

**Specifications for Elderberry Transplant Services**  
**(included in Invitation for Bids)**

**General Specifications**

1. The County of Yolo is requesting from qualified contractors to transplant twenty-three (23) elderberry bushes (*Sambucus mexicana*) located at designated levee sites and relocate them to the Haller Muller In Channel transplant area which has been approved by the Yolo County Habitat Conservancy under their Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (Yolo HCP/NCCP).
2. The Contractor who is selected will be expected to perform services based on the prices contained in this Invitation for Bid. The Contractor will furnish all labor, tools, equipment, and materials to complete these services.
3. The Contractor is expected to fully complete the Bid Form Exhibit A.
4. The Contractor is also expected to complete the Supplier's Questionnaire in Exhibit B outlining their qualifications for this work and Previous Customer References in Exhibit C as well as submit other Exhibits.
5. All services must be bid at prevailing wage rates.
6. Per Public Works Contractor Registration Law [SB 854], Contractors and Subcontractors who intend to bid or perform work on this Project must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Information is available at:<https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>

**Technical Specifications**

Projects impacting elderberry plants in California which is the host plant for the federally threatened Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB), must follow strict guidelines from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

- a. A qualified biologist must oversee transplanting activities to ensure compliance with conservation measures.
- b. Transplanting should occur when shrubs are dormant, typically between November and the first two weeks of February, to avoid the VELB flight season (March-July).
- c. Before transplanting, a biologist must survey VELB exit holes, record locations with GPS, and report findings to the USFWS and the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB).
- d. Transplanting must follow ANSI A300 (Part 6) guidelines. Care should be taken with the shallow root system, and mulching or landscape fabric is recommended for weed control. Trimming, if necessary, should happen during the dormant season and avoid branches or stems one inch or greater in diameter.

Once the elderberry bushes are transplanted to the Haller Muller In Channel site it will be the responsibility of the Yolo Habitat Conservancy to ensure monitoring for a 60% survival rate.

### **Minimum Contractor Qualifications**

1. Contractor's employees shall possess a C-27 license or C-49 license, and any certifications, permits and insurance required by the State of California and the County of Yolo to perform elderberry transplant services. All costs thereof shall be deemed to be included in the prices proposed for the Services. Such licenses and certifications are to be presented to the County with this bid.
2. The Contractor shall be an established firm conducting business of the nature specified for a minimum of five (5) continuous years.
3. The Contractor shall have demonstrated experience in the past five (5) years transplanting large groups of elderberry shrubs according to the guidance in US Fish and Wildlife's 2017 Framework for Assessing Impacts to the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle and the ANSI A300 (Part 6) guidelines for transplanting.
4. This project is subject to compliance and enforcement by the department of Industrial Relations (DIR). All contractors and subcontractors must be registered with the DIR prior to submitting a bid for this project and must include their DIR number with all other required bid submittal documents.
5. The contractor shall adhere to the following California Air Resources Board Requirement:

The California Air Resources Board ("CARB") implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations ("Regulation") which are effective on January 1, 2024 and apply broadly to all self-propelled off-road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California. A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-road-diesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and Regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations section 2449 et seq. throughout the duration of the Project. Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder's and all listed subcontractors' most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance ("CRC") issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive.

The County is a Public Works Awarding Body, as defined under Title 13 California Code of Regulations section 2449(c)(46). Accordingly, Bidders must submit, with their Bids, valid Certificates of Reported Compliance ("CRC") for the Bidder's fleet and for the fleet(s) of its listed subcontractors (including any applicable leased equipment or vehicles). Bidders must additionally complete and submit the Fleet Compliance Certification, included in the Bid Documents. Failure to provide a CRC for the Bidder, and for all listed subcontractors, or failure to complete the Fleet Compliance Certification, may render the Bid non-responsive.