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DEP SOLICITATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL


CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

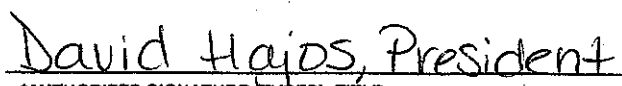
Page <u>1</u> of <u>47</u> Pages	SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO: Department of Environmental Protection Procurement Section, Carr Building, Room 235 3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#93 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 Telephone Number: 850-245-2361
AGENCY RELEASE DATE: November 4, 2011	

SOLICITATION TITLE: AMERICAN BISON REMOVAL/RELOCATION AT PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK	SOLICITATION NO: 2012006C
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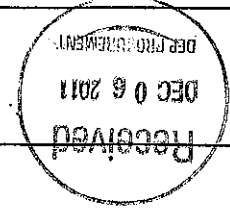
PROPOSALS WILL BE OPENED: **ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011 @ 2:30 P.M. ET**
 and may not be withdrawn within **180** days after such date and time.

VENDOR NAME: Gateway Farms, LLC.	
VENDOR MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 475	
CITY - STATE - ZIP: High Springs, FL 32643	
PHONE NUMBER:	386-454-5688
FREE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL ADDRESS:	jenn@gatewayfarms.net
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 *AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (MANUAL)


 *AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (TYPED), TITLE

*This individual must have the authority to bind the respondent.



TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY (Corporation, LLC, partnership, etc.):

I certify that this Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a proposal for the same materials, supplies or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this Proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this Proposal for the Proposer and that the Proposer is in compliance with all requirements of the Request for Proposal, including but not limited to, certification requirements. In submitting a Proposal to an agency for the State of Florida, the Proposer offers and agrees that if the Proposal is accepted, the Proposer will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the State of Florida all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the State of Florida for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of Florida. At the State's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders final payment to the Proposer.

RESPONDENT CONTACTS: Please provide the name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the official contact and an alternate, if available. These individuals shall be available to be contacted by telephone or attend meetings as may be appropriate regarding the solicitation schedule.

PRIMARY CONTACT:		SECONDARY CONTACT:	
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PUR 1001 - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

- Definitions.** The definitions found in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:
 - "Buyer" means the entity that has released the solicitation.
 - "Procurement Officer" means the Buyer's contracting personnel, as identified in the Introductory Materials.
 - "Respondent" means the entity that submits materials to the Buyer in accordance with these Instructions.
 - "Response" means the material submitted by the respondent in answering the solicitation.
 - "Timeline" means the list of critical dates and actions included in the Introductory Materials.

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Solicitation Number: 2012006C

Date Due: December 6, 2011

Time Due: 2:30 pm ET

**Technical Response – The American Bison Removal/Relocation at Paynes Prairie Preserve
State Park**



Happy Holidays from GATEWAY FARMS, LLC.

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Technical Response – **The American Bison Removal/Relocation at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park**

Bidding Contractor Gateway Farms, LLC President: David Hajos

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Website: www.gatewayfarms.net

- Bidding Contractor Gateway Farms, LLC will be referred to as Gateway Farms in this proposal.
- Department of Environmental Protection will be referred to as DEP in this proposal.

Introduction

DEP is searching for a qualified firm to relocate all mature reproducing male American Bison located within the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park in Micanopy, Florida. Gateway Farms, LLC is qualified and prepared to execute this challenging task. The task will include the capture of all American Bison (approximately 70). Once all American Bison are captured they will be separated out as follows:

A. Pregnant female American Bison and dependent calves will be corralled into park- owned holding pens, to remain there until after giving birth, and the castration of male offspring.

B. Non-pregnant American Bison females and castrated males will be released back into park, upon completion of capture.

C. Mature reproducing male American Bison will be placed in temporary holding pens, (built by Gateway Farms) for removal from the park. Only mature reproducing male American Bison will be removed from the park.

