

Request for Quotations: Contract to Conduct On-the-Ground Monitoring to Assess NFWF Impact on Grassland Passerines in the Great Plains FAQ

1. Is the contractor expected to continue the monitoring effort that has historically been done in the NGP on NFWF practices (i.e., grazing and restoration)? Or will this represent a new effort?

This project will be a continuation and hopefully an expansion overtime as NFWF investments grow in the Great Plains

2. If the effort for the NGP is new and or monitoring expands in geographic scope, what is the expected timeline for receiving spatial information about practice data for project planning purposes?

NFWF will work with the selected contractor to develop an agreeable timeline for any new spatial data required to plan the project. IN general, NFWF would prioritize getting historic project location information to the contractor within a few months of kickoff. Additional project locations would be added as more work is funded throughout the performance period of the contract.

3. If the contractor is expected to continue the historic monitoring effort in the NGP in 2026, would they be expected to implement the expanded effort throughout the Great Plains in 2026 as well? Or would NFWF consider a phased approach, with the historic effort implemented in 2026 and the expanded effort planned and executed in 2027?

Yes, a phased expansion would be likely throughout the performance period as the NFWF conservation investment portfolio grows in the Great Plains

4. Will NFWF collate the project shapefiles for the contractor, or is it a contractor responsibility to compile?

NFWF will provide historic monitoring sites to the contractor with additional project locations to be added as the conservation portfolio grows throughout the Great Plains. Specific monitoring sites (transects, point counts, etc.) need to be compiled by the contractor and submitted to NFWF through either a bulk upload or through NFWF's spatial data collection tool (exact method TBD).

5. At what scale does NFWF need density, occupancy ,and trend estimates across the Great Plains for focal species (State, BCR, or other)?

NFWF has traditionally monitored birds in the NGP through effectiveness monitoring, pairing sites with investment (treatment sites) with control sites where no investment has occurred. In addition to this site-specific experimental design, we also have compared treatment sites to other monitoring sites at broader regional scales. The scale of inference at a regional scale has

been as large as the entire conservation plan footprint or BCR scale (i.e., several states). Note the uncertain nature of where projects will occur typically precludes use of a full BACI experimental design but monitoring prior to project implementation would be ideal if possible.

6. What information will be required on the reimbursement requests (broad cost categories or details staff by activity breakdowns)?

Contractor will submit invoices for payment on a monthly basis for work performed during the immediately preceding calendar month. Invoices, shall at a minimum, include: (i) the Contractor's name and invoice date; (ii) description of Services rendered during the invoice period; (iii) any applicable credits; (iv) name (if applicable), title, telephone number, and complete mailing address of the responsible person to whom payment is to be sent; (v) Federal Tax I.D. number; (vi) time during which services were rendered; and (vii) any other substantiating documentation or information as is commercially reasonable.

If this Contract is a cost-type contract, Contractor shall also include: (i) total labor costs broken out by task; (ii) other direct and indirect costs by category; and (iii) current and cumulative amount for each line item. Contractor must include an analysis of how the actual costs track against any anticipated budget.

7. Can additional staff be added (beyond 10) on the contract labor cost template?

Yes, If the current template does not suit your needs – please reach out to Margaret Card-Silache (Margaret.card-silache@nfwf.org).