



**HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
(HCBCC)  
PURCHASING DIVISION**

DATE: May 31, 2018

BID NO. ITB 18-023                      ADDENDUM No. 4

Project: Istokpoga Marsh Water Improvement Phase 2

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This addendum is being issued to revise the bid deadline and address some questions received. An Addendum No. 5 is being developed to address the remaining questions.

1. The Bid deadline has been revised to June 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

### Questions and Answers

1. Please provide a copy of the sign in sheet for the site walk.

**Answer:** Sign-In Sheet from the Non Mandatory Pre Bid Meeting is attached. The Site visit was not required. The Pre Bid Meeting Agenda mistakenly indicated the meeting was mandatory. The solicitation and advertisement correctly state the Pre Bid meeting as Non Mandatory.

2. Article 14 is Basis of Bid. There are 2 lump sum bid forms A & B. Can the contractor assume that the low responsive bidder will be awarded the entire project based on the total value or A&B, or can the scopes be awarded separately?

**Answer:** This will be answered in the next Addendum.

3. Section 00100 Article 3 states that the contractor must submit 3 jobs of similar magnitude within the last 7 years with reference contact information.

- a.) There is a form in the bid documents identified as Statement of Bidder Qualifications-Project Experience Summary Table (Question 11). Is this the form where we include the 3 jobs with references? Is the county expecting additional qualifications experience above and beyond the 3 projects requested on this form?

**Answer:** Yes include information on this form for at least three project references similar to this scope of work.

4. What can the Contractor do with the extra fill dirt removed?

**Answer:** A couple property owners have indicated they would take the fill and allow it to be piled up at the locations approximately one mile from the site.

5. How far are the locations from the job site?

**Answer:** Approx. 1 mile.

6. Where can muck from impoundment site go?  
**Answer:** It does not need to be hauled off, just spread over the site. It can be used on top layer of impoundment slope to help establish grass and on the side banks of the access road to establish grass.
7. Can stripped off soil go to the borrow area?  
**Answer:** The only restriction is that borrow area must be continuous as shown on the plans to convey water from the impoundment interior to the sluice gate outfall. The other option is to spread it within the 400-acre site. The impound area is expected to hold water to a 4' depth.
8. Is the borrow ditch intended for Contractors to only use material from site?  
**Answer:** Contractor can use borrow or get material from where needed to complete work to specifications. Methods to do the work is up to the Contractor.
9. Are these quantities for Contractors use for take offs?  
**Answer:** The quantities provided were developed by the Engineer and are for the Contractor to use but not to rely on when calculating their bid. The engineer recommends the Contractor provide their own estimates using the drawings provided.
10. Is there a requirement to place muck on the side slope of the berm?  
**Answer:** Yes, to a depth shown on the plans to help grass establish root.
11. What is the planned completion date?  
**Answer:** May 31, 2019
12. What is the budget for each portion of project?  
**Answer:** The Impoundment is estimated at \$3.6 million and Channel B and related work is estimated at \$1.2 million
13. What if the cost is above the estimated amount?  
**Answer:** County will assess and determine at that time.
14. No fuel allowed on site?  
**Answer:** There is no fuel currently on site. The Contractor is responsible for establishing any necessary fuel site required.
15. What is the Contractors responsibility related to electric and pump?  
**Answer:** The county will work with Glades Electric to supply power to the pad mounted transformer as shown on the plans. The contractor is responsible to provide a concrete slab for the transformer (if not supplied by Glades Electric), the underground feeder to the electric rack, all motor controls and electric components as shown on the plans or included in the specification as needed to provide a complete operational electric system. The pumps and motors shall also be supplied by the contractor.

There is an existing electric service, small pump and well at the NW corner of the property. The contractor will be responsible to remove the pump and all electric components between the meter and the pump. The county will properly close the well and work with Glades Electric to remove the service and the meter.

16. How will the contractor work to install the pipes under the Canal A if it has water in it?

**Answer:** Methods are up to the Contractor but cofferdams could be used.

17. Are South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) permits required for dewatering?

**Answer:** The Contractor will be responsible for any dewatering permits required. The Contractor's means and methods will dictate the type of dewatering permit required, however, the Engineer expects that only a General Permit as defined by Chapter 40E-20, F.A.C. will be needed.

18. Is there a need to by-pass water in the Canal A?

**Answer:** The County does not anticipate issues with cutting off the water in the canal for irrigation purposes, neither property owners adjacent pull from it. However, after a rain event the canal might be needed to alleviate flooding upstream. For this reason, the Contractor should plan this phase of work to be executed when it is least likely to experience a significant rainfall or provide a method to bypass water.

