



## GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514-3537

Tel: 760-872-8211 Fax: 760-872-6109

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

#### PROPAGATION OF NATIVE PLANTS FOR KEELER DUNES DUST CONTROL PROJECT

DATE: JANUARY 2, 2013

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (termed District) is seeking bids for propagation of native shrubs for a dust control project in the Keeler Dunes in Inyo County, California. The project involves use of 369,555 shrubs to stabilize an active dune field near the community of Keeler along the northeast shore of Owens Lake. The schedule for the project calls for project construction to begin in the summer of 2014 and for plants to be ready for planting starting in October 2014.

District had seed collected for the project from five different species of native shrubs in the Owens Valley in the fall of 2013 by Comstock Seed from Gardnerville, Nevada. The seed was cleaned and tested for viability. The results of the seed collection and testing are provided in Attachment A to the bid packet. The District will provide the cleaned seed to the successful bidder for growing out the plants for the project.

The primary plant for use in the project is *Atriplex polycarpa* with 246,367 required. The remaining 123,188 of the 369,555 plants needed for the project can be a mix of the other four species. A table of the species and numbers of plants is provided below:

Species	number needed
<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> (ATPO)	246,367
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> (ATCO)	26,000
<i>Atriplex parryi</i> (ATPA)	32,396
<i>Suaeda moquinii</i> <sup>1</sup> (SUMO)	32,396
<i>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</i> (SAVE)	32,396
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>369,555</b>
<sup>1</sup> The current species name is <i>Suaeda nigra</i> . For the purposes of this project the former name of <i>Suaeda moquinii</i> will be used.	

The District is seeking bids for plants of suitable size for planting in the Keeler Dunes dust control project in fall of 2014. It is anticipated that planting will occur over several months starting in October and ending in December. Quotes should be provided for plants in multiple container sizes, as specified on the bid sheet. It is anticipated that the above ground plant will be about 6" in height or taller and of Fair to Excellent vigor.

The District is in the process of completing the required environmental impact analyses for the project and preparing the bidding materials for project construction with the anticipated approval dates for both in May of 2014. In order to allow sufficient growing time for the plants for the project, the District is seeking bids for the propagation of the necessary plants separately from the construction and planting contract. However, it is the District's intention to "hand over" the plants to the successful project construction contractor once the construction contract has been awarded. The successful contractor will be required to take responsibility for the plant quality control and transportation and delivery costs for getting the plants to the project site. As such, this bid request is only for the propagation and grow-out of the plants and does not include delivery of the plants to the project site. It is anticipated that the plants will be transported from the nursery to the project site over a period of several months as planting continues from October through December 2014.

Plants should be sturdy at their base, not leggy or weakly erect. Leaves should be healthy and well-attached to stems. Root development should be sufficient such that roots are visible from the bottom of the container, and the root ball holds together when it is removed from the container.

Returned bids should clearly state the number of plants that can be provided for the dust control project. As stated above, the project design requires 369,555 plants to be ready for planting in October 2014. The District may consider using multiple nurseries for the plant development, if needed, in order to have all of the required plants for the project.

The District is working with Ms. Carla Scheidlinger of AMEC Environmental and Infrastructure Inc. of San Diego, California as the Project Manager. Questions regarding this bid request should be directed to either Ms. Scheidlinger or to Dr. Grace Holder at the District. Contact information is provided below.

Carla Scheidlinger, Senior Scientist/Restoration Ecology  
AMEC Environment & Infrastructure  
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San Diego, CA 92123, USA  
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Email: [carla.scheidlinger@amec.com](mailto:carla.scheidlinger@amec.com)

Grace Holder, Geologist  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
157 Short Street, Suite 6  
Bishop, CA 93514  
Office Phone (760) 872-8211,  
Direct Office Phone (760) 872-8211 ext 241  
Email: [gholder@gbuapcd.org](mailto:gholder@gbuapcd.org)

In order to be considered, bids must be received at the District's Bishop office no later than 4 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.



## **GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

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**BID NUMBER 2014-KD1: Propagation of Native Plants**

**BIDS TO BE DELIVERED TO: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
157 Short Street, Suite 6  
Bishop, CA 93514**

**BIDS WILL BE OPENED: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4 PM**

**DIRECT QUESTIONS TO: Carla Scheidlinger, AMEC at (858) 300-4311 or  
Grace Holder, GBUAPCD at (760) 872-8211**

Make your bid or quotations in the space provided on the attached sheets.

**IMPORTANT:** Bid must be sealed with bid number, as indicated above, on the outside of envelope. **No faxed bids will be accepted.** Read the Instructions and Conditions before making your Bid or Quotation. References to "District" in this document shall mean the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District.

### INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. All prices and notations must be typewritten or written in ink. No erasures are permitted. Mistakes may be crossed out with corrections made adjacent and initialed in ink by the person signing the quotation.
2. Price should be stated in units specified herein.
3. Quotation must be in a sealed envelope with bid number (2014-KD1) clearly identified on the outside. It must be submitted to the District's Bishop Office (address above), not later than the hour and day specified herein, at which time it will be publicly opened and read.
4. Time of plant availability is a critical consideration and **MUST BE** stated in definite terms and adhered to. If the time varies on different plant species, the bidder shall so state.
5. All quotations must be signed with the Firm's name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.

6. A contract and/or purchase order will be made or entered into with the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications. The District reserves the right to determine the low bidder either on the basis of individual items or on the basis of all items included in the Instructions and Conditions.
7. The right is reserved, unless otherwise stated, to accept or reject any or all quotations or any part thereof, either separately or as a whole, or to waive any inconformity in a bid.
8. In case of default by the vendor, the District may procure the articles or service from other sources.
9. The vendor shall hold the District, its officers, agents, servants and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind on account of use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article, or appliance furnished or used under this quotation.
10. The nursery will not be held liable for failure or delay in fulfillment if hindered or prevented by fire, strikes, or Acts of God.
11. Verify your quotations before submission as they cannot be withdrawn or corrected, after being opened.
12. Return all sheets of the bid package whether or not you quote a price. If you do not quote, state your reason or your name may be removed from the mailing list.
13. Quotes must be good until at least March 30, 2014.
14. Amount of cleaned seed for each of the five species and the results of viability testing are provided in Attachment A.

**THE FOLLOWING MUST BE FILLED IN BY THE BIDDER IN SUBMITTING BID:**

TO THE GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT:

We (I) hereby agree to furnish the plants, at the prices and terms stated, as specified in these bid materials.

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

BY (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATED AT \_\_\_\_\_

ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

**Specifications for Bid Number 2014-KD1  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
Request for Bids for Propagation of Native Plants**

**Plant Species:**

Species	number needed
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**General Description:**

Propagation of five species of native shrubs planted with seed provided by Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District for planting on the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project site in fall 2014.

**Detailed Specifications:**

Production of root tight container plants of sufficient size for transplanting in the dust control project. Prices for plants to be provided for multiple different container sizes, as specified below. Above ground portion of shrubs should be about 6" tall or taller and of fair to excellent vigor.

**Special Requirements:**

Nursery will work with successful project construction contractor for plant quality control and transportation and delivery to project site, however, the cost of transportation and delivery shall not be included in the bid prices provided here.

*Previous Plant Propagation:* Nursery must demonstrate that they have successfully propagated native shrubs in similar quantities as requested in this bid package.

**Specifications for Bid Number 2014-KD1  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
Request for Bids for Propagation of Native Plants**

**BID TABLE**

**Nursery Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote good until:** \_\_\_\_\_

(quote must be good until March 30, 2014)

*Note: If the cost of the production of the plants varies by species, please provide costs by species on separate sheets.*

CONTAINER SIZE	PRICE per plant Each (1-3500)	PRICE per plant Each (3501-100,000)	Price per plant Each (> 100,000)	NUMBER this size	TOTAL COST (\$) by size	Ready by October 2014? (Y/N)
2"x 10" (deep D pot liner)						
1.5" x 8" (super cell)						
2" x 7" (D-16)						
2.5" x 10" (40 cu in)						
Other:						
Other:						
Other:						

Notes:  
 Or equivalent container sizes  
 Please provide your cost per plant if you are contracted for the numbers shown in the provided table  
 Indicate how many of the different sizes you can produce (assume you would produce only one size)  
 Indicate if you can have the plants ready for placement in the field by October 2014 if you receive seed by March 14, 2014

**Specifications for Bid Number 2014-KD1  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
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**BID SUMMARY**

Total number of plants and price for plants included in this bid, including Tax and all other fees.

Container Size	Total Plant Number	Total Plant Cost (\$)	Total Overall Cost (\$)
2"x 10"			
1.5" x 8"			
2" x 7"			
2.5" x 10"			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

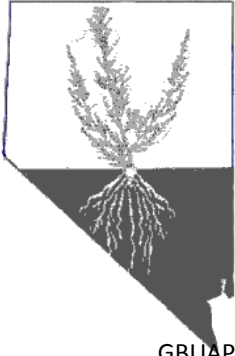
(Delivery arrangements/costs are not to be included in this bid request)



## **Attachment A**

Production and viability testing results for available seed for the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project (from Comstock Seed, Gardnerville, NV).

Note: The results of the viability testing for ATPA are pending. These results will be provided as soon as they are available.



