

Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Re: Tillage Services in the Platte River Channel

Date: May 3, 2010

From: John Winkler, General Manager

The District has entered into Phase III of the Lower Platte River Weed Management Program. Phase I entailed aerial spraying of roughly 715 acres of phragmites and other invasive vegetation on sand bars in the Lower Platte River. Phase II entailed the mulching of this vegetation on areas that could be reached by the equipment employed and Phase III will conclude the program with double disking of roughly 330 acres of area in the program area (Fremont to the mouth of the Platte and Missouri Rivers).

Request for Proposals were advertised in compliance with District Policy, in addition, four contractors were contacted directly with bid specifications who were known to have done this type of work throughout the State of Nebraska. Bids were received and opened on April 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. (cst).

One bid was received from Dirt works Inc. of Fremont, Nebraska. This bid met all equipment and bid specifications.

- **Management recommends that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that Dirt Works Inc. be awarded the contract to provide primary tillage services in the Platte River Channel for the bid amount of \$235.00 per acre subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manger and District Legal Counsel.**

BID FORM
PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
PRIMARY TILLAGE SERVICES

This bid is submitted to Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE, Nebraska, 68138-3621 ("the NRD") for primary tillage services consisting of disking in a criss-cross pattern ("the Work") 250 to 850 acres of islands, banks and other machine-accessible locations to be specified by the NRD ("the Work Areas"), in the channel of the Platte River, commencing July 1, 2010 and ending with commencement of the 2010 waterfowl hunting season in Nebraska.

The undersigned bidder proposes and agrees that, if this bid is accepted, bidder will enter into an agreement with the NRD in the form included in the bidding documents and will perform all of the Work in the Work Areas for the prices and within the times indicated in this bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the bidding documents.

Bidder proposes to complete the Work for compensation consisting of TWO-HUNDREDTH THIRTY-FIVE Dollars (\$ 235.00) for each acre of the Work Areas upon which the Work is successfully performed by the bidder (fractional acreage to be pro-rated).

The equipment available to the bidder, and to be used for the Work, consists of the following:

1. A crawler tractor (Caterpillar Challenger or equivalent) (Model No. 75), manufactured by CATERPILLAR) with rubber or metal tracks, powered by an engine having 325 horsepower;
2. The crawler tractor is equipped with a three-point hitch (Model No. CATAGORY 3-4), manufactured by CATERPILLAR);
3. The crawler tractor is equipped to tow a primary tillage offset disk implement (Model No. 14'), manufactured by CATERPILLAR); and,
4. The offset disk implement has 4 gangs of disks, each gang is set at an angle to the other(s), each gang has a separate frame and axle assembly, the disks on such gang are notched (serrated) and not less than

36 inches in diameter, such discs are mounted with 12 inch separations between disks; and, such implement is capable of disking to a depth of 14 inches.

This bid is submitted this 19th day of APRIL, 2010

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Bidder

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Signature

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
PRIMARY TILLAGE SERVICES

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE, 68138-3621 ("the NRD") will receive sealed bids, on mandatory bid forms provided by the NRD, for primary tillage services for disking in a criss-cross pattern ("the Work") 250 to 850 acres of islands, banks and other machine-accessible locations to be specified by the NRD ("the Work Areas"), in the channel of the Platte River in the reach of the river extending from River Mile No. 2 to River Mile No. 64 (the "Project Reach"), in Butler, Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy and Saunders Counties in Nebraska. The Work includes the furnishing the labor, machinery, equipment, fuel, tools and incidentals necessary for performance of the Work. Compensation for the Work will be made on a per-acre basis. The Work shall commence on July 1, 2010, and conclude at the commencement of the Nebraska 2010 waterfowl hunting season.

The proposed contract and specifications for the Work, and the required bid form, are available and may be obtained at the NRD'S offices at 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68138-3621 ("the NRD Offices). Questions to the NRD concerning the Work may be directed to General Manager John Winkler at the NRD Offices, by e-mail addressed to jwinkler@papionrd.org or by phone at (402) 444-6222.

A pre-bid site visit to the work area may be scheduled by contacting General Manager John Winkler at the contact information above.

In order to be considered, bids for the Work must be sealed in an envelope marked "Bid for Primary Tillage Services," and must be received by the NRD at the NRD Offices on or before 2:00, o'clock, P. M., on April 19, 2010; whereupon bids received shall be opened and read before bidders and the public at the NRD Offices.

Bidders who are non-residents of Nebraska and desiring to engage in, prosecute, follow, or carry on the business of contracting within the State of Nebraska shall register with the Tax Commissioner in accordance with Sections 77-3201, Neb. Rev. Stat., et seq., prior to bidding.

The NRD reserves for its General Manager the sole discretion to judge the capability of the equipment available to the bidder for the duration of the Work and intended to be used for performance thereof, and the right to reject any and all bids based upon such judgment.