

## **RFR # DFW-2022-046:**

### **Predator Control on Coastal Islands in Buzzards Bay**



#### **Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Massachusetts**

MassWildlife is seeking a Vendor to control predators of nesting terns at Bird, Ram, and Penikese Islands in Buzzards Bay. These sites support some of the largest nesting colonies of Common and Roseate terns in Massachusetts and the nation. Targeted control of individual predators during the nesting season is vital to reducing mortality and enhancing nesting success.

Control of predatory birds, and occasionally mammals, will be conducted on an as-needed basis during the work period. Predation may occur during the day or at night, so it is expected that control activities could be necessary at any hour. To be effective while minimizing disturbance in the tern colonies, the Vendor must coordinate all work with MassWildlife biologists monitoring terns and predators at the sites and communicate the success of control activities to biologists regularly.

The Vendor must have their own vehicle for travel to mainland docks. MassWildlife will provide boat transportation to the sites. At Bird and Ram islands, visits of less than one day will be conducted. At Penikese Island, multi-day stays are expected to be necessary due to the logistics of boat transportation. For multi-day stays on Penikese, MassWildlife will provide a 2-person sleeping tent if indoor lodging is not available (to be determined). The Vendor must supply their own food, sleeping bag, and other camping supplies.

The Vendor must have a valid Massachusetts License to Carry or Firearms Identification card at the time of bid submission and throughout the duration of the work period. The Vendor must follow all applicable permits, laws, and regulations related to firearms and depredation activities. The Vendor may use their own firearms, if in good working order, and/or may borrow MassWildlife-owned firearms and gun cases, provided that they keep them cleaned and maintained. The Vendor shall pick up and return MassWildlife-owned firearms to MassWildlife's Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Rd., Westborough. MassWildlife will provide a day rifle scope, a night-vision rifle scope, and night-vision goggles to assist with predator control work. Some ammunition has been pre-purchased and is available for the Vendor's use.

The Vendor must be fully vaccinated and must observe all relevant practices and precautions that MassWildlife may require at that time to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Dates of Service:** The work period is May 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022.

**Payment and Funding Available:** The maximum obligation of this contract is \$2,000.00. MassWildlife will pay the awarded vendor for the number of work days at the contracted daily rate, which should include the cost of any equipment/supplies not provided by MassWildlife that are required to carry out the work. Any MassWildlife supplied equipment and remaining supplies must be returned to the Commonwealth at the end of the contract period.

Payment schedule: Payment will be processed upon receipt of invoices dated May 31, 2022, June 30, 2022, and July 31, 2022. Final invoice must be accompanied by the reporting described under “Deliverables.”

**Deliverables:** At the end of the contract period, the awarded vendor must provide (1) a summary of control efforts in a format provided by MassWildlife, (2) a summary of observations of predator activity during the work period, and (3) recommendations for future success of predator control work based on those observations.

**Instructions to Bidders:** Proposals must include the Mandatory Bid Sheet, below. In addition, the following supplementary information must be attached.

- (1) Describe your relevant experience, including:
  - a. firearms trainings completed,
  - b. length of experience using firearms,
  - c. types of firearms with which you are proficient,
  - d. purpose for which you have used firearms (military, law enforcement, hunting, shooting sports, etc.), and
  - e. previous animal control experience or other relevant experience.
- (2) Provide a copy (front and back) of your Massachusetts License to Carry or Firearms Identification card.
- (3) Provide contact information for 3 references who can attest to your character and/or capability with firearms.

**Bid Due Date:** Bids must be received by **Friday, 03/25/22 at 2:00 PM.**

**Instructions for Submission of Responses:**

Submit proposals via the Commonwealth’s Online Procurement System – CommBuys at <https://www.commbuys.com/bsol/>. For application questions please contact Karen M. Dolan, Finance & Projects Administrator, NHESP at 508-389-6349, 508-330-2097 or at [karen.dolan@mass.gov](mailto:karen.dolan@mass.gov) .

For more project specific information contact Carolyn Mostello, Coastal Waterbird Biologist, at [carolyn.mostello@mass.gov](mailto:carolyn.mostello@mass.gov) .

Any questions must be submitted in writing and will be responded to in writing. Questions and responses will be posted in CommBuys.

All responses must include all of the documents listed and in the attachments on CommBuys.

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL THE ITEMS LISTED AND ATTACHED OR YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE FOUND TO BE INCOMPLETE AND NON-RESPONSIVE.**

## **MANDATORY BID SHEET**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
1. Daily Rate for Predator Control - Based on an 8-Hour Work Day (do <u>not</u> include boat transportation or camping equipment that is listed as being provided by MassWildlife)	\$
2. Number of Available Days	#
<b>TOTAL BID (Items 1-2 Above)</b>	\$