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PROC #22-16

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CLARIFICATION TO QUESTIONS #2

SENT VIA – E-MAIL

DATE: September 6, 2022
TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS
FROM: Margaret Maddalena, Contract Administrator
RE: **CONTRACT #2078R-2 HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL PROJECT**

Question #1 Is it possible to ask if the GPS coordinates for the marked trees listed in the bid documents are available in a GPX, KML, KMZ or other raw data file format that can be shared?

Response: ***An Excel file of the GPS coordinates for the marked trees in Section 1, 2 and 3 will be provided to the Successful Bidder(s) of those sections.***

Question #2 Regarding the use of Line Clearance Qualified employees.

As per OSHA 29 VFR 1910.269 and 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart V, only qualified individuals may work within the minimum approach distance of any energized conductor, this includes high voltage, line voltage, and communication lines. Energized conductors are within minimum approach distances of trees to be removed in different areas of all sections of this bid. Will bidders be required to submit a line clearance certification in order to bid as no subcontractors may be used as per the contract?

Response: ***It is stated in the NOTICE TO BIDDERS, page N-1 of the Contract #2078R-2 Bid Request documents: "The Selected***

Contractor shall have experience working near roadways, and overhead and underground power and utility lines. The Contractor shall use Certified Power Linemen for work near the power lines.”

Question #3

Regarding Sections 1, 2,&3.

The consensus on the previous Bid walkthrough was that the markings in these sections were several years old, rapidly fading, and difficult to easily identify in many areas. Due to the aforementioned reasons it was stated that the bids for these sections would be based off a level 1 hazard tree assessment to encompass all hazardous trees capable of impacting roadways, walkways, utilities, etc. The current bid now states to cut only what is marked, but these areas have not been re-marked and we are left with the same issues in properly distinguishing hazard trees that were marked previously and numerous trees that have declined to become hazards in the past 2 years. As per several of the attached pictures multiple marks are very faded, barely visible in some areas, and there are multiple dead trees that are clear hazards overhanging the roadway that are not marked. As per the new bid specs additional hazard trees will not be cut. How is this to be addressed as it is implausible to bid only marked trees due to the condition of the markings and the numerous additional dead/hazardous trees in these sections. Are we to bid based off a level 1 hazard tree assessment? If so do we include the total number of additional trees?

Response:

In Sections 1, 2 and 3, only the trees which had been marked are to be removed. The number of trees that were marked and their GPS locations are included in the Bid Request documents. There is no Level 1 hazard tree assessment to be performed in these sections.

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