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Notice of Contract Opportunity

Invitation for Bids

DFW-2024-066 Firebreak Mowing and Bridge Installations at the Muddy Brook WCE & WMA, Hardwick, MA

Project Summary

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife is soliciting bids from Contractors to mow/mulch firebreaks, remove hazard and uprooted trees, and replace and improve a series of timber mat bridges at the Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and the Muddy Brook Wildlife Conservation Easement (WCE) during Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24).

The principal objectives of this project are to maintain firebreaks associated with prescribed fire activities in the open canopy oak woodland communities to benefit native songbirds, game birds, and associated state-listed butterflies, moths, and plants; and to mitigate wildfire hazard associated with potential crown fire among standing trees and tall flammable shrubs.

The Estimated Project cost is \$120,000.00.

Complete project specifications may be obtained at www.commbuys.com . In the bid description box enter DFW-2024-066 and click Find It (see detailed instructions below).

Mandatory Pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Prospective bidders should meet at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 43, Greenwich Road, Hardwick, MA.

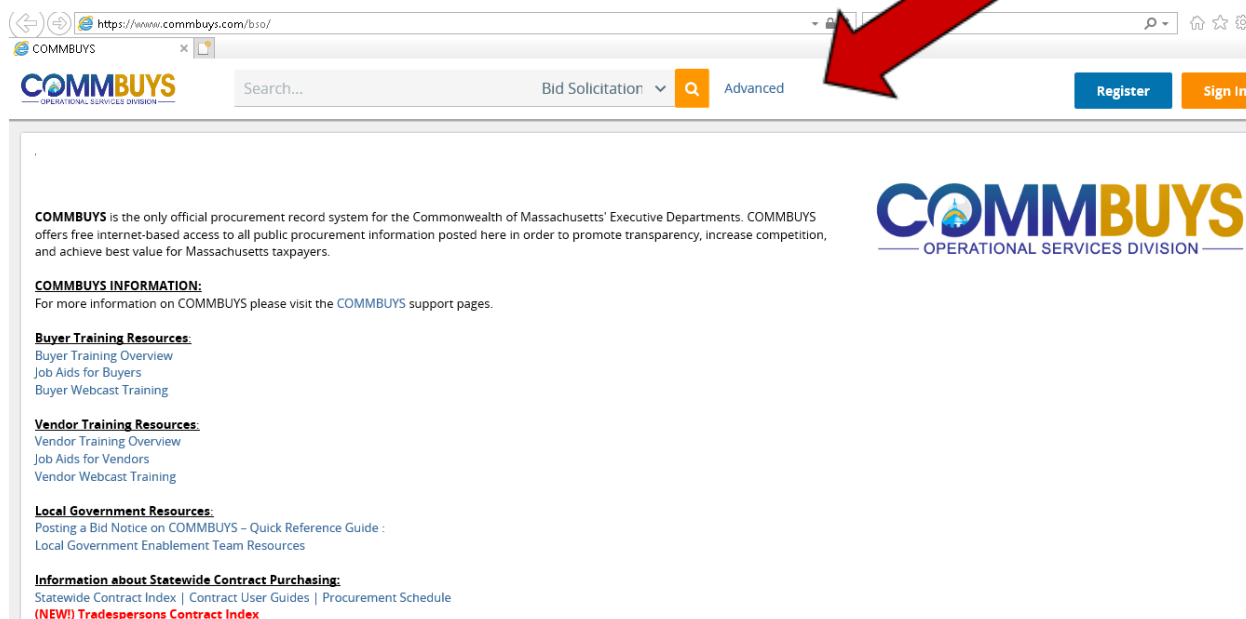
Bid Deadline: Sealed Bids must be received, in writing, no later than **2:00 pm on Thursday, April 25, 2024**, at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Rd, Westborough, MA, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

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.

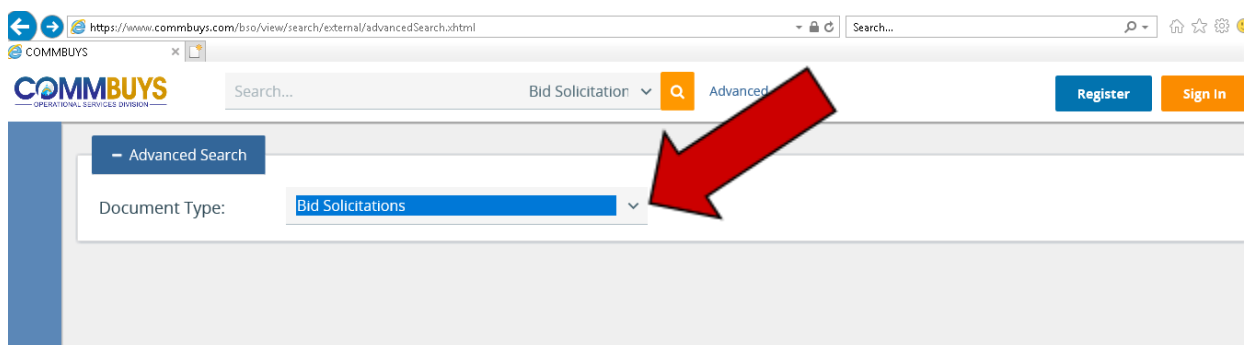
To ensure timely notification of project updates you may either register for a free Commbuys account OR send an email to lori.cookman@mass.gov and reference the project number (DFW-2024-066) in the subject line. Include the appropriate contact name and mailing address in the body of the email. You will 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 Commbuys user account, you have automatically been 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.



4. In the Description Box type the project number: DFW-2024-066 OR enter the Commbuys bid number 101405 in the Bid Solicitation # field.
5. The bid results will be displayed. Click on the blue bid solicitation # to obtain the bid documents.