

## Request for Proposals

### The Farmers Watershed Alliance is Seeking Proposals to Source Seed for Farms Cover Cropping in Summer/Early Fall 2015

**Proposals Due July 1, 2015**

**Selected Vendor will be Notified July 2, 2015.**

The Farmer's Watershed Alliance is collaborating on a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant to demonstrate the feasibility and efficacy of interseeding cover crops into corn. Interseeding will be completed either prior to canopy closure or at least one month prior to harvest. The Farmer's Watershed Alliance and collaborating farm members are seeking a vendor to provide specific cover crop mixes for this project. This request for proposals is to solicit a business that can provide specific cover crop seed mixes as indicated below in 50# bags and has the ability to deliver the seed to farms during the aforementioned project period.

The bid request should include the cost of the seed for each mix listed below with the expectation that the seed will be delivered in 50# bags to each respective farm. The vendor must be able to deliver the seed to farms located in Franklin and Orleans County. We expect to begin seeding cover crops in mid-July.

Cover Crop Mix	Acres	Total # of Seed
Annual Rye/Radish Mix: Annual Rye 20# (83%) Radish 4# (16%)/ acre	613	14,750
Winter Rye/Radish Mix: Winter Rye 85# (95%) Radish 4# (5%)/ acre	599	53,350
Winter Rye/White Clover/Radish: WR 60# (85%) White Clover 6# (8%) Radish 4# (6%)/ acre	235	16,450
Annual Rye/White Clover: Annual Rye 15# (65%) White Clover 8# (35%)/ acre	50	1,150
Winter Rye/Oats/Radish: Winter Rye 45# (50%) Oats 40# (44%) Radish (5%)/ acre	140	12,500
Annual Rye: 30#/ acre	50	1,500
Winter Rye: 110#/ acre	615	67,650
Winter Rye: 75#/acre	110	8,250
Annual Rye/Canola: Annual Rye 20# (83%) Canola 4# (16%)/ acre	50	1,200
Oats/Radish: Oats 85# (95%) Radish 4# (5%)/ acre	150	9,800
Annual Rye/Radish: 15# (84%) Radish 3#(16%)	56	1,050

Winter Rye/White Clover/Radish: WR 40#(85%) White Clover 5# (8%) Radish 2# (6%) 20 950

**Total Seed Needed: 188,600 Pounds of Seed**

The seed mixes and seeding rates listed above were selected to meet the NRCS 340 Cover Cropping Standard and cannot be reduced. However the seeding rates could be slightly higher if needed.

The seed will need to be delivered to individual farms located in Franklin and Orleans County. The farm locations and blends needed on farms will be provided to the selected vendor.

All seed will need to be blended, bagged, tagged, and delivered prior to seeding which is scheduled to start in Mid-July. The key is to meet NRCS seeding specifications and deadlines. Please refer to the 340 standard for clarification.

Payment for seed will be Net 30 days from delivery.

To apply for the contract please provide seed costs for each mix listed above. Also please indicate in the proposal the ability for your company to deliver the seed in 50# bags to each participating farm in Franklin/Orleans County.

All proposals should be mailed to:

Farmer's Watershed Alliance  
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St. Albans, VT 05478

Or emailed to [farmerswatershedallianceNW@gmail.com](mailto:farmerswatershedallianceNW@gmail.com)

Please contact the Farmer's Watershed Coordinator, Lindsey Ruhl, with the e-mail address above or call (802) 524-6501 with any questions.