

Quotes for Professional Services
Stream Debris Removal
February 16, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Camden County, North Carolina

The Unified Government of Camden County is seeking quotes for stream debris removal work in the watershed management districts of Camden County, North Carolina.

Policies and Specifications

I. Scope

The work shall consist of removing and disposition of trees, logs, stumps, snags, shrubs, brush, and other obstructions from the flow area of the natural or excavated channel (here forward to be referred to as “stream debris removal”).

II. Marking

The start and finish points for any areas of stream debris removal are to be marked by Soil & Water Conservation District personnel. The vertical limits of each reach are defined by the road crossings or the confluence of different creeks. The horizontal limits of each reach are defined by the natural width of each channel.

III. Clearing

Unless otherwise specified, obstructions not marked for preservation shall be cut off as near the ground surface as conventional tools and field conditions will permit (this does not include vertically standing trees in the riparian area). All trees not marked for preservation and all snags, logs, brush, shrubs, and other obstructions shall be cleared from within the limits of the designated areas.

IV. Disposal

All materials cleared from the designated areas shall be disposed of in a location, and in a manner that complies with NRCS Standard 326 Clearing and Snagging.

V. Measurement and Payment

Payment for services will be made at the quoted unit price for all item(s) in a lump sum at completion of the project, and shall constitute full compensation for all labor, equipment, tools, and all other item(s) necessary and incidental to the completion of the work.

VI. Items of Work and Construction Details

Item(s) of work are to be performed in conformance with the policies, specifications and the construction details listed previously and as follows:

The personnel from the Camden County Soil and Water Conservation District (here forward referred to as “Inspector”) shall be responsible for inspecting the completed work

for projects and ensuring the quality of work meets Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standard 326 "Clearing and Snagging."

The Contractor shall respect the rights of the landowner to salvage timber 500 feet in advance of, and prior to, clearing operations. The Contractor shall dispose of any remaining timber, brush, or other woody growths as indicated below but shall not salvage any timber.

The clearing crew shall be organized in such a manner that trees, brush, logs, snags, etc., that are cut from the channel banks and bottom will be removed from the channel as the clearing progresses. At the end of any day's operation, there shall be no more than approximately a 500-foot reach where the fallen trees have not been removed from the channel.

Trees shall be felled in such a manner as to cause a minimum of damage to trees left standing. Trees left standing that are excessively damaged by clearing and snagging operations shall be removed at the expense of the Contractor. Excessive damage to trees shall consist of excessive peeling of bark, excessive cutting of the root system, or other excessive damage as determined by the Inspector.

Trees shall be felled in such a manner as to avoid damage to existing structures, or installations, and with due regard for the safety of persons and property.

During the channel stream debris removal operations, all lateral channels, side ditches, and natural drainage ways shall be left open so as not to obstruct the flow of water. Existing debris in all lateral channels, side ditches, and natural drainage ways within 15 ft. of the main channel top of the bank shall be removed and disposed in accordance with NRCS Standard 326 "Clearing and Snagging."

The Contractor shall promptly notify the District Engineer with North Carolina Division of Transportation (NCDOT) when Debris accumulates at the public highway bridges and culverts as a result of his channel stream debris removal operations.

Floating debris that is released during the channel work shall be trapped. Debris shall be removed from the traps as necessary or daily.

In areas where aquatic weeds such as alligator weed are hindering the proper flow of the channel, the aquatic weeds will be treated using herbicides that are labeled for the specific use and in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Stream debris removal includes removing and disposing of trees, logs, stumps, snags shrubs, brush, and other obstructions from the flow area of the natural or excavated channel as per NRCS standard 326 "Clearing and Snagging" through the use of hand labor and associated machinery only, no heavy machinery (i.e. track hoes, draglines, etc.)

will be utilized unless prior approval is received from landowners, federal, state and county regulatory officials.

Prospective professional services contractors shall contact the Camden County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 120 NC Hwy 343 North in Camden County, North Carolina for further information of policies and specifications. It is the responsibility of the bidder to inspect the potential work sites, ask questions and develop his/her own quote for consideration

Work sites will be coordinated/ prioritized with Camden County Soil & Water Conservation District personnel prior to beginning work. All work shall proceed sequentially upstream if possible with each section to be approved in the same order until all sections are completed. Initiation of work shall begin after approval from all appropriate regulatory authorities. All work shall be completed 90 days after initiation of work, or liquidated damages will be assessed at a rate of \$50 per day.

All quotes must be received in the Camden County Soil & Water District office by 11:00 AM, February 16, 2015, to be considered. Quotes should be marked "Stream Debris Removal." ADDITIONALLY, THE QUOTE SHALL INCLUDE: 1) a current certificate of general liability insurance, 2) a current proof of worker's compensation insurance, 3) a list of subcontractors and/or employees that may be used on the job, 4) Copy of Pesticide license with "A" Aquatic certification, 5) list of references, 6) list of machinery, equipment and tools to be used on the job. The quotes may be delivered to 120 NC Hwy 343 North, Camden, NC 27921, or mailed to PO Box 190, Camden, NC 27921. Quotes that do not arrive by 11:00 AM on the opening date will not be considered.

Prospective professional service providers are hereby notified that they must be deemed eligible to do business in the State of North Carolina. The contractor must present project machinery, and equipment for inspection before beginning work.

The right is reserved to reject any or all quotes. Any quote that is deemed deficient in any regard can be rejected regardless of how it compares with any other quote proposed by any other professional service contractor.

Professional Service Provider DBA

Authorized Representative Signature

Business Address

Federal Tax ID#

Date

Professional Service Quotes are requested for the following services:

Aquatic Herbicide Application Crew \$/Hr.:

**This rate should include full compensation for all management, labor, equipment, tools, machinery and all other item(s) necessary and incidental to the completion of the work excluding cost of Aquatic Chemicals. In order to provide this service in a safe and efficient manner the labor crew should be a minimum of two workers.

Aquatic Herbicide Application Crew - \$/Hr./additional worker:

Stream Debris Removal Crew \$/Hr.:

**This rate should include full compensation for all management, labor, equipment, tools, machinery and all other item(s) necessary and incidental to the completion of the work. In order to provide this service in a safe and efficient manner the labor crew should be a minimum of three workers.

Stream Debris Removal Crew \$/Hr./additional worker:

Please direct questions to Camden County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 120 NC Hwy 343 North, Camden, NC 27921 or by calling 252-338-1919 ext. 262, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.