



GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFIED WEED-FREE STRAW BALES FOR KEELER DUNES DUST CONTROL PROJECT

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2014

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (termed District) is seeking bids for supply and delivery of certified weed-free straw bales for a dust control project in the Keeler Dunes in Inyo County, California. The project involves use of 124,000 straw bales 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 the straw bales to be ready for placement starting in August-September 2014.

The project design consists of placing the straw bales on the dune surface to temporarily stabilize the active dune areas in order to allow establishment of planted native shrubs. It is anticipated that bale distribution will occur over two to three months starting in August-September and ending in October, 2014. Quotes should be provided for bales in a single size (3-string bales) measuring approximately 44-48 inches long by 24-26 inches wide by 16-18 inches tall, as specified on the bid sheet. The binding material should be biodegradable but capable of lasting in the dry desert conditions at the project site for 3-5 years.

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 July of 2014. Due to the timing of the construction contract award, the District is seeking bids for the supply and delivery of the straw bales separately from the construction and planting contract. The successful project construction contractor will be required to coordinate and schedule directly with the straw bale supplier for delivery of the straw bales to the project. It is anticipated that the bales will be transported to the project site over a two to three month period starting in August or September 2014. More information regarding the scheduling will be available once the District has received bids for the project construction.

Returned bids should clearly state the number of bales that can be provided for the dust control project. The District understands that the availability and cost of the straw bales needed for the dust control project may change over the time period requested. The bid table is structured in such a way to allow

the vendor/supplier to provide bids based on the availability date. The District may consider using multiple suppliers for the straw bales, if needed, in order to have all of the required bales 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 Air Pollution Control District. Contact information is provided below.

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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.



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BID NUMBER 2014-KD2: Supply and Delivery of Certified Weed-Free Straw Bales

**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 (2014-KD2) 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-KD2) clearly identified on the outside. It must be submitted to the District's Bishop Office (address above), no later than Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4 PM, at which time it will be publicly opened and read.
4. Time of straw bale availability is a critical consideration and **MUST BE** stated in definite terms and adhered to. If the time and cost varies on the availability and delivery of the required bales, the bidder shall so state, as indicated on the bid table.

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 supplier, the District may procure the articles or service from other sources.
9. The supplier 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 uncopied composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article, or appliance furnished or used under this quotation.
10. The supplier 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 July 31, 2014.

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 certified weed-free straw bales, 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-KD2
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
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General Description:

Supply and delivery of 124,000 certified weed-free straw bales. Bales must be approximately 44-48" x 24-26" x 16-18" (3-string bales) in size and be baled with biodegradable material that has an estimated durability of 3-5 years. Straw bales must be available for placement on the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project site starting in August-September 2014.

Detailed Standards and Specifications of Straw Bales and Material:

Straw Bale Material: Straw shall be derived from wheat, rice, or barley. Straw shall be certified weed-free following guidelines in the Food and Agricultural Code California (see below). The straw bales shall be composed entirely of vegetative matter except for the binding. Straw that has been used for stable bedding shall not be used. Bids may be provided for either long-stem straw or short-stem straw although a preference may be given to long-stem straw in the selection process.

Straw Bale Size: Each straw bale shall be approximately 44-48" x 24-26" x 16-18" (3-string bales) in size. Bales shall be of consistent dimensions within the specified range.

Bale Bindings: Bales shall be bound horizontally with biodegradable material that has an estimated life expectancy of 3-5 years in the dry desert conditions found at the project site. Bales shall be bound with a minimum of three strings per bale. Baling material shall be of standard size and of standard breaking strength.

Other: Bales shall be tightly bound and shall be in good condition and not wet, soggy or moldy.

Weed-Free Certification:

Vendor will be required to provide proof of weed-free certification in the form of a copy of CDFA Form 66-079 "Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (CQC)" associated with the inspection of the specific straw materials.

Special Requirements:

Transportation and Delivery: The transportation and delivery costs of the straw bales to the project site shall be included in the quote provided with this bid package. The project site is located 2 miles north of the community of Keeler, California along State Route 136. Supplier will work with successful project construction contractor for the scheduling of bale delivery to the project site.

Previous Bale Production: Supplier must demonstrate that they have successfully produced and or supplied and delivered certified weed-free straw bales in similar quantities as requested in this bid package.

BID FORM

**for Bid Number 2014-KD2
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Supplier/Vendor Name: _____

Number of Straw Bales Quoted in Bid: _____

Approximate Size of Bale: _____

Type of Straw (rice, wheat, or barley): _____

Long Stem or Short Stem Straw: _____

Location of Straw Production: _____

Type of Baling Material: _____

Cost of Straw Bales: \$ _____

Cost of Transportation and Delivery: \$ _____

Total Price: including cost of bales, transportation and delivery, tax and all applicable fees.

Amount: \$ _____ (Figures)

Amount: _____ (Words)

_____ Dollars and _____ Cents

Availability date for the straw bales: _____, 2014

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BID TABLE

Vendor/Supplier Name: _____

Quote by: _____ (name of authorized person)

Date: _____ (date of quote)

Quote good until: _____ (quote must be good until July 31, 2014)

Fill out table below indicating if the price varies with the quantity purchased and/or the availability date.

Note: Bidder may use multiple sheets if supplying different kinds of straw with different prices.

AVAILABILITY DATE	PRICE per bale Each (1-10,000)	PRICE per bale Each (10,001-100,000)	PRICE per bale Each (100,001-124,000)	NUMBER of BALES for this DATE	TOTAL COST (\$) by Date
August 2014					
September 2014					
October 2014					
Other:					

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BID SUMMARY

Provide a summary of the number of bales and price of bales quoted in this bid, including delivery and transportation, tax and all other fees.

Note: The cost summary is divided into delivery dates in order to allow for potential changes in the availability and cost of the straw bales with time.

Delivery Date	Total Bale Number	Total Bale Cost (\$)	Delivery and Transportation Cost (\$)	Total Overall Cost (\$)
August 2014				
September 2014				
October 2014				
Other:				
			OVERALL COST	\$

ADDENDUM # 1
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFIED WEED-FREE STRAW BALES

FOR KEELER DUNES DUST CONTROL PROJECT

Bid Number 2014-KD2
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) issues this Addendum # 1 to Bid Number 2014-KD2, for Supply and Delivery of Certified Weed-Free Straw Bales for Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project.

The District has become aware that there are two issues relating to the provision of the requested material: timing and binding. The drought situation makes it difficult to assure that straw will be available in sufficient quantity by the requested dates. Straw from previous years that could otherwise supply the project may be bound with non-biodegradable material.

This addendum gives bidders the option of identifying additional dates of delivery, and of offering straw that is bound in other than bio-degradable binding that would be available at the requested dates. Bidders are therefore permitted to modify the bid sheets to indicate

- (1) additional possible delivery dates, with the number, kind, and binding type that they can supply on that date(s) and for what price
- (2) number and price of bales available on the requested dates that are bound with materials other than what was requested.

Acknowledge receipt of Addendum #1 in your bid.