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Wildlife & Parks**

**STATE OF MONTANA
Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Invitation for Bid
(This is not an order)**

**IFB Number:
140194**

**IFB Title:
Noxon Reservoir Predictive Model**

**IFB Due Date and Time:
May 27, 2014
2:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time**

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ISSUING AGENCY INFORMATION

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**Issue Date:
05/07/2014**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

**COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND
RETURN THIS PAGE AND COST PROPOSAL
WITH YOUR BID AND ANY REQUIRED
DOCUMENTS TO THE ADDRESS LISTED
ABOVE UNDER "ISSUING AGENCY
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Special Instructions:

BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Payment Terms: Net 30 days

Delivery Date:

Bidder Name/Address:

Authorized Bidder Signatory:

(Please print name and sign in ink)

Bidder Phone Number:

Bidder FAX Number:

Bidder E-mail Address:

Debarment: The contractor certifies, by signing this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency.

IMPORTANT: SEE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Standard Terms and Conditions

By submitting a response to this invitation for bid, request for proposal, limited solicitation, or acceptance of a contract, the vendor agrees to acceptance of the following Standard Terms and Conditions and any other provisions that are specific to this solicitation or contract.

ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF BIDS, PROPOSALS, OR LIMITED SOLICITATION RESPONSES: The State reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, proposals, or limited solicitation responses, wholly or in part, and to make awards in any manner deemed in the best interest of the State. Bids, proposals, and limited solicitation responses will be firm for 30 days, unless stated otherwise in the text of the invitation for bid, request for proposal, or limited solicitation.

ACCESS AND RETENTION OF RECORDS: Contractor agrees to provide the department, Legislative Auditor, or their authorized agents, access to any records necessary to determine contract compliance. (Section 18-1-118, MCA). Contractor agrees to create and retain records supporting the services rendered or supplies delivered for a period of three years after either the completion date of the contract or the conclusion of any claim, litigation, or exception relating to the contract taken by the State of Montana or third party.

ALTERATION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENT: In the event of inconsistencies or contradictions between language contained in the State's solicitation document and a vendor's response, the language contained in the State's original solicitation document will prevail. Intentional manipulation and/or alteration of solicitation document language will result in the vendor's disqualification and possible debarment.

ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER AND SUBCONTRACTING: Contractor shall not assign, transfer or subcontract any portion of the contract without the express written consent of the department. (Section 18-4-141, MCA.)

AUTHORITY: The attached bid, request for proposal, limited solicitation, or contract is issued under authority of Title 18, Montana Code Annotated, and the Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 2, chapter 5.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: Contractor shall, in performance of work under this contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to, the Montana Human Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Any subletting or subcontracting by Contractor subjects subcontractors to the same provision. In accordance with 49-3-207, MCA, Contractor agrees that the hiring of persons to perform this contract will be made on the basis of merit and qualifications and there will be no discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or national origin by the persons performing this contract.

CONFORMANCE WITH CONTRACT: No alteration of the terms, conditions, delivery, price, quality, quantities, or specifications of the contract shall be granted without Fish, Wildlife & Parks prior written consent. Product or services provided that do not conform to the contract terms, conditions, and specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense.

DEBARMENT: Contractor certifies, by submitting this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency. If Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the State.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS: The State does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need aids, alternative document formats, or services for effective communications or other disability related accommodations in the programs and services offered are invited to make their needs and preferences known to this office. Interested parties should provide as much advance notice as possible.

FACSIMILE RESPONSES: Facsimile responses will be accepted for invitations for bids, small purchases, or limited solicitations ONLY if they are completely received by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks prior to the time set for receipt. Bids or portions thereof, received after the due time will not be considered. Facsimile responses to requests for proposals are ONLY accepted on an exception basis with prior approval of the procurement officer.

FAILURE TO HONOR BID/PROPOSAL: If a bidder/offeror to whom a contract is awarded refuses to accept the award (PO/contract) or fails to deliver in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the department may, in its discretion, suspend the bidder/offeror for a period of time from entering into any contracts with the State of Montana.

