

The Tennessee Conservationist seeks a printing contract

The Tennessee Conservationist Magazine, published by Tennessee State Parks (TSP) under the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), hereafter referred to as Publisher, seeks a Contractor to print six issues per year on a bi-monthly schedule (attached).

The magazine will be printed on Sustana paper with UV inks. Conventional offset printing or digital printing methods are not desired.

Initial contract will be for two (2) years, with three (3), one (1) year renewal options.

Contractor must be located in the State of Tennessee and provide proof that his or her press is located in Tennessee, and that he or she is a direct employee of said press, and **not** an intermediary, representative, or broker working from another location.

Contractor must perform all operations under the contract in his/her own facility, except in case of emergency and with written permission of Publisher. **Bids submitted by all print brokers will be withdrawn.**

Contractor must provide proof of an active G7 Master Print facility certification.

Contractor must use provided pdf file to print a sample of our recent May/June 2026 issue and send it to the provided address to arrive on or before July 10,2026. The State will confirm the quality of printing meets the States technical specifications as mentioned below.

Central Procurement Office
ATTN: Sydney Loomans
312 Rosa L Parks Ave.,
Nashville, TN 37243

Overview:

The Publisher seeks a contract that allows for subscription growth. We anticipate initial press runs to be 7,000 copies. Respondents will quote the following quantities:

7,000
7,500
8,000
8,500
9,000

For each edition, Publisher will send a print order to Contractor with the number of copies to be printed one month before we go on press, so Contractor can order the correct amount of paper stock for each issue.

Contractor shall comply with the following technical specifications for the Conservationist unless otherwise approved in writing by the State.

1. TRIM SIZE: 8.375" X 10.75" full bleed, portrait, binds on the 10.75" side
2. PAGES: 40 inside pages plus paper cover
3. BINDING: Saddle stitch with three staples
4. COVER STOCK: 65# Sustana Enviro Cover 100% FSC Recycled
5. TEXT STOCK: 80# Sustana Enviro Print 100% FSC Recycled
6. INK: UV ink (NOTE: not conventional offset printing or digital printing. Must be UV.)

7. PROOFS: One high-resolution color proof of entire magazine, trimmed and delivered to Publisher before printing.
8. SUBSCRIPTION CARD: A pre-printed subscription card, to be delivered by Publisher, will be stapled into the magazine inside the first reader's spread
9. PACKAGING: Carton in 60–100 per box and label with magazine's name and issue date. Delivery/freight via FedEx to the following locations:
 - 1) Mail contractor (currently DNI, 711 Spence Lane, Nashville, TN 37217)
 - 2) Magazine's Offices (500 James Robertson Pkwy, 8th Floor, Nashville TN 37243)
 - 3) Breakout shipping to 21 Tennessee State Parks (see attachment)
10. Collection of each year's six magazines into hard cover binder with grade F buckram material (or better) with title, volumes, and year on the cover in foil stamp. 11 bound editions total.

The Tennessee Conservationist is known for beautiful photography. All magazines printed under this contract must be top quality in every respect. Publisher will not accept or pay for inferior work. Publisher reserves the sole right to determine acceptability for each edition and to cancel the contract if any magazine edition fails to meet quality standards required, as per contract cancellation term

Pre-Press

Publisher will provide a packaged InDesign file with pdfs included via FTP or to be picked up in person by Contractor. Contractor must deliver one (1) proof including each page of the magazine to Publisher within three days. Publisher has two days to sign off on proofs. Working days are defined as Monday–Friday. State business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Press checks

Press checks will be scheduled during reasonable working hours, between 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Notice of 48 hours is required for each press check.

Each printer spread must be press checked and approved in writing by the Publisher. Publisher reserves the right to inspect all printed sheets in person and reject any or all sheets that do not meet proofing standards. If proofs do not meet standards of high quality, Publisher reserves the right to reject sub-standard sheets and require them to be reprinted at the Contractor's expense to the Publisher's satisfaction.

If press checks occur outside a 50-mile radius of 500 James Robertson Pkwy, Nashville, TN, Contractor will pay for travel, food and any lodging expenses of magazine's art director and/or editor-in-chief, according to state travel regulations in place at the time of travel.

