per vendor.
12. Bidders may withdraw their bid either personally, by written request, or by telegraphic request confirmed in the manner specified above at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid after the time set for the opening.
13. All time limits stated are of the essence. Any bids received after closing time stipulated will be returned unopened.
14. All bids must be submitted in a manner so they can be readily hole punched and placed in a standard legal size file folder.

15. Termination of Contract:

WITH CAUSE: The District may immediately cancel this contract for cause. Due cause for termination shall include, but not be limited to failure to deliver according to schedule, failure to respond to technical questions in a satisfactory manner, and/or other reasons of unsatisfactory service.

WITHOUT CAUSE: Both the District and the contractor may, upon giving thirty (30) days written notice, terminate this contract with or without cause..

16. Vendor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin and that it will comply with the "Contractor's Agreements" provisions of Presidential Executive Order No. 11246.

17. **NO FAXED** Bids will be accepted.

18. Return bid by Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. to:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY
DEBBIE BELT, BUYER
1087 SANTA ROSA STREET
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA 93408

Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Weed Abatement 2012

Scope of Work

Perform vegetation maintenance in the downstream portion of Arroyo Grande Creek, though the town of Oceano. The flood control channel runs from the city limits for Arroyo Grande to the Pacific Ocean. The limits of work are along the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel from where the levees begin at the Arroyo Grande city limits to Station 20+00, where the south levee ends and near the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant (see map below).

The vegetation in the channel is comprised of a riparian corridor along each side of the primary low flow stream channel and non-native invasive annuals including grasses, forbs, blackberry and ivy on the upper banks and levee slopes. The scope of work will include removal of the non-native invasive annual vegetation that is existing on the upper banks, levee slopes, along levee top, and outside slope by use of goats. Please refer to Exhibit A showing example of maintenance area.

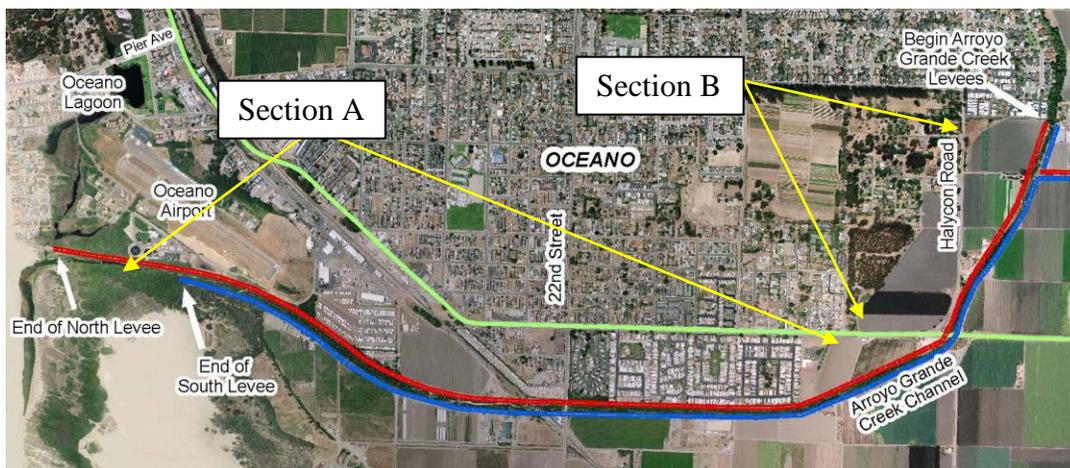
No work by goats will be allowed within the riparian corridor. In order to protect the riparian corridor, the buffer areas (10-feet each side of the low flow primary channel) will need to be fenced to keep goats from entering riparian corridor.

No mechanized equipment will be allowed within the channel.

The approximate channel length where maintenance is proposed is approximately 13,000 feet (2.5 miles); and total channel area requiring maintenance (not including riparian corridor) is approximately 13 acres.

Water will be made available for the duration of the project work via a hydrant located in Oceano.