FORCE MAJEURE: Neither party is responsible for failure to fulfill its obligations due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts or omissions of government or military authority, acts of God, materials shortages, transportation delays, fires, floods, labor disturbances, riots, wars, terrorist acts, or any other causes, directly or indirectly beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party, so long as such party uses its best efforts to remedy such failure or delays. A party affected by a force majeure condition shall provide written notice to the other party within a reasonable time of the onset of the condition. In no event, however, shall the notice be provided later than 5 working days after the onset. If the notice is not provided within the 5 day period, then a party may not claim a force majeure event. A force majeure condition suspends a party's obligations under this contract, unless the parties mutually agree that the obligation need not be performed because of the condition.

HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to protect, defend, and save the State, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties as such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, arising in favor of Contractor's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death, or damage to property arising out of services performed or omissions of services or in any way resulting from the acts or omissions of Contractor and/or its agents, employees, representatives, assigns, subcontractors, except the sole negligence of the State, under this agreement.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements. The Contractor shall maintain for the duration of the contract, at its cost and expense, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, including contractual liability, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work by the Contractor, agents, employees, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors. This insurance shall cover such claims as may be caused by any negligent act or omission.

Primary Insurance. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the State, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers and shall apply separately to each project or location. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Specific Requirements for Professional Liability. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain occurrence coverage with combined single limits for each wrongful act of **\$300,000.00** per occurrence and **\$600,000.00** aggregate per year to cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, negligence of the Contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors. Note: if "occurrence" coverage is unavailable or cost prohibitive, the Contractor may provide "claims made" coverage provided the following conditions are met: (1) the commencement date of the contract must not fall outside the effective date of insurance coverage and it will be the retroactive date for insurance coverage in future years; and (2) the claims made policy must have a three-year tail for claims that are made (filed) after the cancellation or expiration date of the policy.

Specific Requirements for Automobile Liability. If at any time during the contract, the Contractor offers to transport employees, volunteers, or members of other cooperative agencies, the following insurance requirement must be met.

The Contractor will obtain prior approval by submitting a copy of the following insurance certificate to the assigned Contracts Officer at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:

Contractor shall purchase and maintain coverage with split limits of \$500,000 per person (personal injury), \$1,000,000 per accident occurrence (personal injury), and \$100,000 per accident occurrence (property damage), OR combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence to cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, or negligence of Contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors.

The State, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered and listed as additional insured's for automobiles leased, hired, or borrowed by Contractor.

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductible or self-insured retention must be declared to and approved by the state agency. At the request of the agency either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such

deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the State, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers; or (2) at the expense of the Contractor, the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses.

Certificate of Insurance/Endorsements. A certificate of insurance from an insurer with a Best's rating of no less than A- indicating compliance with the required coverage's, has been received by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. The Contractor must notify the State immediately, of any material change in insurance coverage, such as changes in limits, coverages, change in status of policy, etc. The State reserves the right to require complete copies of insurance policies at all times.

Compliance With Workers' Compensation Act. Contractors are required to comply with the provisions of the Montana Workers' Compensation Act while performing work for the State of Montana in accordance with the sections 39-71-401, 39-71-405, and 39-71-417, MCA. Proof of compliance must be in the form of workers' compensation insurance, an independent contractor exemption, or documentation of corporate officer status. Neither the Contractor nor its employees are employees of the State. This insurance/exemption must be valid for the entire term of the contract. A renewal document must be sent to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, upon expiration.

LATE BIDS AND PROPOSALS: Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be solely the vendor's risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the vendor at the expense of the vendor or destroyed if requested.

PAYMENT TERM: All payment terms will be computed from the date of delivery of supplies or services OR receipt of a properly executed invoice, whichever is later. Unless otherwise noted in the solicitation document, the State is allowed 30 days to pay such invoices. All contractors will be required to provide banking information at the time of contract execution in order to facilitate State electronic funds transfer payments.

RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE: The State of Montana applies a reciprocal preference against a vendor submitting a bid from a state or country that grants a residency preference to its resident businesses. A reciprocal preference is only applied to an invitation for bid for supplies or an invitation for bid for nonconstruction services for public works as defined in section 18-2-401(9), MCA, and then only if federal funds are not involved. For a list of states that grant resident preference, see <http://gsd.mt.gov/ProcurementServices/preferences.mcp>.

REDUCTION OF FUNDING: The State must terminate this contract if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support the State's continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period. (See section 18-4-313(4), MCA.)

REFERENCE TO CONTRACT: The contract or purchase order number MUST appear on all invoices, packing lists, packages, and correspondence pertaining to the contract.

REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE: Any business intending to transact business in Montana must register with the Secretary of State. Businesses that are incorporated in another state or country, but which are conducting activity in Montana, must determine whether they are transacting business in Montana in accordance with sections 35-1-1026 and 35-8-1001, MCA. Such businesses may want to obtain the guidance of their attorney or accountant to determine whether their activity is considered transacting business.

If businesses determine that they are transacting business in Montana, they must register with the Secretary of State and obtain a certificate of authority to demonstrate that they are in good standing in Montana. To obtain registration materials, call the Office of the Secretary of State at (406) 444-3665, or visit their website at <http://sos.mt.gov>.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: A declaration by any court, or any other binding legal source, that any provision of the contract is illegal and void shall not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provision of the contract, unless the provisions are mutually dependent.

SHIPPING: Supplies shall be shipped prepaid, F.O.B. Destination, unless the contract specifies otherwise.

SOLICITATION DOCUMENT EXAMINATION: Vendors shall promptly notify the State of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error which they may discover upon examination of a solicitation document.

TAX EXEMPTION: The State of Montana is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes (#81-0302402).

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS FOR BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED: Contractor acknowledges that no state funds may be expended for the purchase of information technology equipment and software for use by employees, program participants, or members of the public unless it provides blind or visually impaired individuals with access, including interactive use of the equipment and services, that is equivalent to that provided to individuals who are not blind or visually impaired. (Section 18-5-603, MCA.)

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: Unless otherwise stated, the State may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the contract in whole or in part at any time Contractor fails to perform the contract.

U.S. FUNDS: All prices and payments must be in U.S. dollars.

VENUE: This solicitation is governed by the laws of Montana. The parties agree that any litigation concerning this bid, request for proposal, limited solicitation, or subsequent contract, must be brought in the First Judicial District in and for the County of Lewis and Clark, State of Montana, and each party shall pay its own costs and attorney fees. (Section 18-1-401, MCA.)

WARRANTIES: Contractor warrants that the products offered conform to the specifications requested, are fit and sufficient for the purpose manufactured, are of good material and workmanship, and are free from defect. Contractor further warrants that the products are new and unused and of the latest model or manufacture, unless the State specifies otherwise. Exceptions will be rejected.

SECTION 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The STATE OF MONTANA, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (hereinafter referred to as "the State") is seeking a contractor to provide an evaluation of the impacts posed to the Noxon Reservoir fishery by the expanding walleye population. A more complete description of the services to be provided is found in Section 3.

1.1 CONTRACT TERM

The contract term is for a period beginning upon both parties signing the contract and ending **November 1, 2014**. Extensions of the contract, by mutual agreement of both parties, may be made at one-month intervals, or any interval that is advantageous to the State, not to exceed two (2) additional months.