The ultimate goal is to keep the American Bison as calm as possible throughout this entire process. This is the safest strategy for both the American Bison and the people involved in the project. Gateway Farms has located the different groups of Bison living in the park. Over the past two weeks, David Hajos, president of Gateway Farms, has visited the entire park on nine different occasions. On one of his latest visits he flew over the Paynes Prairie Preserve on December 1, 2011 to view the full area of the Park and the Bison's location within. He now has a great understanding of the entire area, including the current location and movements of the American Bison and other animals living in the Prairie. The American Bison are living in the same general area as observed on the previous visit. All American Bison David has come into close proximity with have been very calm and comfortable around humans. Our goal is to maintain their calm demeanor. All groups of American Bison on the Preserve are accessible by vehicle.

The first strategy is to bait the American Bison into manufactured catch pens. These will be erected either at the Hickory Ranch location or on various areas in the Prairie close to where the American Bison are currently living. We plan to use a mixture of sweet feed, cornmeal, cracked corn, molasses and sugar for bait. The catch pens will be erected with special panels used to capture exotic hoof stock which live in large areas. The panels are strong enough to contain American Bison. If the baiting process is unsuccessful, herding methods will be utilized. The primary herding method will be with horses. In very swampy areas it may be necessary to utilize a helicopter service; in this case they will be listed as a subcontractor. The final and last resort will be to chemically immobilize any American Bison which have not been corralled. Once captured, the American Bison will be separated out accordingly. All mature reproducing male American Bison will be removed immediately from the property and taken to our facility to be safely separated from one another. American Bison are very aggressive once pressured and will fight one another to the death, particularly if agitated and in a small area. Therefore it is vital to the safety to the animal and the people working with them to separate and remove the mature reproducing males from the property as soon as captured. Any required vaccinations and tests will be performed prior to removal of the American Bison.

Several sanctuaries have been located to accept the mature reproducing male American Bison. They are as follows: Gateway Farms, Bellfield Farms, Marvin Hajos, Rodney Pickler and Gap Creek Ranch.

Company Description

Gateway Farms owns approximately 200 acres and leases an additional 100 acres within Alachua, Columbia, Highlands, and Suwannee County, Florida. Gateway Farms employs 35 full-time employees. Operations consist of tree farming, livestock cultivation and management, and cultivation of trees. Currently the largest harvester of Cabbage Palms in the United States, Gateway Farms harvests Cabbage Palms from one of the largest ranches in Florida (200,000 acres). The harvesting enhances the livelihood of all wildlife on this tract of land. All employees are accustomed to working in harmony with all native wildlife within the property. Employees are used to working in areas with domestic and exotic livestock, as well as native wildlife (examples: closing gates when entering and leaving an area, keeping property free of all non-organic trash, being aware of all animals and any situation which may arise in the area, etc.). All employees are accustomed to working in extreme terrain conditions (very wet/dense vegetation, etc).

David Hajos, president of Gateway Farms, has an agricultural background starting in his childhood. He has experience ranging --- from commercial cattle to Wildebeest, and everything in between. He grew up on the family ranch in Rome, Texas where they raised many different species of animals including, but not limited to, American Bison. In 1992 David moved to North Florida where he was able to start his own farm at the young age of 17. From 1996 to 2006 David owned and maintained, among other animals, the second largest herd of Asian Water Buffalo in the state of Florida.

Gateway Farms' primary facility consists of 40 acres, which includes the office, and is located at 22413 NW 227 Drive, High Springs, Florida 32643. The second facility consists of 70 acres, and is located at 17950 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, Florida 32024. The third facility consists of 100 acres, which consists of livestock and is located

in McAlpin, Florida. Each facility consists of pasture, wooded areas and small catch/working pens for hoof stock. Gateway Farms possess a Class II and Class III Fish and Game Wildlife Permit to maintain several different species of animals. The animals currently living at the farms are:

Cotton Top Tamarin Monkeys

Scimitar Horned Oryx Antelope

The only painted Camels in the state of Florida

Zebra

Kangaroo

Miniature Donkey

Commercial beef cattle

Macaw Parrots

A few other barn yard friends

David personally assisted in the capture of Zebra and a Rhinoceros from Lion Country Safari in West Palm Beach, Florida. These were relocated on separate occasions to an offsite facility.