# Comstock Seed

917 Highway 88. Gardnerville, NV 89460

December 6, 2013

GBUAPCD  
Grace Holder

RE: Production results for Owen's seed collection

Hi Grace;

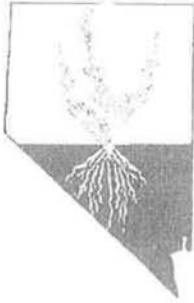
All five species are now clean and a test box went out today. We hope to have results by a week from next Monday. The results are as follows:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>CLEAN LBS</u>
Atriplex confertifolia	1965	4.70
Atriplex polycarpa	1963	13.00
Atriplex parryi	1964	19.50
Sueda moquinni	1967	2.50
<u>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>3.00</u>

I have been contacted by Carla regarding details on these seed lots. Let me know if you have further questions.

Thanks;  
Ed Kleiner

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Office: 775.265.0090  
Office Fax: 775.265.0040



# Comstock Seed

917 Highway 88, Gardnerville, NV 89460

December 23, 2013

GBUAPCD  
Grace Holder

RE: Production results for Owen's seed collection

Hi Grace;

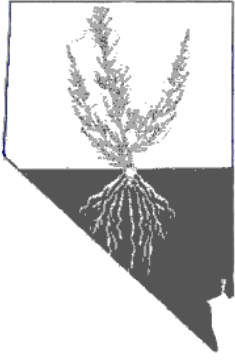
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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>CLEAN LBS</u>	<u>TEST</u>	<u>PLS LBS</u>	<u>LIVE SEEDS</u>
Atriplex confertifolia	1965	4.70	.8739P .10TZ	.41	26,609
Atriplex polycarpa	1963	13.00	.8520P .96TZ	10.63	8,504,000
Atriplex parryi	1964	19.50	<i>Reading</i>		
Sueda moquinni	1967	2.50	.7114P .28TZ	.50	203,500
Sarcobatus vermiculatus	1966	3.00	.8566P .96TZ	2.47	518,700

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Thanks;  
Ed Kleiner

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# Comstock Seed

917 Highway 88. Gardnerville, NV 89460

January 2, 2014

GBUAPCD  
Grace Holder

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Atriplex parryi	1964	19.50	.7703P .76 TZ	11.42	8,565,000
Sueda moquinni	1967	2.50	.7114P .28 TZ	.50	203,500
Sarcobatus vermiculatus	1966	3.00	.8566P .96 TZ	2.47	518,700

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P.O. Box 30005; MSC 3190
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005

Official Seed Analysis Report

COMSTOCK SEED

Description:

Seedsman:

STACEY SIGAFUS
COMSTOCK SEED
917 HWY 88
GARDNERVILLE NV 89460

Treated With: None Given

Lot Number: 1965

Sampled Date:

Test Date:

Table with 4 columns: USAPlants ID, Date Received, Date Completed, Lab Number. Values: 000GGD, 12/12/2013, 12/19/2013, B201300788

Table with 2 columns: Seed: Variety, Origin. Values: Shadscale Saltbush, None Given

Interstate Noxious Weed Test table with columns: Interstate Noxious Weeds Found, State, Nbr/LB. Grams Used: 50.01

Purity Test table with columns: Seed Kind: Variety, Pure Seed %. Grams Used: 4.774

Purity Test table with columns: Crop Seed %, Inert Matter %, Weed Seed %, Coating %. Grams Used: 4.774

Purity Test table with columns: Weed Seeds. Grams Used: 4.774

Purity Test table with columns: Crop Seeds. Grams Used: 4.774

Tetrazolium Test table with columns: Seed Kind: Variety, Seeds, Viable %, Hard Seed %

Notes

Inert material consists of broken seed, chaff and plant material.

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Handwritten signature of Kathleen Willey

Kathleen Willey
NM State Seed Lab Supervisor



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Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005

Official Seed Analysis Report

COMSTOCK SEED

Description:

Seedsman:

STACEY SIGAFUS
COMSTOCK SEED
917 HWY 88
GARDNERVILLE NV 89460

Treated With: None Given

Lot Number: 1963

Sampled Date:

Test Date:

Table with 4 columns: USAPlants ID, Date Received, Date Completed, Lab Number. Values: 000GGD, 12/12/2013, 12/19/2013, B201300789

Table with 2 columns: Seed: Variety, Origin. Values: Cattle Saltbush, None Given

Interstate Noxious Weed Test table with columns: Interstate Noxious Weeds Found, State, Nbr/LB. Grams Used: 20.02

Purity Test table with columns: Seed Kind: Variety, Pure Seed %. Grams Used: 1.931

Purity Test table with columns: Crop Seed %, Inert Matter %, Weed Seed %, Coating %. Grams Used: 1.931

Purity Test table with column: Weed Seeds. Grams Used: 1.931

Purity Test table with column: Crop Seeds. Grams Used: 1.931

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## Official Seed Analysis Report

