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## **BLM Asks for Proposals to Conduct Adoptions in North-Central Nevada**

Do you like a challenge and love the stamina and intelligence of the wild horses of Nevada? Would you like to be a part of finding good homes for wild horses which are available for adoption to qualified, private individuals?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Nevada is seeking a contractor to conduct wild horse adoptions in the north and central portions of the State of Nevada.

The contractor would be required to:

- Develop and execute a plan for marketing and advance promotion of all adoptions.
- Determine the adoption event type and method and select event locations within the north and central portions of the State of Nevada.
- Conduct the adoption event which includes arranging for event locations and necessary facilities, like corrals and chutes, and features the remarkable characteristics of these animals.
- Provide humane handling and care of the animals during the event and during transportation to and from the event.
- Make sure the public and potential adopters are aware of BLM laws, regulations and qualifications to adopt a wild horse.
- Provide a record keeping system on a number of aspects of the adoption.
- Successfully place between 50 to 100 wild horses each year in a suitable home. When an adopter completes the one-year probationary period and receives title, the contractor will receive a monetary reward for that successful placement.
- Closely coordinate with BLM which will be on site during all adoption events and will be involved in the selection, shipping and transportation of wild horses offered at the adoption events.

Individuals have flexibility in preparing their proposals as the adoption event method is at the contractor's discretion as long as it is within the parameters of the BLM's wild horse and burro regulations. It could include, but is not limited to, gentling some or all of the horses. The successful contractor might hold and adopt wild horses from their personal resident or place of business, or someone might propose using video internet or business television. Training and mentoring clinics might be used to showcase the animals. Adoptions could even be in association with other contractor-sponsored events.

The Denver office of the BLM has a complete package available with details of how to submit a proposal on the pilot adoption program. Information is posted at [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov). The

solicitation number is NAR060048. Printed copies of the package are also available by writing to Susie Stokke, BLM, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, or by calling Ms. Stokke at 775 861-6469. The deadline for submission of proposals is Feb. 22, 2006. All proposals must be mailed or delivered to the Denver, Colorado office.

This contract specifically excludes conducting adoptions in Clark and Lincoln Counties and that portion of Nye County from Beatty to the south. A second contract for southern Nevada may be issued at a later date.

Saddle horse adoptions at the Warm Springs Correctional Center in Carson City and adoptions at the National Wild Horse and Burro Center at Palomino Valley, 20 miles north of Sparks, are not affected by this pilot project. Saddle horse adoptions are slated for Feb. 11, June 3 and Oct. 14, 2006. The Palomino Valley Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. A special adoption event is slated at the Center on April 15. Also, the Center will be open on August 18, 19 and 20 for adoptions; this coincides with the Western States Wild Horse and Burro Expo.

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