



**ITB#2019-003 DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL & DISPOSAL SERVICES  
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS  
CLARIFICATION ON SPECIFICATIONS  
ADDENDUM 1**

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**Vendor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(A copy must be attached to the Addenda Acknowledgement)

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**QUESTIONS**

1. Is a bid bond required for this project? One part of the document states none required and one spot states a 5% bid bond is required.
  - a. No bid bond is required.
2. In the Vendors Pricing Section, under specialty removal, silt removal and putrescent removal does not have a unit clarification. Will the County revise the pricing to allow for silt removal per the cubic yard and putrescent removal by the pound?
  - a. Yes.
3. Will the County provide traffic control?
  - a. No, the Contractor will be responsible for traffic control.
4. Would the County allow DMS setup for staging- to get different permissions for staging if the whole County is impacted?
  - a. Yes, the County would be willing to ask land owners, or allow the Contractor to ask land owners, if their property can be used as temporary staging areas.
5. Do white goods go to the transfer station?
  - a. Yes.
6. Will the Contractor be responsible for the tipping fee at the transfer station?
  - a. No, it will be a direct pass through where the County would be directly billed for the tipping fees.



7. Can chips be dumped on location as chipping occurs?
  - a. No.
8. Where should chipping occur?
  - a. At the debris staging and reduction area(s).
9. On the bid table under the column "established total units," does the County have an estimated "established total unit" or do we assume "1 unit" to reflect single unit pricing?
  - a. There are no estimated totals, the bidder is to base the price on their best estimate for the area and provide only the unit price on the bid sheet.
10. Will the payment for hazardous trees and limbs be for the cut only and placement of debris safely onto the ROW for collection?
  - a. The unit rate will be only for the cutting. The collection, hauling, reduction and disposal cost will be under the other unit rates.
11. Will the payment for hazardous stumps include hauling?
  - a. Yes.
12. Please explain specifically how the pricing of one proposal will be evaluated against the pricing from another proposal.
  - a. Prices will be compared based on the amount of each bid item we have seen in other disasters in the County.
13. Will each pricing proposal be analyzed and refined to become one total number which can then be compared to the other proposals?
  - a. Yes.
14. Will extended totals (unit price multiplied by estimated quantity) be used to evaluate pricing?
  - a. Yes.
15. Will all pricing line items be evaluated equally or will some line items receive more importance in the evaluation?
  - a. Some items will receive more importance in the evaluation.
16. Who will provide the locations of the DMS?
  - a. The County.
17. The Scope of Work Item C states that C&D will be direct hauled to a landfill and reduction of debris will be limited to vegetative debris. The pricing form states that C&D will be taken to a DMS. FEMA will only pay for the removal of C&D from a DMS if it was reduced. Does the County want to add a line item for reduction of C&D?
  - a. No, the Lumpkin County Landfill will be the DMS for all C&D.
18. Does the County want to add a line item for collecting C&D from ROW and hauling direct to the landfill?
  - a. No.
19. There is a single rate for any distance for the collection of Veg and C&D from ROW to DMS as well as a single price for any distance for the final haul out of debris from the DMS to final disposal. How and when will it be determined that the County would use the single rate versus the tiered rate based on mileage?
  - a. The County has the option to use a tiered rate or a single rate. This will be determined prior to the Notice to Proceed being issued.
20. The column for quantities is blank- should we put a quantity of one in all line items?
  - a. No.
21. If tipping fees will be treated as a pass through, do we write "pass through" on the pricing form for the three line items tipping fees vegetative, mix and C&D?
  - a. Yes.



22. The scope of work for the removal of hazardous trees and hanging limbs is silent regarding if this is a “cut rate” only or if the rate includes hauling the remnant debris to the DMS. If the scope requires us to haul the remnant debris to the DMS, this would require collection trucks to follow the tree removal crews and ONLY pick up debris from their work, thereby skipping piles of debris and leaving it on the street to be picked up by another collection truck. If there is a major event, collection trucks will be more efficiently used if they could travel the ROW and pick up ALL debris rather than skipping piles and only following the tree crew. This also means that all resulting debris will have to be staged separately at the DMS to ensure no co-mingling of debris is allowed. There will be a need for additional equipment to manage the site segregated for hazardous tree work or there will be lost time in moving equipment between the two areas. Limited Debris Management Sites, DMS size and locations often make this scenario extremely difficult. The typical method is to price hazardous trees and hanging limbs as a “cut only” rate and to place the resulting debris in the ROW for collection as vegetative debris. This method frees up collection trucks and expedites the collection process. Will the County consider clarifying the scope to allow for the debris from removing hazardous leaning trees and hanging limbs to be placed in the ROW to be collected and paid for as regular vegetative debris?
  - a. The unit rate will be only for the cutting. The collection, hauling, reduction and disposal cost will be under the other unit rates.
23. Specialty debris removal- waterway debris removal- does the scope for this work call for water-based operations or land-based operations?
  - a. Land-based operation.
24. If the answer to the previous question is both, will the County consider separating this line item into two separate line items: one for land-based operations and one for marine-based operations as this work is vastly different and requires different equipment?
25. Demolition- Is the Contractor to assume this is for Non-RACM debris only?
  - a. Yes.
26. If RACM debris is to be collected, will the County consider adding a line item to cover RACM demolitions?
  - a. No.
27. Please confirm the unit of measure for the removal of silt is supposed to be \$/CY.
  - a. Cubic Yards
28. Please confirm the unit of measure for the removal of putrescent debris is supposed to be \$/Pound.
  - a. Pounds
29. Please advise if there is any specific format or information that should be included in the proposals to describe the proposing firms’ qualifications, team, approach/methodology, financial status, resources, etc.
  - a. All required information is outlined in the Invitation to Bid package.
30. If there is a particular format or information listed in 28, would the County consider offering a deadline extension to allow time for proposing firms to build their proposals to the newly released requirements?
  - a. No.
31. Please provide the criteria by which proposals will be evaluated, including any percentage or point weighting method.
  - a. No.
32. Do we need to add disposal fees to our price proposal?
  - a. No, the disposal fees will be directly billed to the County.
33. The bid sheet mentions “established total units” to calculate total costs. What are those established units?
  - a. There are no estimated totals, the bidder is to base the price on their best estimate for the area and provide only the unit price on the bid sheet.



34. If tipping fees are a “pass through” cost, why does the County require negotiated tipping fee rates?
  - a. Not required.
35. With the listing of the 4 lines items for Veg/C&D collection and final disposal haul out, what is the purpose for the “single price” line item?
  - a. This is an option for the contractor, you can bid by either method; all distances the same rate or different rates for different distances.
36. The insurance clause in the Invitation to Bid, article 14, second paragraph asks the contractor to assume risk for indirect damages and has a very broad description of the acts that might cause damage. Is the County open to negotiating language in this clause to eliminate indirect damages and be more specific about the Contractor’s actions?
  - a. Yes.