

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
INVITATION FOR BID**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area Farm Lease
22034690

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) requests bids from responsible vendors to meet its needs. A brief description is set forth below for Bidder's convenience, with detailed requirements in subsequent sections of this solicitation. If Bidder is interested and able to meet these requirements, the State appreciates and welcomes a bid.

Brief Description:

Farm leasing of approximately 243 acres in 2015, 253.6 acres in 2016, 253.6 acres in 2017 and 253.6 acres in 2018 of land at Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area for agricultural purposes. Lease 2025 is located in Whiteside County, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Sections 2,3,10 & 11 further described in Attachment AA

The resulting lease with the awarded vendor shall have an initial term of March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2019. In no event will the total term of the lease, including the initial term, any renewal terms, and any extensions exceed five (5) years. Subject to the maximum total term limitation, the IDNR has the option to renew for one (1) year, under the following conditions only: when wheat has been planted in year four (4) of the lease, the lease shall be extended to include the harvest of said wheat the following year.

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit a bid for evaluation in accordance with the instructions. All forms and signature areas contained in the solicitation package must be completed in full and submitted along with the price proposal which will constitute the bid. Do not submit the instructions pages with bids. Bidders should keep the instructions and a copy of their bids for future reference.

Forms A and Forms B, may be downloaded from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin (IPB) or from links provided in this document. These sections are a material part of this solicitation, and must be returned when applicable with a vendor's bid.

Please adhere to the form and content of bid requirements or the bid may not be considered.

In compliance with the State and Federal Constitutions, the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the State of Illinois does not discriminate in employment, contracts, or any other activity.

The State of Illinois encourages prospective vendors to consider hiring qualified veterans and Illinois residents discharged from any Illinois adult correctional center, in appropriate circumstances.

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The following sections of the solicitation may be opened by clicking on the link provided or downloaded from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.

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Complete this section if you are not using an Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG) Registration #

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FORM B SECTION

Complete this section only if you are using an IPG Registration #

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SECTION 1. INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

A.1 HOW TO ENTER INFORMATION: Type information in the text fields provided. Text fields are indicated by the instruction “Click here to enter text.” in red font. If the information requested does not apply to the Bidder’s situation, then enter “N/A” into the text field. Please enter the requested information or N/A into every red text field.

Please note that the CONTRACT section of this solicitation may be used as the contract between the State of Illinois and the awarded vendor. If used, then the Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest, Disclosure of Business Operations in Iran, and Standard Certifications provided in FORM A or the Illinois Procurement Gateway, and certifications and disclosures provided in FORM B (if applicable) will become part of the contract.

A.2 PUBLISHED PROCUREMENT INFORMATION: The State publishes procurement information, including updates, on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin (www.purchase.state.il.us), Illinois Public Higher Education Procurement Bulletin (www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us), Illinois Department of Transportation Procurement Bulletin (www.dot.il.gov/desenv/transprobulletin.html) or the Illinois Capital Development Board Bulletin

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(<http://www.illinois.gov/cdb/procurement/>) (collectively and individually referred to as “Bulletin”). Procurement information may not be available in any other form or location. Bidder is responsible for monitoring the Bulletin. The State will not be held responsible if Bidder fails to receive the optional e-mail notices.

A.3 SOLICITATION CONTACT: The individual listed below shall be the single point of contact for this solicitation. Unless otherwise directed, bidders may only communicate with the Solicitation Contact. The State/Agency/University shall not be held responsible for information provided by any other person.

Solicitation Contact: Melissa Orrill	Phone: 217/782-5695
Agency/University: Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Fax: 217/785-8565
Street Address: One Natural Resources Way	TDD: 217-782-9175
City, State Zip: Springfield, IL 62702	
Email: Melissa.orrill@illinois.gov	

Report suspected errors immediately to the Solicitation Contact identified above. Do not discuss the solicitation or any bid, directly or indirectly, with any State officer or employee other than the Solicitation Contact.

A.4 VENDOR QUESTIONS AND AGENCY/UNIVERSITY RESPONSE: All questions, other than questions raised at the Vendor Conference/Site Visit, pertaining to this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Solicitation Contact **no later than seven days after the Mandatory Vendor Conference Date**. Questions received and Agency/University responses may be posted as an Addendum to the original solicitation on the Bulletin; only these posted answers to questions shall be binding on the State. Bidders are responsible for monitoring the Bulletin.

A.5 REQUIRED MEETINGS

Vendor Conference/Site Visit: Yes No

Mandatory Attendance: Yes No

If attendance is mandatory, Bidder (current vendor included) will be disqualified and considered non-responsive if Bidder does not attend, is not on time, leaves early or fails to sign the attendance sheet. Bidder must allow adequate time to accommodate security screenings at the site.

Date: November 10, 2014

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Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Prophetstown State Recreation Area, 300 E Riverside Drive, Prophetstown IL 61277

A.6 BID DUE DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: Bids will be opened at the Submit/Deliver Bids To address below at the Bid Due Date & Time specified.

A.6.1 Bid Due Date & Time

Date: November 24, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

A.6.2 Bid Firm Time: Vendor's bid must remain firm for 90 days from opening.

Submit/Deliver Bids To:	"Sealed Bid – Do Not Open"
Attn: Melissa Orrill	Project Title & IPB Reference #: Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area Farm Lease / 22034690
Address: One Natural Resources Way	Due Date & Time: November 24, 2014 3:00 p.m.
City, State Zip: Springfield, IL 62702	<i>Vendor Name</i>
	<i>Vendor City, State and Zip</i>

A.7 ORGANIZATION REQUIRED: Bids shall be submitted as follows. Please follow these instructions carefully.

A.7.1. Packet 1 shall contain the Contract section and if applicable a Redacted copy (SECTION 1, part A.15).

A.7.2. Packet 2 shall contain the Offer (SECTION 2, part B).

If applicable, the packet shall also contain Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions (SECTION 3, part C.1) and References (SECTION 3, part C.2).

A.7.2.1. Exceptions must be provided on the Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions form or must be in a substantially similar format. Agency discourages taking exceptions. State law shall not be circumvented by the exception process. Exceptions may result in rejection of the Bid.

A.7.2.2. Additional Vendor Provisions may be stated on this form and does not include exceptions to Agency/University specifications, terms and conditions, or any other part of this solicitation. Additional Vendor Provisions is information that supports a bidder's position or, for example, a bidder's licensing agreement.

A.7.3. Packet 3 shall contain either FORMS A or FORMS B. FORMS A section contains eight forms and shall be returned by Bidders that are not registered in the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG).

FORMS B contains three forms and is only returned by Bidders that have a current IPG registration number and elect to not use the forms found in the FORMS A section.

Separately seal and label each packet.

A.8 SUBMISSION OF BIDS: The Bid must be submitted in separately sealed packets as indicated below and clearly labeled with the Invitation for Bid title, the packet number, the Bidder's name and the wording: **"Sealed Bid – Do Not Open."** The separately sealed packets may be submitted together in one mailing/shipping box or may be submitted separately in individual/shipping boxes. Do not put the entire Offer on one CD or USB.

Subject Matter	# of Originals	# of Hard Copies	# of CDs or USBs
Contract and if applicable a Redacted copy – PACKET 1	1	1	N/A
SECTION 2 part B (OFFER) and applicable forms in SECTION 3 part C – PACKET 2	1	1	N/A
FORMS A or FORMS B – PACKET 3	1	1	N/A

A.9 SECURITY: An irrevocable letter of credit is required per Section 1.3.6.

A.10 SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE: Yes No. If "Yes" is marked, Bidder must be qualified by the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time bids are due in order for the bid to be evaluated. For complete

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requirements and to certify Bidder's business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program, visit (<https://ipg.vendorreg.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchRegistry.asp?TN=ipg&XID=7599>).

- A.11 MINORITY CONTRACTOR INITIATIVE:** The State requires a fee of \$15 to cover expenses related to the administration of the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Any Vendor awarded a contract under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) of \$1,000 or more is required to pay a fee of \$15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Vendor under the contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller's Administrative Fund. 15 ILCS 405/23.9.
- A.12 FEDERAL FUNDS:** The resulting contract may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. Upon notice of intent to award, the percentage of the goods and/or services involved which are federally funded and the dollar amount of such federal funds will be disclosed.
- A.13 EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT:** Bidders who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 30 ILCS 500/45-67 & 45-70. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.
- A.14 GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM:** Illinois law and rule govern this solicitation. Bidder must bring any action relating to this solicitation in the appropriate court in Illinois. This document contains statutory references designated with "ILCS". Bidder may view the full text at (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>). The Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) and the Standard Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1) are applicable to this solicitation and may be respectively viewed at (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=532&ChapterID=7>) and (<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/044/044parts.html>).
- A.15 PUBLIC RECORDS AND REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT:** Bids become the property of the State. All bids will be open to the public under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140) and other applicable laws and rules, unless Bidder requests in its bid that the State treat certain information as confidential. A request for confidential treatment will not supersede the State's legal obligations under FOIA. The State will not honor requests to keep entire bids confidential. Bidders must show the specific grounds in FOIA or other law or rule that support confidential treatment. Regardless, the State will disclose the successful bidder's name, the substance of the bid, and the price.

If Bidder requests confidential treatment, Bidder must submit additional copy/copies (see Instructions for Submitting Bids in section A.8) of the bid with proposed confidential information redacted. This redacted copy must tell the general nature of the material removed, and shall retain as much of the bid as possible. In a separate attachment, Bidder shall supply a listing of the provisions identified by section number for which it seeks confidential treatment and identify the statutory basis under Illinois law and include a detailed justification for exempting the information from public disclosure. Bidder must label the attachment as "Redacted" and return it in Packet 1.

Bidder will hold harmless and indemnify the State for all costs or damages associated with the State defending Bidder's request for confidential treatment. Bidder agrees the State may copy the bid to facilitate evaluation, or to respond to requests for public records. Bidder warrants that such copying will not violate the rights of any third party.

