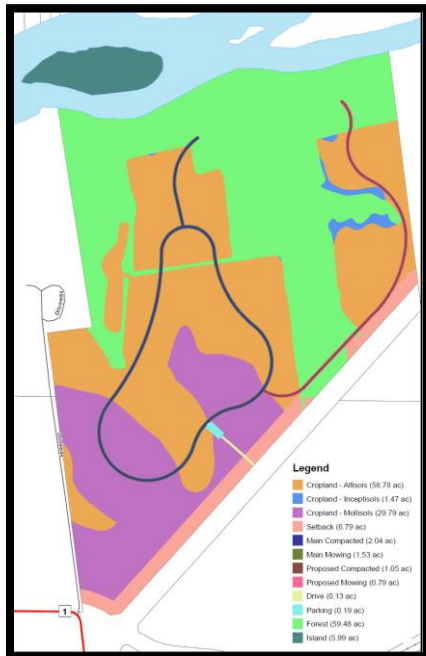
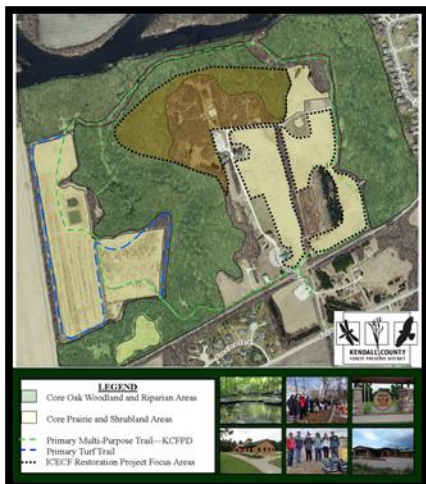


Call for Proposals for the Purchase of 59-acres of Pollinator Mix Pure Live Seed Bid Specifications Manual



Kendall County Forest Preserve District
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
July 12, 2019



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Proposals submitted after this time will not be accepted.

Detailed Specifications

The KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT is seeking proposals for the purchase of:

Pollinator Mix Pure Live Seed for 59-acres

GENERAL CONDITIONS

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: This project consists of the conversion of thirty-six and one half (36.5) acres of cropland to prairie habitat at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve, and enhancement of twenty-two and one half (22.5) acres of prairie habitat at various preserve areas (**EXHIBIT A – MATERIALS SCHEDULE**).

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation in connection with the Forest Foundation of Kendall County's "Hoover Community Stewardship Restoration Project," with the stated goal of increasing nectar sources and milkweed species' abundance to establish Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) habitat towards species recovery.

The cropland conversion area at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve will have produced soybeans each of the past two years at the time of restoration. This project will commence soon after the 2019 soybean harvest in early to mid-November. Pure Live Seed will be scheduled for delivery no later than November 15, 2019.

The Supplier will take special care in purchasing seed mixes from reputable vendors.

Purchased seed mix will consist of 100% Pure Live Seed (PLS) in the quantities and percentages detailed in the **EXHIBIT A – MATERIALS SCHEDULE**.

Supplier will source the seed mix originating from within the following The Nature Conservancy Ecoregions:

EXHIBIT B: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S ECOREGION MAP

Ecoregion 36: Central Tallgrass Prairie and Ecoregion 46: Prairie-Forest Border

Supplier is responsible for certifying that the seed mix supplied is not contaminated by Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*). If the seed mix purchased from the Supplier is found to be contaminated with seed from this species as evidenced by emergence of this species within the Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve restoration area footprint, Supplier shall compensate the District for the full expense of mechanical control and full eradication of Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) within the contaminated area.

All questions regarding this Call for Proposals must be submitted to the Kendall County Forest Preserve District at least seven business days prior to the bid submittal deadline. Any questions received shall be answered at the discretion of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District. Replies will be issued to all bidders of record in writing and will become part of the Call for Proposals Documents. Questions will not be responded to by oral clarification. Oral clarifications or interpretations shall be without legal effect.

