The purpose of this solicitation is to establish an Agency Term Contract(s) for use by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to supply adult size channel catfish, delivered in various monthly allotments to the urban ponds within each of the regions listed below on non-holiday weekdays between the hours of 7:00am CT and 6:00pm CT, for the months of March, April, May, June, September, October, November, and/or December per the following specifications:

Catfish are to be between one and three pounds each, with not more than 10% being under or over this range.   The load should not contain any other species of fish, animals, or plants, particularly nuisance aquatic animals and plants.

Fish are to be grown as food fish exposed only to chemicals approved and labeled for use on food fish as directed by the FDA, disease-free, and handled carefully to minimize injuries and stress.  Fish are not to be exposed to low oxygen, overcrowded, or subjected to abrupt or large temperature swings at any time within a month prior to stocking.  Prior to releasing fish, vendor is to verify that dissolved oxygen level in the receiving water is above 5 mg/l, and must acclimate fish to within three degrees Fahrenheit of the receiving water body.  If oxygen is unacceptable at a delivery site, please notify LDWF immediately for further instruction.  Dead or sick fish are not to be released at release sites and should be returned to the farm for disposal.  Invoice should be adjusted accordingly.  Fish kills of over 5% of the order occurring within 10 business days of releasing the fish and that are determined by LDWF biologists to have occurred as a result of poor handling, disease, or stress prior to stocking will be enumerated and payment withheld for those fish.

Stocking coordination for these fish will be arranged between LDWF staff and the awarded vendors at least 10 days in advance of delivery or pick-up within 350 miles.

Fish are to be delivered or may be picked up monthly to each area described below in the amounts described below as funding allows.  Contractor must have an approved purchase order to deliver fish.  Fish must be delivered between Monday through Friday 7:00am CT – 6:00pm CT excluding State and Federal holidays.

LDWF contact personnel for the contract are Heather David (225) 763-5415, email hdavid@wlf.la.gov and Danica Williams (504) 286-4043, email dwilliams@wlf.la.gov.

Delivery Locations:

LDWF currently has 17 existing sites where catfish delivery will be requested. In addition to these sites, there could be up to five additional sites added each year. The additional sites within these regions have not yet been selected and delivery addresses are not known.

Existing Sites:

1. Joe Brown Park (10 acres) 5601 Read Blvd, New Orleans, LA
2. Zemurray Park pond (3 acres) 400 S. Oak Street, Hammond, LA
3. BREC’s Burbank Park pond (4 acres) 12400 Burbank Dr., Baton Rouge, LA
4. Sidney Hutchinson Park (3 acres) 13750 Ball Park Rd, Walker, LA
5. Bogue Chitto State Park (10 acres) 17049 State Park Blvd, Franklinton, LA
6. Bayou Country Sports Complex (8 acres) 4374 LA 311, Houma, LA
7. Girard Park pond (2 acres) 500 Girard Park Drive , Lafayette, LA
8. Southside Regional Park – Fabacher Field (2 acres) 221 La Neuville Rd , Youngsville, LA
9. Purple Heart Memorial Park pond (3 acres) at the intersection of Hwy 190 and Hwy 171 in Ragley, LA
10. I-10 Park (Oil and Gas Park) (10 acres), 100 Rue de l’Acadie, Jennings, LA
11. William T. Polk Park pond (2 acres) 200 Vernon Steven Blvd, Vidalia, LA
12. Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Park (10 acres) 135 Riverfront Street, Pineville, LA 71360
13. Grambling Park pond (2 acres)2045 W Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Grambling, LA
14. Turner’s Pond (10 acres) 301 Lakeshore Drive, Minden, LA
15. Elmore D. Mayfield Park pond (6 acres) 1701 Martin L King Dr, Ruston, LA
16. Parc Natchitoches ( 3 acres) 4515 University Pkwy Natchitoches, LA 71457
17. Kiroli Park pond (4 acres) 820 Kiroli Road, W. Monroe, LA

Up to five additional sites may be added into the program each year statewide. All new sites will be stocked at a rate of a minimum of 200 pounds to a maximum of 1,000 pounds per site each month based upon the size of the pond and water quality conditions.

The Contractor will be given 10 business days’ notice to begin stocking and shall complete stocking of ponds within all awarded regions within 10 business days after the first pond is stocked.

When bidding on Lines 1 – 2, please provide the cost per pound of fish at the highest rate that would be charged if the minimum number of fish is purchased.