

Addendum 1: Invitation for Bids for Brush Removal Services at the Incline Railway

Please see answers to the following questions submitted by potential bidders:

1. Is the following historical data available? This is the first time that CARTA has issued an Invitation for Bids for on-going brush removal services at the Incline Railway and doesn't have historical information.
 - a. Pricing for each of the 4 occurrences per year for the previous 5 years?
 - b. How many hours did the previous contractor work for each of the quarterly occurrences for the past 5 years? Is this a day of work, 5 days of work, or does it depend on the amount of work required?
 - c. Hourly rate for the work outside of the quarterly clearing for the previous five years?
 - d. How many hours did the previous contractor(s) work outside of the quarterly occurrences for the past 5 years?
2. Is there access to the trees with a skid steer, mini skid steer, or UTV or will crews be hiking/clearing/cutting unsupported? There is no access to the trees with a skid steer, mini skid steer, or UTV.
3. Can you confirm that ALL debris can be left on site in National Park Service property? Confirmed.
4. Can I meet with someone on site who can show me the scope of work and specifically what the contract expectation entails? Please contact me at 423-424-1305 or anniepowell@gocarta.org, and CARTA will organize a time to show interested firms the site.
5. Are overhanging trees going to be trimmed back to the 15ft fire break ground to sky? Yes, overhanging trees will be trimmed back to the 15 ft fire break.
6. On sections where near private property and not close to NPS property is debris going to have to be chipped and hauled away? For sections that are on private property, the brush needs to be moved back to the 15 ft fire break.
7. For the once in a quarter visit how much work is expected to be completed? The complete mile stretch or a section (what approximate distance). Is there a minimum of crews/people you are looking for? For the first quarterly cut, the entire mile of track needs to be cleared – this can be priced separately. Please see the attached updated bid sheet. For the second quarterly clearing it will just need to be cleared to maintain the 15 ft fire break. CARTA does not have a preference on minimum of crews/people.
8. On the bid form in regards to the per quarter/hour column, are you looking for a price on how much we charge per hour per crew or per hour per crewmember? CARTA is requesting a per hour per crewmember rate for this section.

Annie Powell

Annie Powell, Director of Grants & Procurement, 12/3/2025

BID FORM
SECURED PRICING (FIRM FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD)
FIVE-YEAR PERIOD
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030

BID TO: The Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority. This bid is made in accordance with all bid requirements, conditions, specifications, and provisions on file in the offices of the Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority, Chattanooga, Tennessee, which have been carefully examined and which are attached hereto.

Est.				
Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Per Quarter or Per Hour Per Person	Extended Price
1	Initial Brush Removal			
2	2026 Brush Removal	4		
3	2026 Hourly Rate - Outside Work	N/A		N/A
4	2027 Brush Removal	4		
5	2027 Hourly Rate - Outside Work	N/A		N/A
6	2028 Brush Removal	4		
7	2028 Hourly Rate - Outside Work	N/A		N/A
8	2029 Brush Removal	4		
9	2029 Hourly Rate - Outside Work	N/A		N/A
10	2030 Brush Removal	4		

11	2030 Hourly Rate - Outside Work	N/A		N/A

The quantities listed above are acknowledged to be only CARTA's estimates of projected needs for the duration of the contract, which quantities are not binding upon CARTA and not part of the contract. CARTA reserves the right to award bids singularly or collectively on any or all of the bid items.

The undersigned understands that any conditions stated above, clarification made to the above or information submitted on or with this form – other than that requested may render the bid unresponsive.

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL/PARTNER/CORPORATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

BY: _____ TITLE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

IMPORTANT – BID MUST BE SIGNED