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Notice of Contract Opportunity Invitation for Bids (IFB)

DFW-2021-034 Brush Mowing and Mulching at the Montague Plains WMA, Montague, MA

Project Summary

MassWildlife is seeking bids from Contractors to conduct important habitat restoration work during Fiscal Year 2021 on up to 177 acres at the Montague Plains Wildlife Management Area (WMA) located in Montague, Massachusetts. Treatments to be conducted include re-mowing/mulching of tree stump sprouts in previously thinned woodland and mowing/mulching of understory shrubs as well as the creation of a firebreak .3 miles long and 20 ft wide.

The principal objective of this project is to restore an open canopy oak woodland with remnant pitch pine above a dense shrub layer of scrub oak, lowbush blueberry, and other native herbs and shrubs associated with sandplain and barrens communities. Some of these communities are both regionally and globally imperiled and support multiple state-listed species. These unique plant communities also benefit native songbirds, game birds, and pollinating insects such as native bees, butterflies & moths. Prescribed fire and mowing/mulching are used to restore and maintain these communities, and removal of excess woody fuels is needed to facilitate safe and effective use of prescribed fire.

The Estimated Project cost is \$100,000.00.

Complete project specifications may be obtained at www.commbuys.com . In the bid description box enter DFW-2021-034 and click Find It (see detailed instructions below).

Mandatory bid conference will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Meet at the Montague Plains WMA parking area off Lake Pleasant Road (42.569118, -72.513939).

Masks and social distancing required.

Bid Deadline: Sealed Bids must be received, in writing, no later than Friday, March 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

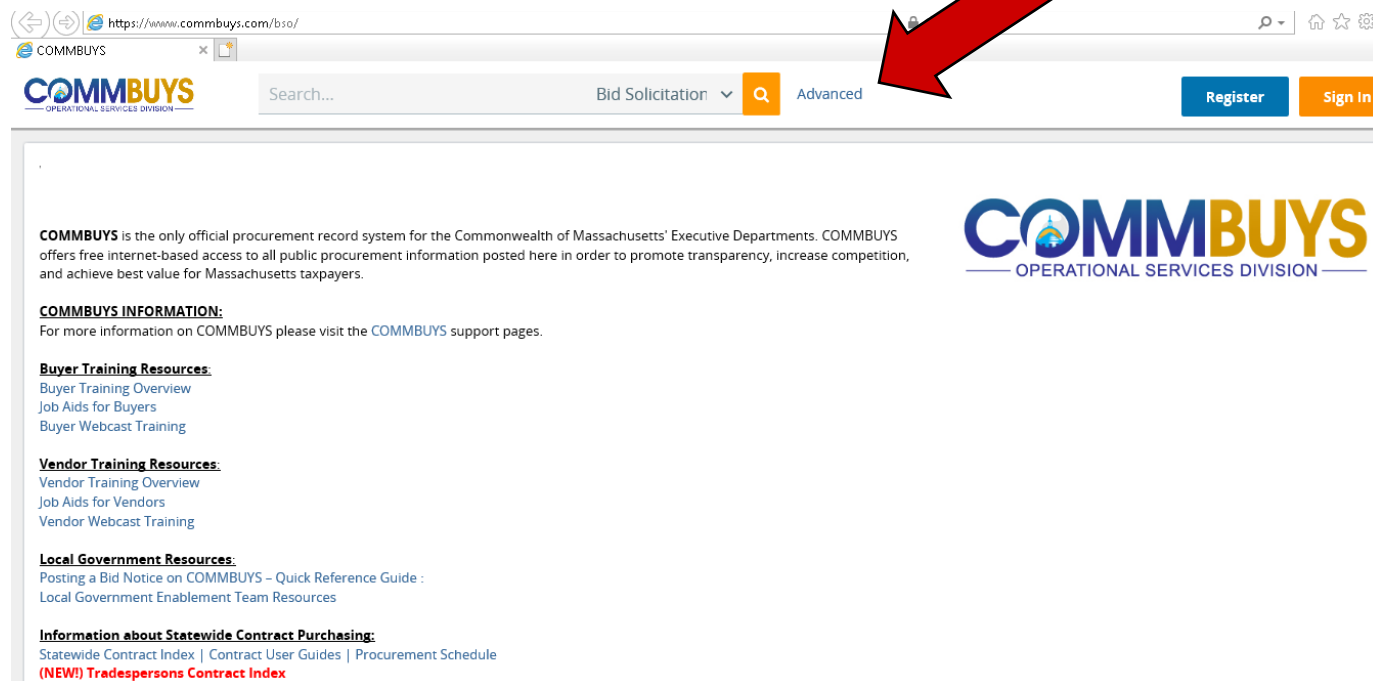
NOTE REGARDING COVID-19: Due to the current Covid-19 emergency protocols in place at the Westborough Field Headquarters building, bid packages will only be accepted via US Mail, Federal Express, or UPS carriers. The building remains CLOSED to the public; NO in-person dropoffs will be accepted. MassWildlife shall extend a remote access invitation to potential bidders that have provided a valid email address in order to witness the public bid opening.