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A.16 RESERVATIONS: Bidder must read and understand the solicitation and tailor the bid and all activities to ensure compliance. The State reserves the right to amend the solicitation, reject any or all bids, award by item, group of items, or grand total, and waive minor defects. The State may request a clarification, inspect Bidder’s premises, interview staff, request a presentation, or otherwise verify the contents of the bid, including information about subcontractors and suppliers. The State will make all decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions, and shall make decisions in the best interests of the State and in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, rules and other applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. This competitive process may require that the bidder provide additional information and otherwise cooperate with the State. If a bidder does not comply with requests for information and cooperate, the State may reject the bid as non-responsive to the solicitation. Submitting a bid does not entitle the bidder to an award or a contract. Posting a vendor’s name in a Bulletin notice does not entitle the vendor to a contract. The State is not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any bid. Awarded vendor(s) shall not commence, and will not be paid for any billable work prior to the date all parties execute the contract, unless approved in writing in advance by the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer (or designee).

A.17 AWARD: The State is not obligated to award a contract pursuant to this solicitation. If the State issues an award, the award will be made to the Responsive/Responsible bidder who submits the highest price. The State will post a notice to the applicable Bulletin identifying the apparent high cost bidder. The State may accept or reject a vendor’s bid as submitted, or may require contract negotiations. If negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, the State may reject the vendor’s bid and begin negotiations with another bidder. Awards are not final until all protests are resolved.

A.18 REFERENCES: Yes No. If “Yes” is marked, Bidder must provide references from established private firms or government agencies other than from the procuring agency/university, which can attest to Bidder’s experience and ability to perform the contract subject of this solicitation. Bidder must provide the name, contact information and a description of the supplies or services provided using the form in Section 3, part C.2.

Type of References: Businesses where the Vendor purchases supplies, machinery, seed, fertilizer, chemicals or serves as a farm tenant.

Number of Each Reference Type: Three (3)

A.19 PAYMENTS ADDRESS: Vendor shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Vendor may request the applicable agency’s Illinois tax exemption number and federal tax exemption information.

Send payments to:

Agency Name: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Agency Department: Agricultural Leasing

Street Address: One Natural Resources Way

City, State, Zip Code: Springfield, IL 62702

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A.20 PROTEST REVIEW OFFICE: Vendors may submit a written protest to the Protest Review Office following the requirements of the Standard Procurement Rules. 44 ILL. ADMIN. CODE 1.5550, 4.5550, 6.420, & 8.150. For protests related to specifications, the Protest Review Office must physically receive the protest no later than 14 days after the solicitation or related addendum was posted to the Bulletin. For protests related to rejection of individual bids or awards, the protest must be received by close of business no later than 14 days after the protesting party knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. The Protest Review Office information is as follows:

Chief Procurement Office	Phone: (217) 558-3724
Attn: Protest Review Office	Facsimile: (217) 558-2164
401 S. Spring Street	
Suite 515 Stratton Office Building	Illinois Relay: (800) 526-0844
Springfield, IL 62706	

A.21 EVALUATION PROCESS: The State evaluates three categories of information: Responsibility, Responsiveness, and Price. The State will consider the information provided and the quality of that information when evaluating the vendor's bid. If the State finds a failure or deficiency, the State may reject the bid or reflect the failure or deficiency in the evaluation.

A.21.1 RESPONSIVENESS: A responsive bidder is one who submits a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation for Bid, and includes **all required** forms. Required forms may include and may not be limited to:

A.21.1.1 Subcontractor Disclosure: If the bid includes any subcontractors, then Bidder shall provide the names and addresses of subcontractors in the CONTRACT, part 1.6.

A.21.1.2 References: If references are required, then Bidder shall complete and return the References form in SECTION 3, part C.2.

A.21.1.3 If completing FORMS B, then responsiveness may include and may not be limited to:

- Current Illinois Procurement Gateway registration #
- Disclosure of lobbyists for Bidder and parent entity(ies)
- Disclosure of pending and current contracts
- Certifications timely to this solicitation

A.21.1.4 If completing FORMS A, required forms may include and may not be limited to:

- Authorized to Do Business in Illinois: A person (other than an individual acting as a sole proprietor) must be a duly constituted legal entity and authorized to do business in Illinois prior to submitting a bid. For more information, see Authorized to Do Business in Illinois in FORMS A SECTION, part 3.
- State Board of Elections Registration: Vendor or Bidder may be prohibited from making political contributions and be required to register with the State Board of Elections. For more information, see State Board of Elections in FORMS A SECTION, part 5.

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- Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number: Bidder shall complete and return the IDHR Public Contract Number form in FORMS A SECTION, part 2, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
- Standard Certifications: Bidder shall complete and return the Standard Certifications form in FORMS A SECTION, part 4, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
- Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest: Bidder shall complete and return the Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest form in FORMS A SECTION, part 7, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
- Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran: Bidder shall complete and return the Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran form FORMS A SECTION, part 6, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
- Business and Directory Information: Bidder shall complete and return the Business and Directory Information form in FORMS A SECTION, part 1, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
- Taxpayer Identification Number: Bidder shall complete and return the Taxpayer Identification form in FORMS A SECTION, part 8, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.

A.21.1.5 The State will determine whether the Bid meets the stated requirements. Minor differences or deviations that have negligible impact on the price or suitability of the supply or service to meet the State’s needs may be accepted or corrections allowed. If no bidder meets a particular requirement, the State may waive that requirement.

A.21.1.6 When the specification calls for “Brand Name or Equal,” the brand name product is acceptable. Other products will be considered with proof the other product meets stated specifications and is equivalent to the brand product in terms of quality, performance and desired characteristics.

A.21.1.7 The State will determine whether bids complied with the instructions for submitting bids. Except for late submissions, and other requirements that by law must be part of the submission, the State may require that a bidder correct deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.

A.21.2 **RESPONSIBILITY:** A responsible bidder is one who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and who has the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. The State determines whether the Bidder is a “Responsible” bidder; a bidder with whom the State can or should do business. For example, the State may consider the following:

A.21.2.1 A “prohibited bidder” includes any person assisting an employee of the State of Illinois by reviewing, drafting, directing, or preparing any invitation for bids, a request for proposal, or request for information, or providing similar assistance unless such assistance was part of a publically issued opportunity to review drafts of all or part of these documents. For purposes of this section, an employee of the State of Illinois means one who, by the nature of his or her duties, has the authority to participate personally and substantially in the decision to award a State

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contract. No person or business shall submit specifications to a State agency unless requested to do so by an employee of the State. No person or business that contracts with a State agency to write specifications for a particular procurement need shall submit a bid or proposal or receive a contract for that procurement need.

Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a vendor from bidding or offering to supply developing technology, goods or services after providing the State with a demonstration of the developing technology, goods, or services; provided the subject of the demonstration to the State represents industry trends and innovation and is not specifically designed to meet the State's needs. Nor is it intended to prohibit a person or business from submitting a bid or offer or entering into a contract if the person or business: (i) initiates a communication with an employee to provide general information about products, services, or industry best practices and, if applicable, that communication is documented in accordance with Section 50-39 or (ii) responds to a communication initiated by an employee of the State for the purposes of providing information to evaluate new products, trends, services, or technologies.

A.21.1.2 Other factors that the State may evaluate to determine Responsibility include, but are not limited to: political contributions, certifications, conflict of interest, financial disclosures, taxpayer identification number, past performance in business or industry, references (including those found outside the Offer,) compliance with applicable laws, financial responsibility, insurability, effective equal opportunity compliance, payment of prevailing wages if required by law, capacity to produce or sources of supply, and the ability to provide required maintenance service or other matters relating to the bidder's ability to deliver in the quality and quantity within the time and price as specified in this solicitation.

A.21.1.3 Awarded bidders must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the State, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. The State may require a performance bond if, in the opinion of the State, it ensures performance of the contract. The State may terminate the Contract, consistent with the termination for cause provision of the Contract, if the vendor lacks the financial resources to perform under the Contract.

A.21.1.4 The State may require that a bidder correct any deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.

A.21.3 **PRICE:** The State identifies the highest priced bidder that meets Responsibility and Responsiveness requirements. The State ranks bids in order of price when appropriate.

A.22 MINORITIES, FEMALES, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN: This solicitation may contain a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the State's procurement and contracting processes. If the solicitation contains a goal, then failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation may render the Bid non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to the Agency/University BEP Liaison prior to submission of proposals.

Does this solicitation contain a BEP goal? Yes No

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Vendors who submit bids for State contracts shall not be given a period after the Bid opening date to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of Intent, unless mandated by federal law or regulation. 30 ILCS 575(4)(e). Businesses included on Utilization Plans as meeting BEP requirements as prime vendors or subcontractors must be certified by CMS as BEP vendors prior to the bid closing date. Go to (<http://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/bep/Pages/default.aspx>) for complete requirements for BEP certification.

A.23 VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN: This solicitation may contain a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by military veterans in the State’s procurement and contracting processes. If the solicitation contains a goal, then failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation may render the Bid non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to the Agency/University Veteran Small Business Liaison prior to submission of proposals.

Does this solicitation contain a Veteran Small Business goal? Yes No

Vendors who submit bids for State contracts shall not be given a period after the Bid opening date to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of Intent, unless mandated by federal law or regulation. Businesses included on Utilization Plans as meeting Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) and Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) requirements as prime vendors or subcontractors must be certified by CMS as VOSB or SDVOSB vendors prior to bid opening date. Go to (<http://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/Pages/VeteranownedBusinesses.aspx>) for complete requirements for VOSB or SDVOSB certification.

-END OF INSTRUCTIONS-

SECTION 2. OFFER TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Project Title / Reference #: Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area Farm Lease / 22034690

The undersigned authorized representative of the identified bidder hereby submits this Offer to perform in full compliance with the subject solicitation. By completing and signing this form, Bidder makes an Offer to the State of Illinois that the State may accept.

Use this Form as a final check to ensure that all required documents are completed and included with the bid. Bidder must mark each blank below as appropriate; mark N/A when a section is not applicable to this solicitation. Bidder understands that failure to meet all requirements is cause for disqualification.

B.1 SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT REVIEW

Bidder has reviewed the Solicitation and Contract, including all referenced documents and instructions, filled in all relevant blanks, and provided any requested information.

Yes No

B.2 ADDENDA

Bidder has taken into account any and all addendums to the solicitation in making this bid.

