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ADDENDUM

Addendum Number:	01	Dated:	December 1, 2021
Solicitation Number:	802-22-8698		
Solicitation Title:	Pond Liner Installation at Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery		
Due Date/Deadline:	December 9, 2021; 2:00pm CT		
Purchaser:	Gwendolyn Sullivan		

PURPOSE OF ADDENDUM: CLARIFICATIONS

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced herein, remain unchanged and in full force and effect. The following are specifications to this solicitation. This Addendum may be attached to and form a part of the referenced solicitation document and any resulting awarded contract, and may be considered in your response.

1. Questions and Answers

Question 1: In reference to the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) requirement in Request for Proposal (RFP) *Section 1 Subsection 17 HUB Subcontracting Plan 17.2*, can the HUB Subcontracting goal of 26% be reduced or eliminated?

Answer: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has to determine if a HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) is required prior to posting the solicitation. All Respondents are **required** to submit a HSP that meets Good Faith Effort (GFE) as defined by Texas Government Code. There are several options available to meet GFE, including self-performance, meeting the HUB goal, or giving HUB vendors an opportunity to bid on subcontracting opportunities.

Respondents that do not submit a HSP or fails to meet GFE will be disqualified and will not continue to proposal evaluation process.

For assistance with preparing the HUB Subcontracting Plan, Respondents are highly encouraged to contact the TPWD HUB Program at hub@tpwd.texas.gov or 512-389-4784.

Question 2: RFP *Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work* does not include specifications for dewatering. With regard to dewatering:

- A. Who is responsible for dewatering at either site?
- B. Will the ponds be turned over for lining after they have been dewatered completely?
- C. Who is responsible for maintenance dewatering during construction?
- D. Where should water from maintenance dewatering be discharged?

Answers for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery:

- A. TPWD will be responsible for dewatering. Each pond has its own drain that flows to central effluent pump station.
- B. Yes.
- C. TPWD.
- D. The water will flow to the effluent pump station mentioned above.

Question 3: RFP Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work does not include specifications for sediment. With regard to sediment:

- A. Who is responsible for removal of sediment that has built up over the existing liner?
- B. Will the sediment be considered contaminated?
- C. Since there is no way of knowing how much sediment is there to be removed, how would this work be paid for/compensated?

Answers for Sea Center Texas:

- A. TPWD will remove the sediment and rock material from existing liner.
- B. No contamination is in the sediment.
- C. TPWD will remove sediment.

Answers for Dundee Fish Hatchery:

- A. All material in ponds will be removed by Contractor and disposed onsite in designated location.
- B. No contamination is in the sediment.
- C. Cost to remove sediment to be included in bid.

Question 4: RFP Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work does not include specifications for the possibility of unsuitable subgrade. With regard to subgrade:

- A. Is there a concern about the possibility of unsuitable subgrade under the existing liner(s)?
- B. If this is a concern, how will any unsuitable subgrade be remediated?

Answers for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery:

- A. No concern of subgrade.
- B. If levee erosion prohibits proper installation of pond liner, TPWD will furnish material to fill in voids.

Question 5: RFP Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work does not describe the laydown location or staging area for liner materials. With regard to the laydown location or staging:

- A. Where will materials be staged at each site?
- B. Is site preparation and/or cleanup required at these laydown sites?
- C. Can materials be transported from the designated laydown areas to the ponds unimpeded, for example, transport of a roll that is approximately 22.5' in length?

Answers for Sea Center Texas:

- A. Materials will be staged on the south side of the ponds located in grass area.
- B. No site preparation is required. Yes, please keep laydown area clean and throw away small liner scraps that could blow away.
- C. There is room to longitudinally transport the 22.5' rolls of material.

NOTE: Refer to *Addendum 01 Attachment 1* for Sea Center Texas.

Answers for Dundee Fish Hatchery:

- A. An adequate laydown will be provided at the Dundee Fish Hatchery.
- B. No site preparation is required.
- C. There is room to longitudinally transport the 22.5' rolls of material.

NOTE: Refer to *Addendum 01 Attachment 2* for Dundee Fish Hatchery.

Question 6: In reference to RFP Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work, is grading work required?

Answer for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery: No grading work is required inside ponds.

Question 7: In reference to RFP *Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work*, are erosion controls and revegetation required?

Answer for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery: No erosion controls or revegetation is required.

Question 8: In reference to RFP *Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work 7.1.12*, “while installing anchor trenches adjacent to asphalt roadways, use concrete saw to neatly cut asphalt and minimize damages to existing road:”

- A. Which ponds are adjacent to asphalt roadways?
- B. If ponds are adjacent to asphalt roadways, what is the requirement for repair of such asphalt roadways?
- C. Will the anchor trenches be backfilled with caliche, or will the asphalt pavement need to be replaced above the anchor trench?