COMMBUYS NOTE: If you do not have a Commbuys user account you may still obtain the project specifications by following the instructions below, however, if you are not logged into a Commbuys user account when obtaining the specification documents you WILL NOT be automatically added to the plan holders list and may not be notified of project updates and addenda.

To ensure timely notification of project updates you may either register for a free Commbuys account OR send an email to lori.cookman@mass.gov and reference the project number (DFW-2021-034) in the subject line. Include the appropriate contact name and mailing address in the body of the email. You will be added to the list of bidders that have obtained this IFB and will be notified of any and all changes to the bid documents. If you were logged into your user account in Commbuys, you have been automatically added to the list of plan holders.

Instructions to obtain bid documents from Commbuys

1. Go to www.commbuys.com
2. At the top of the screen, click on the advanced search option



3. On the Advanced Search page, click the drop down box and select bid solicitations.

The screenshot shows the COMMBUYS website's Advanced Search page. The browser address bar displays <https://www.commbuys.com/bso/view/search/external/advancedSearch.html>. The page features a search bar at the top with a magnifying glass icon and a 'Search...' button. Below the search bar, there is a 'Document Type' dropdown menu. A red arrow points to this dropdown menu, which is currently set to 'Bid Solicitations'. The page also includes a 'Register' button and a 'Sign In' button in the top right corner.

4. In the Bid Description Box type the project number: DFW-2021-018 and click Search.

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The 'Advanced Search' section contains several input fields for search criteria:

- Document Type:** Bid Solicitations
- Bid Solicitation #:** [Empty]
- Alternate ID:** [Empty]
- Description:** DFW-2021-034
- Item Description:** [Empty]
- Organization:** Select Organization...
- Department:** Select Department...
- Buyer:** Select Buyer...
- NIGP Class:** Select NIGP Class...
- NIGP Class Item:** Select NIGP Class Item...
- Type Code:** Select Type Code...
- Opening Date From:** [Empty]
- Opening Date To:** [Empty]

The 'Custom Header Search' section includes a dropdown menu for 'SBPP (Small Business Purchasing Program) Eligible?' with a 'Select ...' option.

At the bottom of the search section, there are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Clear'. A red arrow points to the 'Search' button.

5. The bid results will be displayed. Click on the blue bid solicitation # to get the bid documents.

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Search...

Bid Solicitation

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Results

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Bid Solicitation #	Contract/PL	Buyer	Description	Bid Opening Date	Awarded Vendor(s)
BD-21-1046-DFW-FW104-58743		Lori Cookman	DFW-2021-034 Mowing and Mulching at Montaque Plains	03/05/2021 14:00:00	

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