1.2 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1.2.1 Procurement Officer Contact Information. Contact information for the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Procurement Contracting Officer is as follows:

Procurement Officer: Kari Shinn
Address: 930 Custer Avenue West, Helena, MT
Telephone Number: 406-495-3249
Fax Number: 406-495-3253
E-mail Address: kshinn@mt.gov

1.2.2 Examination of Solicitation Documents and Explanation to Bidders. Bidders are responsible for examining the solicitation documents and any addenda issued to become informed as to all conditions that might in any way affect the cost or performance of any work. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of the bidder. Should the bidder find discrepancies in or omissions from the solicitation documents, or should their intent or meaning appear unclear or ambiguous, or should any other question arise relative to the solicitation documents, the bidder shall promptly notify the procurement officer in writing. The bidder making such request will be solely responsible for its timely receipt by the procurement officer. Replies to such notices may be made in the form of an addendum to the solicitation.

1.2.3 Interpretation or Representations. The State of Montana assumes no responsibility for any interpretation or representations made by any of its officers or agents unless interpretations or representations are incorporated into a formal written addendum to the solicitation.

1.2.4 Acknowledgment of Addendum. If the IFB is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged. It is the bidder's responsibility to keep informed of any changes to the solicitation. **Bidders must sign and return with their bid an Acknowledgment of Addendum for any addendum issued.** Bids that fail to include an Acknowledgment of Addendum may be considered nonresponsive.

1.2.5 Extension of Prices. In the case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit price will govern. In a lot bid, the lot price will govern.

1.2.6 Bid Preparation Costs. The costs for developing and delivering responses to this IFB are entirely the responsibility of the bidder. The State is not liable for any expense incurred by the bidder in the preparation and presentation of their bid or any other costs incurred by the bidder prior to execution of a purchase order or contract.

1.3 BID SUBMISSION

1.3.1 Bids Must Be Sealed and Labeled. Bids must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to IFB# 140194. **It is the bidder's sole responsibility to ensure their bid is received at the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Purchasing, 930 Custer Avenue West, Helena prior to 2:00 p.m., local time, May 27, 2014. This includes any bids submitted using priority mailing.** All prices and notations must be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered, and initialed by the person signing the bid.

1.3.2 Late Bids. *Regardless of cause, late bids will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration.* It shall be the bidder's sole risk to assure delivery at the receptionist's desk at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids will not be opened and may be returned to the bidder at the expense of the bidder or destroyed if requested.

1.3.3 Bidder's Signature. The solicitation must be signed in ink by an individual authorized to legally bind the business submitting the bid. The bidder's signature on a bid in response to this IFB guarantees that the offer has been established without collusion and without effort to preclude the State of Montana from obtaining the best possible supply or service.

1.3.4 Alternate Bids. Vendors may submit alternate bids (a bid on supplies other than specified). Alternate bids are considered only if the vendor is the lowest responsible vendor on their primary bid. Bids must be clearly identified as "Primary" and "Alternate."

1.3.5 Descriptive Literature. Complete manufacturer's descriptive literature sufficient in detail to establish quality and compliance with all specifications must be submitted with each bid. The State reserves the right to examine products further to determine compliance with the stated specifications.

1.4 CHANGE OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

1.4.1 Change or Withdrawal PRIOR to Bid Opening. Should any bidder desire to change or withdraw a bid prior to the scheduled opening, the bidder may do so by making such request in writing to the procurement officer listed in Section 1.2.1 above. This communication must be received prior to the date and hour of the bid opening by a request in writing or facsimile to the procurement officer (e-mail notices containing prices are not allowed and will be disqualified).

1.4.2 Change AFTER Bid Opening But Prior to Bid Award. After bids are opened, they may not be changed except to correct patently obvious mistakes and minor variations as allowed by ARM 2.5.505. The bidder shall submit verification of the correct bid to the State prior to the final award by the State.

1.5 BID AWARDS

1.5.1 Basis for Award. Bid award, if made, will be to the responsive and responsible bidder who offers the lowest cost to the State in accordance with the specifications set forth in the invitation for bid.

