

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)
For Contracted Services to
Sierra Pacific Industries
TO ACCOMPLISH FIRELINE CLEARING

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RFB RELEASE DATE	July 24, 2025
PROJECT TOUR	<u>A bid tour will occur on August 1st @ 10:00 a.m.</u> Bidders will be contacted with project tour details.
RFB CLOSING DATE	Proposals must be submitted electronically to SPI's Jonathan Fitch jfitch@spi-ind.com by 5 PM August 7, 2025
CONTRACTOR SELECTION	Selection will be based on criteria set forth in this proposal.
PROJECT COMMENCEMENT DATE	Work is expected to begin promptly after the contract has been executed, on a date agreed upon by SPI and the contractor. Some aspects of this contract are season-dependent, such as use of heavy equipment in inclement weather or on excessively wet soils, during Red Flag days, or during Limited Operating Periods (LOP).
PROJECT COMPLETION DATE	All Tasks must be completed by December 31 st , 2025.

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Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) is seeking firm(s)/individual(s) to conduct work detailed in the SCOPE OF WORK. The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County will be the sponsor and Sierra Pacific Industries is the manager for the project.

SECTION ONE: ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINES

Activity	Date
Release of RFB	July 24, 2025
Project Tour	August 1, 2025
Deadline for Proposals	August 7, 2025
Selection Committee evaluates and ranks proposals	August 8- August 12, 2025
Notice of contract award	Upon Approval by Manager
Contract executed	August 15, 2025 Tentatively
Project Start Date	Upon completion of Contract (anticipating August 18, 2025)

SECTION TWO: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This work is roughly 3.31 miles of fire line biomass chipping. During the Dixie fire this fire line was created along the L-line. The plan is to chip the trees and biomass that was cut and pushed up against the residual trees on the edge of the fire line

SECTION THREE: SCOPE OF WORK

It is the intent of these specifications, terms, and conditions to describe the services sought by Sierra Pacific Industries. SPI intends to award a contract to the Contractor who best meets SPI requirements. Proposals will be evaluated for “best value” not necessarily “lowest price”.

SPI has identified this task to be addressed in response to this RFB:

TASK 1 Fire line chipping –

- All Biomass left from fire line creation will be chipped and spread evenly across the fire line.
- Root wads that cannot go through chipper will be left spread out across the fire line

Watercourse Protection

- Watercourses have been classified into one of the following categories or “classes”:
 - Class I: Domestic Supplies, including springs, onsite and/ or within 100 feet downstream of the operations area and/ or Fish always or seasonally present onsite, including habitat to sustain fish migration and spawning.
 - Class II: Fish always or seasonally present offsite within 1,000 feet downstream and/ or aquatic habitat from non-fish aquatic species.
 - Class III: No aquatic life present, watercourse showing evidence of being capable of sediment transport to class I and II waters under normal high-water flow conditions
- Watercourses shall have the following protection measures by classification:

Water Class	Class I	Class II	Class III
Slope Class (%)	Width in Feet		
<30	75	50	25
30-50	100	75	50
>50	150	100	75

- Watercourse Designation:
 - Class I: Shall be flagged in solid blue and blue/white flagging at the edge of the WLPZ
 - Class II: Shall be flagged in solid blue and blue/white flagging at the edge of the WLPZ
 - Class III shall be flagged in solid blue and blue/white flagging at the edge of the ELZ
 - Equipment Limitation Zone (ELZ): Limits equipment from tracking within the established zone except where there is an established road, crossing, or skid trail. Equipment may “reach-in” and treat vegetation within the buffer as long as the tracks remain outside of the ELZ.
- Watercourse designation will be indicated on a map. Contractor will be given a copy of the map and be made aware of the protection measure prior to the start of operations.
- All areas below the stream and lake transition line will be kept free of slash and debris. Accidental deposits of material in the watercourse, bed bank or channel shall be immediately removed.
- If Watercourses are within or above an ASP watershed, watercourse protection measures will comply with ASP watershed rules under the Forest Practice Rules.

Endangered or Threatened Species Protections –

- Scoping was used to determine which special status species are known or could potentially occur within each project boundary and assessment area. This methodology provides a reasonable assessment of habitat types, elevations, soils, and vegetative communities that could be present within these areas and is representative of the habitats found in the general landscape. Specific operational mitigation measures are described in the harvest document or the RPF’s management plan. SPI and/or contracted individuals will also conduct surveys during February – June for raptors, insects, amphibians, and plants of concern. Although not anticipated, if any of these are discovered within the project areas, EEZs will be established, and the appropriate agency will be contacted for consultation.