Answers for Sea Center Texas:

- A. All ponds have an asphalt road on at least one side with some having three sides with asphalt, please see Google Earth™ mapping service image in *Addendum 01 Attachment 1* for variances.
- B. Straight saw cutting of the asphalt will give a clean line to asphalt up to existing road.
- C. Backfill anchor trench with excavated material. Asphalt pavement will not need to be replaced above the anchor trench.

Answers for Dundee Fish Hatchery:

- A. No asphalt is present.
- B. N/A.
- C. N/A.

Question 9: In reference to RFP *Section 1 Subsection 7 Scope of Work 7.1.13*, “compact the soil of the anchor trench to at least 95% of standard proctor,” will it be possible to reuse the soil excavated from the anchor trenches as backfill or is that soil to be removed and new soil imported for anchor trenches?

Answer for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery: Yes, the old soil can be used, without the asphalt chunks. If additional material is required, it will be provided by TPWD.

Question 10: In reference to RFP *Section 1 Subsection 8 Contract Requirements 8.14*, “the work shall be done in a way that minimizes the impact to operations,” how many ponds will be made available at any one time for lining?

Answer for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery: This depends on the proposal and funds available. TPWD will have all ponds available where funding is available for the work.

Question 11: In reference to RFP *Section II Subsection 17 Contractor Responsibilities 17.3 Permits*, “permits would be the responsibility of the Contractor,” are permits required for this project?

Answer for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery: None required by TPWD, but contractor is required to comply with the permit requirements for any other governing authorities.

Question 12: In reference to RFP *Attachment 1 Sea Center Texas Ponds Overview*, many of the ponds are adjacent to one another, which will result in anchor trench being excavated on both side of the roads in

between the ponds. For caliche roadways that are 12' wide, this will result in much of the road surface being disturbed. In that event, would it be more efficient to simply backfill the anchor trenches and then resurface the entire 12' wide roadway?

Answer: The roadways are asphalt, not caliche. This project will not include any asphalt work, we only request that contractors do their best to keep damages to a minimum. We are well aware that the roads will be impacted.

Question 13: In reference to RFP *Attachment 6 Sea Center Texas Pond Sections and Detail (C-7)*, the diagram labeled Pond Liner Anchor Trench Detail:

- A. Shows 6" of stabilized lime and 4" of caliche. Is the work depicted in this detail the expectation for backfill/repair at the anchor trench, or can the entire anchor trench be backfilled with caliche to accomplish the backfill/road repair?
- B. The note states, with regard to anchor trench details, to "protect liner with plywood during compaction." How will plywood be applied to protect the liner?
- C. With regard to Question 10 Item B above about plywood, may an additional layer of sacrificial geomembrane be used instead of providing protection during anchor trench backfilling?

Answers:

- A. The anchor trench can be backfilled with the excavated material with exception to large chunks of asphalt. The material will consist of caliche and soil. If any additional material is required to fill the anchor trench, TPWD will supply.
- B. Plywood will lie on the liner to prevent dirt mover tracks or tires from tearing up liner during initial fill and compaction of trench.
- C. Sacrificial geomembrane may be used instead of plywood during anchor trench backfill process.

Question 14: In reference to RFP *Attachment 7 Sea Center Texas Pond Paving and Fencing Plan North (C-8)* and *Attachment 8 Sea Center Texas Pond Kettle Plan (S-3)*, is this information included for informational purposes or is there any repair or adjustment work to be done on the kettles beyond batten attachment?

Answer: All ponds will require removal of old bar and hardware to be replaced with new 316 stainless bar, wedge anchors, washers, and nuts.

Question 15: In reference to RFP *Section I Subsection 4 Mandatory Pre-Proposal Site Inspection*, will the *Pre-Bid Site Inspection Sign-In Sheet(s)* be posted with the solicitation?

Answer for Sea Center Texas and Dundee Fish Hatchery: Yes, the *Pre-Bid Site Inspection Sign-In Sheet(s)* will be posted. Refer to *Addendum 01 Attachment 3* for Sea Center Texas and *Addendum 01 Attachment 4* for Dundee Fish Hatchery.

Question 16: In reference to RFP *Section II Subsection 30 Taxes*, will the tax exemption convey to the Contractor for purchasing and installing materials on the behalf of TPWD?

Answer: Yes, TPWD can provide a tax exemption form to the awarded Contractor for purchases related to these services.

Respondents are to acknowledge receipt of this addendum. Return a signed copy of this notice with your proposal submission.

I acknowledge receipt of this addendum.

Respondent's Authorized Signature

Date

Company Name