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ADDENDUM

Addendum Number: 01 **Date:** July 23, 2024
Solicitation Number: 802-25-49416
Solicitation Title: Grubbing and Windrowing Services, Matador Wildlife Management Area
Due Date/Deadline: NEW: August 1, 2024, 2:00 p.m. CT
Purchaser: Judy Ahrens

PURPOSE OF ADDENDUM: BID DUE DATE EXTENSION, REVISIONS, 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.

Bid Due Date Extension

Bid due date is EXTENDED

From: July 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. CT

To: August 1, 2024, 2:00 p.m. CT

Revisions to Specifications

IFB 802-25-49416 Specifications are revised as follows:

Item 6) a) Equipment

Contractor shall utilize appropriately sized equipment to complete project work. **Machinery shall have a minimum operating weight of twenty (20) tons.**

Questions and Answers

1. **Question:** Can you confirm the acreage for the project? The map provided and the details provided do not seem to match?
Answer: The initial project area is approximately 114 acres. The map has been revised to include the acreage per area. (see revised Attachment A)
2. **Question:** Are there any specifications to the windrows, size, things like that?
Answer: Windrows should be a minimum of 100 feet from the road as the road serves as a fire break. There are no restrictions regarding windrow size.
3. **Question:** Is there need for a dozer or just an excavator?
Answer: TPWD does not anticipate a need for a dozer; however, dozer use is not prohibited if the Contractor determines the need.
4. **Question:** How many acres are like this versus the other?
Answer: Please see revised map in Attachment A, Project Map.
5. **Question:** What about the wet areas where there are cattails?
Answer: Contractor shall service all areas safely accessible for equipment. Most areas are accessible during the warm months. In the winter the water table rises and may cause wetter terrain in the flood plain.

6. Question: Are there GIS files?

Answer: GIS files are not required for the solicitation response process.

7. Question: Can we track to the areas, or do we have to come around on the road?

Answer: Contractor shall be allowed to track from site to site, there are gates at every water lot and in pastures.

8. Question: How can you find out about past grubbing project budgets on this area?

Answer: This information must be requested under the Open Records Act. More information can be found here: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/site/openrecords>

9. Question: Was there an advertised budget for this project?

Answer: TPWD does not disclose project budget amounts during the solicitation period.

10. Question: Is there any preference to having multiple machines?

Answer: TPWD does not have any preference for the number of machines used.

11. Question: Is there a competitive advantage toward HUB Contractors versus non-minority or non-HUB certified?

Answer: TPWD awards on the basis of best value to the State. See IFB 802-25-49416 Section 19, Evaluation and Award.

12. Question: Was there an RFI put out prior to this solicitation?

Answer: No.

13. Question: I want to verify that this is a TAC hour project, is there a machine size requirement, do you have a minimum or maximum number of hours per year?

Answer: Please reference Revisions to Specification above for machine size. TPWD does not guarantee any minimum or maximum number of TAC hours per year.

14. Question: Will you contact the purchaser?

Answer: See IFB 802-25-49415 Section 16) Inquiries.

15. Question: Is there a specific distance that the brush needs to be away from the road or fire break?

Answer: See answer to question 2.

16. Question: Can I submit a bid after today?

Answer: See Bid Due Date Extension above.

17. Question: Is award based off low bid or quality of work?

Answer: See question 11.

18. Question: How do we need to windrow on slopes or in draws, any place it needs to be stacked?

Answer: See question 2.

19. Question: Will you flag the trees you want to keep?

Answer: TPWD will provide the awarded Contractor with tree identification information and will flag around the area to delineate unit boundaries.

20. Question: Can we manipulate the ground to reach trees?

Answer: Contractor shall minimize the amount of ground disturbance. There is no need to move dirt to access trees.

21. Question: Do y'all have drone footage of the units?

Answer: Drone footage is not available.

22. Question: How do you want the sloped areas to be done and will that affect the hours?

Answer: Contractor shall remove as much brush as can be safely accessed with equipment. Clearing sloped areas should not have an effect on TAC hours.

23. Question: Are these cleared for cultural resources?

Answer: The initial project area will be cleared prior to project beginning.

24. Question: Do you want this smoothed or just grubbed and piled?

Answer: The project area does not require smoothing. Contractor shall backfill any holes resulting from tree removal.

25. Question: You want this by the hour, but you want everything else, all expenses in the rate?

Answer: Correct. Unit Price shall include all delivery, setup, take down and removal of equipment, fuel costs, labor, and any other incidentals required to successfully perform the services.