Contractor Responsibilities -

- Contractor will work cooperatively with the district VMS, Forest Service personnel, RCDTC personnel, CAL FIRE and any funding agency representatives to ensure compliance with the guidelines, conditions, and criteria of the grant, harvest documents and/or categorical exemption.
- Contractor will provide an overall work schedule prior to the project start date and will provide updates to the schedule, at least, a week in advance of any work schedule alterations. This may include, but not limited to work stoppages due to equipment failure, employee availability, landowner issues, or accessibility issues.
- Contractor will retain area/vegetation designated for retention or protection.
- Contractor will be responsible for the crew's safety and sanitation needs.
- Contractor will be responsible for ensuring protection of structures, property improvements, power lines and other utilities.
- Residual trees will be protected from skin ups and damage while Contractor determines and implements the treatment of trees and brush within the project area.
- If the Work under any Work Authorization is to be performed in California, Contractor shall comply with Company's current Fire Policy, a copy of which, if applicable, Contractor acknowledges having received from Company and which Contractor shall review prior to commencement of any Work. Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to control and extinguish every fire immediately when Contractor becomes aware of such fire's existence, without waiting for instructions from a forester, warden or ranger, and Contractor shall continue to make every reasonable effort to control and extinguish such fire until it is extinguished.
- All traffic control and signs will be the responsibility of the Contractor, as needed.

Proposed Schedule: SPI intends to select a contractor with the ability to commence work upon a fully executed contract. The contract issued will terminate upon the mutually agreed upon date. All work described in this section shall be completed by the date agreed upon within the contract agreement. Appropriate time will be given for the district to measure acres treated and identify areas that need follow-up treatment to meet the specifications in this Scope of Work section.

SECTION FOUR: PROPOSAL PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals are to be straightforward, clear, concise, and responsive to the information requested. For proposals to be considered complete, proposers must provide all requested information.

Each proposer must submit one original proposal in electronic format (Adobe pdf is preferred) via email to jfitch@spi-ind.com no later than **5:00 PM June 23, 2025**.

A. PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

1. Cover Sheet to include:

- Title of Proposal
- Name and address of company
- Contact person, phone and email address

2. Qualifications and Experience

Provide an overview of your experience with similar projects and comparable work. Demonstrate your knowledge of understanding the environmental considerations that may lead to project delays and how to overcome the delays to deliver a completed project to SPI. Describe your experience coordinating with project managers, state agencies, and lead agencies. Please provide examples of completed work. Include information pertaining to licenses, permits, etc.

3. Timeline

The contractor needs to demonstrate that they commence work immediately following an executed contract which is anticipated in August of 2025 and be completed before grant expiration.

4. References

Include at least three references who can speak to your past performance and capability on similar projects, including at least one reference who has worked with you within the last 18 months.

5. Approach

Describe your approach to providing the Scope of Services described in the RFB in a high quality, cost-effective, environmentally sound manner that will meet the RCDTC's proposed schedule. Demonstrate a thorough conceptual and technical understanding of the purpose and scope of the project. If planning to contract out for any services in the Scope of Services, identify which items and subcontractors. Include a detailed list of owned, leased, or otherwise secured equipment that will be used for the project.

6. Staff to be Assigned

Provide a staff organization chart or list and identify the qualifications, roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled by each staff member or subcontractor.

Cost Proposal Format

Please note: If your bid includes work to be performed by subcontractors, identify the tasks and subcontractors below.

L-line Treatment –

MANDATORY TASKS	BIDS
TASK 1: Fireline chipping	Total cost:

Please note final payment for work will be based on inspection made by SPI once work has been completed and approved by the Project Manager.

SECTION FIVE: RFB PROCESS

A. SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be sent as Adobe PDF documents via email to jfitch@spi-ind.com and received no later than 5:00 p.m. PST August 7, 2025. Please include yourself as a recipient so that you will have an electronic record of your submission.

It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to deliver its proposal so that it is received by the time and date required. Any proposal received after the specified deadline cannot be considered and will not be accepted.

B. COSTS OF DEVELOPING PROPOSALS

All costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal are the responsibility of each proposer and will not be reimbursed by SPI, nor will grant funds be used for such reimbursement.

C. PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is the responsibility of each proposer to be familiar with all the specifications, terms and conditions of the RFB. By submission of a proposal, the proposer certifies that if awarded a contract, the proposer will make no claim against the RCDTC or SPI based upon ignorance of or misunderstanding of the specifications.