19. When will the cattle be removed from the property?

**Answer:** The cattle will be removed as soon as we have an executed contract.

20. Does the impoundment need to have fencing in place on the perimeter since the cows will be removed?

**Answer:** Yes, fencing needs to be in place surrounding the impoundment to keep cattle out of the area.

21. What direction will the access road drain?

**Answer:** The access road will drain toward the seepage ditch.

22. Is the access road surrounding the impoundment?

**Answer:** There are two access roads in the plans. One extends from the SW corner of the impoundment property to the connection with Driggers Road and extends into the impoundment property at pump station. This road is capped with shell rock. The other access road parallels the impoundment berm on the north, east and south sides. This road is not capped with shell rock.

23. ITB 18-023, Section 00300-3, Bid Form, subsection D; the waiver of right to claim against payment/construction bond (section 00836) is marked as a "required" form for the bid submittal. Please provide clarification that this form is not required until completion of the project.

**Answer:** This form must be submitted with bid.

24. ITB 18-023, Section 00420, STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS, subsection 17. The Board requires that Bidders provide a copy of all current, valid construction related licenses. Would the Board find it acceptable if Bidder only provides licenses issued to it by the State of Florida?  
**Answer:** Yes, the Contractor can provide applicable licenses from the State of Florida.
25. For clarification with the bid submittal, is the bidder required to submit an original, hard copy and electronic version of only the required forms with associated attachments or is it required to submit the entire client provided ITB document intact as an original, hard copy and electronic version?  
**Answer:** The entire ITB does not need to be submitted. Just the completely filled out Bid Form and the documents listed under item D of the Bid Form shown as "D. Documentation Included with Bid Packet" and the proof of insurance.
26. General Specification 025A – Special Provisions, HSE Requirements, # 3 Submittals states: Submittals made with bid shall include the bidding Owner's HSE plan along with any subcontractor's HSE plan. Electronic submission is allowed. All subcontractors shall sign at the bottom of the page verifying that the Subcontractor has read and understands the HSE procedures. Question: The Owners HSE Plan is not provided within the bid documents, please provide. Additionally, please verify if contractors and/or subcontractor's HSE plan is required with the bid submittal or if this is considered a post bid deliverable. Lastly, on Page 1 of 1 in GS025A, please indicate who and when this signature page is to be executed.  
**Answer:** The reason Specification 025A was included was to inform the bidders that a written safety program will be required of the successful bidder so that any anticipated costs can be included in the bid amount. After the award the bidder will review his safety program with Highlands County and the Engineer of Record.
27. The specification makes reference to working with the original manufacturer (for refurbishment) of the pump to be relocated. Please identify the original manufacturer of the pump, pump motor, etc.  
**Answer:** Creel Pump from Lake Placid, Florida.
28. Please provide a copy of the sign in sheet for the site walk.  
**Answer:** Sign-In Sheet from the Non Mandatory Pre Bid Meeting is available on VendorRegistry.com. The Site visit was not required. The solicitation and the advertisement for this solicitation stated the Pre Bid Meeting was Non Mandatory. The Pre Bid Agenda incorrectly indicated the meeting was mandatory. That was corrected at the Pre Bid meeting.
29. What will happen with the Brazilian Pepper and other material removed?  
**Answer:** This can be pushed up and burned. Any necessary permitting will be coordinated between the Contractor and the County.
30. Regarding the relocation of the metal platform and Creel pump, what will happen to wood part of structure?  
**Answer:** Dispose of shed and wood. Relocate pump house and metal platform to new location. Replace the wood shed with a similar structure that was removed.
31. Can we burn material cleared from ditch?  
**Answer:** Yes, see item 29 above.

32. Article 9 "Contract Times" of the Invitation to Bid states that the substantial completion and final completion dates would be outlined in the Bid Form. However, I cannot locate these terms in Section 00300. Please advise as to the number of days until substantial completion and the number of days until final completion or advise on where these terms can be located in the contract documents.

**Answer:** All work related to this project must be completed by a date certain. Bidder agrees that the Work will be completed by May 31, 2019. Please see item "F" in Section 00300.

33. Contractor respectfully request that at least an additional week is provided for additional questions after receipt of answers to questions to date. And the bid extended at least one week after all questions have been answered.

**Answer:** Additional time has been provided.

34. Would the County consider extending the bid date to give the contractors time to review the latest question and answer addendum?

**Answer:** Yes, an Addendum No. 5 is currently being developed to answer questions that are not answered at this time.

35. Will there be an addendum #4, supplying documents discussed at the pre bid meeting?  
-Geo-Tech report showing Muck Probe information

**Answer:** Yes this Addendum includes some questions from the Pre Bid Meeting. An Addendum No. 5 is being developed at this time to answer questions remaining and the muck probe information will be provided.

36. Has the bid date been postponed?

**Answer:** Yes

37. Will an extension be granted in the upcoming addendum?

**Answer:** The County has allowed additional time as may be required.

38. Will the labor wage rate and payroll reporting included in this solicitation be applicable for both parts A and B

**Answer:** Yes, investigation into this issue after the site visit found that the wage rates will be applicable for the entire project, both A and B.

***Nothing said verbally will change this solicitation, only a written Addendum will change information in this solicitation.***