Project Location:



Request for Bid

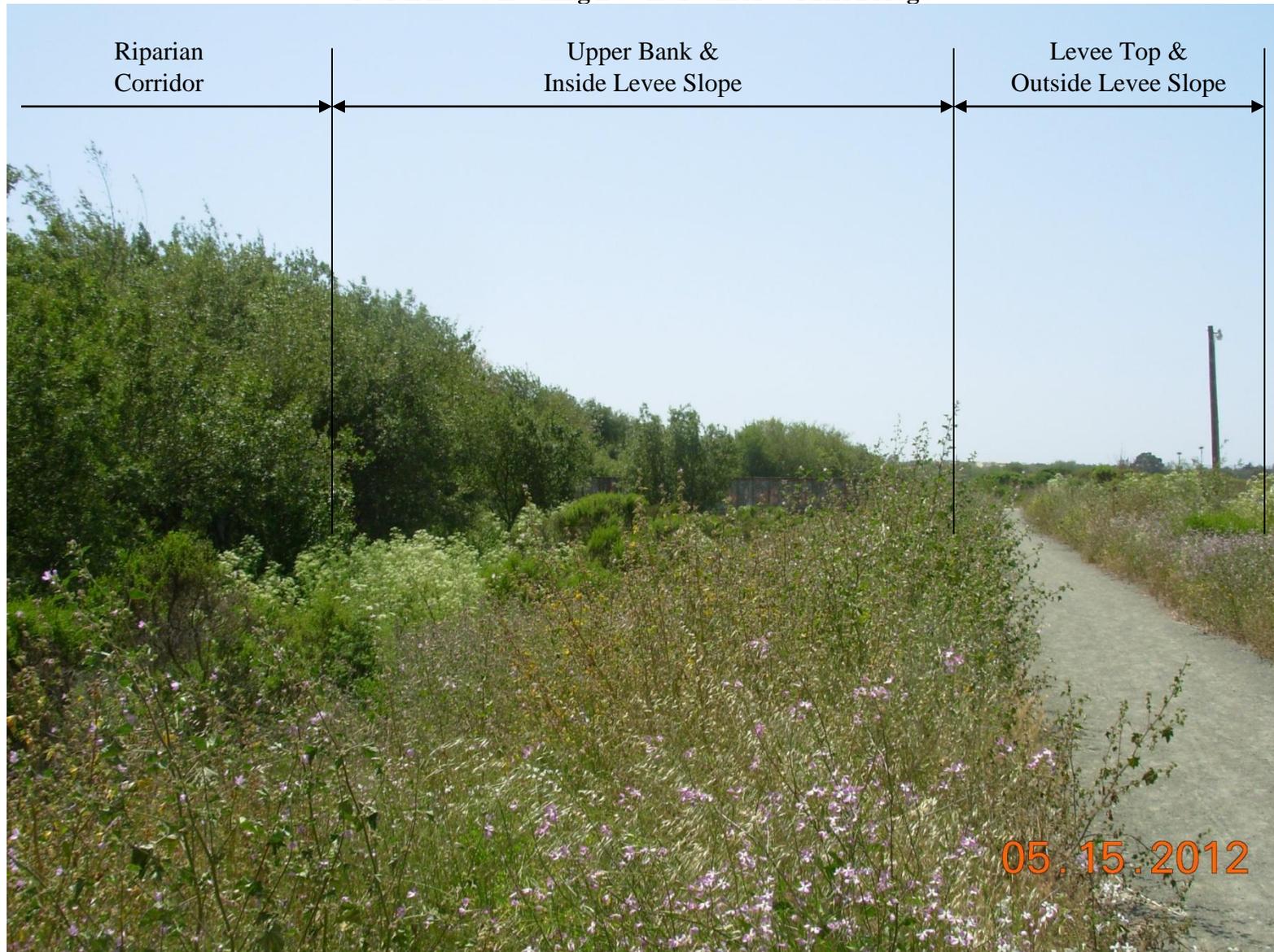
Please provide a bid for completing the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Weed Abatement by use of goats. The contractor shall consider the following in the bid:

- Unit cost for proposed work, by section:
 - Section A is from the Highway 1 Bridge to the downstream end of the project. (**approximately 20 – 500' lengths of channel**)
 - Section B is upstream of the Highway 1 Bridge to the northern project extent in Arroyo Grande Creek. (**approximately 6 – 500 lengths of channel**)
- Estimated time to complete proposed work; **Work shall be completed between July 9 and August 31, 2012**
- Method how weed abatement as described in scope of work will be completed (i.e, number of goats, type of fencing to be used, length/area of grazing sections, anticipated time for each section, etc.)

Note:

Contractor must meet and agree to the attached insurance and indemnification requirements.

EXHIBIT A
Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Section
North Levee Looking Downstream At UPRR Bridge



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The undersigned agrees to:

Pricing as itemized below, and in accordance with Specifications attached.

Item #1: Preconstruction meeting \$_____/entire
crew for 1 hour

(Contractor and crew attendance at a preconstruction meeting to educate construction personnel of the special status wildlife and species known to occur within the area.)

Item #2: Weed Abatement in Section A (approximately 20 – 500 lengths of channel)
\$_____/500 linear feet of channel x 20 lengths \$_____ Total
Section A

(See page 6 for description of Section A, as well as project location map)

Item #3: Weed Abatement in Section B (approximately 6 – 500 lengths of channel)
\$_____/500 linear feet of channel x 6 lengths \$_____ Total
Section B

(See page 6 for description of Section B, as well as project location map)

Grand Total of all above items \$_____

TERMS OF SALE _____

Authorized Official Name (Print) _____

Authorized Official Title (Print) _____

Signature _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____

Federal Taxpayer ID# _____

Individual/Sole Proprietor Corporation Partnership Other

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3:00 P.M., JUNE 27, 2012 AND
WILL BE OPENED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, shall purchase and maintain the insurance policies set forth below on all of its operations under this Agreement. Such policies shall be maintained for the full term of this Agreement and the related warranty period (if applicable) and shall provide products/completed operations coverage for four (4) years following completion of Contractor's work under this Agreement and acceptance by the County. Any failure to comply with reporting provision(s) of the policies referred to above shall not affect coverage provided to the County, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents. For purposes of the insurance policies required hereunder, the term "County" shall include officers, employees, volunteers and agents of the County of San Luis Obispo, California, individually or collectively.

1. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF REQUIRED INSURANCE POLICIES

The following policies shall be maintained with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and shall be issued under forms of policies satisfactory to the County:

a. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY ("CGL")

Policy shall include coverage at least as broad as set forth in Insurance Services Office (herein "ISO") Commercial General Liability coverage. (Occurrence Form CG 0001) with policy limits not less than the following:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence (combined single limit);
\$1,000,000 for personal injury liability;
\$1,000,000 aggregate for products-completed operations; and,
\$1,000,000 general aggregate.

The general aggregate limits shall apply separately to Contractor's work under this Agreement.

b. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY POLICY ("BAL")

Policy shall include coverage at least as broad as set forth in Insurance Services Office Business Automobile Liability Coverage, Code 1 "Any Auto" (Form CA 0001). This policy shall include a minimum combined single limit of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) dollars for each accident, for bodily injury and/or property damage. Such policy shall be applicable to vehicles used in pursuit of any of the activities associated with this Agreement. Contractor shall not provide a Comprehensive Automobile Liability policy which specifically lists scheduled vehicles without the express written consent of County.

c. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY ("WC/EL")

This policy shall include at least the following coverages and policy limits:

1. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the laws of the State of California; and
2. Employer's Liability Insurance Coverage B with coverage amounts not less than one million (\$1,000,000) dollars each accident/Bodily Injury (herein "BI"); one million (\$1,000,000) dollars policy limit BI by disease; and, one million (\$1,000,000) dollars each employee BI by disease.

2. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURANCE RETENTIONS

Any deductibles and/or self-insured retentions which apply to any of the insurance policies referred to above shall be declared in writing by Contractor and approved by the County before work is begun pursuant to this Agreement. At the option of the County, Contractor shall either reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respect the County, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents, or shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the County guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and/or defense expenses.

3. ENDORSEMENTS

All of the following clauses and endorsements, or similar provisions, are required to be made a part of insurance policies indicated in parentheses below:

- a. A "Cross Liability", "Severability of Interest" or "Separation of Insured" clause (CGL & BAL);
- b. The County of San Luis Obispo, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents are hereby added as additional insured with respect to all liabilities arising out of Contractor's performance of work under this Agreement (CGL & BAL);
- c. If the insurance policy covers an "accident" basis, it must be changed to "occurrence" (CGL & BAL);
- d. This policy shall be considered primary insurance with respect to any other valid and collectible insurance County may possess, including any self-insured retention County may have, and any other insurance County does possess shall be considered excess insurance only and shall not be called upon to contribute to this insurance (CGL, BAL & PL);
- e. No cancellation or non-renewal of this policy, or reduction of coverage afforded under the policy, shall be effective until written notice has been given at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such reduction or cancellation to County at the address set forth below (CGL, BAL, WC/EL & PL);
- f. Contractor and its insurers shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents for any loss arising under this Agreement (CGL); and
- g. Deductibles and self-insured retentions must be declared (All Policies).

4. ABSENCE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

County may direct Contractor to immediately cease all activities with respect to this Agreement if it determines that Contractor fails to carry, in full force and effect, all insurance policies with coverages at or above the limits specified in this Agreement. Any delays or expense caused due to stopping of work and change of insurance shall be considered Contractor's delay and expense. At the County's discretion, under conditions of lapse, the County may purchase appropriate insurance and charge all costs related to such policy to Contractor.

5. PROOF OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COVERAGE VERIFICATION

Prior to commencement of work under this Agreement, and annually thereafter for the term of this Agreement, Contractor, or each of Contractor's insurance brokers or companies, shall provide County a current copy of a Certificate of Insurance, on an Accord or similar form, which includes complete policy coverage verification, as evidence of the stipulated coverages. All of the insurance companies providing insurance for Contractor shall have, and provide evidence of, a Best Rating Service rate of A VI or above. The Certificate of Insurance and coverage verification and all other notices related to cancellation or non-renewal shall be mailed to: DEBBIE BELT, GSA PURCHASING, 1087 SANTA ROSA STREET, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93408.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

CONTRACTOR - NON CONSTRUCTION

Indemnification:

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments, attorney fees, liabilities or other losses that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Contractor, and that arise out of or are made in connection with the acts or omissions, relating to the performance of any duty, obligation, or work hereunder. The obligation to indemnify shall be effective and shall extend to all such claims and losses, in their entirety, even when such claims or losses arise from the comparative negligence of the County, its officers and employees. However, this indemnity will not extend to any claims or losses arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its officers and employees.

The preceding paragraph applies to any theory of recovery relating to said act or omission by the Contractor, or its agents, employees, or other independent contractors directly responsible to Contractor, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Violation of statute, ordinance, or regulation.
2. Professional malpractice.
3. Willful, intentional or other wrongful acts, or failures to act.
4. Negligence or recklessness.
5. Furnishing of defective or dangerous products.
6. Premises liability.
7. Strict Liability.
8. Inverse condemnation.
9. Violation of civil rights.
10. Violation of any federal or state statute, regulation, or ruling resulting in a determination by the Internal Revenue Service, California Franchise Tax Board or any other California public entity responsible for collecting payroll taxes, when the Contractor is not an independent contractor.

It is the intent of the parties to provide the County the fullest indemnification, defense, and "hold harmless" rights allowed under the law. If any word(s) contained herein are deemed by a court to be in contravention of applicable law, said word(s) shall be severed from this contract and the remaining language shall be given full force and effect.