1.5.2 Rejection of Bids. While the State has every intention to award a contract as a result of this IFB, issuance of the IFB in no way constitutes a commitment by the State of Montana to award and execute a contract. Upon a determination such actions would be in its best interest, the State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

- Cancel or terminate this IFB (18-4-307, MCA);
- Waive any undesirable, inconsequential, or inconsistent provisions of this IFB which would not have significant impact on any bid (ARM 2.5.505); or
- If awarded, terminate any contract if the State determines adequate state funds are not available (18-4-313, MCA).

SECTION 2: SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.0 CONTRACT TERMINATION

2.0.1 Termination for Cause. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part at any time the Contractor fails to perform this contract.

2.0.2 Termination for Convenience. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate this contract without cause. The State must give notice of termination to the Contractor at least 14 days prior to the effective date of termination.

2.0.3 Reduction of Funding. The State must terminate this contract if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support the State's continuation of performance of this contract in a subsequent fiscal period. (See section 18-4-313(4), MCA.)

SECTION 3: SCOPE OF WORK

3.0 PRICES

3.0.1 Taxes, Shipping, and Invoicing. The prices herein specified, unless otherwise expressly stated, shall exclude all taxes and duties of any kind which either party is required to pay with respect to the sale of products covered by this IFB, but shall include all charges and expenses in connection with the packing of the products and their carriage to the place of delivery to the State unless specifically excluded. Bid prices shall include any and all transportation costs. The Contractor shall be paid, except as otherwise stated in this IFB, upon submission of a proper invoice, the prices stipulated herein for products, and/or services delivered to and accepted at the specified State location(s).

3.0.2 Fixed Price Contract. All prices are fixed for the duration of the contract and are not subject to escalation for any cause. Payment of the total fixed bid price shall constitute full payment for performance of the work and covers all costs of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in accomplishing the work in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

3.1 ALL-OR-NONE AWARD

Awards will be made on an all-or-none basis. Failure of a bidder to provide prices for all line items listed on the Schedule may be cause for rejection of the entire bid. However, a bidder may enter "No Cost" in the unit price and extended amount columns to indicate that the item is being offered at "No Cost."

3.2 SCOPE OF WORK

3.2.1 Overview and Background: Walleye were illegally introduced into Noxon Reservoir in the mid to late 1980s. Walleye were initially captured during reservoir monitoring in 1994 when a total of six walleye were sampled using electro fishing and gill nets. Extensive sampling effort at that time indicated walleye abundance was very low. Beginning in 2000, gill nets were set annually in standardized locations to monitor trends in the fish community. This sampling effort has found increasing numbers of walleye and other nonnative predators and decreasing numbers of forage species. Since their discovery, fisheries managers have been concerned about the effects of this new walleye population on sport and native fish resources. This concern prompted a walleye life history study completed in 2009. In spring 2012 Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) determined that walleye could be captured in substantial numbers during spawning concentrations.

Due to the illegal introduction of this population and concerns about the negative impacts walleye may have on desirable fisheries in Noxon Reservoir; FWP proposed a project to determine the feasibility of walleye suppression and released a draft environmental assessment for public review. This document was met with both support and opposition. During the comment period several issues with the draft EA were raised. In the document FWP predicted that walleye would negatively impact Noxon Reservoir fisheries by preying on desirable sport and native fish and depleting forage fish populations. This prediction was based on scientific literature, local research and case histories of walleye introductions outside their native range. A thorough analysis of the possible outcomes under each alternative was not performed. In July 2013 FWP released a decision notice on the proposed walleye suppression indicating that additional analysis of the impacts of walleye to the Noxon Reservoir fishery would be performed and a revised draft EA would be prepared for public review.

FWP is seeking an independent contractor to complete a science based predictive model to estimate the status of each resident fish species in Noxon Reservoir over the next 20 years. This model will be run under two possible management scenarios. The first scenario will predict the status of fisheries if a walleye suppression project is not initiated. The second scenario will predict the status of Noxon fisheries if a walleye suppression is successfully implemented.

3.2.2 Goals and Objectives

Project Goal

Develop, populate and run a science based predictive model to predict trends of resident fish species (i.e. species that use the reservoir for all life stages) in Noxon Reservoir over the next 20 years to determine potential impacts of walleye to the sport and native fisheries.