Yes No N/A

B.3 VENDOR CONFERENCE

Bidder attended the Vendor Conference if attendance was mandatory.

Yes No N/A

B.4 BID SUBMISSION

Bidder has packaged the bid in a properly labeled container, addressed to the correct location, and allowed enough time for delivery by the due date and time.

Yes No

B.5 FORMS A SECTION or FORMS B SECTION: Bidder is properly submitting either FORMS A or FORMS B, but not both.

Yes No

B.6 BOND

Bidder has submitted its Bid Bond or Performance Bond.

Yes No N/A

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B.7 SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE

Bidder has registered and been qualified as a small business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time bids are due.

Yes No N/A

B.8 PACKET 1 – CONTRACT

Yes No

B.8.1 Disclosure of Subcontractors Yes No N/A

B.9 PACKET 2 – OFFER

Yes No

B.9.1 Offer Yes No

B.9.2 Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions Yes No N/A

B.9.3 References Yes No N/A

B.10 PACKET 3 – FORMS A

Yes No

B.10.1 Business and Directory Information Yes No

B.10.2 Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number Yes No

B.10.3 Standard Certifications Yes No

B.10.4 Disclosure of Business Operations in Iran Yes No

B.10.5 Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest Yes No

B.10.6 Taxpayer Identification Number Yes No

B.11 PACKET 3 – FORMS B

Yes No

B.11.1 Illinois Procurement Gateway Registration # Yes No

B.11.2 Certifications Timely to this Solicitation Yes No

B.11.3 Disclosure of Lobbyists and Contracts Yes No

B.12 CONTRACT SIGNATURE

Bidder has signed and filled out all Vendor information on the CONTRACT SIGNATURES page.

Yes No

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B.13 SUBCONTRACTING

Bidder has indicated if subcontractors will be used and provided all requested information.

Yes No N/A

B.14 LOCATION OF PERFORMANCE

Bidder has provided the location and known or anticipated value of services to be performed.

Yes No

B.15 REFERENCES

Bidder has enclosed references and all pertinent contact information for the references.

Yes No N/A

B.16 PRICING

Bidder has completed the PRICING part of the CONTRACT.

Yes No

B.17 EXCEPTIONS

In preparing the bid, Bidder has taken (check one box below):

No Exceptions

Exceptions to the State's language or requirements; Exceptions must be provided on the State's form (SECTION 3, part C.1) or must be in a substantially similar format. The State discourages taking exceptions. State law shall not be circumvented by the exception process. Exceptions may result in rejection of Vendor's bid.

B.18 REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Bidder has supplied an additional copy of the bid with confidential information deleted. In the event the designation of confidentiality of this information is challenged, the undersigned hereby agrees to provide legal counsel or other necessary assistance to defend the designation of confidentiality and agrees to hold the State harmless for any costs or damages arising out of the State agreeing to withhold the materials based on Vendor's request.

No, Bidder is not requesting confidential treatment for this bid

Yes, Bidder is seeking confidential treatment for portions of this bid

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B.19 PREFERENCES

The Illinois Procurement Code provides various preferences to promote business opportunities in Illinois.

Does Bidder make any claims for preferences? If so, please mark the applicable preference(s) and include the list of items that qualify for the preference at the end of this section and a description of why the preference applies. The State reserves the right to determine whether the preference indicated applies to Bidder.

- Resident Bidder (30 ILCS 500/45-10)
- Recycled Materials (30 ILCS 500/45-20)
- Recycled Paper (30 ILCS 500/45-25)
- Environmentally Preferable Supplies (30 ILCS 500/45-26)
- Illinois Correctional Industries (30 ILCS 500/45-30)
- Sheltered Workshops for the Severely Handicapped (30 ILCS 500/45-35)
- Gas Mileage (30 ILCS 500/45-40)
- Small Businesses (30 ILCS 500/45-45)
- Illinois Agricultural Products (30 ILCS 500/45-50)
- Corn-Based Plastics (30 ILCS 500/45-55)
- Disabled Veterans (30 ILCS 500/45-57)
- Vehicles Powered by Agricultural Commodity-Based Fuel (30 ILCS 500/45-60)
- Public Purchases in Other State (30 ILCS 520)
- Illinois Mined Coal Act (30 ILCS 555)
- Steel Products Procurement (30 ILCS 565)
- Veteran's Preference (330 ILCS 55)
- Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575)
- Procurement of Domestic Products (30 ILCS 517)
- Bio-based Products (30 ILCS 500/45-75)

Items that Qualify and Explanation: [Click here to enter text](#)

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Printed Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Vendor Name: [Click here to enter text](#)

Date: [Click here to enter a date](#)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXCEPTIONS TO SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SECTION 3.

C.1 EXCEPTIONS TO SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

[Click here to enter text](#) agrees with the terms and conditions set forth in the State of Illinois Invitation for Bid, including the standard terms and conditions, the Agency/University supplemental provisions, certifications, and disclosures, with the following exceptions:

	Excluding certifications required by statute to be made by the Vendor, both Parties agree that all of the duties and obligations that the Vendor owes to the Agency/University for the work performed shall be pursuant to the solicitation and resulting contract, and Vendor’s exceptions accepted by the State thereto as set forth below.
	STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Section/ Subsection #	State the exception such as “add,” “replace,” and/or “delete.”
	ADDITIONAL VENDOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS
New Provision(s), # et. seq.	Section/Subsection New Number, Title of New Subsection: State the new additional term or condition.

[Click here to enter text](#) hereby agrees to the exceptions provided by [Click here to enter text](#) and to the Additional Terms and Conditions provided by [Click here to enter text](#).

Agreed: Click here to enter text	Agreed: Click here to enter text
By: Click here to enter text	By: Click here to enter text
Signed:	Signed:
Position: Click here to enter text	Position: Click here to enter text
Date: Click here to enter text	Date:

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
REFERENCES**

C.2 REFERENCES

Provide references from established firms or government agencies where the Vendor purchases supplies, machinery, seed, fertilizer, chemicals or serves as a farm tenant other than the procuring agency/university that can attest to Vendor's experience and ability to perform the contract that is the subject of this solicitation.

1. Firm/Government Agency/University (name): _____
Contact Person (name, address, phone, and email address): _____
Date of Supplies/Services Provided: _____
Type of Supplies/Services Provided: _____

2. Firm/Government Agency/University (name): _____
Contact Person (name, address, and phone): _____
Date of Supplies/Services Provided: _____
Type of Supplies/Services Provided: _____

3. Firm/Government Agency/University (name): _____
Contact Person (name, address, and phone): _____
Date of Supplies/Services Provided: _____
Type of Supplies/Services Provided: _____

Vendor Name: _____

Return Mailing Address: _____

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CONTRACT**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area Farm Lease
15AL2025

The Parties to this lease are the State of Illinois acting through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Vendor. This lease, consisting of the signature page and numbered sections listed below and any attachments referenced in this lease, constitute the entire lease between the Parties concerning the subject matter of the lease, and in signing the lease, the Vendor affirms that the Certifications and Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest attached hereto are true and accurate as of the date of the Vendor’s execution of the contract. This contract supersedes all prior proposals, leases and understandings between the Parties concerning the subject matter of the lease. This lease can be signed in multiple counterparts and signature may be electronic or digital upon agreement of the Parties.

Lease uses Illinois Procurement Gateway Certifications and Disclosures?

- Yes (IPG Certifications and Disclosures including FORMS B)
- No

- 1. **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**
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 - Attachment CC – Acceptable Services**
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 - Attachment EE –Fertilizer and Chemical Application Forms**
 - Attachment FF – Equipment List**
 - Attachment GG – Agronomy Handbook / Chapter 8 or can be viewed online at <http://extension.cropsci.illinois.edu/handbook/>**
- 6. **LEASE SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES – “FORMS A” (IF APPLICABLE) / “FORMS B (IF APPLICABLE)**

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this lease, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein and have caused this lease to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates shown on the following LEASE SIGNATURES page.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CONTRACT**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area Farm Lease
15AL2025

VENDOR

Vendor Name:	Address:
Signature:	Phone:
Printed Name:	Fax:
Title:	Email:
Date:	

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Procuring Agency or University: IDNR	Phone: 217/782-5695 (Ofc)
Street Address: One Natural Resources Way	Fax: 217/785-8565
City, State ZIP: Springfield, IL 62702	
Official Signature:	Date:
Printed Name: Marc Miller	
Official's Title: Director	
Legal Signature:	Date:
Legal Printed Name: Jeffery Smith	
Legal's Title: Chief Legal Counsel	
Fiscal Signature:	Date:
Fiscal's Printed Name: Scott Harper	
Fiscal's Title: Chief Fiscal Officer	

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Agency or University Reference # 15AL2025	Project Title	Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area Farm Lease
Contract # 15AL2025	Procurement Method (IFB, RFP, Small, etc):	IFB
IPB Ref. # 22034690	IPB Publication Date:	Award Code: A
Subcontractor Utilization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subcontractor Disclosure? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Funding Source N/A	Obligation #	15AL2025
Small Business Set-Aside? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Minority Owned Business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Percentage	
Female-Owned Business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Percentage	
Persons With Disabilities Owned Business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Percentage	
Other Preferences? N/A		

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1. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

1.1. GOAL: Farm Lease Contract (“Lease”) between Vendor and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the purpose of a land management program on the following described land, in a manner consistent with the Agency’s policies. Land is located in Whiteside County, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Sections 2, 3, 10 & 11 (Attachment AA). Farm leasing of approximately 243 acres in 2015, 253.6 acres in 2016, 253.6 acres in 2017 and 253.6 acres in 2018 of land located at Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area for agricultural purposes. Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area does not have a park/site office, therefore, any references to the “Site” or “Site Superintendent” will refer to the Prophetstown State Recreation Area, Park/Site Office which is located at 300 E Riverside Drive, Prophetstown IL 61277.

1.2. SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED: Many Department of Natural Resources owned or managed lands contain tillable acreage. These lands have the potential to generate revenue if used to grow agricultural products. It is the Department’s policy to minimize the use of such lands for agricultural production in favor of establishing annual or permanent wildlife habitats. However, the Department also recognizes that certain agricultural practices and farm income can provide needed resources for wildlife habitat, improving habitat diversity, developing cover and edge effect, and maintaining annual vegetative stages. The Agency requires services to perform agricultural farming services. See Attachment BB for cropping plan, field numbers, crop and acreage per field.

