

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 Birch Resilience, Utilization, and Management Study

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for a study and subsequent report that informs tribal council and the community with regards to Birch on the Bad River Reservation. A short presentation at a tribal council or community meeting will also be necessary to complete the objectives of this project.

The Bad River Forestry Specialist will administer the project contract, provide pertinent inventory data, project objectives, and non-partial guidance for collecting adequate information so as to produce a functional report. The project is expected to take no longer than 6 months to complete.

*Proposals are required to contain the following information: **Total Costs**, along with a **breakdown of charges** related to community member interviews and scientific research, aerial photo interpretation with some ground truthing, inventory data analysis, and preparation of a final report containing charts, graphs, and other means of visual communication. Costs related to the final presentation should also be included. Please include relevant **qualifications including education, experience, etc.***

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.

Only hard copies will be accepted. **EMAILED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Sealed bids must be labeled "**BIRCH STUDY**" and received by March 31st, 2026, at 4:00 pm to

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary -Prisscilla Dax
PO Box 39/72682 Maple St
Odanah, WI 54861

Program:	<u>214</u>
Accounting:	<u>912</u>
Posted:	<u>3-5-26</u>
	<u>2:30 am/pm</u>

Questions regarding this project can be directed to **Gena Abramson**, Forestry Specialist, 715-685-8929 or Forester@badriver-nsn.gov

Bid opening will be scheduled at **Conference Room C of the Chief Blackbird Center/72682 Maple Street, Odanah, WI 54861, April 2 @ 10:00 AM**

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