Gateway Farms aids in the yearly round up of the American Bison herd at Peat Marsh Ranch in Okeechobee, Florida. This round up is performed on a 1000-acre farm, consisting of rough terrain, saw palmetto, pine trees and swampy marsh. This herd consists of 40-90 American Bison, varying with the year. Peat Marsh Ranch has maintained this herd for the past 16 years at the facility in Okeechobee, Florida. The capture and relocation project at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park consists of most of the same necessary tasks. The American Bison are herded into catch pens by horseback and 4-wheelers, and then are separated into groups. The male American Bison are run through a chute, squeezed, wormed, tested, semen tested, tagged if necessary, and then released back on to the ranch. The female American Bison are run through a chute squeezed, pregnancy checked, wormed, tagged if necessary, and similarly released back on to the ranch. The process at this farm takes approximately 3 days to complete. Peat Marsh Ranch raises many types of rare and endangered animals, with hopes of increasing the population of these species.

Gateway Farms works many different species of animals for Bellfield Farms (owned by Jerry Holly) at his state-of-the-art 650 acre facility in Micanopy, Florida. Bellfield Farms possess one of the largest collections of rare and endangered animals in the world. David personally assists Jerry Holly at different times throughout the year with many different species of animal. These include American Bison, Rhinoceros, Zebra, Beisa Oryx Antelope, Bongo Antelope, Roan Antelope, Water Buck, Giraffe, Kudu Antelope, Wildebeest, Hartebeest, Long Horn Cattle, Kangaroo and Camels. All of the different species of livestock must be run through a chute according to species, squeezed and tested for parasites, vaccinated, pregnancy-checked, semen tested, tagged if necessary, then released into its designated area. Several times throughout the year the surplus animals are corralled, loaded into a trailer, and transported. These animals are cared for by David and employees until in purchaser's facility.

Sanctuary Description

1. Bellfield Farms

Owner: Jerry Holly

Phone: 352-804-3080

Facility location: 13204 Duley Station Road Marlboro, Maryland 20772

19350 NW 123rd CT Micanopy, Florida 32667

Jerry Holly, the owner of Bellfield Farms, has been in business for 40 years, working with many species of animals including American Bison. Between the two facilities, Bellfield Farms currently possess over 45 different species, consisting of over 300 head of animals. Each facility contains a state-of-the-art handling area which be used to squeeze anything from an American Bison to a 16' tall male Giraffe. Bellfield Farms is leading the industry in terms of capture, immobilization, transportation and proper nutrition of rare and endangered species. Bellfield Farms site in Micanopy, Florida consists of 650 acres, completely contained by eight-foot fencing. Bellfield Farms in Marlboro, Maryland consists of 165 acres also completely contained by eight-foot fencing. Each penned area includes its own feed and watering stations. The current herd is made up of 67 American Bison.

2. Gateway Farms, LLC

Owner: David Hajos

Phone #: 352-281-0235 Fax #: 386-454-5688

E-Mail: dave@gatewayfarms.net

Mailing Address: PO Box 475 High Springs, Florida 32655

Facility Location: 22413 NW 227 DR High Springs, FL. 32643

17950 S US Hwy 441 Lake City, FL. 32024

McAlpin, Florida.

Gateway Farms High Springs, Florida location consists of 40 acres, the Lake City location consists of 70 acres and the McAlpin location consists of 100 acres. Each facility contains catch/work pens, portable manual squeeze chutes, automatic waterers for each pasture area and a bulk feeder. David Hajos has been making its own hay since 1992. David, the owner of Gateway Farms, has been raising rare and endangered animals since childhood. His farm in North Florida was established in 1996. He began working with American Bison in 1997 in Lake City, Florida.

3. Marvin Hajos

Phone: 954-980-3074 Fax: 954-435-0674

Mailing address: 3510 NW 94th Ave Hollywood, Florida. 33024

Facility location: 17932 S US Highway 441 Lake City, Florida. 32024

Rhome, Texas

Marvin Hajos has been in business for approximately 36 years and involved with American Bison for 30 years. The herd consists of 23 American Bison. The farm in Lake City, Florida consists of 66 acres which is partially wooded and partial pasture land, with small catch/work pens for exotic hoof stock. The farm in Rhome, Texas consists of 25 acres, a barn and catch/work pens for exotic hoof stock.