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EXHIBIT A: MATERIALS SCHEDULE

KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PROJECT #08-19-002 - EXHIBIT A MATERIALS SCHEDULE SEED MIX REQUIRED - 59.0 ACRES	KENDALL CO. FPD, POLLINATOR SEED MIX, 59-ACRES
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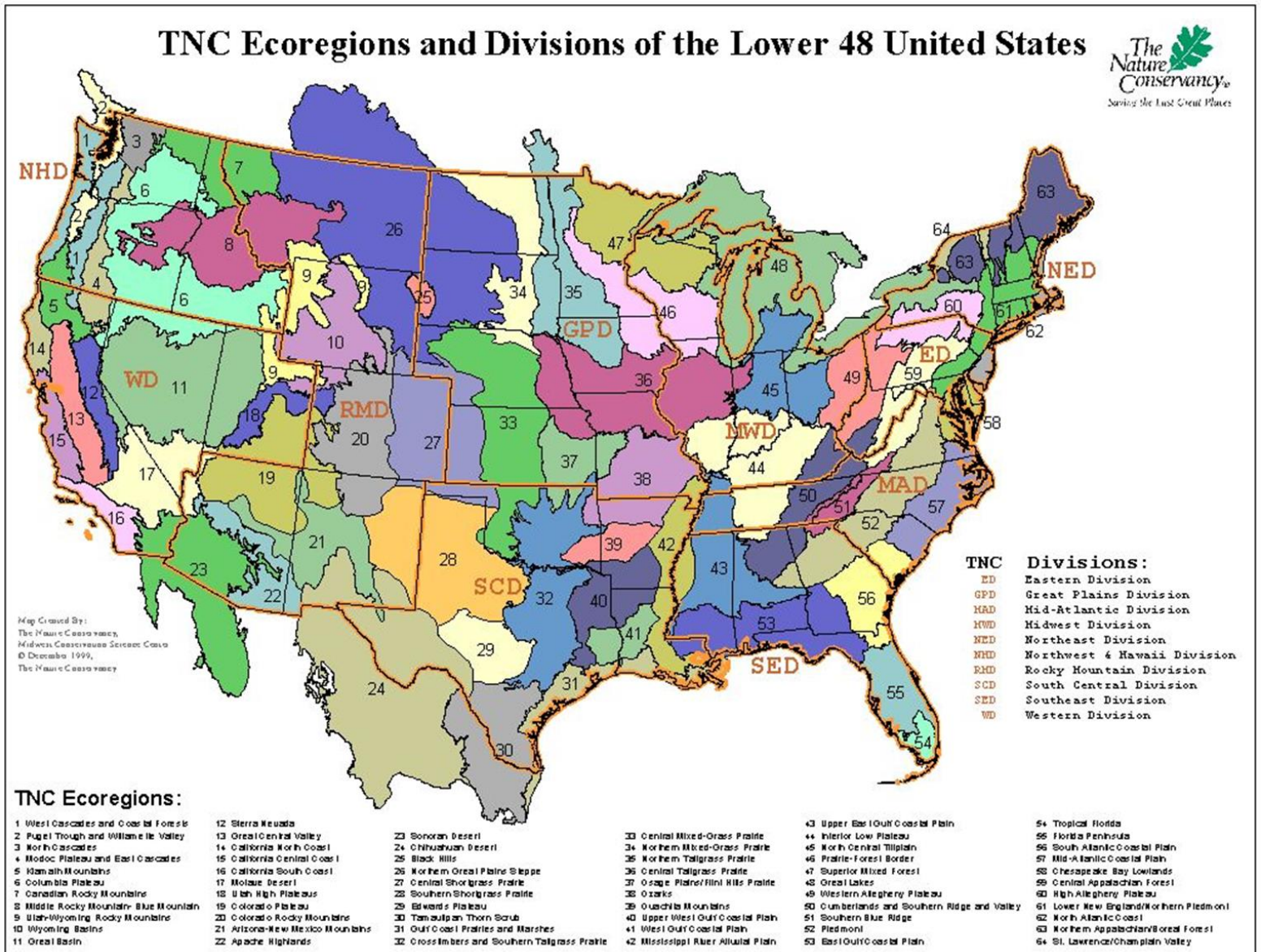
FORBS							
Description	% by wt.	OZ PER ACRE	POUNDS FOR 59-ACRES	# SEEDS PER ACRE	# SEEDS PER 59-ACRES	/sq. ft.	% by ct.
Allium stellatum (Prairie Onion)	0.963	1	3.6875	11,000	649,000	0.3	0.15
Asclepias incarnata (Rose Milkweed)	1.925	2	7.375	9,600	566,400	0.2	0.13
Asclepias syriaca (Common Milkweed)	1.444	1.5	5.53125	6,000	354,000	0.1	0.08
Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed)	0.963	1	3.6875	4,300	253,700	0.1	0.06
Asclepias verticillata (Whorled Milkweed)	1.925	2	7.375	22,000	1,298,000	0.5	0.31
Aster laevis (Smooth Blue Aster)	0.963	1	3.6875	55,000	3,245,000	1.3	0.76
Aster lateriflorus (Calico Aster)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	125,000	7,375,000	2.9	1.74
Aster novae-angliae (New England Aster)	0.963	1	3.6875	80,000	4,720,000	1.8	1.11
Baptisia alba (White Wild Indigo)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	850	50,150	0	0.01
Chamaecrista fasciculata (Partridge Pea)	4.813	5	18.4375	13,500	796,500	0.3	0.19
Cirsium discolor (Pasture Thistle)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	3,200	188,800	0.1	0.04
Coreopsis lanceolata (Lance-leaf Coreopsis)	2.888	3	11.0625	60,000	3,540,000	1.4	0.83
Dalea purpurea (Purple Prairie Clover)	2.888	3	11.0625	45,000	2,655,000	1	0.62
Echinacea pallida (Pale Purple Coneflower)	2.888	3	11.0625	15,600	920,400	0.4	0.22
Echinacea purpurea (Purple Coneflower)	1.925	2	7.375	13,200	778,800	0.3	0.18
Eryngium yuccifolium (Rattlesnake Master)	1.925	2	7.375	15,000	885,000	0.3	0.21
Gaura longiflora (Large-flowered Gaura)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	1,350	79,650	0	0.02
