

Prescribed Burn Request for Proposal
Urban Ecology Center
January 12, 2012

Description:

The Urban Ecology Center is requesting proposals for qualified professional burn contractors to conduct prescribed burns for areas of riparian flats along the east bank of the Milwaukee River, as well as, areas of prairie and savannah uplands within Riverside Park for a total of approximately 4 acres. The purpose of these controlled burns is to provide ecological management, reduce fuel load, and assist in control of invasives, including Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).

Contact Person:

Questions regarding this request for proposal can be directed to Kim Forbeck, Senior Land Steward, Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E Park Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53211. email: kforbeck@urbanecologycenter.org Phone: (414)964-8505

Qualifications:

Contractor shall have a minimum of three years of controlled burn experience. Contractor shall have completed sufficient training courses such as S-series Wildland Fire Training. Burn supervisors or burn bosses shall have a minimum of three years documented controlled burn experience. Contractors shall demonstrate knowledge of ignition techniques, smoke management, weather interpretation, fire suppression, and mop-up procedures.

Miscellaneous:

W-DNR permit NR429.04 has already been acquired as well as permission from the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Areas: (approximate sizes)

1. Riverside Park Ravine	0.14 acres	Spring 2012
2. Riverside Park Riparian Zone	0.62 acres	Spring 2012
3. Riverside Park Uplands	3.11 acres	Spring 2012

**The UEC is responsible for attaining permission from the individual land owners and all parcels and sizes to be burned are subject to change.*

The selected contractor shall provide the following services:

1. Conduct a site visit and prepare a burn plan for site.
2. Provide any burn breaks that may be required based on proximity of residents or businesses or confined areas with limited access, and protection of adjacent natural areas not to be burned.
3. Contact all emergency personnel the morning of the burn.
4. Conduct the controlled burn on a day(s) with appropriate wind speeds, humidity, and temperatures prior to March 15 or after November 15, due to the threatened Butler's

garter snake hibernation times. Crews shall not be smaller than two staff and Burn bosses shall be on site the entire time of the controlled burn.

5. The contractor shall mop-up all burned material. There shall be no burning material when contractor leaves site.

6. The contractor must maintain liability insurance throughout the term of the contract, and the UEC requests a copy of their current insurance certificate with the proposal.

The Urban Ecology Center will be responsible for the following:

1. Permits and permission from local authorities and agencies.
2. Leafleting neighbors to notify and educate the day prior to the burn.
3. Contact Fire Battalion Chief, Terry Lintonen, the day prior to and morning of the burn. Office (414)286-8943; Mobile(414)349-6345

Request for Proposal Dates:

RFP opens January 15, 2012

RFP closes February 15, 2012

*Proposal should be submitted not later than 5pm on February 15, 2012 to Kim Forbeck via email at kforbeck@urbanecologycenter.org