1.3 MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES:

1.3.1 This Lease is for a four (4) year period, beginning March 1, 2015, and ending on the latter of the following dates:

a) February 28, 2019; or

b) The date of harvest for carryover wheat planted in the fourth and final year of the Lease, in areas designated by the cropping plan.

The term of this Lease shall be extended only for those areas planted in wheat until harvest of the wheat is complete per the Cropping Plan (Attachment BB) and all covenants of this Lease shall remain in full force throughout the harvest period. All other extensions or changes to the Lease term will require a written amendment and approval by the Agency.

1.3.2 Vendor agrees to pay one half of annual lease payment on or before **July 15th** and the balance shall be paid in full by **December 15th** for each crop or lease year. See Section 5.1 for Agency specific terms and conditions. Payment may be any combination of the following methods:

a) Specified services to the Site as outlined in Attachment CC;

b) Specified crops left in field per Attachment BB, or

c) Cash payment (See section 1.3.3).

1.3.3. Vendor further agrees that cash payment (if any) will be made in the form of a bank cashier’s check, a certified check, a bank draft or U.S. Postal Money Order made payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

- 1.3.4. Full payment for carryover wheat planted in Year 4 of the Lease shall be due **July 15, 2019**. The payment amount shall be the per acre rate per year as set in Section 2.1.2 for the number of acres of carryover wheat planted.
- 1.3.5 IDNR may require the Vendor under this cropping plan (Attachment BB) to leave all or a certain portion of the crops in the field standing without being harvested. If Vendor fails to comply with this requirement, IDNR will receive the rent per acre from the Vendor as set forth in Section 2.1.2 for each acre that the Vendor harvested in violation of the cropping plan
- 1.3.6 An irrevocable letter of credit (Attachment DD) is required to insure payment of property taxes and lease payment due to lease default. **An irrevocable letter of credit must be submitted within thirty (30) days after contract execution and must be submitted prior to March 1st every year thereafter during the term of this Lease. Failure to do so shall subject this Lease to immediate termination.**
- 1.3.7 Vendor additionally covenants and agrees that if any required policies of liability insurance should lapse, Vendor shall be liable for loss, injury, damage or claims to persons or property resulting from or by virtue of Vendor's negligence. **A proof of liability insurance document shall be submitted within 30 days after contract execution and must be submitted prior to March 1st every year thereafter during the term of this Lease.**
- 1.3.8 Vendor agrees to notify the Site Superintendent prior to all planting and harvesting of crops. All crops shall be harvested by **November 1st** unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties or unless the Agency determines that adverse weather prohibits harvesting by **November 1st**. No fall plowing will be permitted without the Site Superintendent's written approval.
- 1.3.9 Vendor agrees to pay all leasehold taxes on the leased lands during the lease term. Failure to do so shall subject the lease to immediate termination. Vendor shall provide a copy of the paid leasehold tax receipt for each year of the Lease by **December 15th** of the year in which the taxes were paid. The obligations of this Paragraph shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the term of this Lease.
- 1.3.10 Maintenance fertilizer is required per soil tests on all crop fields **annually** by the Vendor. Maintenance levels for each crop are to be maintained and determined using Illinois Agronomy Handbook, Chapter 8, (<http://extension.cropsci.illinois.edu/handbook/>) (Attachment GG).

1.4 VENDOR / STAFF SPECIFICATIONS:

- 1.4.1 Vendor shall provide all necessary labor, machinery, tools, seed, fertilizer, equipment and insurance to do all of the work necessary for a farming operation in accordance with the requirements and within the time limits prescribed herein. Vendor shall provide an equipment list (Attachment FF) that includes all equipment that will be required for the successful performance of this lease. Vendor agrees to personally farm the lands described above and specified in the attachments. Neither subleasing nor the transfer of any Lease rights shall be allowed without prior approval by the Agency and must be in writing, signed by both parties.

- 1.4.3 Vendor shall not subject, permit, encourage or invite other persons to use any part of the premises.
- 1.4.4 Vendor further declares that the only persons or parties interested in this Lease as principals are those named herein and that the Lease is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation.
- 1.4.5 Assignment, subcontracting or transfer of all or part of the interests of Vendor in the work covered by this lease is prohibited.
- 1.4.6 Vendor shall pay any retail taxes on any goods or services purchased for the Site.
- 1.4.7 Vendor shall be responsible for controlling all weeds and pests as determined and approved by the District Wildlife Biologist (DWB) per the cropping plan (Attachment BB). Vendor shall receive prior approval from the Agency before using any insecticides, herbicides or fungicides and further agrees to comply with all Federal, State and Local laws which regulate the use and application of such products.
- 1.4.8 Vendor shall furnish and operate a tractor and mower, at his expense to mow the entire pastured area (where there is access) during the growing season. Mowing shall take place at such times to keep the weeds from going to seed. This area shall not be overgrazed. Damages caused by overgrazing shall be cause for termination of this lease. A minimum of two (2)-inch grass cover on all hay or pasture fields shall be maintained all year.
- 1.4.9 Vendor shall provide and maintain a fence surrounding all pasture areas (e.g. electric or other) that will hold all livestock pastured on leased land. Livestock will not be permitted to run loose on other areas. (765 ILCS 130/ et seq.).
- 1.4.10 Vendor shall abide by all Federal, State, county, local laws as well as all Natural Resources rules, regulations and Administrative Orders.
- 1.4.11 Vendor shall not enter into any construction or remodeling projects of any kind on the premises without receiving prior written permission from the Agency.
- 1.4.12 This lease shall not be used as basis for a Vendor deer or turkey hunting permit.
- 1.4.13 The Agency shall open the premises to public hunting.
- 1.4.14 Vendor shall not disturb any of the natural habitat, aquatic life or wildlife on the premises or any of the Agency's areas adjacent to the premises without prior written permission from the Agency. (20 ILCS 835/6).
- 1.4.15 The Agency reserves the right to inspect and investigate Vendor's facilities, equipment and personnel.
- 1.4.16 The Agency shall sign for approval for crop insurance at Vendor's request.
- 1.4.17 If the Agency causes loss or damage to Vendor's crop, the Agency will adjust the lease payment, based on documented evidence, as estimated by formula, by the Agency at fair market value.

IDNR shall utilize current and historical data found on the University of Illinois', Farmdoc website at (<http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/Manage/>) to assist in the calculation of values.

- 1.4.18 The Agency and the Vendor mutually acknowledge that various standard provisions of this Lease may or may not be pertinent to the actual lease purpose, and that each such provision shall be interpreted as it reasonably pertains to this specific agreement and to the subject premises involved.
- 1.4.19 Vendor will not perform any fall tillage (Moldboard, disking or chisel). Vendor may perform spring tillage after March 1, unless prior consent is given by IDNR, in writing, to begin on an earlier date.
- 1.4.20 Vendor shall be allowed to utilize paraplows (fall or spring) or subsoilers (spring) if there are any compaction problems on any of the crop fields. (Tillage equipment must be pre-approved and in writing by the Agricultural Farm Lease Manager)
- 1.4.21 IDNR encourages Intergraded Pest Management (IPM) and Best Management Practices (BMP) to insure good environmental stewardship.
- 1.4.22 Vendor shall obtain approvals from IDNR for submission to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) regarding crop acreage certification. Vendor will comply with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding all Soil Conservation Activity Plans. Illinois Soil Conservation Activity plans can be found at the following web address:
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/survey/office/ssr8/?cid=nrcs142p2_000483.
- 1.4.23 Vendor shall receive a written approval from IDNR prior to any mowing and chemical applications on grass cover areas in and around all crop fields. Vendor agrees to comply with all Federal, State and Local laws which regulate the use and application of herbicides, insecticides and pesticides.
- 1.4.24 Vendor agrees to document all chemical and fertilizer applications using the attached log forms (Attachment EE). Log Forms shall be submitted to the IDNR park/site office identified in Section 1.1 upon annual lease settlement, which occurs on December 15.
- 1.4.25 Vendor shall perform required soil testing in the spring of the first lease year and again in the spring of the last lease year, solely at the Vendor's expense. Vendor may perform additional soil testing at other times during the term of the farm lease, again, solely at the Vendor's expense. Copies of all soil testing shall be sent to the DNR park/site office identified in Section 1.1.
- 1.4.26 Vendor is responsible for the property tax assessment for each crop year. Vendor will be invoiced by the County Tax Collector.
- 1.4.27 IDNR must approve and sign off on any participation in any USDA Farm programs. This includes, but is not limited to: disaster relief, Production Flexibility Contract (PFC), etc.
- 1.4.28 Vendor shall not store any items (equipment, seed, fertilizer, harvested crops, chemicals, etc.).

1.5 **SUBCONTRACTING**

Subcontractors are allowed, only as requested in the Cropping Plan (Attachment BB).

- 1.6 **WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED:** Unless otherwise disclosed in this section all services shall be performed in the United States. If the Vendor performs the services purchased hereunder in another

country in violation of this provision, such action may be deemed by the State as a breach of the contract by Vendor.

Vendor shall disclose the locations where the services required shall be performed and the known or anticipated value of the services to be performed at each location. If the Vendor received additional consideration in the evaluation based on work being performed in the United States, it shall be a breach of contract if the Vendor shifts any such work outside the United States.

- Location where services will be performed: Whiteside County, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Sections 2, 3, 10 & 11 (Attachment AA)

Value of services performed at this location: 100 % of Contract Value

2. PRICING

2.1 FORMAT OF PRICING:

2.1.1 Vendor shall submit pricing in the format shown below, based on the terms and conditions set forth in section 1 of this Contract.

2.1.2 Pricing shall be submitted in the following format: \$_____ per yr/per acre based on the following acreage:

243 Acres in 2015

253.6 Acres in 2016

253.6 Acres in 2017

253.6 Acres in 2018

2.2 TYPE OF PRICING: The Illinois Office of the Comptroller requires the State to indicate whether the lease value is firm or estimated at the time it is submitted for obligation. The total value of this lease is firm.

