

Request for Quotes

El Capitan Cabin Spur Road & Parking Design and Construction

Tongass National Forest, Alaska

Background and Statement of Work:

The National Forest Foundation (NFF), in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), is seeking design and construction services for vehicular access to the planned El Capitan public use cabin on the Tongass National Forest. This is a design-build project that involves a qualified designer and contractor to design and construct a USFS-approved gravel spur road and parking lot per existing 'GAOA El Cap Recreation Area: Campground & Day Use Area Improvements' 100% Design documents for the El Capitan Recreation Area. The cabin site, outhouse, and associated recreational development are likewise being developed under a separate contract, which may run concurrently with spur road and parking work; finish elevations will require coordination. Construction should be complete no later than September 30, 2024.

Information Requested

If interested in submitting a bid for this project, please provide a quote for the above statement of work by providing:

- technical approach
- work experience
- cost
- capacity for this project
- experience in similar projects

Specific requirements are detailed below.

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS

General Specifications

- (a) Description of Work – This Request for Quotes is for design and construction services related to a gravel spur road and parking lot for the planned El Capitan Cabin. All work must be in accordance with 'El Capitan Rec Area Spur Road & Parking' conceptual drawings and in coordination with construction documents for 'GAOA El Cap Recreation Area: Campground & Day Use Area Improvements' 100% Design and El Capitan BIL

Cabin design, and must conform to Forest Service standards and ABA Accessibility Standards. Project tasks include the following:

1. Design and construct a 16-foot wide gravel spur road of approximately 120 feet in length from the existing El Capitan Recreation Area Loop Road to the proposed cabin site.
2. Design and construct a gravel parking lot at the terminus of the spur road.
3. Design a transition zone that includes widening 40 feet of existing driveway spur and placing an 8" culvert for waterline passage to ensure surface and drainage continuity.
4. Option item: Construct a transition zone that includes widening 40 feet of existing driveway spur and placing an 8" culvert for waterline passage to ensure surface and drainage continuity.

The Contractor shall identify what they can supply in terms of materials, labor, equipment, supplies, supervision, quality control, and incidentals required to complete the work described. The Contractor shall perform all work in a safe and conscientious manner.

(b) Project Location – The El Capitan Cabin site is located within the El Capitan Recreation Area, Prince of Wales Ranger District, approximately 75 road miles north of Craig, Alaska, on Prince of Wales Island (lat, long: 56.1612444, -133.3195056). The Recreation Area is typically accessed by road from Craig, Klawock, or Hollis. Some segments of the road are gravel and single lane including from the junction of the N POW Rd (20 Road) onward as well as the road to Whale Pass. Boat access is available via the USFS dock on site. Klawock and Craig are the nearest full-service communities. The Loop Road through the Recreation Area Campground does not currently provide connecting vehicular access to the planned cabin site.

(c) Work Schedule – Weather normally keeps the road system closed from mid-to end of November until end of March. There are no specific restrictions during the open season. Rough grading and base course should be complete by June 15, 2024. Final grading and surface course should be complete no later than September 30, 2024. If changes to these dates are required due to the other ongoing contracts on site at the El Capitan Recreation Area, NFF/USFS will discuss this with the Contractor.

Other Project Requirements and Specifications

I. Utilities – There are no utilities available on site. The Contractor shall make its own arrangements for temporary facilities if needed. For communication in the field, the Contractor is required to have a device for two-way voice communication if there is not reliable cell service at the work site.

(b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the specifications in Attachment A: <https://nff.files.com/f/d2b03a6d32b6c168>.

Insurance Requirements

Upon selection of the winning bid, the Contractor agrees that it has and shall maintain the following insurance coverage indicated below. The effective date of all coverage shall precede

the start of any work.

- a. State minimum workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees, if any.
- b. Broad form general liability, property damage, and automotive liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of any person and \$2,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of more than one person. The Contractor shall name NFF an Additional Named Insured and provide NFF with a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverages, prior to the initiation of the Scope of Services.
- c. If the Scope of Services includes professional services as identified herein, Contractor shall also provide professional errors and omissions liability insurance. Professional services for purposes of this section include, but are not limited to performing architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, land surveying or planning, preparation and signing or stamping of drawings, maps, surveys or construction specifications, or design and development of computer software, programs or websites by the Contractor or by subcontractors on behalf of the Contractor, for which professional liability insurance would typically be required. The minimum coverage limits required are \$1,000,000 for each claim and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.

Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment

The Contractor is responsible for compliance with the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment identified in 2 CFR 200.216.

Payment/Performance Security

Contractor shall post cash, a letter of credit, bond, or other financial security that is easily convertible into cash in a form acceptable to the NFF, in its sole determination, to assure completion of the work required under any subsequent agreement and payment of all amounts lawfully due to all persons supplying or furnishing to the Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors with labor, laborers, materials, rental machinery, tools or equipment used or to perform the work. Contractor may incorporate required associated costs into mobilization costs or other approved expenses.

- a. Work that is classified as construction in accordance with the Miller Act or Little Miller Act or if required per conditions of the funding source, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of any Agreement. For the purposes of this Request for Quote, construction is defined as "any contract greater than \$100,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work where the federal government is the owner", or
- b. If Contractor is not self-performing at least 85% of the total contract value or if the cost of materials is in excess of the larger of \$100,000 or 50% of the contract total, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of the agreement, or
- c. If the value of the agreement is in excess of \$250,000, Contractor will be required to post financial security in a form acceptable to the NFF in the amount of 5% of the total agreement value up to \$250,000 in total financial security.

American Made Products. The work associated with this RFQ is subject to Build America, Buy America Act. P.L. 117-58, Secs 70911-70917, and as such, domestic content procurement preference requires all iron and steel, manufactured products and construction materials used within the scope of this Agreement, be produced in the United States.

Federal Exclusion Verification

The selected Contractor will be required to affirm that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

Federal Flowdown Provisions

Flowdown Requirements: Any Agreement associated with this RFQ may be subject to flowdown requirements under associated federal or state funding agreements, which are included and made part of by this reference.

II. REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Technical Quote

Please provide a detailed technical approach to the work.

Contractor Qualifications

- (a) Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.
- (b) References – Please provide three professional references that can speak to past performance.

Pricing Schedule

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below. Prevailing wages are required per conditions of funding sources.

	Task/Item	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
	Design spur road, parking and transition zone	1	Lump Sum	
	Construct spur road and parking	1	Lump Sum	
			Total Bid	

Optional Items

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below. Prevailing wages are required per conditions of funding sources.

	Task/Item	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
	Construct transition zone	1	Lump Sum	
			Total Bid	

III. SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND CONTACTS

Contractor Selection Process

The NFF will use the Evaluation Factors below to review each submitted bid. Based on the outcomes of that selection process, the NFF will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders by April 1, 2024 and will prepare a separate contract document.

- Price
- Previous Work History
- References
- Contractor availability / Project timeline

Point of Contact

Please submit any questions about the project in writing to the Point of Contact.

Carolyn Auwaerter (they/them)
National Forest Foundation Tongass Stewardship Coordinator
cauwaerter@nationalforests.org

Responses will be shared with known interested parties by email or otherwise posted at <https://www.nationalforests.org/rfp>.

Bid Submission

Submit bids via email to cauwaerter@nationalforests.org by March 10, 2024.

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