

# Request for Proposal: Installation of Wildlife-Friendly Bison Fence

The Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO), a tribally-chartered economic development entity of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (RST), is seeking proposals to install approximately 18 miles of wildlife-friendly bison fencing on the Rosebud reservation. REDCO has begun the process of establishing a new buffalo range and seeks to complete the first phase of perimeter fencing before the fall of 2020.

## **Project and Location:**

REDCO recently acquired a lease for a nearly 28,000-acre property on Rosebud tribal lands. The property is located in south central South Dakota, along the Nebraska border, and will be converted into the Wolakota Buffalo Range. In order to be prepared to receive bison in Fall 2020, the fencing of the property will occur in phases. The first phase requires roughly 18 miles (17.92) or 95,000 feet (94,605) of new bison fencing in the rolling grassland terrain of the Sandhills. Additionally, the existing fencing is not sufficient to contain bison and will need to be torn out. The remaining pastures will be fenced in subsequent years with the total perimeter fencing need of approximately 41 miles. The property is accessed from the south, between Cody, NE and Nenzel, NE.

Prior to submitting a proposal, contractors may contact REDCO at <a href="woolange.com">woolange.com</a> to schedule a site visit. Although full access to the perimeter fence is limited by weather conditions, a representative sample can be viewed. The makeup of the property is typical of the Sandhills with rolling, occasionally rough terrain characterized by mixed-grass prairie covering stabilized sand dunes.

The maps below provide context for the location of the property, outline the full property in red, and highlight the area that will be fenced during the first phase. An additional map including current gate locations is available upon request.





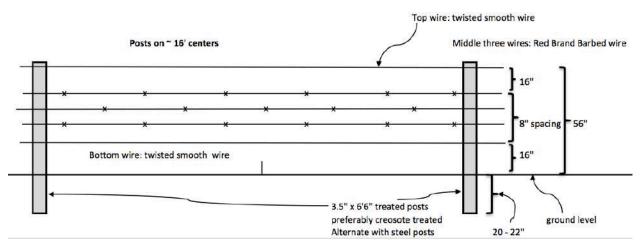






## **Fence Specifications:**

Preferred fence specifications can be found in the diagram below. REDCO will work with the selected contractor to determine the precise quantity of supplies needed to complete the project. REDCO will purchase and provide all fencing materials.



Corner braces should be constructed as depicted below.





### **Submission Requirements**

Potential partners wishing to be considered shall submit information as follows:

- 1. Submit your firm's qualifications, background and experience relating to the specific projects described in this Request For Proposal. Such qualifications may include narratives, resumes, (including education and years of project specific experience), successful previous projects, projects in Sandhills landscapes, etc. Address how your qualifications and experience illustrate your ability to deliver excellent project results relating to the specific fencing project. Indicate by name and title, the team members you are proposing, and the project roles and functions each team member will have in the project. Describe your experience with, and/or approach to providing such services within the boundaries of an established Indian Reservation.
- 2. Submit a minimum of one (1), and a maximum of ten (10) examples of past projects that show your firm's abilities to complete such projects profitably and sustainably. These project examples must have been completed by current members of your team, including personnel you plan to utilize for the REDCO fencing project.
- 3. Submit a Proposal outlining your price and the estimated number of days it would take to complete the project. (Note: Price estimates should include the cost of labor, equipment use, and expertise only. REDCO will pay for fence materials.)
- 4. Submit the name and contact information for a minimum of one (1) reference from a previous project of similar scope and nature.

As an entity of the RST, REDCO must follow RST Procurement rules. As such, Indian preference applies and Tribal Employment Contracting Rights Office (TECRO) compliance is mandatory. This means that if selected, the contractor must receive a Tribal Business License from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Department of Revenue to negotiate contracts with REDCO. If applicable, the selected contractor must also submit a compliance plan with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe TECRO office.



#### **Submission Instructions**

Submit one (1) electronic PDF copy, and three (3) printed hard copies of the Proposal. Electronic copies must be received no later than April 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM CDT. Hard copies must be postmarked no later than the same date. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted at this time. No late or faxed submittals will be accepted. Hard copies of submittals shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked (Subject: "Wolakota Phase One Fencing Proposal") on the front of the envelope. The submission of the hard copies of the "Wolakota Phase One Fencing Proposal" shall be sent or delivered to:

REDCO c/o Wolakota Buffalo Range 27565 Research Park Drive Mission, SD 57555

Electronic submissions should be emailed to:

### wolakota@sicangucorp.com

For more information, call (715) 896-1051 or email <u>wolakota@sicangucorp.com</u>. Due to the current restrictions resulting from COVID-19, please allow one to two business days for a response. Additionally, if the current work restrictions prevent you from mailing a hard copy, please inform REDCO of your situation in your electronic submission.

REDCO reserves the right to amend this RFP at any time.