2.3 ADDITIONAL SERVICES ALLOWED: Additional Services will be allowed as follows: Work performed by the Vendor that the Site Superintendent has requested and of which is not part of this lease shall be deducted from the lease payment in accordance with Attachments BB & CC.

2.4 TAXES: Pricing shall not include any taxes. However, pursuant to Paragraph 1.3.9, Vendor is responsible for payment of all leasehold taxes on the leased lands during the lease term.

2.5 PAYMENT TERMS: Vendor agrees to pay one half of the annual Lease payment on or before July 15th and the balance shall be paid in full by December 15th for each crop or rent year. Full payment for carryover wheat planted in year 4 of the Lease shall be due July 15, 2019. The payment amount shall be the rent rate per acre per year for the number acres of carryover wheat planted.

3. TERM AND TERMINATION

3.1 TERM OF THIS CONTRACT: This lease has an initial term of March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2019.

3.1.1 In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms and any extensions, exceed five (5) years.

3.1.2 Vendor shall not commence billable work in furtherance of the contract prior to final execution of the contract except when permitted pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/20-80.

3.2 RENEWAL:

3.2.1 The term of this Lease shall be extended only for those areas planted in wheat until harvest of the wheat is complete per the Cropping Plan (Attachment BB) and all covenants of this Lease shall remain in full force throughout the harvest period. All other extensions or changes to the Lease term will require a written amendment and approval by the Agency.

3.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The State may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to the Vendor if: (a) the State determines that the actions or inactions of the Vendor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, jeopardy to health, safety, or property, or (b) the Vendor has notified the State that it is unable or unwilling to perform the contract.

If Vendor fails to perform to the State's satisfaction any material requirement of this lease, is in violation of a material provision of this lease, or the State determines that the Vendor lacks the financial resources to perform the lease, the State shall provide written notice to the Vendor to cure the problem identified within the period of time specified in the State's written notice. If not cured by that date the State may either: (a) immediately terminate the lease without additional written notice or (b) enforce the terms and conditions of the lease.

Enrolling State lands in any government program without prior written consent of the Agency shall result in termination of the Lease, forfeiture of any expenditure made by Vendor pursuant to the Lease and forfeiture of any government payments received or due.

Upon termination or at the expiration of the term of this Lease, Vendor agrees to yield possession of the premises to the Agency without further demand or notice, in as good a condition as received, and acceptable to the Agency, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

In the event this agreement is terminated for cause, the Vendor, an agricultural tenant on farm lands belonging to the IDNR, does hereby voluntarily release and relinquish all or any rights, privileges, expectations of payment or any other remunerations or emoluments under the lease for the Federal Conservation Reserve Program ("CRP") or its successor, to the succeeding tenant of the CRP lease, as identified by the Agency. Vendor agrees to execute and deliver any such additional documents as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate this provision upon termination.

For termination due to any of the causes contained in this Section, the State retains its rights to seek any available legal or equitable remedies and damages.

3.4 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: Should all or a portion of the premises be needed by the State for any reason other than those prescribed by this agreement, the State may, for its convenience and with 30 days prior written notice to Vendor, terminate this lease. Vendor agrees to surrender and restore the Premises, and remove all personal property there from, prior to the expiration of said notification period. **Vendor hereby agrees to waive the 4-month termination notice requirement of 735 ILCS5/9-206.** When appropriate, the State shall refer lease enforcement matters to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

4. STANDARD BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

4.1.1 Payment: See Section 1.3.2.

4.1.2 Expenses: The State will not pay for supplies provided or services rendered, including related expenses, incurred prior to the execution of this contract by the Parties even if the effective date of the contract is prior to execution.

4.1.3 Federal Funding: This contract may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. If federal funds are expected to be used, then the percentage of the good/service paid using Federal funds and the total Federal funds expected to be used will be provided in the award notice.

Send Payments to:

Agency/University:	Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Attn:	Agricultural Leasing
Address:	One Natural Resources Way
City, State Zip	Springfield, IL 62702

4.2 **ASSIGNMENT:** This contract may not be assigned, transferred in whole or in part by Vendor without the prior written consent of the State.

4.3 **AUDIT/RETENTION OF RECORDS:** Vendor and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records relating to the performance of the contract or subcontract and necessary to support amounts charged to the State pursuant the contract or subcontract. Books and records, including information stored in databases or other computer systems, shall be maintained by the Vendor for a period of three years from the later of the date of final payment under the contract or completion of the contract, and by the subcontractor for a period of three years from the later of final payment under the term or completion of the subcontract. If federal funds are used to pay contract costs, the Vendor and its subcontractors must retain its records for five years. Books and records required to be maintained under this section shall be available for review or audit by representatives of: the procuring Agency/University, the Auditor General, the Executive Inspector General, the Chief Procurement Officer, State of Illinois internal auditors or other governmental entities with monitoring authority, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. Vendor and its subcontractors shall cooperate fully with any such audit and with any investigation conducted by any of these entities. Failure to maintain books and records required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under the contract for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement. The Vendor or subcontractors shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor's books and records. 30 ILCS 500/20-65.

4.4 **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence with respect to Vendor's performance of this contract. Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations while any dispute concerning the contract is being resolved unless otherwise directed by the State.

- 4.5 NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS:** Except as specifically waived in writing, failure by a Party to exercise or enforce a right does not waive that Party's right to exercise or enforce that or other rights in the future.
- 4.6 FORCE MAJEURE:** Failure by either Party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control and not due to its negligence, including acts of nature, acts of terrorism, riots, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, and governmental prohibition. The non-declaring Party may cancel the contract without penalty if performance does not resume within 30 days of the declaration.
- 4.7 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Each Party, including its agents and subcontractors, to this contract may have or gain access to confidential data or information owned or maintained by the other Party in the course of carrying out its responsibilities under this contract. Vendor shall presume all information received from the State or to which it gains access pursuant to this contract is confidential. Vendor information, unless clearly marked as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, shall be considered public. No confidential data collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of the contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the disclosing Party, either during the period of the contract or thereafter. The receiving Party must return any and all data collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of the contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly at the end of the contract, or earlier at the request of the disclosing Party, or notify the disclosing Party in writing of its destruction. The foregoing obligations shall not apply to confidential data or information lawfully in the receiving Party's possession prior to its acquisition from the disclosing Party; received in good faith from a third Party not subject to any confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party; now is or later becomes publicly known through no breach of confidentiality obligation by the receiving Party; or is independently developed by the receiving Party without the use or benefit of the disclosing Party's confidential information.
- 4.8 USE AND OWNERSHIP:** All work performed or supplies created by Vendor under this contract, whether written documents or data, goods or deliverables of any kind, shall be deemed work for hire under copyright law and all intellectual property and other laws, and the State of Illinois is granted sole and exclusive ownership to all such work, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Vendor hereby assigns to the State all right, title, and interest in and to such work including any related intellectual property rights, and/or waives any and all claims that Vendor may have to such work including any so-called "moral rights" in connection with the work. Vendor acknowledges the State may use the work product for any purpose. Confidential data or information contained in such work shall be subject to confidentiality provisions of this contract.
- 4.9 INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY:** The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Illinois, its agencies, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all costs, demands, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements and judgments, including in-house and contracted attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of: (a) any breach or violation by Vendor of any of its certifications, representations, warranties, covenants or agreements; (b) any actual or alleged death or injury to any person, damage to any property or any other damage or loss claimed to result in whole or in part from Vendor's negligent performance; (c) any act, activity or omission of Vendor or any of its

employees, representatives, subcontractors or agents; or (d) any actual or alleged claim that the services or goods provided under the contract infringing, misappropriating, or otherwise violating any intellectual property (patent, copyright, trade secret, or trademark) rights of a third party. Neither Party shall be liable for incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages.

- 4.10 INSURANCE:** Vendor shall, at all times during the term and any renewals maintain and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the State as additionally insured for all required bonds and insurance. Certificates may not be modified or canceled until at least 30 days' notice has been provided to the State. Vendor shall provide: (a) General Commercial Liability occurrence form in amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and \$2,000,000 Annual Aggregate; (b) Auto Liability, including Hired Auto and Non-owned Auto, (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) in amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (c) Worker's Compensation Insurance in amount required by law. Insurance shall not limit Vendor's obligation to indemnify, defend, or settle any claims.

Vendor additionally covenants and agrees that if any required policies of liability insurance should lapse, or otherwise are not applicable or effective, Vendor shall be liable for loss, injury, damage or claims to persons or property resulting from or by virtue of Vendor's negligence. **(A proof of liability insurance document is to be submitted within 30 days after lease execution and must be submitted prior to March 1st every year thereafter during the term of this contact.)**

- 4.11 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Vendor shall act as an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of, or joint venture with the State. All payments by the State shall be made on that basis.
- 4.12 SOLICITATION AND EMPLOYMENT:** Vendor shall not employ any person employed by the State during the term of this contract to perform any work under this contract. Vendor shall give notice immediately to the Agency's director if Vendor solicits or intends to solicit State employees to perform any work under this contract.
- 4.13 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW:** The Vendor, its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, orders, federal circulars and all license and permit requirements in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall be in compliance with applicable tax requirements and shall be current in payment of such taxes. Vendor shall obtain at its own expense, all licenses and permissions necessary for the performance of this contract. Vendor agrees to pay all leasehold taxes on the leased lands during the lease term. Failure to do so shall subject this Contract to immediate termination. **Vendor shall provide a copy of the paid leasehold tax receipt for each year of the Lease by December 15th of the year in which the taxes were paid.** The obligations of this Paragraph shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the term of this Lease.
- 4.14 BACKGROUND CHECK:** Whenever the State deems it reasonably necessary for security reasons, the State may conduct, at its expense, criminal and driver history background checks of Vendor's and subcontractors officers, employees or agents. Vendor or subcontractor shall reassign immediately any such individual who, in the opinion of the State, does not pass the background check.