Pre-press/printing schedule:

3 days for prepress
2 days for Publisher to sign off on proofs
7 days on press
3 days for folding, stitching, boxing, delivery

Tentative schedule for the contract to begin with the Nov/Dec 2026 issue:

Nov/Dec 2026

Sept. 25 to pre-press

Oct. 2 on press

Oct. 16 all magazines delivered

Jan/Feb 2027

Nov. 25, 2026 to pre -press

Dec. 4, 2026 on press

Dec. 17, 2026 all magazines delivered

March/April 2027

Jan. 26 to pre-press

Feb. 3 on press

Feb. 17 all magazines delivered

May/June 2027

March 25 to pre-press

April 1 on press

April 16 all magazines delivered

July/Aug 2027

May 24 to pre-press

June 3 on press

June 17 all magazines delivered

Sep/Oct 2027

July 28 to pre-press

Aug. 5 on press

Aug. 19 all magazines delivered

Nov/Dec 2027

Sep. 27 to pre-press

Oct. 4 on press

Oct. 18 all magazines delivered

Jan/Feb 2028

Nov. 24, 2027 to pre-press

Dec. 3, 2027 on press

Dec. 17, 2027 all magazines delivered

March/April 2028

Jan. 26 to pre-press

Feb. 3 on press

Feb. 17 all magazines delivered

May/June 2028

March 27 to pre-press

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Specific pre-press, press, and delivery dates for 2029 and years following is to be determined, but press runs will follow the same cadence as shown above.

Bulk Shipping Breakouts example

Name Quantity Address City ST Zip Attn:

Fall Creek Falls State Park Lodge	130	2536 Lakeland Dr	Spencer	TN	38585	Attn: Zonda Holloway - Lodge/Cabins
Lodge	85					
Cabins	30					
Extras	15					
Natchez Trace State Park Lodge	36	24845 Natchez Trace Road	Wildersville	TN	38388-8329	Attn: Cindy Morish - Lodge/Cabins
Lodge	0					
Cabins	25					
Extras	11					
Lodge Montgomery Bell State Park	135	1000 Hotel Ave	Burns	TN	37029-5040	Attn: Brian Hughes - Lodge/Cabins
Lodge	117					
Cabins	8					
Extras	10					
Henry Horton State Park Lodge	90	4209 Nashville HWY	Chapel Hill	TN	37034-2127	Attn: Penny Hood - Lodge/Cabins
Lodge	72					
Cabins	8					
Extras	10					
Pickwick Landing State Park Lodge	145	116 State Park Lane	Counce	TN	38326	Attn: Sandy Jerrolds - Lodge/Cabins
Lodge	119					
Cabins	17					
Extras	9					
Paris Landing State Park Lodge	110	16055 Hwy 79 N	Buchanan	TN	38222	Attn: Mitzi Hamonds - Lodge/Cabins
Lodge	91					
Cabins	10					
Extras	9					
Big Ridge State Park	25	1015 Big Ridge Park Road	Maynardville	TN	37807-1727	Attn: Keith Montgomery - Cabins
Cabins	20					
Extras	5					
Cedars of Lebanon State Park	15	328 Cedar Forest Road	Lebanon	TN	37090-7678	Attn: Jeff Buchanan - Cabins
Cabins	10					
Extras	5					
Chickasaw State Park	20	20 Cabin Lane	Henderson	TN	38340	Attn: Ron Elder - Cabins

Cabins	13					
Extras	7					
Cumberland Mountain State Park	47	24 Office Drive	Crossville	TN	38555	Attn: Chip Hillis - Cabins
Cabins	37					
Extras	10					
David Crockett State Park	10	23 Crockett Park Rd	Lawrenceburg	TN	37464	Attn: Donna Johnson - Cabins
Cabins	7					
Extras	3					
Edgar Evins State Park	40	1630 Edgar Evins State Park Road	Silver Point	TN	38582-7917	Attn: Brad Halfacre - Cabins
Cabins	34					
Extras	6					
Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park	10	910 Riddick Road	Millington	TN	38053	Attn: James Wilkinson - Cabins
Cabins	6					
Extras	4					
Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park	10	1825 Pilot Knob Road	Eva	TN	38333-6099	Attn: Josh Justice - Cabins
Cabins	8					
Extras	2					
Norris Dam State Park	40	125 Village Green Circle	Rocky Top	TN	37769-5932	Attn: Cindy Morish - Cabins
Cabins	30					
Extras	10					
Pickett CCC Memorial State Park	25	4605 Pickett Park HWY	Jamestown	TN	38556-5889	Attn: Amanda Allen - Cabins
Cabins	20					
Extras	5					
Reelfoot Lake State Park	10	2595 State Route 21 East	Tiptonville	TN	38079-9799	Attn: Penny Simmons - Cabins
Cabins	7					
Extras	3					
Roan Mountain State Park	40	1015 HWY 143	Roan Mountain	TN	37687	Attn: Monica Johnson - Cabins
Cabins	30					
Extras	10					
Rock Island State Park	15	82 Beach Road	Rock Island	TN	38581-4200	Attn: Donna Basham - Cabins
Cabins	10					
Extras	5					
Standing Stone State Park	25	1674 Standing Stone Park HWY	Hilham	TN	38568-6610	Attn: Allie Stover - Cabins
Cabins	21					

Extras	4					
Tims Ford State Park	25	570 Tims Ford Drive	Winchester	TN	37398-4136	Attn: Charlotte Jones - Cabins
Cabins	20					
Extras	5					

TOTAL	1007	
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