Helianthus pauciflorus (Showy Sunflower)	0.241	0.25	0.921875	1,000	59,000	0	0.01
Lespedeza capitata (Round-headed Bush Clover)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	4,000	236,000	0.1	0.06
Liatris ligulistylis (Meadow Blazing Star)	1.925	2	7.375	20,000	1,180,000	0.5	0.28
Liatris pycnostachya (Prairie Blazing Star)	1.925	2	7.375	22,000	1,298,000	0.5	0.31
Lobelia siphilitica (Great Blue Lobelia)	0.963	1	3.6875	500,000	29,500,000	11.5	6.94
Monarda fistulosa (Wild Bergamot)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	35,000	2,065,000	0.8	0.49
Parthenium integrifolium (Wild Quinine)	0.241	0.25	0.921875	1,750	103,250	0	0.02
Penstemon digitalis (Foxglove Beardtongue)	0.963	1	3.6875	130,000	7,670,000	3	1.80
Pycnanthemum verticillatum var. pilosum (Hairy Mountain Mint)	1.925	2	7.375	370,000	21,830,000	8.5	5.14
Pycnanthemum virginianum (Mountain Mint)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	110,000	6,490,000	2.5	1.53
Ratibida pinnata (Yellow Coneflower)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	15,000	885,000	0.3	0.21
Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed Susan)	5.776	6	22.125	552,000	32,568,000	12.7	7.66
Rudbeckia triloba (Brown-eyed Susan)	0.241	0.25	0.921875	8,500	501,500	0.2	0.12
Scrophularia marilandica (Late Figwort)	0.606	0.63	2.323125	107,100	6,318,900	2.5	1.49
Solidago juncea (Early Goldenrod)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	145,000	8,555,000	3.3	2.01
Solidago speciosa (Showy Goldenrod)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	47,500	2,802,500	1.1	0.66
Tradescantia ohiensis (Ohio Spiderwort)	2.888	3	11.0625	24,000	1,416,000	0.6	0.33
Verbena stricta (Hoary Vervain)	0.963	1	3.6875	28,000	1,652,000	0.6	0.39
Veronicastrum virginicum (Culver's Root)	0.481	0.5	1.84375	400,000	23,600,000	9.2	5.55
Zizia aurea (Golden Alexanders)	2.888	3	11.0625	33,000	1,947,000	0.8	0.46
Totals for FORBS :	53.312	55.38	204.2138	3,034,450	179,032,550	69.7	42.13