Each proposer shall submit its proposal with the understanding that the proposal will become a part of the official file on this matter and shall be subject to public disclosure.

By submitting a proposal, each proposer certifies that all statements in this proposal are true. This constitutes a warranty, the falsity of which shall include the right, at SPI option, of declaring any contract made, as a result thereof, null and void. Proposals shall be completed, executed, and submitted in accordance with the instructions of this RFB. If a proposal is not submitted in the format specified in this RFB, it may be rejected, unless SPI determines that the nonconformity is either a minor irregularity or that the defect or variation in the proposal is immaterial or inconsequential. SPI may give the proposer an opportunity to cure any deficiency resulting from a minor irregularity or an immaterial or inconsequential defect, or SPI may waive such deficiency, whichever is most advantageous to SPI.

D. SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL AS PART OF CONTRACT SERVICES

Proposals received in response to this solicitation, at SPI's discretion, may be incorporated into the awarded contract and may serve as basic terms and conditions for the ultimate contract. Therefore, proposers are advised that, if successful, they will be held responsible for the levels of services proposed at the funding levels quoted. SPI reserves the right to negotiate modifications or revisions to any awarded contract.

E. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The objective is to perform a thorough and fair evaluation of submitted proposals and facilitate the selection of a contract that best satisfies SPI's requirements. The following describes the evaluation process and associated components.

1. Selection Process

- a) SPI shall name; for the purpose of evaluating the proposals for this RFP, a Selection Evaluation Team composed of members of SPI to assess submitted qualifications. SPI reserves the right to include as part of the Selection Evaluation Team any qualified representatives from other agencies or entities.
- b) Proposal documentation requirements set forth in the RFB are designed to provide guidance to proposers concerning the type of information that will be used by the Selection Committee. Proposers shall be prepared to respond to requests by the Selection Evaluation Team for additional items deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation process.

2. Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

- a) The Selection Evaluation Team shall be responsible for performing the evaluations of each proposal. Best approach determination shall be the evaluation method used when considering criteria other than merely cost. Each member of the team shall rate the proposers separately. The scores of each of the team members shall then be combined to provide a total score for each of the proposers. The proposals shall be evaluated on the following categories and the maximum weight possible for each category is listed below.

1.	Completeness of Proposal	10 Points
2.	All Required Licensing and Certifications	10 Points
3.	Ability to complete project within timeline	25 Points
4.	Approach	20 points
5.	Qualifications and Experience	20 points
6.	Cost	a. 126,820-110,000 -1 point b. 109,999 –95,000 -5 points c. 94,999-80,000 -7.5 points d. 79,999-0 -10 points
7.	Local Workforce – bidders with primary business addresses in the counties of Tehama, Shasta, Glenn, or Butte will be awarded 10 points.	5 points
	Total	100 Points

3. Contract Award

Award will be made to those qualified proposer(s) whose proposal(s) will be the most advantageous to SPI, with cost and all other factors considered.

If SPI cannot successfully negotiate a contract with the highest ranked proposer, SPI will terminate negotiations and begin negotiations with the next highest ranked proposer.

Proposers will receive emailed Award/Non-Award notification(s) which will include the name of the proposer to be awarded this contract.

Proposers are advised that SPI reserves the following prerogatives:

- To reject any or all proposals
- To consider historic information and fact, whether gained from the proposer’s proposal or any other source, in the evaluation process, and
- The proposer is cautioned that it is the proposer’s sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and SPI is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. Failure of the individual or firm to submit such information may have an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.

F. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

In order to contract with SPI, a proposer must meet the following requirements:

A. Non-Discrimination

The Contractor selected through this RFB shall provide services without discrimination based on race, creed, color, ethnic or linguistic identification, gender or sexual preference, disability or handicap or any other basis prohibited by law.

B. Protest/Appeal Process

The following procedure is provided in the event that a proposer wishes to protest the RFB evaluation and selection process or appeal the recommendation to award a contract once the Notices of Award/Non-Award have been issued.

- Any protest must be submitted in writing to SPI's mailing address **PO box 496014, Redding, CA 96049-6014**. Attention: **Jonathan Fitch. North Sierra VMS**
- The protest must be submitted or postmarked before 6:00 PM on the 5th calendar day following the date of the Notice of Award.
- The protest must contain a complete statement of the basis for the protest. The protest must include the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person representing the protesting party.
- The procedure and time limits are mandatory and are the proposer's sole and exclusive remedy in the event of a bid protest.