- 4.15 APPLICABLE LAW:** This contract shall be construed in accordance with and is subject to the laws and rules of the State of Illinois. The Department of Human Rights' Equal Opportunity requirements (44 Ill. Adm. Code 750) are incorporated by reference. Any claim against the State arising out of this contract must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims. 705 ILCS 505/1. The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any contract dispute. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this contract. The official text of cited statutes is incorporated by reference. An unofficial version can be viewed at (www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp).
- 4.16 ANTI-TRUST ASSIGNMENT:** If Vendor does not pursue any claim or cause of action it has arising under federal or state antitrust laws relating to the subject matter of the contract, then upon request of the Illinois Attorney General, Vendor shall assign to the State rights, title and interest in and to the claim or cause of action.
- 4.17 CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY:** The Agency that signs for the State of Illinois shall be the only State entity responsible for performance and payment under the contract. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee signs in addition to an Agency, they do so as approving officer and shall have no liability to Vendor. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee, or State Purchasing Officer signs a master contract on behalf of State agencies, only the Agency that places an order with the Vendor shall have any liability to Vendor for that order.
- 4.18 NOTICES:** Notices and other communications provided for herein shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, by receipted hand delivery, by courier (UPS, Federal Express or other similar and reliable carrier), by e-mail, or by fax showing the date and time of successful receipt. Notices shall be sent to the individuals who signed the contract using the contact information following the signatures. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided at the time it is actually received. By giving notice, either Party may change the contact information.
- 4.19 MODIFICATIONS AND SURVIVAL:** Amendments, modifications and waivers must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. Any provision of this contract officially declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, shall be ignored and the remaining provisions shall be interpreted, as far as possible, to give effect to the Parties' intent. All provisions that by their nature would be expected to survive, shall survive termination. In the event of a conflict between the State's and the Vendor's terms, conditions and attachments, the State's terms, conditions and attachments shall prevail. Any other proposed change to the Lease, including the leased acreage or the completion time, must be supported by a written explanation and approved by the Agency. The circumstances said to necessitate the change must not be reasonably foreseeable or contemplated at the time this Lease is signed; the change must be germane to the original Lease as signed; or the changes must be considered to be in the best interest of the State and authorized by law.
- 4.20 PERFORMANCE RECORD / SUSPENSION:** Upon request of the State, Vendor shall meet to discuss performance or provide contract performance updates to help ensure proper performance of the contract. The State may consider Vendor's performance under this contract and compliance with law and rule to determine whether to continue the contract, suspend Vendor from doing future business

with the State for a specified period of time, or to determine whether Vendor can be considered responsible on specific future contract opportunities.

4.21 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: This contract and all related public records maintained by, provided to or required to be provided to the State are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (50 ILCS 140) notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this contract.

4.22 SCHEDULE OF WORK: Any work performed on State premises shall be done during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel.

4.23 WARRANTIES FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES:

4.23.1 Vendor warrants that the supplies furnished under this contract will: (a) conform to the standards, specifications, drawing, samples or descriptions furnished by the State or furnished by the Vendor and agreed to by the State, including but not limited to all specifications attached as exhibits hereto; (b) be merchantable, of good quality and workmanship, and free from defects for a period of twelve months or longer if so specified in writing, and fit and sufficient for the intended use; (c) comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the manufacturing, packing, labeling, sale and delivery of the supplies; (d) be of good title and be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and; (e) not infringe any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party. Vendor agrees to reimburse the State for any losses, costs, damages or expenses, including without limitations, reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, arising from failure of the supplies to meet such warranties.

4.23.2 Vendor shall insure that all manufacturers' warranties are transferred to the State and shall provide a copy of the warranty. These warranties shall be in addition to all other warranties, express, implied or statutory, and shall survive the State's payment, acceptance, inspection or failure to inspect the supplies.

4.23.3 Vendor warrants that all services will be performed to meet the requirements of the contract in an efficient and effective manner by trained and competent personnel. Vendor shall monitor performances of each individual and shall reassign immediately any individual who is not performing in accordance with the contract, who is disruptive or not respectful of others in the workplace, or who in any way violates the contract or State policies.

4.24 REPORTING, STATUS AND MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS:

4.24.1 Vendor shall immediately notify the State of any event that may have a material impact on Vendor's ability to perform the contract.

4.24.2 By August 31 of each year, Vendor shall report to the Agency or University the number of qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders hired during Vendor's last completed fiscal year. For the purposes of this section, qualified veteran is defined in 30 ILCS 500/45-67 and ex-offender is defined in 30 ILCS 500/45-70.

4.25 EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT: Vendors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 35 ILCS 5/216, 5/217. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (telephone #: 217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.

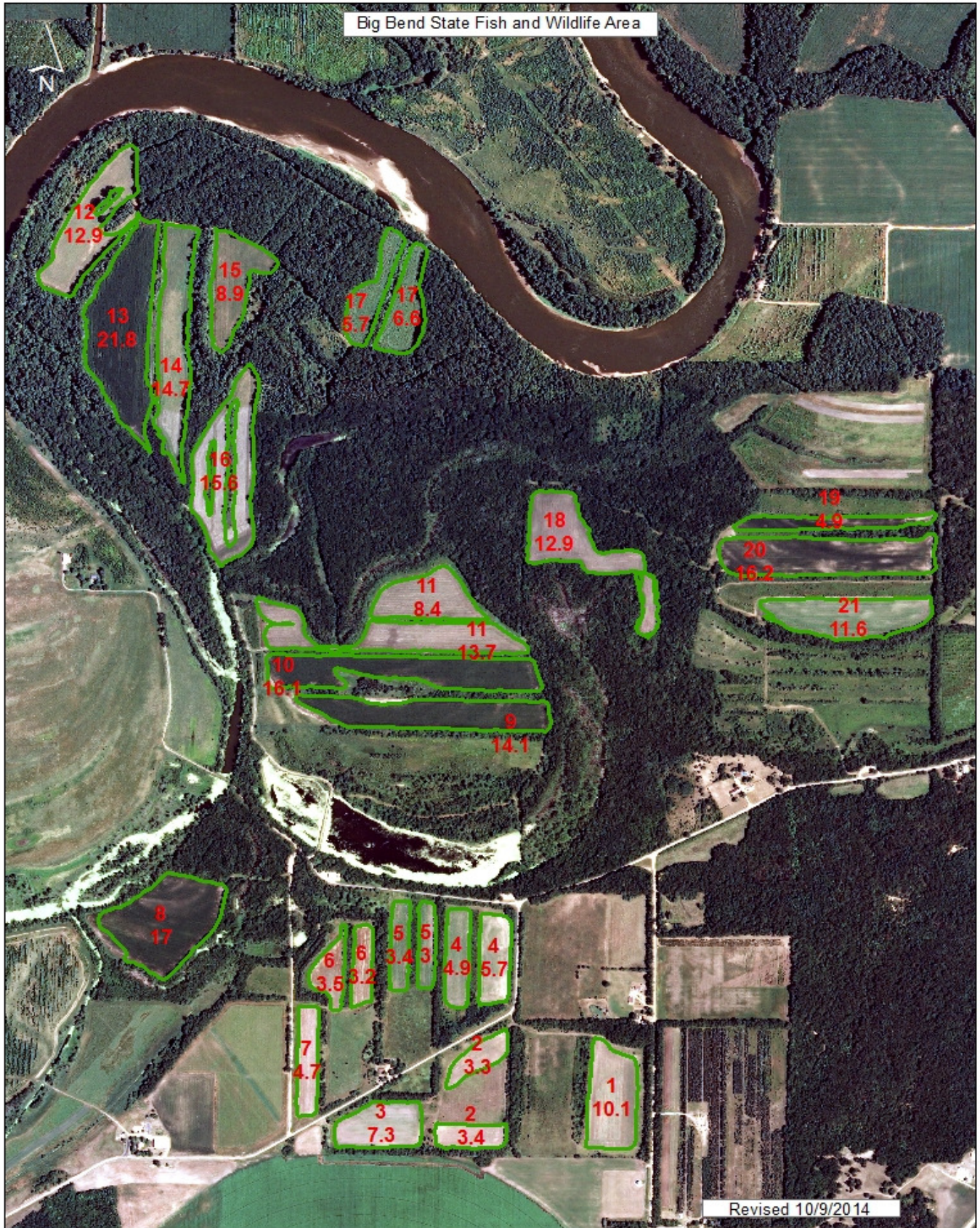
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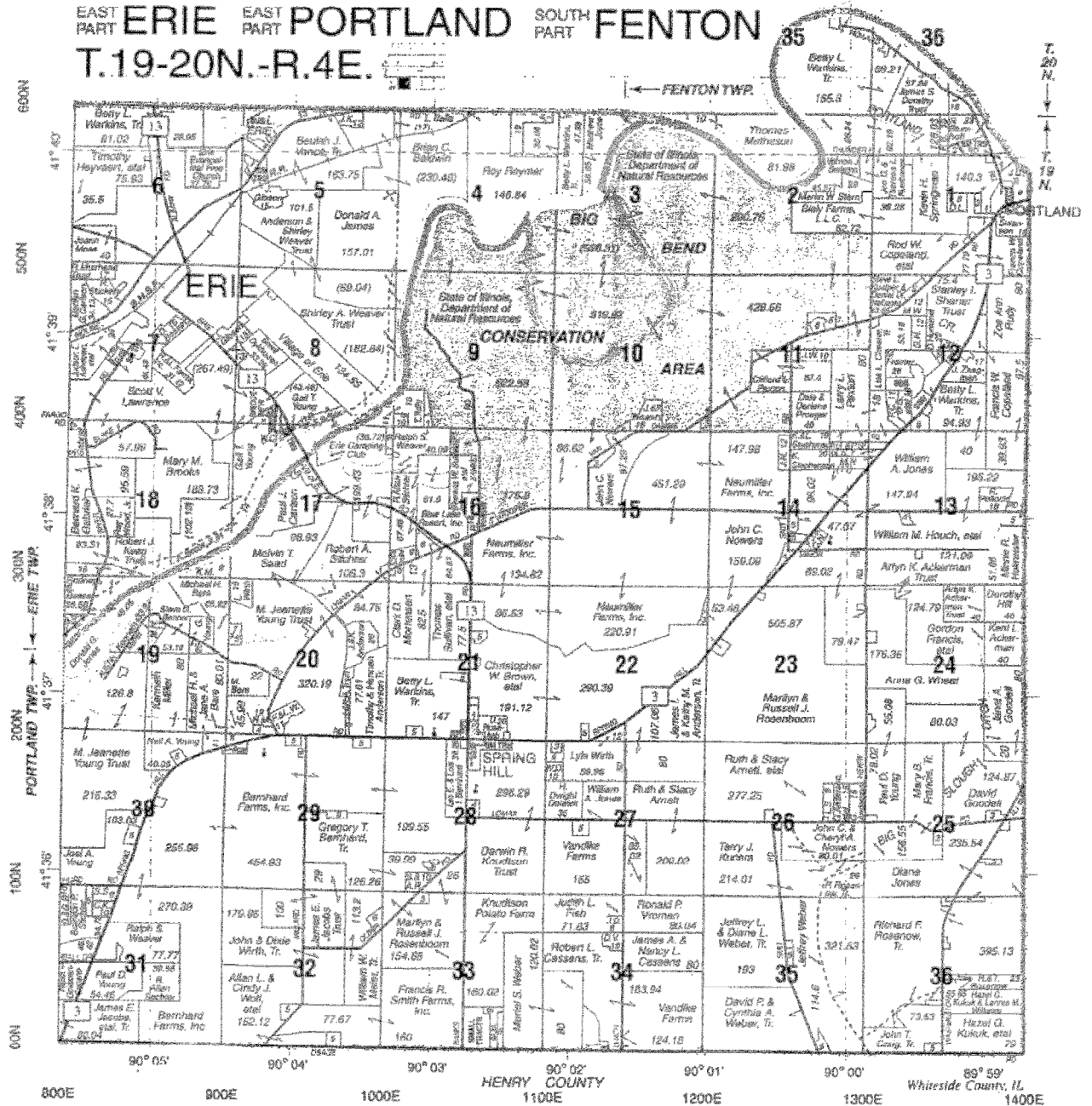
5.1 STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS:

