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Procurement Folder: 1747454

Procurement Type: Central Purchase Order

Vendor ID: VS0000019929

Legal Name: FIRST FRUITS EXCAVATING INC

Alias/DBA:

Total Bid: \$287,726.00

Response Date: 09/09/2025

Response Time: 7:35

Responded By User ID: FirstFruits

First Name: Phillip

Last Name: Dayton

Email: buck@firstfruits-wv.com

Phone: 304-726-8412

SO Doc Code: CRFQ

SO Dept: 0310

SO Doc ID: DNR2600000001

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Close Date: 9/9/25

Close Time: 13:30

Status: Closed

Solicitation Description: Blackwater Falls Sled Run Tree Removal

Total of Header Attachments: 2

Total of All Attachments: 2



Department of Administration
Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Post Office Box 50130
Charleston, WV 25305-0130

State of West Virginia
Solicitation Response

Proc Folder:	1747454		
Solicitation Description:	Blackwater Falls Sled Run Tree Removal		
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VENDOR
VS0000019929 FIRST FRUITS EXCAVATING INC

Solicitation Number:	CRFQ 0310 DNR2600000001		
Total Bid:	287726	Response Date:	2025-09-09 Response Time: 07:35:04
Comments:			

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER		
Joseph (Josh) E Hager III (304) 558-2306 joseph.e.hageriii@wv.gov		
Vendor Signature X	FEIN#	DATE

All offers subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
1	Tree Removal and Related Work				287726.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
70000000			

Commodity Line Comments:

Extended Description:

Tree Removal and Related Work

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, First Fruits Excavating, Inc.
of 407 Plum Ridge Road, Ridgeley, WV 26753, as Principal, and Hartford Fire Insurance Company
of One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, CT 06155, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of CT
with its principal office in the City of Hartford, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State
of West Virginia, as Obligee, in the penal sum of Five Percent of Amount Bid (\$ 5% of Amount Bid) for the payment of which,
well and truly to be made, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the Purchasing Section of the
Department of Administration a certain bid or proposal, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing for
Blackwater Falls Sled Run Tree Removal

NOW THEREFORE,

(a) If said bid shall be rejected, or
(b) If said bid shall be accepted and the Principal shall enter into a contract in accordance with the bid or proposal
attached hereto and shall furnish any other bonds and insurance required by the bid or proposal, and shall in all other respects perform
the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise this obligation shall remain in
full force and effect. It is expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no
event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for the value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall be in no
way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept such bid, and said Surety does hereby
waive notice of any such extension.

WITNESS, the following signatures and seals of Principal and Surety, executed and sealed by a proper officer of Principal and
Surety, or by Principal individually if Principal is an individual, this 9th day of September, 2025.

Principal Seal

First Fruits Excavating, Inc.
(Name of Principal)

By [Signature]
(Must be President, Vice President, or
Duly Authorized Agent)

President
(Title)

Surety Seal

Hartford Fire Insurance Company
(Name of Surety)

[Signature]
Justin Stetler, Attorney-in-Fact

**IMPORTANT – Surety executing bonds must be licensed in West Virginia to transact surety insurance, must affix its seal, and
must attach a power of attorney with its seal affixed.**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries, Bond Authenticity
and Claims to:
THE HARTFORD
BOND, T-14
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut 06155
Bond.Claims@thehartford.com
call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: TWAIN INSURANCE AGENCY LLC
Agency Code: 30-720435

- ☒ **Hartford Fire Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- ☒ **Hartford Casualty Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- ☒ **Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- ☐ **Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of** Unlimited :

Kristen Arnold, Thomas R. Davis, Lawrence Martin, Robin V. Russell, Wade Smith, Shanalee Steele, Justin Stetler, Brandon Thacker, Griffin Willson of RIDGELAND, Mississippi

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by ☒ and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on May 23, 2016 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Phyllis A. Clark

Phyllis A. Clark, Assistant Secretary

Joelle L. LaPierre

Joelle L. LaPierre, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

ss. Lake Mary

On this 1st day of March, 2024, before me personally came Joelle L. LaPierre, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that (s)he resides in Seminole County, State of Florida; that (s)he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that (s)he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that (s)he signed his/her name thereto by like authority.



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Mariluz Arce
My Commission HH 287363
Expires July 13, 2026

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of September 9, 2025.

Signed and sealed in Lake Mary, Florida.



Keith D. Dozois

Keith D. Dozois, Assistant Vice President



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Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Post Office Box 50130
Charleston, WV 25305-0130

State of West Virginia
Centralized Request for Quote
Construction

Proc Folder: 1747454

Doc Description: Blackwater Falls Sled Run Tree Removal

Reason for Modification:

Addendum #2 issued to publish agency responses to vendor submitted questions and pre-bid sign in sheet.

Proc Type: Central Purchase Order

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BID RECEIVING LOCATION

BID CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
PURCHASING DIVISION
2019 WASHINGTON ST E
CHARLESTON WV 25305
US

VENDOR

Vendor Customer Code:

Vendor Name : First Fruits Excavating, Inc.

