Genetically adapted native seed is important for effectively restoring public lands and their environmental and habitat value. Unfortunately, locally adapted native seed is largely unavailable commercially. The Native Grass and Forb Seed Increase Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract is designed to provide BLM with genetically appropriate native seed by Seed Transfer Zone (STZ). Together, the BLM Plant Conservation and Restoration Program and National Seed Warehouse are partnering with private growers to increase native seed and make them available for any projects in the corresponding seed transfer zone.

The seed development process begins with seed collections made using the Seeds of Success protocol. This seed is processed, stored, managed, and sent out for certification through the BLM’s partnership with the USFS Bend Seed Extractory - ensuring seed tracking throughout the process. This bulked S1 certified stock seed is then distributed to a vendor to increase.

Field offices can request native seed for their STZ through the National Seed Warehouse System. The funds from IDIQ native seed purchases will be put back into the Working Capital Fund to pay for the next years seed production.
IDIQ CONTRACT PROCESS

Starting Capital Funds

- Plant Conservation & Restoration (lead)
- Wildlife & Sage-Grouse
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Range
- Riparian
- Fire & Fuels

$10 million

Working Capital Fund
(Native Seed Production Contract subaccount)*

Funds from seed purchases

National Seed Warehouse System

Local native seed

Field Office Projects
- Fire rehab
- Fuels
- Wildlife
- Sage-Grouse
- T&E
- Forestry
- Range

Potential Programs

- Forestry
- Recreation
- National Conservation Lands
- Minerals
- Oil & Gas
- Rights-of-Way

IDIQ Contract for Local Native Seed Production Delivery Orders from State & Ecoregional Botanists

Future Funds

Key:
- Appropriated funds
- Funds from seed sales
- Native seed

*self-sustaining