

Request for Proposal

**Urban & Community Forestry
Rapid Assessment of Tree Damage Following Natural Disasters**

Questions Asked & Answered (16Jun06)

1) How many proposals would be funded (more than one)?

Our initial intent is to only fund 1 proposal (i.e. contractor); however, we have worded the RFP to not rule out multiple contracts if that is what it takes to meet our objective.

Frankly, we are hoping that potential contractors will pull together the components (personnel & experience) needed into a single contract. We issued an RFP so that you do a lot of the work for us (ideas, methods, staffing needs, collaborators, etc.).

2) What is the funding level per proposal/project?

We have avoided indicating our level of financial support, because we frankly don't have a clue as to what a system like this will cost to develop or to operate as it is used for storms each year. If we told you we have \$1 million for a project, I'm certain we would get many \$1 million solutions!

The project is extremely important to us (the southern region U&CF community), and the RFP language leaves open the possibility of multi-year funding. We have funding set aside to get started.

Please show us what you think a solution will cost. If all solutions proposed are outside of our (immediate) ability to fund, then we will probably select the approach we like, and negotiate for a multi-year approach that moves us towards our objective.

3) Does the proposal have to be multi-state (collaborative) or the focus can be on one state?

No. We want you to collaborate to the extent that you can provide the system we need. If you can do that "in-house" that will work.

We aren't giving extra points in the RFP evaluation process for multi-state/organization collaboration. If you don't have a certain type of expertise "in-house" that is needed for your proposal, then it only makes sense for you to find the collaborator that will bolster your proposal.

4) Can previous efforts (remote sensing work) in coastal areas (MS and LA) be applicable?

Hopefully work that many of you have done will be the experience or starting point needed to get this accomplished.

We would like to see previous work (however funded) leveraged into a product that we can use to meet our objective.