BAT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Request for Proposals: New Dil
USFWS, Kofa National Wildlife Refuge

Project Overview

This notice and the following information constitute a request for proposals by Bat Conservation International (BCI) for abandoned mine lands (AML) hazard remediation work. The project will occur on lands administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Kofa NWR. Remediation is scheduled for 54 AML features, consisting of 19 bat- or other wildlife-compatible closures and 35 destructive closures. This project is anticipated to require helicopter support for transportation of equipment and supplies, to be coordinated by Contractor. Overland access for UTVs is provisionally approved but subject to change prior to award of contract.

For additional project details and feature-specific information, please submit a written request to the BCI project manager (esutphin@batcon.org) in order to receive the following:

- **Attachment A:** Construction Plan and project specifications. Note: the Construction Plan is provisional and will be finalized no later than November 27th, 2026.
- **Attachment B:** Feature photographs
- KMZ file containing feature location data

Project Timing

The project will occur in one phase, and all on-site work must be completed by an agreed upon deadline (to be determined). At this time, construction is planned to occur between **January 1st – February 15th, 2027.**

Pre-bid Site Visit

The optional pre-bid site visit / walkthrough is scheduled for **October 29th, 2026**. The meeting location will be at Kofa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center at 9300 E. 28th Street Yuma, AZ 85365 at 7:00am. Plan for a long field day and please come prepared with enough food, water, and appropriate clothing. We will be joined by USFWS officials.

Bid Process

Please submit bid proposals electronically to Bat Conservation International (see contact info below) by **Sunday, December 6th, 2026.** Please indicate "NEW DIL BID" in the subject line of the email. Bids must include the following elements:

- Written description detailing technical approach and rationale for gate design.
- Estimated work schedule and project timeline.
- Safety plan outlining safety preparedness, PPE, and relevant safety topics.
- Cost estimate, with line-item subtotals for each individual feature (includes time and materials), and separate line item for total project Travel/Mobilization. If helicopter support needs to be arranged by contractors, a separate line item for helicopter costs will also be required.

Evaluation Criteria

Vendors will be evaluated on price, experience, and proposed schedule and a selection will be made that represents the best combination of the three proposal requirements.
following scoring criteria:

- **Experience - 40 points**
  Described and demonstrated experience. References may be requested.
- **Price - 30 points**
  The lowest bid will receive full points with higher bids receiving proportionally fewer points.
- **Schedule - 30 points**
  Full points for ability to mobilize quickly after notice to proceed.

BCI will award the project to a single bidder by **Friday, December 11th, 2026.** Prior to implementation, the successful bidder will have the opportunity to adjust the materials budget in the event of steel price fluctuations. Upon selection, the successful bidder will agree to enter into a contract with BCI that specifies the work to be performed and the amount of compensation. A final report must be submitted within 30 days of project completion. Any amendments to the contract must be approved in advance by communicating with BCI.

Thanks for bidding on this important project and helping BCI in our mission to conserve bats!

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