26. Question: If the budget does not allow for you to complete the area based on your estimated time to complete the area can the hourly rate change to reflect the mobilization cost over a shorter time frame?

Answer: No.

27. Question: How many acres is this spot (referring to floodplain site)?

Answer: See revised map in Attachment A, Project Map.

28. Question: If while we are on-site working and we have questions about a tree or an area will y'all come out, is there supervision throughout the day?

Answer: Yes. The project manager or designee will be available during the Contractor's work times.

29. Question: Are y'all going to get mad whenever this guy gets missed in this environment (referring to sapling tree that is the same height as the surrounding vegetation)?

Answer: TPWD acknowledges that not all vegetation will be visible or accessible. Contractor shall remove all vegetation identified in the IFB that is visible and safely accessible. Contractor is not required to remove desirable vegetation in order to access vegetation identified for removal.

30. Question: Do you have a design of which areas to go to first or which one you want us to start with out of these?

Answer: TPWD will coordinate project work plan with awarded Contractor.

31. Question: At the office or camp, do y'all have any RV hookups?

Answer: No electrical or water hookups are available.

32. Question: Would Paducah be our best shot for lodging?

Answer: Paducah or Childress are the closest towns, Paducah may be limited, Childress is about 27 miles away.

33. Question: Is there an expected start and finish date, or is this over the contract period from September through 2026, do y'all want this out as fast as possible?

Answer: The initial project must be completed by August 31, 2025. Subsequent projects are contingent upon available funding, therefore TPWD cannot provide a time frame for those projects.

34. Question: Is there an expected start and finish date, or is this over the contract period from September through 2026, do y'all want this out as fast as possible?

Answer: Project start date shall be determined after Contract award. TPWD requires the initial project to be completed by August 31, 2025.

35. Question: Is it more beneficial to throw a lot at it, get it done and get out, or just have one guy and one machine, is that a selling point?

Answer: TPWD requires the initial project to be completed by August 31, 2025. Project efficiency and number of machines to be determined by the Contractor.

- 36. Question:** What about a fuel trailer, or a double-lined tank, are there special requirements or regulations as long as it meets diesel spec containment?
Answer: Contractor is responsible for meeting requirements or regulations regarding any required fuel trailers. TPWD is not aware of any requirements other than current Federal and State regulations.
- 37. Question:** Are there any bad-weather days or conditions where we can't work?
Answer: TPWD does not anticipate any events that would prevent Contractor work other than unforeseen weather conditions.
- 38. Question:** So, with the terrain this will be more mosaic type clearing, correct?
Answer: Most areas will be accessible for equipment. TPWD recognizes that some terrain (such as cliffs) will not be accessible.
- 39. Question:** Are we stopping at the abrupt toe of the slope here (referring to the edge of the floodplain site)?
Answer: See revised map, Attachment A, Project Map.
- 40. Question:** Are there going to be any restrictions during hunting season, do y'all do guided hunts?
Answer: Matador WMA does conduct hunts. TPWD will communicate with Contractor regarding hunt areas and dates. Hunts will be conducted so as to not restrict Contractor project work.
- 41. Question:** Any of this dead stuff that's falling just let it be?
Answer: Correct. No grubbing or windrowing required for fallen dead vegetation.
- 42. Question:** Can we charge for the time to track from spot to spot?
Answer: Yes, this will be part of the billable TAC hours.
- 43. Question:** It all has to be grubbed, no mulching?
Answer: TPWD does not require/request mulching, only grubbing and windrowing.
- 44. Question:** Would you want any mulching?
Answer: See question 43.
- 45. Question:** Billing wise, how are we billing, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, how do you want it billed?
Answer: Contractor may invoice monthly. TPWD staff must verify equipment TAC hours.
- 46. Question:** Will these be put on the Addendum?
Answer: Yes.
- 47. Question:** Now that the questions have been asked and answered how will that be sent back out, by email or posted on the solicitation?
Answer: The Addendum with questions and answers will be posted on the ESBD and notice will be sent to all vendors attending the site visits.
- 48. Question:** The bid said rubber wheel or rubber tracked equipment only, is that right?
Answer: No. See Revisions to Specifications above.
- 49. Question:** Do y'all ever hand spray any of the regrowth?
Answer: TPWD does hand spray regrowth.
- 50. Question:** Will you be the project manager?
Answer: Project manager and/or designee information will be provided to the awarded Contractor.

Respondents are to acknowledge receipt of the Addendum and return a signed copy with bid submission.

I acknowledge receipt of the Addendum.

Respondent's Authorized Signature

Date

Company Name

ATTACHMENT A – PROJECT MAP, REVISED
JULY 23, 2024