TREES, SHRUBS & VINES							
Description	% by wt.	OZ PER ACRE	POUNDS FOR 59-ACRES	# SEEDS PER ACRE	# SEEDS PER 59-ACRES	/sq. ft.	% by ct.
Amorpha canescens (Lead Plant)	0.963	1	3.6875	16,000	944,000	0.4	0.22
Totals for TREES, SHRUBS & VINES :	0.963	1	3.6875	16,000	944,000	0.4	0.22

GRASSES, SEDGES & RUSHES							
Description	% by wt.	OZ PER ACRE	POUNDS FOR 59-ACRES	# SEEDS PER ACRE	# SEEDS PER 59-ACRES	/sq. ft.	% by ct.
Bouteloua curtipendula (Side-oats Grama PLS)	15.402	16	59	96,000	5,664,000	2.2	1.33
Elymus canadensis (Canada Wild Rye PLS)	6.739	7	25.8125	36,400	2,147,600	0.8	0.51
Juncus dudleyi (Dudley's Rush)	0.963	1	3.6875	3,200,000	188,800,000	73.5	44.43
Koeleria macrantha (June Grass PLS)	2.407	2.5	9.21875	500,000	29,500,000	11.5	6.94
Schyzachyrium scoparium (Little Bluestem PLS)	15.402	16	59	240,000	14,160,000	5.5	3.33
Sporobolus heterolepis PLS (Prairie Dropseed PLS)	4.813	5	18.4375	80,000	4,720,000	1.8	1.11
Totals for GRASSES, SEDGES & RUSHES :	45.726	47.5	175.1563	4,152,400	244,991,600	95.3	57.65
Totals for this mix :	100.000	103.88	383.0575	7,202,850	424,968,150	165.4	100.00

Seeding rate: 165.4 seeds per Sq. ft.

**Exhibit B: The Nature Conservancy's Ecoregions Map
 Seed Sourcing Allowed from Ecoregions 36 and 46 only**



Bid Proposal

Bid Proposal For: _____

Date: _____

Bid Submitted by: _____

Business Name: _____

FEIN#: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s) : (____) _____ (____) _____

Fax Number: (____) _____

Having carefully examined the Detailed Specifications, Exhibits, Terms and Conditions, and other documentation included with the Call for Proposals for the work entitled:

19-08-002 consisting of the **purchase of 59-acres of Pollinator Seed Mix**, the undersigned hereby agree(s) to furnish materials in accordance with the Call for Proposals as noted.

TOTAL COST: \$ _____
(FIGURES)

TOTAL COST: _____
(WORDS)

Unit Costs:

Cost for each additional half-acre seed mix delivered: \$ _____

Cost for each additional 1-acre seed mix delivered: \$ _____

***Include freight, delivery, disposal, and any other charges in the base bid and unit prices.**

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The Kendall County Forest Preserve District is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, Illinois Retailers' Occupational Tax and Transportation taxes, therefore these taxes are not to be included in the Bid Proposal.

