

Log Salvage Request for Qualifications

General Information

The Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP) invites qualified contractors to submit proposals for a **three-year retainer contract for wood transport throughout Tillamook County**. Sealed bids (in each case, a “Bid”) for the project described below will be received by Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, a 501(c)(3) Oregon non-profit corporation (“TEP” or “Owner”) up to the hour of **5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on Friday, October 9th, 2026** following which the Bids will be evaluated by TEP.

I. INTRODUCTION

Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP) is a non-profit National Estuary Program with a focus on environmental restoration projects throughout Tillamook County, as outlined in the TEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). Specific tasks outlined in the CCMP include: conserve and restore key habitats in the watershed; maximize ecosystem connectivity to ensure landscape array of ecosystem processes and ease of species movement; assess, prioritize, and enhance key native species populations, emphasizing contribution to ecological function.

TEP has acquired grant funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for implementation of the Log Salvage program. This program will develop a large wood bank for the use of trees in future restoration activities in Tillamook County.

II. PROGRAM PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Purpose:

The Large Wood Salvage program is a county-wide program that will gather trees from local landowners, city, county, and state entities to place in storage areas for use in future restoration activities. Current storage areas include the Port of Tillamook and two Stimson Lumber properties. The wood will be used in future large wood placement projects both by TEP and associated restoration partners. TEP has received funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to run the project for 3 years.

Large woody debris (LWD) placement projects are becoming an increasingly common method of habitat restoration in rivers, streams, and creeks that bear salmon. Adding large wood placements within these systems provides several benefits, including adding new

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shelter options for salmon, generating pools, sorting gravel/sediment, and regulating temperatures during the summer. TEP has several LWD placement projects planned for future implementation, in addition to multiple projects planned by other restoration practitioners in Tillamook County.

Oftentimes, the main limiting factor of LWD placement projects is the acquisition of trees. Large wood used in restoration projects must meet the length and diameter requirements of the Oregon Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Guide for the system being restored, and the availability of suitable trees is often limited due to timing, sourcing, and cost constraints. Timber prices are rising, which presents issues when selecting cost-efficient sources of wood. Direct wood donation to a project is also difficult, as it's rare for trees to be readily available when a project is undergoing implementation.

Objectives:

The objective of the Large Wood Salvage program is to provide secure storage areas to store donated large wood for future use in habitat restoration projects throughout Tillamook County.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

Large wood salvage opportunities are expected to arise throughout the year, but especially in the winter months when storms tend to blow down trees. TEP is employing a “reserve contractor” that will transport large wood from where it has fallen to a storage area as opportunities arise.

Therefore, TEP is seeking the services of a qualified independent contractor to assist the Log Salvage Program Coordinator as needed to transport large wood throughout Tillamook County. The Log Salvage Program Coordinator will direct all tasks, and tasks will be reimbursed by mile and/or per hour. Reimbursable tasks may include but are not limited to:

Tree Collection

- Driving to private and public properties throughout Tillamook County.
- Loading tree tops (trunks with no root wads attached) and trees with root wads attached to trunks.

- Transporting trees to the nearest large wood storage site.

Communication with Coordinator

- Answering requests to collect wood and scheduling transport times.
- Meeting with the coordinator to assess whether transport can occur, either in person or over the phone, on occasion and as necessary.
- Reporting to coordinator when and where wood was delivered to storage sites.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION

Timeline:

Work will commence upon the signing of the contract between TEP and the Contractor, **no later than October 16th, 2026. The contract will remain active for three years, until August 1st, 2029.** The contract may be terminated upon written request by either party or extended upon agreement by both parties.

Requirements:

The person selected as the Contractor must have:

- A self-loading logging truck capable of transporting trees at least 18-24” DBH and 30 feet long.
- Experience preparing trees for transport (e.g. limbing and bucking).
- Reliable form of communication (i.e. mobile phone) and ability to respond promptly to transport requests (typically within 1 week).
- Insurance, including:
 - General liability insurance (minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 annual aggregate).
 - Auto liability insurance (minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence).
 - Worker’s Compensation insurance (minimum amount of \$500,000 per occurrence).
- Valid commercial registration, including:
 - Registration with ODoT Commerce and Compliance.
 - Registration with USDOT FMCSA.
 - Operating authority permit from State of Oregon.

TEP prefers that the Contractor also has:

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- CDL
- Access to equipment required to transport larger wood pieces (50+ feet with root wad attached).
- Experience transporting larger wood pieces (50+ feet).

Mandatory Information:

Responses to this RFP **must include** the following six components to be considered complete:

- A written description of how the applicant's knowledge, skills, and experience qualifies them to successfully implement the project's scope of work.
- A brief written description of methods that will be used to fully implement the activities including, but not limited to:
 - Number of subcontractors that will be used, if any
 - Machinery or tools available
- Contractor's hourly/per mile compensation rate that will be reimbursed.
- Commitment to respond to transport requests within a 1-week notice.
- Proof of general liability insurance. (General liability insurance is mandatory.)
- References may be included if desired.

Responses to this RFQ must be received by the TEP office by 5:00 p.m. on October 9th, 2026. A TEP selection committee will select the final Contractor (s) by **October 16th, 2026**. Respondents not awarded the contract will be so informed shortly thereafter. Upon notice of award, the successful applicant will enter into a professional services contract with TEP. If the TEP determines that no responses meet the requirements of this announcement, then no contract will be awarded.

Written responses should be mailed or delivered to:

Tillamook Estuaries Partnership
 Attn: Large Wood Salvage program
 613 Commercial Street - PO Box 493
 Garibaldi, OR 97118

Electronic submittals can be emailed to info@tbnep.org.

If additional project clarification is needed, please contact Beverly Scoggin, Habitat Restoration Project Coordinator, at (503) 374-9580 or beverly@tbnep.org.

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