

**STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification
May 5, 2026**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community (“Tribe”), a federally recognized Indian tribe, is seeking proposals from FSC-accredited firms to provide re-certification and necessary annual audits for the upcoming certification period (5 years, 2026-2030) for the Tribe’s Forest Management Unit (FMU) located on both tribal reservation land and fee lands in Shawano County, Wisconsin. Such services are required to ensure that the Tribe’s forestry operations comply with the FSC Certification Standards. The Tribe is currently certified FSC 100% (FSC-C009838) through Preferred by Nature (PBN-FM/COC-000122). The FMU is approximately 9,250 hectares and includes the Chain of Custody certification. The Tribe is requesting bids for this work based on the priorities identified in this Request for Proposals (“RFP”).

II. SCHEDULE

Sealed proposals for the services requested in this RFP will be received until **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Noon**, Central Daylight Time. Proposal must be identified as being **“Bid for Forest Stewardship Council Certification Services”** on the outside of the envelope. Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to:

**Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Secretary
ATTN: Jody Hartwig
P.O. Box 70
Bowler, WI 54416
Telephone: 715-793-4387**

The Tribe anticipates that a successful bidder will be selected by the Tribal Council on or about June 16, 2026.

III. PROJECT AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The reservation encompasses over 10,000 hectares of land, largely forested. The forestry program employs three individuals and conducts approximately 260 hectares of timber sales annually.

The Tribe is requesting proposals from FSC-accredited firms to provide recertification and necessary annual audits for the upcoming certification period (5 years) for the FMU located in Shawano County, Wisconsin. The FMU is a single unit of approximately 9,250 hectares that includes tribal reservation lands as well as land that is owned by the Tribe in fee simple. Such services are required to ensure that the Tribe’s forestry operations continue to comply with the FSC Certification Standards. The Tribe is currently certified FSC 100% through Preferred by Nature until November 2, 2026.

**Certificate Type: Single Forest Management and Chain of Custody
Standard(s): FSC-US Forest Management Standard Version 1.0
Product Group: Logs
Certificate Registration Code: NC-FM/COC-000122 PNB-FM/COC-000122
FSC License Code: FSC-C009838
Certificate Issue Number: IN-2016-1**

The request includes a Single Forest Management and Chain of Custody certification, for approximately 9,250 hectares, and all applicable maintenance of said FSC certification.

The successful bidder will be expected to:

1. Provide a realistic timeline recertification – Current certification expires on November 2, 2026
2. Provide a realistic timeline for future annual audits
3. Complete all necessary assessments – 1 recertification and 4 annual audits
4. File all necessary documents for the certification with FSC

IV. STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be FSC-Accredited Certifier with offices in the United States
2. Must not be a barred contractor under federal or Wisconsin government contracting standards
3. Must be able to meet the Tribe's identified timeframe for certification.

V. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

At a minimum, proposals must contain the following information. A proposal that does not contain this information shall be deemed non-responsible and is subject to rejection.

- 1. Describe how the bidder intends to provide the services including identification of key personnel, a primary point of contact, and timeline for services**
- 2. Provide an itemized proposal with fees for the recertification**
- 3. Provide an itemized proposal with fees for the four annual audits**
- 4. Include any other services the firm could provide, ie trademark verification, marketing etc.**
- 5. Identify and describe any deviations from this RFP**

Questions concerning this RFP can be forwarded by fax, email, mail, or phone to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Forester, Paul Koll.

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Email: paul.koll@mohican-nsn.gov
Phone: 715-793-4368
Fax: 715-793-5118

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The successful bidder will be selected in accordance with tribal bid policies, as applicable. This RFP does not commit the Tribe to award a contract or pay any costs associated with the preparation and presentation of a proposal. The Tribe reserves the right to revise the selection process and, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all responses to this RFP. The Tribe may negotiate with or request additional information from any or all considered bidders. The Tribe may waive informalities or irregularities in a proposal.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with the Tribe. The successful bidder will be required to carry all appropriate insurance, such as professional liability, errors and omissions, general liability, vehicle, and worker compensation coverages. The successful bidder must not engage in discriminatory conduct.