

## SECTION 2

### SPECIFICATIONS TSI FOREST PROTECTION - BROWSE PROTECTION (BUD CAPPING)

#### A. General

1. These stipulations shall govern the application of the bud caps on County land.
2. All services rendered shall comply in every respect with all applicable laws of the Federal Government and/or the State of Minnesota.
3. Application will start upon approval by the Aitkin County Board.
4. This contract shall terminate on **November 19, 2010**.
5. Payment shall be made to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract subject to the specifications. Partial payment may be made should work be terminated due to environmental conditions, or upon satisfactory completion of a group of tracts equaling at least 25% of the entire bid.
6. Application may be done on all seven days of the week. No site may be started on weekend days without prior notice to and approval of the project supervisor.
7. The County does not guarantee the total number of acres contained in the contract. Conditions, both environmental and human caused, could render these sites untreatable.
8. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

#### B. The County agrees to:

1. Provide maps and specifications as necessary for the contractor.
2. Provide periodic supervision and guidance to the contractor on the site.
3. Provide bud caps to the contractor.

#### The Contractor agrees to:

1. Provide a project foreman, pay and have adequate worker's compensation, Social Security, and required insurance coverage for any other labor required. (Workers will be 18 years of age or older.)
2. Provide application equipment needed on the sites being done by the contractor. All surplus bud caps at the end of the contract will be returned to the County.
3. Ensure that the crew wears adequate safety clothing including protective gloves, boots and eye protection.

4. Transport equipment and crew to the sites to be treated.
5. Remove any bud caps still on tree from previous years' applications.

D. Application specifications:

1. Each pine seedling less than 5 feet in height will have its terminal bud protected by application of a bud cap. In areas with overstocking of natural regeneration, spacing criteria will be provided by the Forester for that site.
2. Bud caps will be applied according to criteria provided by Aitkin County Land Department.
3. Bud caps provided by the County shall be used.
4. All bud caps shall be attached to live white pine needles by **not less than 3 staples**.

**OTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

E. Miscellaneous information:

1. As determined by the Aitkin County Land Department, this contract may be extended for good and sufficient reason. Any extension must be approved in writing.
2. Quotes will be on a **per acre** basis. Payment by the County will be based on the actual trees of the site properly treated. The crew foreman and Land Department field representative will verify the trees treated at the end of the project.

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Contractor Name, Date

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Beth Jacqmain, Asst. Land Commissioner, Date

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Print Contractor Name

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Social Security or Taxpayer I.D.