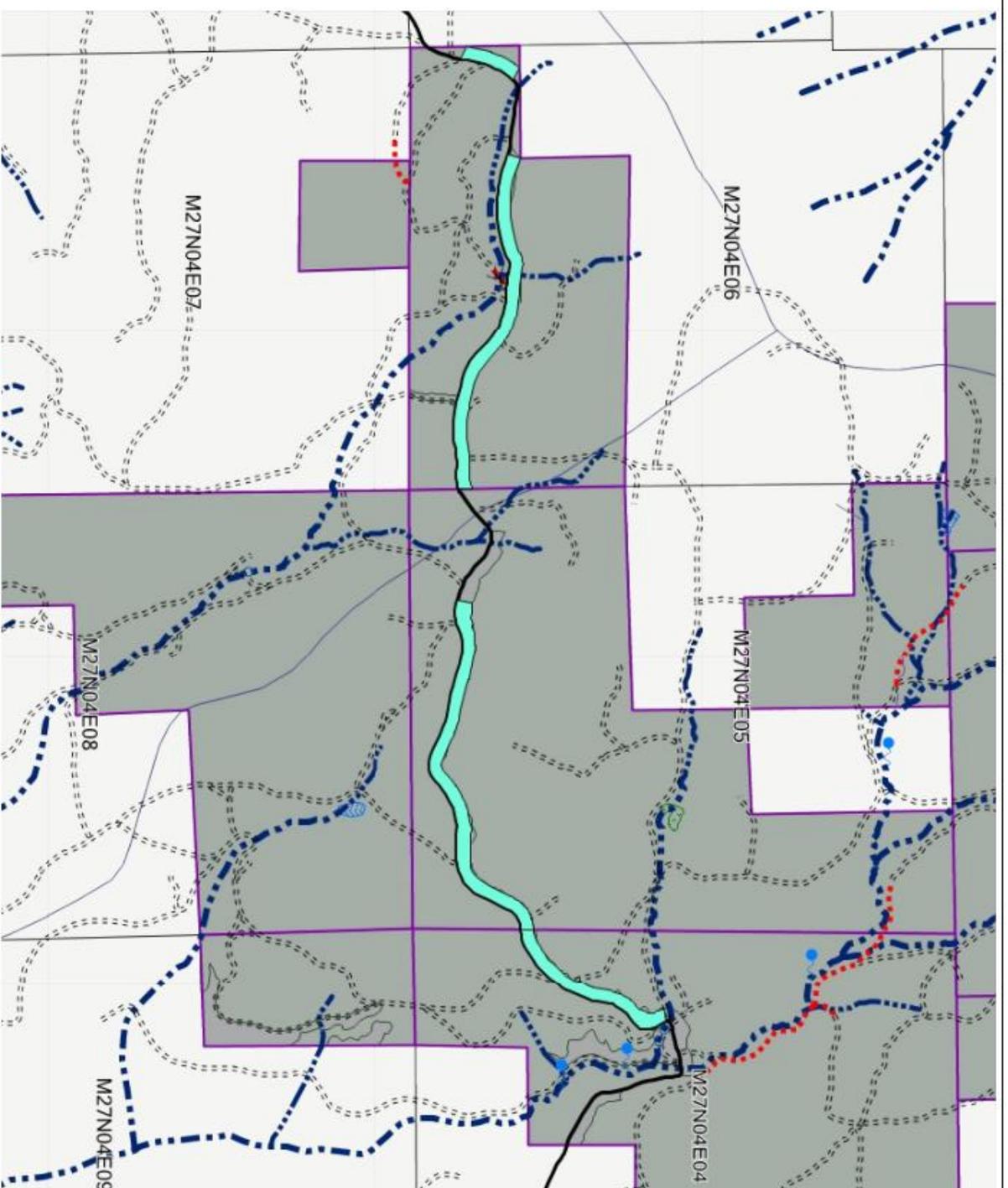
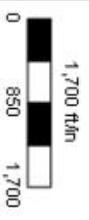
Proposer's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the protest, including filing a claim or legal proceedings.

Upon receipt of written protest/appeal, SPI will review and provide an opportunity to settle the protest/appeal by mutual agreement, will schedule a meeting to discuss or issue a written response to advise of an appeal/protest decision within 20 business days of receipt of the appeal/protest.

C. Public Records Access

Proposers should be aware that submitted proposals are subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. ***It is the responsibility of the proposers to clearly identify information in their proposals that they consider to be confidential under the California Public Records Act.*** To the extent that SPI agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.

All information regarding the proposals will be held as confidential until such time as the Selection Committee has completed its evaluation and, or if, contract negotiations are completed.



L-Line Fireline Clearing

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