4. Gap Creek Ranch

Owners: Bob Cambell

Phone #: 941-725-0616 Fax #: 941-750-0025

Mailing Address: PO Box 62 Berracia Florida 34250

Facility Location: 5203 45th St East Bradenton, Florida 34203

Gap Creek Ranch consists of approximately 100 acres half in pasture land and half in wooded area. The facility has a barn with an American Bison squeeze for working their herd. The Bison area has 2 – 6-ton bulk feeders and 1 – 2.5 ton bulk feeder to ensure that the animals always have sufficient feed. An owner of the farm has been an officer of the Beefalo association for many years. They have 30 years of experience working with the American Bison. The herd is currently at 20 animals.

5. Rodney Pickler

Phone #: 910-948-3626

E-mail: ropick@embarqmail.com

Facility Location: 2083 Plank Rd Robius, North Carolina 27325

Rodney Pickler's Ranch consists of 103 acres. The American Bison pasture is made up of 25 acres with a herd of 12 currently residing within. The American Bison pasture has its own deep water well exclusively for the Bison. The facility contains a barn and many catch/working pens. This current herd has been on the property for the past 6 years. Mr. Pickler has been working with American Bison since 1977. All of the hay fed to the animals is made by the farm itself.

Letters of acceptance from each proposed sanctuary attached.

Project Work Plan

Method #1

Gateway Farms plans to start out by baiting the American Bison with a mix of sweet feed, cornmeal, cracked corn, molasses and sugar. An employee will drive a vehicle to the current location of each of the family groups and drop off feed twice daily at approximately the same time. This will get the American Bison used to eating the feed, and they will become conditioned to look for it. During the baiting process trails will be mowed with a bush hog, creating an easily traveled path to the holding pens. During the baiting process the temporary catch pens and fencing will be assembled either

in the area of each of the different family groups or in Hickory Ranch location. The time allotted for this is 30 days. The location of the temporary catch pens and fencing will depend on the difficulty of the baiting process. The temporary catch pens will be built out of our heavy duty eight-foot heavy duty game panels, reinforced by heavy round wood posts drilled into the ground approximately 3 feet. The panels which will be used are special because they are taller than normal working panels and the American Bison won't be able to see through them. This will keep them much calmer so that they will be less likely to charge the pens and hurt themselves. The final holding pens will be eight feet tall, constructed of DOT guard rail and heavy round wood post. If American Bison must be corralled in the Prairie they will be transferred by trailer to the Hickory Ranch location for final sorting, testing, vaccinating, etc.

Method #2

If the baiting is not a complete success the remainder of the American Bison groups will be herded to the catch pens. Helicopter, 4-wheelers and horses will be utilized to complete this task. The catch pens will be constructed the same as in Method #1 and all same materials for pens used.

Method #3

The last resort to complete capture will be to locate/track the American Bison with a helicopter and by horseback, then tranquilize remaining animals, load them into a livestock trailer and relocated to Hickory Ranch location. All tranquilized animals will be given a reversal drug as soon as possible and monitored for any negative reaction.

Equipment/Material List:

- Chevy pickup truck 4X4
- Polaris side by side 4X4
- Feed supplies
- Helicopter
- 4-Wheeler
- Horses
- Tranquilizer 'New Dart' gun

- Tranquilizer and reversal
- Skid loaders and the attachments
- Farm Tractor
- Bush Hog
- Auger
- Livestock Trailer
- DOT guard rail
- Heavy Duty Round Wood Posts
- Heavy duty Game panels
- Miscellaneous bolts/anchors

Schedule for tasks vary based on many different factors listed above, but final completion is expected by the end of April 2012. Once project is awarded, the Gateway Farms' representative will be in continuous contact with the Park Manager, supplying updates and expected completion dates for each task. Gateway Farms ensures DEP will have sufficient time to coordinate outside services for palpation, vaccination and other procedures needed for animals to remain on the Prairie.

