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**IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the next page must be fully completed by offeror.**

		4. ADDRESS OFFER TO
		Delivered to: Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Watershed Division Attn: Stephanie Bransford 416 W. Main, Suite 2 GRANGEVILLE, ID 83530
5. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME Stephanie Bransford	B. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code) <b>(NO COLLECT CALLS)</b> 208-983-0675

**SOLICITATION**

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder."

6. THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (Title, identifying no., date):

**Red River Meadow, River, & Floodplain  
Conceptual Design  
Nez Perce Tribe, DFRM Watershed Division  
Idaho County, IDAHO**

**ELECTRONIC OR MAILED OFFERS ARE ACCEPTABLE.** OFFERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **May 2, 2025** AT 4:30 PM LOCAL TIME. [stephanieb@nezperce.org](mailto:stephanieb@nezperce.org) OR MAIL TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE IN BOX 4.

7. The Contract time shall begin upon receipt of upon notice to proceed and the work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2026. This performance period is mandatory.

8. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)	15. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)
	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14)

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Nez Perce Tribe within 60 calendar days after the date offers are due.

AMOUNT

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

## Request for Technical Proposal / Bid Price

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management Watershed Division (Tribe) is requesting a technical proposal, statement of qualifications, and bid proposal price from professional restoration engineering design firms for a conceptual design for the Red River Meadow, River, & Floodplain project area as described & shown in maps below.

### ***Project Background & Description:***

Over the course of the last century, mining and agriculture operations in the Red River Meadow project area near Elk City, Idaho, have resulted in fish and wildlife habitat degradation. Constructed push-up berms and dredge spoils along with channel straightening and removal of riparian vegetation have significantly altered the natural setting of the mainstem river, tributary inputs, and the overall meadow system. The consequence of these land uses is substantial loss of complex habitat in both the river and meadow including being disconnected from the floodplain and a loss of water storage within the meadow complex.

Some larger restoration projects have been done within this meadow complex (1996-2000, & 2016-2024) that includes reconnecting historic meanders, constructing new meanders, reshaping channel cross sections, installing a variety of bioengineered bank treatments, and extensive riparian planting within the Red River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) & Lower Red River Meadow (CE) reaches of the project area (locations described in more detail below). Design information on these past projects can be provided upon request after award is made.

Species that are identified as occurring in the project area and that would benefit most are steelhead (migration & rearing), spring Chinook salmon (migration, spawning, & rearing), cutthroat trout, bull trout, Pacific lamprey, Western pearlshell mussels, mountain whitefish, resident rainbow trout and various species of wildlife (beaver) and birds.

The vision of this project is to create a high functioning meadow system with a self-sustaining river corridor that increases and enhances the site's ecological and geomorphic potential while benefitting natural production of native fishes and wildlife within the practical constraints of the project. Several reference reach examples have been included in the Supplemental Information at the end of this RFP. Listed below are the primary objectives of the project.

- Complete restoration actions to improve floodplain connectivity within the large Red River Meadow Complex – at frequent intervals
- Increase water storage capacity of the meadow complex
- Restore sections of over-widened mainstem channel
- Look for opportunities to increase in-stream channel complexity
- Restore channel meander bends in straightened reaches of mainstem channel

Project partners for this conceptual design effort include the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT), Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forest (NPCNF), and private property owners.

Habitat actions for mainstem river channel restoration, side-channel construction, tributary stream restoration, and meadow wetland/floodplain restoration will all be evaluated under this conceptual design work element. The final conceptual design product will then be used to

complete HIP IV, ESA & SHPO consultations as well as the basis for completing a final engineering design.

### ***Design Options / Considerations***

Project stakeholders, with the exception of private landowners, visited the project site in the fall of 2024 and came up with the following list of actions that we would like considered in the conceptual design, however, if the design firm deems other actions not listed as beneficial and in line with meeting the above stated objectives, then those actions shall be evaluated as well.

Actions to be evaluated are:

- Raised constructed riffles – provide for floodplain connectivity
- Mid-channel island bars for over-widened channel areas
- Constructed point bars
- Removal of berms/tailings spoil piles along the channel(s)
- Treatments on feeder/ tributary streams – most are extremely incised & lack riparian vegetation – potential for beaver dam analogs
- Mainstem channel configuration – addition of meander bends in straightened reaches
- In-channel features should be placed in locations that will most effectively support floodplain connectivity and flow into relic scrolls, meanders, and topographic depressions on the floodplain. Re-entrant flow from across the floodplain should also be dampened with tailwater created from riffle features, riffles should be placed to turn water out onto the floodplain but also in locations to collect the water as it re-enters the channel.
- Low tech restoration techniques should be used extensively on the floodplain to trap flow and encourage wetland development across the meadow
  - Elk calving habitat and nesting habitat for bald eagles will need to be considered in order to limit potential negative effects.

### ***Red River Meadow Complex – Properties to be Included in Conceptual Analysis***

The Red River Meadow Complex (approx. 880 acres) is comprised of six different areas with five different landowners, which makes the conceptual design and restoration a more complex project. The properties are as follows:

- Red River Wildlife Management Area (RR WMA)
- Lower Red River Meadow (Conservation Easement - CE)
- Gibbler Family Properties (up to 11 different parcels)
- Johnson Property
- USFS – both the French Gulch Area & Red River Narrows
  - Red River Narrows – top reach for tailings piles utilization for constructed riffles

It should be noted that permission is secured on the RR WMA, RR CE, and USFS properties at this time. Permissions to enter the Gibbler & Johnston properties are not granted at this time but NPT & IDFG personnel will be working to try and secure permissions. If unsuccessful for this conceptual design effort, aerial imaging and/or remote sensing data will have to be used. Maps are included as an appendix.