Objectives

1. Develop a predictive model to assess future trends in condition, size structure and abundance for each resident fish species in Noxon Reservoir under two possible scenarios: 1) implementation of successful suppression project that reduces walleye abundance to below 2013 levels 2) No management actions are taken to control the walleye population.
2. Prepare a report detailing the findings of the model.

The chosen contractor will be expected to develop a science based predictive model to determine trends in population sizes, condition and size structure of key fish species in Noxon Reservoir under two management scenarios: 1) Current trends continue and actions are not taken to control the expansion of walleye and 2) Successful suppression is implemented and walleye trends are reversed.

3.2.3 What the contractor is going to provide: The contractor will provide a detailed report on the findings of the project including an executive summary, introduction, methods, results and discussion section.

3.2.4 What the State will provide: The state will provide all available information specific to Noxon Reservoirs fisheries, limnology and water quality. This includes research that has been conducted since the construction of the reservoirs. Annual monitoring of Nixon's fisheries began in 2000. Since then a series of 29 to 30 gill nets have been set each fall. Bass tournament monitoring, YOY bass seining, zooplankton, electro fishing and temperature data has been collected during this time period as well. Extensive limnology data has been collected as recently as 1994.

3.2.5 The deadline for deliverables is as follows: To enable the State to determine the capabilities of an offeror to perform the services specified in the IFB, the offeror shall respond to the following regarding its ability to meet the State's requirements.

SECTION 4: OFFEROR QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Each item must be thoroughly addressed. Offerors taking exception to any requirements listed in this section may be found nonresponsive and will be disqualified.

4.0 References

Offeror must provide a minimum of 2 references indicating that the offeror has similar experience or abilities to provide the services as proposed in this IFB. The references may include government (state or federal) or universities where the offeror, preferably within the last 10 years, has successfully completed similar services. References may be contacted to verify offeror's ability to perform the contract. FWP reserves the right to use any information or additional references deemed necessary to establish the ability of the offeror to perform the conditions of the contract. Negative references may be grounds for proposal disqualification.

4.1 Resumes/Company Profile and Experience

Offeror must provide documentation establishing the individual or company submitting the proposal has the qualifications and experience to provide the services specified in this IFB, including, at a minimum:

- a detailed description of any similar past projects, including the service type and dates the supplies services were provided;
- offeror has worked as a fisheries professional for ten or more years
- list the client(s) for whom the services were provided; and
- a general description of the firm including its primary source of business, organizational structure and size, number of employees, years of experience performing services similar to those described within this IFB.

4.1.2 Resumes. A resume or summary of qualifications, work experience, education, and skills must be provided for all key personnel, including any subcontractors, who will be performing any aspects of the contract. Include years of experience providing services similar to those required; education; and certifications where applicable. Identify what role each person would fulfill in performing work identified in this IFB.

4.2 Ability to Meet Supply Specifications

Offeror must provide information as to its ability to meet the following supply specifications, as more specifically detailed above in Section 3.2.

4.3 Completed Report

Offeror must provide a report that has been done within the last 10 years similar to what is being asked of in this IFB.

4.4 Education Required

Offeror must have a PhD in natural resources, such as Biology, Zoology, Environmental Sciences, Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Management. Offeror must submit a copy of their transcripts.

SECTION 5: COST PROPOSAL

Total Cost to complete the Project: _____

IFB Checklist

Have you remembered to:

- Check our website for the latest addendum to the IFB
 - Sign each "Acknowledgment of Addendum" if required
 - Sign your bid on our cover sheet
 - Mark your mailing envelope or box with the IFB number and the opening date under your return address
 - Carefully review the "Standard Terms and Conditions"
 - Carefully review all listed requirements to ensure compliance with the IFB
 - Initial all bid/pricing changes you made
- Bid F.O.B. Destination (Ship To: Address) Freight Prepaid