

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Bad River Hazard Tree Removal and Pruning Project

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for arborist services for all Bad River Community yards and several rural yards. Over 2,500 trees have been inventoried for removal and over 1,500 identified for pruning needs.

Residents and Bad River Housing will be responsible for moving fences, abandoned vehicles, etc. That work will be coordinated by Bad River's Mashkiizibii Natural Resources Forestry Program. Contractors will be responsible for cleanup of lawn areas. Chipping biomass will be utilized by the Bad River Tribe. Chips will be transported by the contractor to a location in Odanah, Wisconsin.

Bad River Forestry will routinely be on site while work is completed to intercede between contractors and residents. All work is expected to be completed in the 2026 calendar year.

Contracted services will include:

- Severing of various sized trees under various structural interference scenarios
- Removal of biomass through whole tree chipping where applicable and bucking for tribal use where requested
- A proactive safety plan for keeping community members and property safe from tree removal activities
- Cleanup

Proposals are required to contain the following information:

- TOTAL COST, this is for the entire project.
- Proof of liability insurance,
- any applicable arborist certificates,
- qualifications including references, a potential equipment list, staff information, the extent to which subcontractors will be relied upon (fewer subcontractors being preferable)
- A timeline of completion within the 2026 calendar year with no removals April 15th through June 15th for nesting. Birch Hill will not have cutting during oak wilt restrictions and seasonal weight limits will be complied with.

| Removals: Please break down costs for both live and dead trees | TOTAL |
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| • per tree cost – 1" DBH to 6" DBH | 264 |
| • per tree cost – 7" DBH to 12" DBH | 1293 |
| • per tree cost – 13" DBH to 24" DBH | 798 |
| • per tree cost – 25L+ | 25 |

Structural Interference Pruning - Around 1500 trees identified:

- per tree cost

A public webmap showing the individual trees with embedded characteristics is available on the following links:

[Urban Forestry Public Viewer](#)

<https://gis.badriver-nsn.gov/arcgis/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=9a357686a687468b9128bffc264d267c>

Bids will be evaluated based on the following priorities:

- Price
- Locality of Vendor
- Equipment and Employee Qualifications
- The extent to which subcontractors will be relied upon
- Project Timeline

This project is being funded by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the USFS Inflation Reduction Act as well as the US Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 476. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

Sealed bids must be labeled **"Bad River Hazard Tree Removal and Pruning Project"** and submitted by Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at 4:30 pm. Only **HARD COPIES** will be accepted. No electronic versions, please!

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
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Questions regarding this project can be directed to MNRD Forestry Specialist, Gena Abramson @ 715-682-7123 ext. 1563 or Email Forester@badriver-nsn.gov.

Bid opening will take place at Chief Blackbird Center Conference Room C @ 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 19th, 2026.

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

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| Program: | LA |
| Accounting: | JSK |
| Posted: | 1/29/26 |
| | 10 : 00 am/pm |

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