## ***Conceptual Design Products***

Specific products to be produced through this conceptual design contract are as follows:

- Establish and document project goals, objective and design criteria including limiting factors for key species and life histories.
- Conceptual design alternatives – preliminary design analysis for each one
  - Broke out into options (likely dependent on land ownership)
- Feasibility/Basis of Design report of comprehensive action plan(s) for the Red River Meadow Complex – evaluation and write-up of 2-3 different restoration plans (dependent of landowner permissions)
- A materials acquisition plan (large wood, boulders) and preliminary quantities would be included as part of the conceptual design, to be included in the Basis of Design Plan that accompanies the conceptual design.
- Visual products that can be used to educate / persuade landowners to consider restoration

## ***Required Qualifications***

All professional stream / floodplain restoration engineering design firms submitting a bid package must **demonstrate a minimum of 3 years experience and expertise in similar work.** Identify the key personnel proposed for the project showing the authority and role for each proposed individual. For each individual identified, provide a resume showing the years of experience in discipline(s), relevant licenses, certifications, education/training and professional registrations, plus up to five (5) projects that indicate experience similar to the Description of Work. Specifically highlight experience in similar stream / floodplain restoration design projects.

## ***No Reimbursement for Proposal***

Offerors responding to this RFP do so solely at their own expense. Under no circumstances whatsoever will NPT be responsible or reimburse Offerors for any costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of their proposals, negotiation of the Contract and cost proposal by the Offeror, or for any related expenses or consequential damages of any kind.

## ***Contract Performance Period:***

**Work is expected to be performed June 15, 2025 – January 31, 2026** unless another timeframe is approved or working conditions are not conducive to this timeframe. Project accessibility is not anticipated until June 15<sup>th</sup> due to sensitive elk calving occurring in the project areas.

## ***Submittals:***

The written technical proposal (hardcopy or electronic) and bid price form (shown below) must be submitted to the Nez Perce Tribe Watershed Restoration Project Leader by May 2, 2025. Please send to:

[stephanieb@nezperce.org](mailto:stephanieb@nezperce.org)

OR

Stephanie Bransford  
Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Watershed  
416 W. Main, Suite 2  
Grangeville, ID 83530  
208-983-0675

It is anticipated that the selection of the consultant will be completed by May 9, 2025.

***Preparation of Technical Proposal:***

Please prepare your Technical Proposal using the following format:

- Firm information
- Resumes of key project team members
- Summary of relevant experience
- Example projects of similar magnitude & approach
- Work Plan & Schedule – check in points at 15%, 30%, 80% & Final
- Bid Price (see table below)

Proposals should be prepared simply, providing a straightforward and concise description of the contractor's proposed approach and capabilities necessary to satisfy the criteria listed above. The proposal may not be longer than 30 pages, single-spaced with no less than 12-point font. Emphasis in the proposals should be on completeness, clarity of content, and adherence to the presentation structure required by this RFP. Contractors that deviate from the required format may be deemed nonresponsive.

**A RSVP site visit is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2025 with a back-up date of April 24, 2025 (in case the meadow is still covered under snow).** Contact Stephanie Bransford with the Nez Perce Tribe, 208-983-0675 or email [stephanieb@nezperce.org](mailto:stephanieb@nezperce.org), to RSVP for the site visit and receive all details and communications regarding the recommended site visit.

***Evaluation of Technical Proposal:***

Each firm wishing to be considered for completing the Red River Meadow, River, & Floodplain Project must submit a technical proposal following the format described above. A selection committee will review the submitted proposals and score them based on the following criteria:

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Qualifications of Team          | 30% |
| 2. Similar Design Work             | 25% |
| 3. Work Plan / Completion Schedule | 10% |
| 4. Price                           | 35% |

**\*\*\* The technical criteria, when combined, are greater than price in the award decision.**

PRICE RANGE: The cost estimate for this project is \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Upon completion of the evaluation of the technical proposal by the selection committee, the firm who is considered to have the most advantageous qualifications & reasonable price to complete the project will be notified of the selection. . As outlined above, items 1-3 are considered the technical proposal and will be rated overall as higher importance than price (technical worth 65% while price is worth 35%).

Certified Indian Owned Businesses registered with the Nez Perce Tribe that meet or exceed the above outlined qualifications will be given preference. Please note if you are registered CIB with the Nez Perce Tribe.

Final award will be subject to execution of the Contract. Negotiation of the Contract will include the scope of services and fees for services. NPT reserves the right to negotiate a final Contract that is in the best interest of NPT. If permitted by NPT, in its sole discretion, negotiation of the Contract may include one or more of the proposed alternate terms and conditions, if any, in the selected Contractor’s proposal. Award of the Contract may be withdrawn if the Contract negotiations are not timely concluded, as determined by NPT in its sole discretion.

## **BID PRICE**

### **2025 Red River Meadow, River, & Foodplain Restoration Project Conceptual Design Idaho County, Idaho**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
1	<b>Document Collection &amp; Analysis</b>	1	Lump Sum	\$
2	<b>Field Data Collection &amp; Site Visit(s)</b>	1	Lump Sum	\$
3	<b>Draft Documents – 15%, 30%, &amp; 80%</b>	1	Lump Sum	\$
4	<b>Final Conceptual Design/Report</b>	1	Lump Sum	\$
5	<b>Misc. Visual Products for Landowner Education</b>	1	Lump Sum	\$
		<b>Total Price</b>		\$

