

# ADVERTISEMENT OF FARM/PASTURE LANDS

Invitation to Bid No. **2024-1**

Date: **March 25, 2024**

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Allotment Owners, & the Superintendent of the Flathead Agency are offering irrigated, dry farm, & grazing land for lease during this Spring Bid Advertisement.

## **All Bidders should acquaint themselves with the following:**

- Agricultural Leases are bid “as is” & **a field inspection should be made** prior to bidding on the lease. Property location (enlarged maps & assistance is available at the CS & K Tribal Complex, Tribal Lands Department, Pablo, MT), equipment listed on the bid abstract, & property condition.
- Improvement proposals on some of these leases are encouraged.
- Title 25 Code of Federal Regulation Part 162, agricultural lease contract provisions, & Tribal Ordinances of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes.
- Fence maintenance stipulations.
- Grazing restrictions (AUM or Season of Use\*) if stipulated.

**Please enclose bids in an envelope marked “sealed agricultural bid”, & return to the Tribal Lands Department, PO Box 278, Pablo, MT, Attn: Rachael BigSam. Sealed bids will be accepted until, or post marked by, April 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Tribal members and non-members** may submit bids on **allotted lands**, unless otherwise stated in the bid advertisement. Only CSKT members can bid on Tribal Tracts during the spring bid. Any successful bidder on allotted lands & tribally owned land, will be required to post a bond, in acceptable form in accordance with 25 CFR 162.235 e.g. (Irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond, Certificate of Deposit...), for the amount specified to secure contract performance.

Please submit bids for the annual rental amount only (no money deposit required). All additional charges (e.g. irrigation O&M, NPR, pump fees) shall be paid separately by the successful bidder in addition to the lease rental at the start of the contract year.

**Bids submitted from CS&K Tribal members on Tribally-owned lands requires a \$2.00/acre minimum bid All bidders on allotted lands require a minimum bid of \$7.50/acre on non- irrigated/pasture land and \$15.00/acre for irrigated land.**

**Bid opening is open to the public & will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.**

Leases will be issued for a period of five years & will begin **January 1, 2025** or when the contract approval is complete, unless negotiated or otherwise stated in the bid advertisement.

\*\*The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Allotment Owners, & the Superintendent of the Flathead Agency reserve the right to reject any or all bids submitted, withdraw any tracts during the bidding process, or waive any informality or technical defect on this advertisement.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact Rachael BigSam, at (406) 675-2700 ext. 1241.