Address :

Street : 407 Plum Run Road

City : Ridgeley

State : WV

Country : USA

Zip : 26753

Principal Contact : Phillip N. Dayton II

Vendor Contact Phone: 304-726-8412

Extension:

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER

Joseph (Josh) E Hager III
(304) 558-2306
joseph.e.hageriii@wv.gov

Vendor
Signature X

FEIN# 22-3947768

DATE 09.09.2025

All offers subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on The felling and limbing of diseased trees at the Sled Conveyor and Sled Run area per the attached specifications, project plans, and terms and conditions.

INVOICE TO**SHIP TO**

DIVISION OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
112 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

BLDG 4

CHARLESTON
US

WV

DIVISION OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
BLACKWATER FALLS STATE
PARK

1584 BLACKWATER LODGE
RD

DAVIS
US

WV

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Tree Removal and Related Work	1	LS	\$287,726.00	

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
70000000			

Extended Description:

Tree Removal and Related Work

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Line</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
Blackwater Falls State Park
Sled Conveyor & Sled Run Area
Removal of Diseased Trees

EXHIBIT A – Pricing Page

Name of Vendor:

First Fruits Excavating, Inc.

Address of Vendor:

407 Plum Run Road
Ridgeley, WV 26753

Phone Number of Vendor:

304-726-8412

We, the undersigned, having examined the site and being familiar with the local conditions affecting the cost of the work and being familiar with the general conditions to vendors, drawings, and specifications, hereby proposes to furnish all materials, equipment, and labor to complete all work in a workmanlike manner, as described in the Bidding documents.

Bid

The Bid shall consist of construction of the facility and related work described in the drawings and specifications. **Total Bid** shall be indicated in the space below.

Total Bid: Lump sum for all labor, materials, and equipment as stipulated in the Bidding Documents, written in figures.

\$287,726.00

Total Bid: Lump sum for all labor, materials, and equipment as stipulated in the Bidding Documents, written in words.

two hundred eighty-seven
thousand, seven hundred twenty-
six dollars and zero cents

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ DNR26*01

Instructions: Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

Acknowledgment: I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specification, etc.

Addendum Numbers Received:

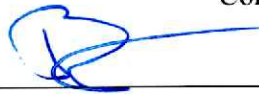
(Check the box next to each addendum received)

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 6 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 10 |

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any state personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

First Fruits Excavating, Inc.

Company



Authorized Signature

09.09.2025

Date

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
Revised 6/8/2012

Subcontractor List Submission (Construction Contracts Only)

Bidder's Name: First Fruits Excavating, Inc.

☐ Check this box if no subcontractors will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work to complete the project.

Subcontractor Name	License Number if Required by W. Va. Code § 21-11-1 et. seq.
Kiddys Contracting LLC	WV049284

Attach additional pages if necessary

DESIGNATED CONTACT: Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

(Printed Name and Title) Phillip N. Dayton II - President
(Address) 407 Plum Run Road. Ridgeley, WV 26753
(Phone Number) / (Fax Number) 304-726-8412 / 304-738-1602
(email address) beck@firstfruits-wv.com

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE: By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that: I have reviewed this Solicitation/Contract in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation/Contract for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that this bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; that this bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; that I am authorized by the Vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

By signing below, I further certify that I understand this Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law; and that pursuant to W. Va. Code 5A-3-63, the entity entering into this contract is prohibited from engaging in a boycott against Israel.

First Fruits Excavating, Inc.
(Company)

(Signature of Authorized Representative)
Phillip N. Dayton II - President 09.09.2025

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative) (Date)

304-726-8412 / 304-738-1602
(Phone Number) (Fax Number)

beck@firstfruits-wv.com
(Email Address)



State of West Virginia
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CONFORMANCE AFFIDAVIT
West Virginia Code §21-1D-5

I, Phillip N. Dayton II, after being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am an employee of First Fruits Excavating, Inc.; and,
 (Company Name)
2. I do hereby attest that First Fruits Excavating, Inc.
 (Company Name)

maintains a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy and that such plan and policy are in compliance with **West Virginia Code** §21-1D.

The above statements are sworn to under the penalty of perjury.

Printed Name: Phillip N. Dayton II

Signature: 

Title: President

Company Name: First Fruits Excavating, Inc.

Date: 09.09.2025

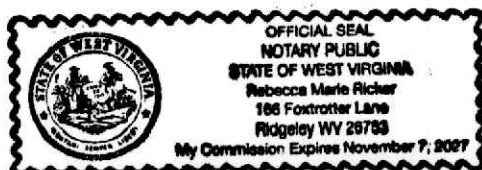
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF Mineral, TO-WIT:

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of September, 2025.

By Commission expires November 7, 2027

(Seal)



Rebecca Ricker
 (Notary Public)

CONTRACTOR LICENSE

AUTHORIZED BY THE
West Virginia Contractor
Licensing Board



NUMBER: WV047004

CLASSIFICATION:

EXCAVATION
UTILITIES (SEWER & WATER)
SPECIALTY

FIRST FRUITS EXCAVATING INC
407 PLUM RUN ROAD
RIDGELEY, WV 26753

DATE ISSUED

JULY 10, 2025

EXPIRATION DATE

JULY 10, 2026

Authorized Signature

Chair, West Virginia Contractor
Licensing Board



A copy of this license must be readily available for inspection by the Board on every job site where contracting work is being performed. This license number must appear in all advertisements, on all bid submissions, and on all fully executed and binding contracts. This license is non-transferable. This license is being issued under the provisions of West Virginia Code, Chapter 30, Article 42.