- Agency/University Definitions
N/A
- Required Federal Clauses, Certifications and Assurances
N/A
- Public Works Requirements (construction and maintenance of a public work) 820 ILCS 130/4.
N/A
- Prevailing Wage (janitorial cleaning, window cleaning, building and grounds, site technician, natural resources, food services, and security services, if valued at more than \$200 per month or \$2,000 per year or printing) 30 ILCS 500/25-60.
N/A
- Agency/University Specific Terms and Conditions
N/A
- Other (describe)
Attachment AA – Land Map
Attachment BB – Cropping Plans to include Site Specific Information
Attachment CC – Acceptable Services
Attachment DD – Irrevocable Letter of Credit (sample)
Attachment EE – Chemical and Fertilizer Log Forms
Attachment FF – Equipment List
Attachment GG – Agronomy Handbook / Chapter 8 or can be viewed online at <http://extension.cropsci.illinois.edu/handbook/>

5.2 VENDOR SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS:

- Vendor Supplemental Provisions





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Crop Plan for Lease 2025 in Crop Year 2015

<u>Field Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Crop</u>
1	10.10	SOYBEANS
10	16.10	SUNFLOWERS
11	22.10	SOYBEANS
12	12.90	SUNFLOWERS
13	21.80	SOYBEANS
14	14.70	CORN
15	8.90	CORN
16	15.60	CORN
17	12.30	CORN
18	12.90	CORN
19	4.90	SOYBEANS
2	6.70	SUNFLOWERS/WHEAT
20	16.20	SOYBEANS
21	11.60	CORN
3	7.30	CORN
4	10.60	WHEAT CARRYOVER/CUSTOM*
5	6.40	SUNFLOWERS/WHEAT
6	6.70	SOYBEANS
7	4.70	SOYBEANS
8	17.00	CORN
9	14.10	SOYBEANS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Crop Plan for Lease 2025 in Crop Year 2016

<u>Field Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Crop</u>
1	10.10	SUNFLOWERS/WHEAT
10	16.10	SOYBEANS
11	22.10	SUNFLOWERS
12	12.90	SOYBEANS
13	21.80	CORN
14	14.70	SOYBEANS
15	8.90	SOYBEANS
16	15.60	SOYBEANS
17	12.30	SOYBEANS
18	12.90	SOYBEANS
19	4.90	CORN
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20	16.20	CORN
21	11.60	SOYBEANS
3	7.30	SOYBEANS
4	10.60	SOYBEANS
5	6.40	WHEAT
6	6.70	SUNFLOWERS/WHEAT
7	4.70	SUNFLOWERS/WHEAT
8	17.00	SOYBEANS
9	14.10	CORN

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Crop Plan for Lease 2025 in Crop Year 2017

<u>Field Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Crop</u>
1	10.10	WHEAT
10	16.10	CORN
11	22.10	SOYBEANS
12	12.90	CORN
13	21.80	SOYBEANS
14	14.70	CORN
15	8.90	CORN
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17	12.30	CORN
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4	10.60	CORN
5	6.40	SOYBEANS
6	6.70	WHEAT
7	4.70	WHEAT
8	17.00	SUNFLOWERS
9	14.10	SUNFLOWERS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Crop Plan for Lease 2025 in Crop Year 2018

<u>Field Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Crop</u>
1	10.10	SOYBEANS
10	16.10	SOYBEANS
11	22.10	CORN
12	12.90	SOYBEANS
13	21.80	SUNFLOWERS
14	14.70	SOYBEANS
15	8.90	SOYBEANS
16	15.60	SOYBEANS
17	12.30	SOYBEANS
18	12.90	CORN
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (NO DOUBLE CROPPING) Any changes in this cropping plan must be in writing and pre-approved by District Wildlife Biologist (DWB), Site Superintendent and Agricultural Lease Program Manager. All cropping plan changes shall require a formal amendment to the lease.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Corn	100.3	57	102.7	69.2
Soybeans	100.6	139.9	78.1	144.7
Sunflowers	42.1	43.6	51.3	32.4
Wheat	0	13.1	21.5	7.3
Total Leased Acres	243	253.6	253.6	253.6
Wheat Carryover*	10.6	0	0	0
Total Acres	253.6	253.6	253.6	253.6

IDNR may require the Vendor under this cropping plan to leave all or a certain portion of the crops in the field standing without being harvested. If Vendor fails to comply with this requirement, IDNR will receive the rent per acre from the Vendor as set forth in Section 2.1.2 for each acre that the Vendor harvested in violation of the cropping plan. **Non-adherence to cropping plan instructions may be cause for termination of the farm lease.**

*Wheat Carryover-This wheat acreage may need to be custom farmed in 2015.

BIG BEND FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE PROVISIONS

This document serves as an attachment to the Big Bend Fish & Wildlife Area (BBFWA) cropping plan and farm lease for the period of March 1st, 2015 thru February 28th, 2019. All items in this document are to be considered as requirements for the execution of this lease.

This is a four (4) year agricultural lease on approximately 255 acres of tillable land. This lease includes growing corn, soybeans, annual rye or wheat and sunflowers. Exact acreage of each crop can be found listed by field and acres in the accompanying cropping plan and are subject to annual revisions, any such revisions shall require a formal amendment to the lease. All crops are to be established and managed per the provisions listed below. Any and all wildlife related damage to crops is the exclusive responsibility of the Vendor. No compensation, adjustment, refund or allowances of any kind will be allowed for wildlife damage.

Vendor is responsible for the following:

All fertilizer(s), lime, seed, field work, equipment, labor, herbicides, weed control, etc. to establish, maintain, produce and harvest a high quality crop are the responsibility of the Vendor. This also includes the wildlife food plots.

All crops shall be removed in accordance with the terms of the lease and will be the property of the Vendor.

Soil nutrient levels will be maintained at levels at or above ph. = 6.0-6.5, P1> 50#, K> 300#. Copies of all soil testing shall be sent to the DNR park/site office identified in Section 1.1.

A minimum of 40 acres and a maximum of 70 acres of sunflowers will be planted annually to accommodate the site's dove hunting program. Sunflowers shall be planted or drilled into a clean, fine, firm conventional seedbed no later than May 10th. The Vendor is required to use genetically linked Clearfield™ Sunflowers, this brand allows for the use of a

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non-selective herbicide in accordance with manufacturer labeled rates. At least one, preferably two cultivations will be required to eliminate remaining weeds. This cultivation may include between-row post-emergent cultivation in planted sunflowers or post-emergent cultivation with a coil spring harrow, spike tooth harrow or rotary hoe type in sunflowers. The harrow and rotary hoe operations are possible with as little as 5% to 7% loss if done when sunflowers are at the four to six leaf stage (beyond cotyledon), preferably in dry afternoons when plants are less turgid. The desired plant population target is 25,000-30,000 plants/acre after cultivation is completed. New FS Dove Blend sunflower seed will be used unless another variety is approved by the Site Superintendent. No less than 60lbs of spring applied nitrogen shall be applied when sunflower crop follow corn. Vendor will ensure that seedbed preparation, soil fertility, liming, fertilizer, herbicides, seeding rates, planting methods, cultivation, weed control, etc. are completed timely to allow for the production of a quality sunflower crop that will be ripe and dry 2 weeks prior to September 1st each year of the lease. Dove hunting fields shall only contain sunflowers and bare dirt.

All sunflowers must be planted each year in a time frame so the crop is ripe and dry by August 15th. A planting date between April 15th to May 10th is optimal. Upon approval of the Department, the Vendor may subcontract the input of the sunflower crop. Strips and/or portions of the field(s) shall be mowed or chopped by August 15th or a minimum of two weeks before the opening of the dove season and shall be performed by the Site Superintendent. The mowed strips shall not exceed 25% of the sunflower crop acreage. Sunflower harvesting shall begin by August 30th. Upon approval of the Department, the Vendor may subcontract for the mowing, chopping and/or harvesting of the sunflower crop. Cause for schedule delays shall be limited to weather conditions and must be agreed upon by the Site Superintendent and District Wildlife Biologist.

The Vendor shall leave standing after harvest, a minimum of 5% of all grain crops. These crop(s) must remain undisturbed until March 1st to provide wildlife with winter food and cover. Percentage deviations shall be approved by the Site Superintendent and the District Wildlife Biologist. Although not mandatory, it is preferred that crops of corn and/or milo be chosen to stand.