Gateway Farms will perform and supply all personnel and materials necessary to locate and capture all American Bison. Gateway Farms will temporarily modify existing work pen located at the Hickory Ranch location to hold and work the American Bison safely. Once the project is complete the existing pens will be restored to their original condition. Gateway Farms will be responsible for running all animals through a chute and into a squeeze for testing, vaccinations, palpation, castration and any other procedures deemed necessary as performed by a DEP hired professional. The American Bison will be separated out into groups:

1) The pregnant females and dependent calves will be placed into a holding area supplied by DEP, built to specifications recommended in Attachment C Task #2. (Note: If desired by DEP, Gateway Farms will assist DEP with the correct design for building strong enough holding pens for the pregnant females and their calves, at no additional cost to the DEP)

- 2) All non-pregnant females and castrated males will be held in a penned area until completion of capture, and then released back into the Park

- 3) All mature reproducing male American Bison will be removed immediately from the property and taken to our facility to be safely separated from one another. American Bison are very aggressive once pressured and will fight one another to the death, particularly if agitated and contained in a small area. This makes it vital to the safety to the animals and the people working with them to separate and remove the mature reproducing males from the property as soon as captured. Any required vaccinations and tests will be performed prior to removal of the American Bison. All personnel, equipment, chutes, panels, catch pens and any other materials owned by Gateway Farms will be removed from Park property no later than 30 days of project completion.

Ocala Helicopters, Inc. will be a subcontractor if it is absolutely necessary to utilize a helicopter to assist in the location and herding of any American Bison. Jamie Browne will assist in the flyover with a small plane and professional chemical immobilization if necessary and be listed as a subcontractor.

**Subcontractor letters attached

Qualifications and Experience

As mentioned throughout this proposal, David Hajos is experienced in all aspects of the capture, handling and transport of many types of rare, endangered and native animal species. He has worked with many different species of animals since a young child. Practice makes perfect and boy, does he practice. At Gateway Farms, David works with all the animals daily whether he is on the routine feeding route or rounding up the animals to vaccinate, semen test, pregnancy check and tag for identification. To work around any type of animal you must ALWAYS have your wits about you. The employees who work at Gateway Farms are used to working around animals of different species. David Hajos will be the manager of the project, working hands-on with the American Bison. He will be in charge of every decision made, in collaboration with the

managers of the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. If necessary, he will assist with the herding of animals via horseback and 4-wheeler.

Jason Horne will be David's assistant with this project, stepping in where necessary. He has assisted David with many other captures and procedures performed at Bellfield Farms and Peat Marsh Ranch. Jason will feed the animals daily, studying their habits and learning the different behaviors displayed to determine the final method of capture. He will observe them for the first 30 days of the project. He will also assist with the herding of animals on horseback and 4-wheeler if this method is necessary.

Jennifer Rodemick works closely with Gateway Farms when capturing exotic hoof stock in the field. She assists with all procedures performed on all animals including, but not limited to, pregnancy-checking, tagging, worming, etc. She is also responsible for the daily well-being of all primates and small exotic species living at the farm. She will assist with herding the animals on horseback if this method becomes necessary. She will assist with the sorting of all captured animals.

Ocala Helicopters, Inc. will be responsible for spotting, and possibly herding the American Bison to the catch penned areas if necessary. Peter, the owner of Ocala Helicopter, Inc., has flown over Paynes Prairie Preserve Park many times. He is very familiar with the area.

Jamie Browne will assist with any plane flyover necessary to locate the American Bison. He will also chemically immobilize animals if necessary. He has worked with animals all over the world. He assisted with a capture at a game farm in South Africa in August of 2011. He is an accomplished tracker and experienced in immobilization of exotic species. Undetected, he stalks animals and immobilizes them quickly to reduce any stress to the animal. David and Jamie did a flyover with Mr. Browne's plane on December 1, 2011 to locate all American Bison within the Prairie.

** Subcontractor letters attached

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Gateway Farms is familiar with USDA regulations for many different species of animals. To travel out of the state of Florida all American Bison must have a negative TB & Bangs Test within 30 days of shipment. These animals must have a large number tag in the ear along with the small USDA metal tag (both tag numbers must be on Health Papers). Male bovine two years and over must have negative Trich test. Gateway Farms possess both a Class II and Class III Fish and Game Wildlife Permit to cultivate and sell several different species of animals.

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Cost/Price

The cost per American Bison corralled will be \$365.00 per head.

