

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BID OPENS: June 5, 2025

BID CLOSE DATE: June 19, 2025

BID NUMBER: 25-06-3713GC

INVITATION: BLACK BEAR FIELD RESEARCH CREWS ON NAVAJO NATION

Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife is requesting proposals to provide two field teams to assist with the setup, maintenance, and take down of hair-snare sites across four survey grids during summer 2025. The selection will be based on overall price, familiarity with Chuska and Carrizo Mt regions, and performance and reliability of the of the proposers. NNDFW needs are outlined in this Request for Proposal ("RFP").

The Navajo Nation is a sovereign government and all contracts entered into as a results of this RFP shall comply with Navajo Nation law, rules and regulations, including the Navajo Preference in Employment Act, and applicable federal laws, rules and regulations. The payment procedures established by the Division of Finance shall be adhered to and are to begin whenever goods are delivered and accepted.

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Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife

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If you have questions regarding the RFP, contact me at the number/email above.

After BIDs are received, the BIDs will be reviewed by the BID TEAM and a selection will be made. The selected vendor will be notified by Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife staff.

Bid Package (include BID Number) can be delivered to:

Grace Coan , Buyer

Purchasing Service Department

PO Box 3150

Window Rock, AZ 86515

(Must Identify BID# and Company Name on the Outside of all sealed Package/Envelope)

Please Submit an Original, and two (2) copies of your sealed bid

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE INVITATION FOR BIDS:**

Must have previous experience conducting wildlife research in the Chuska and Carrizo Mountain chain on Navajo Nation. Bidder be verified as being on the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory Listing, they will have an advantage. However, this does not guarantee BID award.

The Navajo Nation is not bound to enter into a contract under this RFP and may issue a subsequent RFP for the same purchase.

Since the Navajo Nation is a Sovereign government, all contracts entered shall comply with Navajo Nation law, rules, and regulations, as well as federal laws, rules, and regulations.

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT:**

Bid shall be effective on the date of award.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS:**

Visibly mark on the outside of the proposal package, if applicable, the offeror's priority status under the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act. It is the Responsibility of the offeror to identify themselves as certified under the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act.

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

This project will be led by University of Arizona PhD Candidate Deandra Jones, with technical and logistical support from Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife (NNDFW). The project aims to assess the current status of the black bear population on the Navajo Nation to contribute to effective habitat management while preserving Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and minimizing human-wildlife conflicts. By providing updated population data and habitat assessments, the project will guide conservation efforts to protect and restore critical habitats, thereby reducing losses to wildlife and their ecosystems. The study will involve conducting population surveys, collecting hair samples for DNA analysis, gathering TEK through interviews, and assessing human-bear conflicts via surveys. Hair collection will take place during the summers of 2024 and 2025.

NNDFW is seeking proposals for two field crews to perform the following field work summer of 2025:

1. Travel to and establish base camps at remote locations across the Chuska-Carrizo Mountain Chain
2. Install 70+ hair-snare survey stations according to provided protocols
3. Check and maintain snare stations throughout 5 separate survey periods; submit all hair samples to Deandra Jones upon collection
4. Remove all materials upon completion of each grid's sampling period
5. Work in coordination with NNDFW biologists and follow safety and data collection protocols

#### Proposal Requirements:

Must be able to provide staff for two separate field crews, 4x4 transportation, camping equipment, food, insurance for field teams and any equipment necessary to establish base camps near research sites. One-two days of orientation and training will be provided before field work begins; however, the field crew teams must be able to work independently from NNDFW and researcher Deandra Jones for the duration of the contract.

#### CLOSING REMARKS:

The BIDs will open on June 5, 2025 and close on June 19, 2025 at 5pm Mountain Time. RFPs received after the specified time will not be accepted. Please allow adequate time for delivery. If using a courier service, the proposer is responsible for ensuring delivery will be made directly to the required location.

Please include the W9 and the Debarment, Suspension and Contracting Eligibility Forms (attached below)

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC	
	<input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____		
Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► _____		
4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):		
Exempt payee code (if any) _____		
Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____		
(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)		
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.		
Requester's name and address (optional)		
6 City, state, and ZIP code		
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								
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or								
Employer identification number								
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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ►	Date ►
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

**NAVAJO NATION CERTIFICATION**  
**Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and**  
**Contracting Eligibility**

1. Applicant entity acknowledges that to the best of its knowledge that the Applicant entity, either in its present form or in any identifiable capacity, has not, in accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 361:
  - A. Been convicted of the commission of criminal offenses incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of any such contract or subcontract;
  - B. Been convicted of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or other offenses indicating a lack of business integrity or honesty, which currently, seriously, and directly affect responsibility as a Navajo Nation contractor;
  - C. Been convicted under antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals;
  - D. Violated contract provisions, including:
    - i. Deliberate failure, without good cause, to perform in accordance with the contract specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract,
    - ii. A recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance with the terms of any contract, or
    - iii. Any other cause so serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a Navajo Nation contractor, including debarment by another governmental entity.
2. Applicant acknowledges that if the Navajo Nation determines that the executed Certification provided herein is untrue or not wholly accurate, it shall be grounds for the Navajo Nation to terminate the contract and pursue other legal remedies, at the Navajo Nation's discretion.
3. Applicant certifies to the best of its knowledge that it is eligible to do business with the

Navajo Nation, in its present form or in any other identifiable capacity, pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 1501 and 5 N.N.C. § 301. Applicant also acknowledges that per 12 N.N.C. § 1505, it will not be eligible to contract with the Navajo Nation if deemed ineligible by the appropriate department or entity of the Navajo Nation which receives the Applicant's request for consideration for a business opportunity.

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Applicant Name

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Name of individual signing on Applicant's behalf (print)

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Applicant Address

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Title of individual signing on Applicant's behalf

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Applicant Address

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Signature of individual signing on Applicant's behalf

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Applicant Address

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Date