

Public Notice:

Fort Belknap Indian Community Reservation, Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Indian Tribes - **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES Fort Belknap Indian Community Agricultural Resource Management Plan.** The Fort Belknap Indian Community is soliciting proposals for Professional Planning Services. Planning services will consist of developing an Agricultural Resource Management Plan (ARMP) for the Fort Belknap Indian Community Reservation. Proposals will be accepted from qualified individuals or firms with no less than 5 years of related experience in Agricultural and Land Use Planning, **written and implemented at least 3 agricultural based plans (3 of or combination of 3; Agricultural Resource Management Plans, Forestry Management Plans and/or Integrated Resources Management Plans for Indian Tribes.** Planning activity will be coordinated through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of The Deputy Superintendent. These activities will include: Coordinate meetings with stake holders on the Fort Belknap Indian Community Reservation to develop and define the scope of the ARMP. Collect information available regarding agriculture resources including maps, soil studies, acreages and other baseline data and information on current and historic land uses and resource condition. Inventory existing plans, studies and data in preparation to draft the ARMP. Conduct meetings with Agricultural Producers, Tribal Water Resource Control Board, Fort Belknap Indian Community Environmental Protection Department, Fish and Game, Tribal Historic Preservation and other Tribal agencies and resource specialists to identify critical values, vision, issues, concerns, interests, opportunities, and limitations. Compile information to prepare a draft ARMP and prepare draft. Publicly announce the planning process to the public and schedule meetings. Distribute approved draft ARMP to public and conduct public meeting(s) to identify critical values, vision, issues, concerns, interests, opportunities, and limitations with draft plan to help guide public involvement. Announce 90 day comment period. Accept all comments during 90 day comment period. Review all comments and identify specific agricultural resource goals and management objectives from public meetings to include in the draft ARMP. Incorporate final input and comments into ARMP. Develop final ARMP. Proposals (including 4 hard copies and 1 digital copy) will be received by mail at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Deputy Superintendent, 158 Tribal Way Suite B, Harlem, Montana, 59526 or personal delivery at Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Deputy Superintendent, 158 Tribal Way Suite B, Harlem, Montana until 1:00 p.m. February 3, 2017. Further information may be obtained by contacting Lorraine M Brien, Deputy Superintendent, (406)353-2901 ext. 4004. Published: **January 6 thru February 3, 2017.**