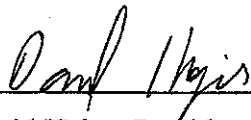
Past Performance

See Attachment D

Closing

Gateway Farms' personnel are very knowledgeable in many areas of animal care, foremost among them being Livestock Management. The company is capable of safely completing the task at hand while staying in continuous communication with DEP and Park managers. Gateway Farms is familiar with various forms of communication and constantly checks e-mail accounts, phone messages, and fax lines. If hired for the American Bison Removal/Relocation at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, DEP will be extremely pleased with the performance and communication skills demonstrated by Gateway Farms. We enjoy our work and appreciate the opportunity to work with the State of Florida and these wonderful animals. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

This proposal was prepared by Gateway Farms, LLC.



David Hajos, President

Date: December 5, 2011

**ATTACHMENT D
CLIENT REFERENCE FORM**

In the spaces provided below, the respondent shall list all names under which it has operated during the past five (5) years.

Gateway Farms, LLC.

On the following pages, the respondent must provide the required information for a minimum of three (3) separate and verifiable clients. **Do not list projects completed for the DEP (see next paragraph).** Information on each client must be provided on this Attachment. Any information not submitted on this attachment shall not be considered. All projects listed must be for work similar to that described in this solicitation. Confidential clients shall not be included. Any additional references listed, over the minimum of three required, will be considered in determining if the respondent has satisfied the requirements for the three references as set out herein.

The DEP will review its records to identify all contracts that the respondent has undertaken with the DEP, where the respondent was the prime contractor, during the last five (5) years (contracts in effect during or after November, 2006) for use in the evaluation of Past DEP Performance, if applicable.

Projects that the respondent has completed for organizations having any affiliation with the respondent (i.e. under common ownership, having common directors, officers or agents, or sharing profits or liabilities) may not be used as Past Performance references under this solicitation. Also, firms that the respondent has listed as subcontractors in their response may not be used as Past Performance references under this solicitation.

The same client may not be listed for more than one (1) reference (for example, if the respondent has completed for project for the Florida Department of Transportation – District One and one project for the Florida Department of Transportation – District Two, only one of the projects may be listed because the client, the Florida Department of Transportation, is the same).

In the event that the respondent has had a name change since the time work was performed for a listed reference, the name under which the respondent operated at the time that the work was performed must be given at the end of the project description for that reference.

In the event that respondents submit a response as a joint venture, at least one (1) past performance reference client must be listed for each member of the joint venture. However, the total minimum number of clients to be listed remains three (3).

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Client #3

Name:

Exotics Unlimited

Address:

PO Box 8177 Sebring, FL 33872

Contact Person: Antonio Alentado Telephone Number: 786-286-7313 (PLEASE VERIFY)

Project Dates (when work was performed): 01/2008 to 02/2008

Dates should be in mm/yyyy format.

Specific Location of Project:

Sebring, Florida

Brief description of the services performed for this project:

Gateway Farms worked for Exotics Unlimited in January 2008 to catch, tranquilize and ship the following species: Asian Water Buffalo, American Bison, Hog Deer, Peere David Deere, Spring Buck Antelope, Black Buck Antelope and Impala. The American Bison and Water Buffalo were baited into temporary catch pens and chutes supplied, erected and dismantled by Gateway Farms. All Antelope were immobilized by New Dart Rifle with zylazine tranquilizer. Once immobilized the Antelope were loaded into crates for dispersal to other facilities.

Jim Reynolds
Procurement Section, Room 235
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#93
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

**RE: Subcontractor willingness and capability to assist in the capture of Male American
Bison on the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park**

To Whom It May Concern:

Jamie Browne will assist if necessary with the spotting and chemical immobilization of the American Bison living on Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park if this method is necessary in the capture. Please consider our company a potential subcontractor for this cause. Feel free to contact us if necessary at 352-303-2366.

Sincerely,



Signature

James S. Browne - President

Print Name / Title

December 5, 2011

Section B

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (To Be Completed By The Respondent(s).)

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY that, as Respondent to DEP Solicitation No. 2012006C, that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Gateway Farms, LLC
Name of Respondent #1

David Hays 12-3-11
Signature Date

David Hays / President
Print Name/Title

Name of Respondent #2

Signature Date

Print Name/Title

*****IMPORTANT***BOTH SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SECTION B MUST BE DATED AND BEAR THE RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE FOR THIS FORM TO BE DEEMED RESPONSIVE.**

Please review to ensure all sections are complete and the form is acknowledged correctly.

DEP 55-216 (08/00)