The prices set forth herein are in agreement with all Federal, State and Local Laws, Rules, Ordinances and Regulations.

By submitting this bid, the Bidder agrees to the following Terms and Conditions:

Duration of Bid Offer. Bidder agrees to be bound to the terms of its bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid Opening Date.

Compliance with Law. Bidder agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulatory requirements and to secure such licenses as may be required for its employees and to conduct business in the state, municipality, county and location. Such obligation includes, but is not limited to, environmental laws, civil rights laws, prevailing wage and labor laws.

Remedies. If the Kendall County Forest Preserve District is required to take legal action to enforce performance of any of the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this purchase, and by reason thereof, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District is required to use the services of an attorney, then the Kendall County Forest Preserve District shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, expenses and expert witness fees incurred by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District pertaining thereto and in enforcement of any remedy, including costs and fees relating to any appeal. This purchase shall be construed in accordance with the law and Constitution of the State of Illinois. The parties agree that the venue for any legal proceedings between them shall be the Circuit Court of Kendall County, Illinois, Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois.

Certification. Bidder certifies that Bidder, its parent companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates are not barred from entering into this transaction as a result of a violation of either 720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 5/33E-4 (bid rigging or bid rotating) or as a result of a violation of 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq. (the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act). Bidder further certifies by signing the bid documents that Bidder, its parent companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates have not been convicted of, or are not barred for attempting to rig bids, price-fixing or attempting to fix prices as defined in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.; and has not been convicted of or barred for bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of a unit of state or local government or school district in the State of Illinois in that Officer's or employee's official capacity. Nor has Bidder made an admission of guilt of such conduct that is a matter of record, nor has any official, officer, agent, or employee of the company been so convicted nor made such an admission.

Conflict of Interest. Bidder affirms no Kendall County Forest Preserve District officer or elected official has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in Bidder or this purchase, or, if any Kendall County Forest Preserve District officer or elected official does have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in Bidder or this purchase, that interest, and the procedure followed to effectuate this purchase has and will comply with 50 ILCS 105/3.

Independent Contractor. It is understood and agreed that Bidder is an independent contractor and is not an employee of, partner of, agent of, or in a joint venture with the Kendall County Forest Preserve District.

Warranties. No warranties implied or explicit may be waived or denied.

Right to Reject and/or Request Clarification. The Kendall County Forest Preserve District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any or all irregularities. The Kendall County Forest Preserve District retains the authority to eliminate any service features that are deemed too costly or unnecessary. The Kendall County Forest Preserve District may seek clarification from Bidder at any time and failure to respond promptly is cause for rejection.

No Right to Award. Submission of a bid confers no rights on the Bidder to selection. This bidding process is for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's benefit only and is intended to provide the Kendall County Forest Preserve District with competitive information to assist in selection of services. All decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions shall be made solely at the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's discretion.

Compliance with Terms. The Bidder's failure to agree to the terms and conditions of this Call for Proposals or to otherwise meet the mandatory requirements will result in the disqualification of the Bidder's proposal from further consideration as an unresponsive bid.

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Corporate Officers

Owner / President: _____

Secretary: _____

Signature of Owner / President _____

Attest: _____ (Corporate Secretary)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ DAY OF _____, 2019 _____.

My Commission Expires:

X _____
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

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Addendum Receipt

The receipt of the following addenda to the Call for Proposals is acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____ Date: _____

Bidder's Information

Completion of this form is required

Identify what seed suppliers, if other than the Bidder's own firm, will be selected to source the required seed mix stock, including name, address, contact information, and location of seed source(s). Name the consulting/sub-contract firms and addresses. How long have you been working with each consulting/sub-contractor firm? What experience do you have working together on similar projects?

Bidder's Experience

Completion of this form is required

Bidder shall provide a comprehensive list of projects where Bidder has provided similar work as required by this contract. Bidder may attach additional pages, if necessary.

Year: _____ Project: _____

Description: _____

Owner's Name:

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Year: _____ Project: _____

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