

Legal Advertisement Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), for contractors interested in becoming pre-qualified to submit earthwork/implementation bids on Custer Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) sponsored fish habitat projects from 2024 through 2026, will be received by Custer SWCD at cswcd@custertel.net or mailed or hand delivered to 1340 Pleasant Avenue, Suite D, Challis, Idaho 83226 until 4:00 p.m. (MST) April 29, 2024. Qualified contractors will be invited to submit bids on Custer SWCD sponsored projects in the Upper Salmon Basin construction projects to restore stream form and function and increase habitat within project areas for the benefit of Chinook Salmon and steelhead. Projects will involve streamside grading, water bypass, woody structure construction, meander development/restoration, and other instream work. Project may include irrigation diversion modifications, bridge installation and instream complexity projects. Two projects are scheduled for construction in the July/August fish window of 2024 pending permit completion. Instructions for the Statement of Qualifications can be requested from Karma Bragg at the e-mail address above.

Instructions for Statement of Qualifications for Custer Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Projects 2024 – 2026

The purpose of this request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) is to establish a list of pre-qualified contractors eligible to submit proposals for construction of major (large scale) projects sponsored by the Custer SWCD in the Upper Salmon Basin and adjacent areas from 2024 – 2026. These projects will focus on restoring stream form and function and on increasing the physical and biological habitat forms and processes within the Project reach for the benefit of spring Chinook salmon and steelhead rearing, overwintering and spawning habitats. Projects will involve streamside grading, water bypass, woody structure construction, and other instream work. Projects may include irrigation diversion modifications and bridge installation in addition to instream complexity projects

Eligibility criteria will be based on the firm's qualifications, capabilities and experience as demonstrated by satisfactory completion of similar projects that involved common stream restoration techniques. Statements of Qualification will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will review the contractor submitted SOQ (see instructions below) to make sure the contractor has completed projects of a similar scope and scale. The committee will also talk with Contracting Officers, Project Managers, and Project Engineers with which the contractor has worked to determine:

- a) Company's overall performance.
- b) Any problems that developed during project and how they were handled.
- c) How well the Company cooperated with other entities including but not limited to local, state and federal agencies, landowners, and stakeholders.
- d) Problems with work passing inspections or acceptance tests.
- e) Adherence to the contract documents and specified materials and equipment.
- f) Adherence to established schedules.
- g) Quality, performance, and skill of Company's personnel, subcontractors and/or its agents.

- h) Adherence to permit conditions.
- i) Water management and response to project-related turbidity
- j) Other questions of a business nature deemed necessary by the Evaluation Committee.

Any unsatisfactory responses above may serve as a basis for disqualification of the applicant as determined by the Evaluation Committee.

Based on the SOQs and project manager interviews, the Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, will decide whether the applicant is capable of fully performing the contractual requirements for the project, in all respects. If so, the contractor will become pre-qualified to bid on Custer SWCD projects sponsored in the Upper Salmon Basin projects through calendar years 2024 – 2026. We anticipate two projects to be installed in the July/August 2024 Fish window. Custer SWCD will notify all applicants in writing or by email whether or not they are pre-qualified within twenty calendar days after the deadline of receipt of the SOQ.

SOQs are due to Karma Bragg (csxcd@custertel.net) by 4:00 p.m. (MST) April 29th, 2024. Email proposals will be accepted.

Instructions for Statement of Qualifications.

1. **A signed cover letter**, on official company letterhead, addressed to Custer Soil and Water Conservation District indicating interest in becoming pre-qualified to bid on Custer SWCD fish habitat projects. Cover letter must be written on official company letterhead, be signed by an officer, and contain:
 - a. business name
 - b. mailing address
 - c. telephone number
 - d. e-mail address
 - e. name of business officers
 - f. tax identification number
2. **Project Experience:** Describe project experience on at least three (3) and no more than four (4) aquatic habitat enhancement projects that required full stream diversion and within the project area of the Upper Salmon. For each project provide:
 - a. Project name
 - b. Project location (state, county, stream)
 - c. Project Contracting Officer (name and contact information)
 - d. Implementation lead (Project manager and/or project engineer)
 - e. ESA species present
 - f. Indicate whether your company managed the project SWPPP
 - g. Project description
3. **Qualifications of Personnel:** Describe qualifications for key personnel including:
 - a. Number of years of experience working on fish habitat projects
 - b. Habitat projects listed above on which each person has worked
 - c. Rate proficiency of key personnel operating excavators in stream building tasks
4. **Equipment:** All projects will require at least one track-hoe containing biodegradable lubricants and fluids*. Please list track-hoe equipment you have (including size) that meet this requirement. Some projects may require gps grade-control on specific equipment. If so, this will be noted on individual project bid materials.

*For additional information and suppliers of biodegradable hydraulic fluids, motor oil, lubricant, or grease. See, Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants by the U.S. EPA (2011); e.g., mineral oil, polyglycol, vegetable oil, synthetic ester; Mobil® biodegradable hydraulic oils, Total® hydraulic fluid, Terresolve Technologies Ltd.® biobased biodegradable lubricants, Cougar Lubrication® 2XT Bio engine oil, Series 4300 Synthetic Bio-degradable Hydraulic Oil, 8060-2 Synthetic Bio-Degradable Grease No. 2, etc.