COMSTOCK SEED

**Description:**

**Seedsman:**

STACEY SIGAFUS  
COMSTOCK SEED  
917 HWY 88  
GARDNERVILLE NV 89460

**Treated With:** None Given

**Lot Number:** 1964

**Sampled Date:**

**Test Date:**

USAPlants ID	Date Received	Date Completed	Lab Number
000GGD	12/12/2013	1/2/2014	B201300792

Seed: Variety	Origin
Parry's Saltbush	None Given

<b>Interstate Noxious Weed Test</b>			Grams Used: 10.04
Interstate Noxious Weeds Found	State	Nbr/LB	
None Found			

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 1.010
Seed Kind : Variety	Pure Seed %	
Parry's Saltbush	77.03	

<b>Purity Test</b>			
Crop Seed %	Inert Matter %	Weed Seed %	Coating %
0.00	22.97	0.00	0.00

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 1.010
Weed Seeds		
None Found		

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 1.010
Crop Seeds		
None Found		

<b>Tetrazolium Test</b>			
Seed Kind : Variety	Seeds	Viable %	Hard Seed %
Parry's Saltbush	100	76	0

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**COMSTOCK SEED**

**Description:**

**Seedsman:**

**STACEY SIGAFUS  
COMSTOCK SEED  
917 HWY 88  
GARDNERVILLE NV 89460**

**Treated With:** None Given

**Lot Number:** 1967

**Sampled Date:**

**Test Date:**

USAPlants ID	Date Received	Date Completed	Lab Number
000GGD	12/12/2013	12/20/2013	B201300790

Seed: Variety	Origin
Inkweed	None Given

<b>Interstate Noxious Weed Test</b>		Grams Used: 10.03
Interstate Noxious Weeds Found	State	Nbr/LB
None Found		

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 0.7900
Seed Kind : Variety	Pure Seed %	
Inkweed	71.14	

<b>Purity Test</b>				Grams Used: 0.7900
Crop Seed %	Inert Matter %	Weed Seed %	Coating %	
0.00	28.86	0.00	0.00	

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 0.7900
Weed Seeds		
None Found		

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 0.7900
Crop Seeds		
None Found		

<b>Tetrazolium Test</b>			
Seed Kind : Variety	Seeds	Viable %	Hard Seed %
Inkweed	100	28	0

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**Official Seed Analysis Report**

**COMSTOCK SEED**

**Description:**

**Seedsman:**

**STACEY SIGAFUS  
COMSTOCK SEED  
917 HWY 88  
GARDNERVILLE NV 89460**

**Treated With:** None Given

**Lot Number:** 1966

**Sampled Date:**

**Test Date:**

USAPlants ID	Date Received	Date Completed	Lab Number
000GGD	12/12/2013	12/20/2013	B201300791

Seed: Variety	Origin
Black Greasewood	None Given

<b>Interstate Noxious Weed Test</b>			Grams Used: 20.01
Interstate Noxious Weeds Found	State	Nbr/LB	
None Found			

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 1.778
Seed Kind : Variety	Pure Seed %	
Black Greasewood	85.66	

<b>Purity Test</b>			
Crop Seed %	Inert Matter %	Weed Seed %	Coating %
0.00	14.34	0.00	0.00

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 1.778
Weed Seeds		
None Found		

<b>Purity Test</b>		Grams Used: 1.778
Crop Seeds		
None Found		

<b>Tetrazolium Test</b>			
Seed Kind : Variety	Seeds	Viable %	Hard Seed %
Black Greasewood	100	96	0

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**Questions regarding Plant Propagation  
Keeler Dunes Dust Mitigation Project SPECIFICATION NO. KD14-01**

**1) SEED AVAILABILITY: If we end up needing more seed for any given species due to low viability, will that be available to us?**

A limited amount of new seed will be available but not for all species. If there is not enough viable seed of any given species, additional seed will be provided for other species and the schedule of deliverables by species will be amended. The same number of plants would still be required.

**2) PLANT CONTAINER SIZES. Will bids submitted with less than 7" root depth be considered acceptable or somehow penalized in bid calculations? If above ground plant mass is approximately 6" and healthy, and rootball has significant & good root development will other size containers get full bid consideration?**

This is a desert revegetation project, so plants with an already developed long root system are required. Plants in containers shorter than what was specified will not be acceptable.

**3) PLANT QUANTITIES- HOW BEST TO BID? Is it best to bid you various sizes of all the desired numbers and species of plants or would you rather us bid a percentage of larger containers for all species, together with a balance of all needed plants in more affordable, smaller containers?**

You may bid for any number of plants in any size container that is of the dimensions indicated in the bid package. Plants in smaller (shorter) containers would not be acceptable.