



Off-Range Corral Solicitation FAQs

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Why does the BLM have Off-Range Corral (ORC) contracts?

The Bureau of Land Management manages and protects wild horses and burros on 25.5 million acres of public lands across 10 Western states as part of its mission to administer public lands for a variety of uses. The Wild Horse and Burro Program's goal is to manage healthy wild horses and burros on healthy public rangelands. The BLM maintains a large network of ORC adoption and purchase centers to facilitate the placement of wild horses and burros into private care through the Adoption and Sales Programs. There are currently about 25,521 animals cared for in ORCs.

Animals receive hoof care, vaccinations, deworming, and are otherwise made ready for placement into private care.

Finally, ORCs provide the infrastructure necessary to facilitate movement of animals gathered from Western public rangelands to Off-Range Pastures (ORPs) or adoption and sale locations in other parts of the country. Depending on their condition, animals can only be humanely transported a certain distance in a single day. Consequently, it is necessary to have a network of ORCs located to allow for safe and humane transportation.

Why does the BLM continue to remove animals from the range?

The Bureau of Land Management created the Wild Horse and Burro Program to implement the Wild-Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act, passed by Congress in 1971. Broadly, the law declares wild horses and burros to be "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West" and stipulates that the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service have the responsibility to manage and protect herds in their respective jurisdictions within areas where wild horses and burros were found roaming in 1971.

To maintain wild horses and burros in good condition and protect the health of our public lands, the BLM must manage the population growth of wild horse and burro herds. Without natural population controls, such as predation, herds can increase at a rate of up to 20 percent annually, doubling in size in just 4 to 5 years, if not appropriately managed. Population control must be implemented to protect scarce and fragile resources in the arid West and ensure healthy animals.

To carry out this mission, the BLM controls herd growth through the application of fertility control measures, such as birth control, and through the periodic removals of excess animals and the placement of those animals into private care.

How many ORCs are currently under contract with the BLM?

The BLM currently has 22 ORCs with an average capacity of approximately 1,500 animals.

What are the general requirements for an ORC contract?

The contractor shall provide all necessary land, facilities, personnel, and supplies to perform the following general tasks:

- Maintain and care for wild horses and burros.
- Load, unload, sort, and segregate wild horses and burros upon their arrival at the site.
- Provide feed, salt, mineral and water to all animals on a daily basis.



- Provide all corrals, loading chutes and adequate facilities necessary to prepare animals for adoption, sale, partner pickup, transfer and shipment to off-range pastures, other off-range corral locations or approved BLM events and locations. This preparation work may include but is not limited to: vaccinations, hoof trimming, deworming, castration, blood draws and microchipping.
- Provide daily observations of animals on site and maintain a record keeping system that identifies the pen location, sex, age group, and quantity of animals.
- Provide animals for placement into private care through on-site events, preparing shipments to satellite event locations or partners.
- In consultation with BLM, euthanize animals suffering from acute or chronic illness, injury, physical condition, or lameness that cannot be treated or have a poor or hopeless prognosis for recovery.
- Provide personnel that are intimately familiar with the health requirements of equines.
- Have personnel with knowledge, skill and ability to safely handle and care for wild horses and burros.

Can the land be located in any state and qualify for the ORC solicitation?

The exact geographic area of consideration will be specified in the posted solicitation.

Where do I locate the ORC solicitation?

Go to www.SAM.gov Scroll down under Contract Opportunities (FBO) and click “Search Contract Opportunities”; Enter the solicitation number in the “Keywords” field and hit Enter.

Is there anyone that can assist me in navigating the solicitation?

If assistance is needed with registration or proposal preparation, vendors may choose to contact the local Apex Accelerator’s Office for your state or region. [Apex Accelerator’s Office](#)

Vendors who are new to conducting business with the government must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which is assigned during www.SAM.gov registration. No fee is involved.

Will the BLM visit my proposed ORC land before making awards?

Yes, site visits conducted by the BLM.

What is the payment timeframe for an ORC contractor?

Payment is in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act and offerors shall be registered in www.IPP.gov .

After reviewing the solicitation at www.SAM.gov, who can I contact with additional technical questions about the agency’s requirements for this solicitation?

The Contracting Officer overseeing these solicitations is Ms. Lisa Turner, her contact information is lturner@blm.gov.

How can I learn about future ORC solicitations?

The BLM posts all solicitations on the official Government-wide Point of Entry (GPE) portal at www.SAM.gov. Once a solicitation is posted, the BLM may post a press release/announcement at www.blm.gov/whb under [Federal Contracting and Funding Opportunities](#) and through traditional and social media outlets.