Annual Rye or Wheat. Crop fields 1 thru 7 are located on excessively drained sandy-loam soils of the Sparta series. In an effort to expand diversity, wildlife habitat and lengthen crop rotations, these fields will include annual rye or wheat (RW) in their rotations. The RW must be sown in the fall between September 20th and October 1st (after sunflower harvest/dove field management and for wheat, the Heschen fly-free date). The RW can remain through the following year's growing season and the grain harvested, green chopped or the RW can be used as a green manure crop plowed under and rotated in a new crop. If the crop is rotated, the soil must be disturbed by April 15th. If the crop is green chopped, this shall be performed after July 1st. Since double cropping is not permitted, no grain or forage maybe harvested in the same growing season; the crop may be plowed under "as is" and rotated into a new crop in the same growing season.

Big Bend Annex Food Plots. Approximately, 23 acres of food plots in 4 separate plots are located on the 1300 acre Big Bend annex. These acres are not part of the leased acreage; however, the Vendor may be asked to provide annual planting and managing of these plots. Seed costs, fertilizer, weed control (herbicide costs and applications) and planting costs will be provided for by the IDNR. All per hour charges for labor and all per acre charges for equipment rental and field work (disking, planting, cultivating, etc.) may not exceed pricing (per acre or hour) guidelines established for these rates in the Farm Business Management guidelines produced by the University of Illinois <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/Manage/> . Corn, grain sorghum, and sunflowers are the eligible crops; however, at least 2 plots of corn and/or grain sorghum must be included. Rotation of crops is required. These plots must be planted by June 1st and grain sorghum requires a 60 degree Fahrenheit soil temperature to germinate.

- ✓ Spring chopping or rotary mowing the old plot(s)
- ✓ Disking, and final soil-finishing to provide firm, level seedbed. (no tilling is allowed)

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- ✓ Applying 300 lbs of triple 19 per acre, granulated fertilizer or 75lbs/ac each of DAP and Potash per acre and 130lbs per acre of Urea. PH must be near neutral and applications of Pell lime may be required.
- ✓ Plan eligible crops per District Wildlife Biologist recommendations
- ✓ Apply labeled herbicides per District Wildlife Biologist recommendations

Alfalfa	10.0	25.0 lbs	<p>Conventional Seeding on sites previously in crops prepares a firm seedbed with sufficient residue for erosion control during establishment. Repeat shallow disking to remove weeds before planting. The seedbed must be fine, level and firm for quick and even germination. Soil shall not be worked during wet conditions. A companion crop of oats, wheat, or rye shall be planted with spring seeding of cool season grassy cover.</p> <p>Place seed 1/16" to 1/4" deep with a cultipacker grass seeder or grassland drill with press wheels'; or a broadcast seeder and roll just prior to and immediately after seeding. Dry fertilizer can be mixed and broadcast with the seed. Apply by spreading at 1/2 rate and go over the field twice; the second time applying 1/2 way between the first tracks. If broadcast is method, increase seed application by 25%.</p> <p>The Vendor is responsible for preparing the site and seeding this practice with Vendor equipment. The IDNR will mow the oats off at dough stage.</p> <p>After the stand is established, the IDNR will mow the field annually after August 1st. After 3 years, this practice will be rotated into a food plot composed of corn and/or grain sorghum per the guidelines below.</p>
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The Vendor is responsible for preparing the site and seeding this practice with Vendor equipment. The IDNR will mow the oats off at dough stage.

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After the stand is established, the IDNR will mow the field annually after August 1st. After 3 years, this practice will be rotated into a food plot composed of corn and/or grain sorghum per the guidelines below.

Strip # 2 (middle strip) Food Plot

Fertilizer and Inoculants: Vendor shall test soil and apply fertilizer as appropriate for grain crop. If Vendor planting equipment is equipped with fertilizer attachments, the Vendor shall apply starter fertilizer during planting operation. If fertilizer is not applied during planting operation, Vendor shall provide equipment and apply broadcast granular fertilizer at 250 to 300 lbs per acre of 13-13-13 and incorporate during tillage. Lime as needed to maintain soil PH around 6.0 to 6.5. The Vendor is responsible for maintaining soil amendments.

Species: Grain sorghum (milo) and corn will be used. The IDNR shall provide this seed. These crops must be rotated every year, i.e. corn, milo, milo, corn and so on.

Plot Establishment Methods:

Planted Plots: Vendor shall prepare a fine/firm level seedbed by disking and harrowing or field cultivating until level is established. When rotating behind the grass legume, disking alone will not eliminate the existing cover. Vendor shall plow or use Department provided herbicide to eliminate existing vegetation. Repeat shallow disking before planting to remove new weeds.

Vendor shall plant the corn portion of the food plot using a conventional row-type planter (30" to 38" rows) at a population of 29,000 kernels/acre. The sorghum performs well when drilled; plug every other hole in the seed hopper (suggest use duct tape) and drill at 12 to 15 lbs per acre. If the sorghum is planted in rows, use the proper fingers, plates, drum (depending on planter model) suggested by the manufacturer. If the sorghum is planted using a corn planter and corn settings, slow-speed planting will eliminate too many plants per acre as sorghum seed flows similar to water. Plant at a depth of around three-quarters to one- inch deep or at a depth where there is adequate soil moisture.

Planting Dates: The sorghum is a warm season plant; therefore, it will need a soil temperature of about 60 degrees Fahrenheit to germinate (similar to soybean planting time), typically around May 15th.

Weed Control: Several herbicides are labeled for use on both corn and sorghum. Two suggested products are Dual® II Magnum ® at planting time or shortly thereafter (pre-emergence) apply at 2.5qts/acre or Lasso Micro-Tech ® (same application time & same rate). Problem broadleaves can be sprayed post-emergence with 2-4-D at 1 pint/ac up until the crop is 18" tall. If no herbicides are applied, the Vendor shall at a minimum, cultivate the row- planted crops until the crop canopies and weeds are controlled.

Replanting Food Plots: Allow the food plots to stand at least until March 1st. Vendor shall utilize a stalk shredder or a rotary mower to chop or shred the stalks. If perennials begin to encroach, apply 2.5 qts of Roundup ® mixed with 10 gallons of water per acre before performing site preparation steps or no-till after spraying (about 7-10 days). Roundup ®- ready corn seed can be sprayed when deemed appropriate.

Strip # 3 (North strip)

Strip Disked: The plot will be disked and allowed to grow-up to high seed yielding annuals. The strip shall be disked in early spring as soon as field conditions permit.

These fields shall rotate every four years and as follows: grass/legume to food plot to strip disked.

ACCEPTABLE SERVICES IN LIEU OF CASH PAYMENTS

All lease items are to be used by the Vendor on/or for the benefit of the lease site. The following service items (labor) are considered acceptable as the Department's lease payment if provided directly by the Vendor, using equipment listed on the equipment list (Attachment FF) contained within the prospective Vendor's bid packet. The Comprehensive Environmental Review Process (CERP) must be utilized for any management activity that could potentially affect threatened & endangered species-natural areas and nature preserves, wetlands, cultural resources and, other management activity that affects soil disturbance, water flow including quality and air quality. Refer to the Department's CERP manual for applicable exemptions and procedures (will be provided to the awarded Vendor upon request).

Application of Chemicals - purchased by the site for control of noxious, exotic and invasive weeds, vegetation control, brush and general agricultural purposes. The Vendor shall provide a copy of his current valid state applicators license to Site Manager.

Clearing Projects- renovation of wildlife management lands by removing brush or trees.

Construction and Maintenance - of field access roads for wildlife management purposes.

Installation or Maintenance of Culverts - for field access roads, water management and hunter parking lots. (Vendor must obtain all applicable permits are acquired from State, county or township jurisdictions.)

Fertilizer & Agriculture Lime Application - on food plots, sunflower fields, waterfowl management fields, grass & legume and other wildlife management plantings.

Field Tillage, Preparation & Planting Services - provided for wildlife food, legume and grass plantings.

Labor - for boundary fencing, to install boundary "No Hunting" signs and regulations signs, controlling noxious weeds or brush, for repair and maintenance of water control for wetland management programs(i.e., tubes, gates, emergency pump rental), brush-pile construction, fire and hunter access trails, removal of fences on or along crop fields, tree planting and direct seeding preparation and planting.

Mowing - for specific wildlife management purposes; access, vegetation control, hunting strips and field renovation.

Minor Hazard Removal – removal of stumps, foundations or equipment.

Repair and Maintenance of Drainage Structures - (terraces, waterways, water control structures, trenches, etc.)

Hauling Rock and/or Spreading of Rock - purchased by the Agency.

Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) - TSI labor provided by the Vendor to benefit wildlife management objectives as prescribed in the wildlife management plan (will be provided to awarded Vendor upon request).

Wetland Developments - labor required to construct wetlands and ponds planned and approved through the site's annual plan of work process.

Attachment DD Letter of Irrevocable Credit "Sample"

State of Illinois
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Realty & Environmental Planning/Concession & Leasing
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

RE: Irrevocable Letter of Credit
Number: _____
Date: _____
Expiration Date: _____

Gentlemen:

We hereby establish in your favor our Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. _____ for the following specific payment:

1. The sum of _____ \ _____ cash rent.
2. Up to the sum of _____ for Real Estate Taxes, penalties and interest.

We hereby authorize you to draw on us for the account of _____ up to an amount of _____ with an expiration date of December 31, 2015, for the 2015 CASH RENT and an estimated amount of _____ with an expiration date of December 15, 2016 for the 2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES due and payable in 2016.

Available by your draft(s) at sight accompanied by the following documents:

1. Your signed statement certifying "The amount drawn represents sums owed by _____"
2. Draft(s) drawn under this credit must be marked:
Drawn under the Bank Letter of Credit No. _____ dated _____, 201__.

We hereby agree with you that all draft(s) drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this credit will be duly honored on delivery of documents as specified if presented at this office on or before December 31, 2015, for the 2015 CASH RENT and payments on or before December 15, 2016 for the 2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES due and payable in 2016.

Sincerely,

Attachment GG Agronomy Handbook / Chapter 8

The Agronomy Handbook is attached as a separate PDF document labeled “Attachment GG” and can also be accessed at the following web address: <http://extension.cropsi.illinois.edu/handbook/>