

2013 WISCONSIN FOREST PRACTICES STUDY MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2014

ACRONYMS/ DEFINITIONS

COF – Wisconsin Council on Forestry

Forest Practices – WDNR policies, regulations and guidelines.

GLTPA – Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

JCF – Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

RFP – Request for Proposal

WCFA – Wisconsin County Forests Association

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WFPS – 2013 Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

NCASI – National Council on Air and Stream Improvement

T&E – Threatened and Endangered

Summary

The ‘*Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment*’ and ‘*Wood Supply Chain Component Cost Analysis; A Comparison of WI and U.S. Regional Cost*’ projects are on schedule and will be completed by September 2015 and December 2014 respectively. An abstract of these projects can be found on the WFPS website at <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>

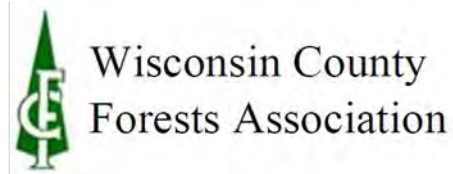
In mid-July the GLTPA/WCFA sponsored a Forest-Based Manufacturing Industry Stakeholder Workshop. Workshop participants identified five economically burdensome categories (listed below in order of importance).

- Seasonal Harvesting Restrictions (i.e. oak wilt, Annosum, invasive species, T&E species);
- Managed Forest Law Administration;
- General Harvesting Restrictions (i.e. rotation age, order of removal in hardwood stands);
- Forest Certification; and
- Permits.

In addition, the WDNR forest management policies, regulations and guidelines were ranked in order of importance and the cost impact to the forest industry. The input received at the Workshop served as a guide to develop RFP 2.0. In late September RFP 2.0 was distributed to solicit proposals that will address all of the following questions related to the economic and ecological consequences of selected timber harvesting restrictions in Wisconsin.

1. What is the scope of selected timber harvesting restrictions in Wisconsin, and the potential for the restrictions to shift forest harvesting from summer to winter months?
2. What are the economic consequences of the timber harvesting restrictions identified in question 1?
3. What are the ecological consequences of the timber harvesting restrictions identified in question 1?

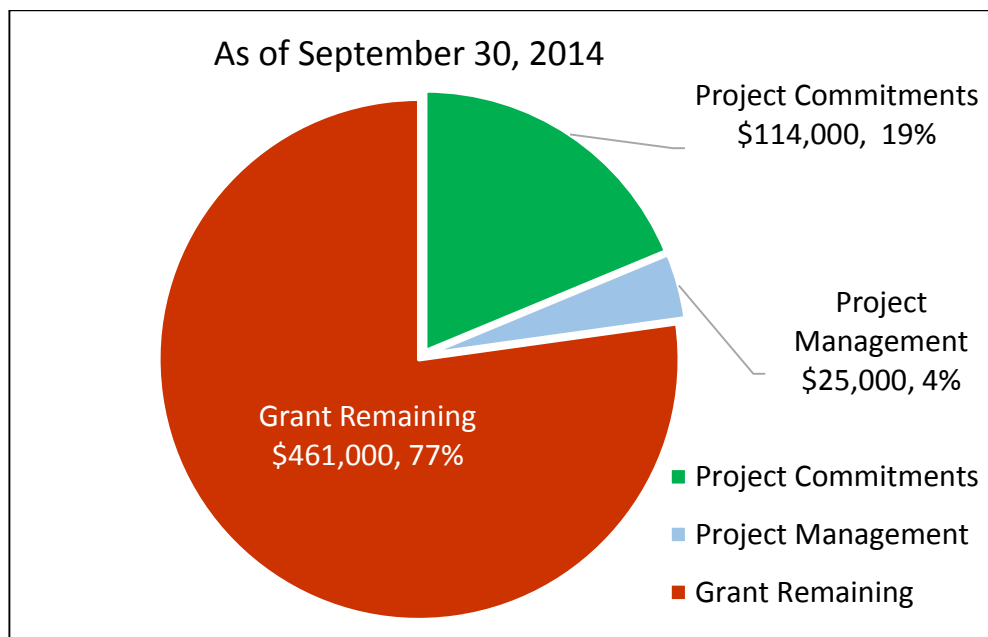
RFP 2.0 proposals are due by November 15, 2014. The complete RFP 2.0 can be found on the WFPS website at <http://study.wisconsinforestry.org>



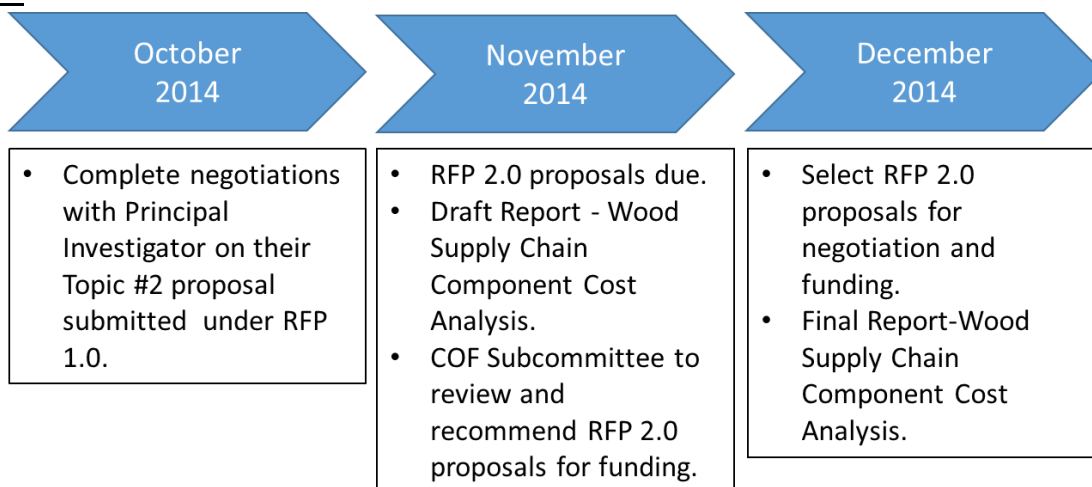
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