



St. Johns River Water Management District

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DATE: May 29, 2020
TO: Prospective Respondents
FROM: Amy Lucey, Procurement Specialist
SUBJECT: Addendum #1 to Invitation for Bids #35541-1, Second Call: Lake Apopka Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Planting Project

As a result of inquiries, the following clarifications/changes are provided for your information. Please make all appropriate changes to your bid / proposal documents. Note: changes are reflected with original language shown with strike-through and new language is underlined.

Q1: What is the question and comment period on the RFB? Due to the changes from the district bidders are allowed questions correct?

A1: Please refer to page 5, Paragraph 6, INQUIRIES AND ADDENDA:

District staff are not authorized to orally interpret the meaning of the specifications or other Agreement documents, or correct any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency, or error therein. In order to be binding upon the District, the interpretation or correction must be given by the Procurement Specialist and must be in writing. The Procurement Specialist may orally explain the District's procedures and assist Respondents in referring to any applicable provision in the Invitation for Bids documents, but the Respondent is ultimately responsible for submitting the Bid in the appropriate form and in accordance with written procedures.

Every request for a written interpretation or correction must be received at least **nine** days prior to opening of Bids in order to be considered. Requests may be submitted by fax at 321-722-5357 or by email at ALucey@sjrwmd.com.

CLARIFICATIONS:

1. Page 7, paragraph 15. AWARDING THE AGREEMENT.:

- a. ~~The An~~ Agreement will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible Respondent, being the Respondent with the lowest total price per acre who demonstrates, in accordance with the requirements of the bid documents, a verifiable history of the skill, ability, integrity, and reliability necessary for the faithful performance of the Agreement (the "Successful Respondent"). The District reserves the right to make **an additional award to the second** award(s) **lowest responsive and responsible Respondent if the Successful Respondent is unable to plant all acreage the District requires** by individual plant species, and to issue multiple awards based on any combination of the plant species listed on the Cost Schedule. Maximum acres to be planted are for informational purposes and are not guaranteed. The District expressly reserves the right to increase or decrease any plant species or part of the product including the right of the District to



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delete any species. The Agreement may be modified based on the District’s acceptance of any alternatives listed in the bid that the District deems in its best interest.

2. Page 12, Cost Schedule is revised as follows:

Respondents must provide the following: 1) the Price per Acre for BOTH plant species; 2) the Total Price Per Acre (both plant species added together; and 3) the Maximum Number of Acres the Respondent Can Plant (for both plant species). The District does not guarantee any number of acres For award purposes only, Respondents must provide the price per acre, maximum acres to be planted and the total cost for BOTH plant species listed below. The District does not guarantee any number of acres planted or the purchase of any amount of plant species.

Maximum acres to be planted are for informational purposes and are not part of the award process.

Plant Species (5000 plants per acre)	Price per Acre	Maximum Number of Acres to be planted Respondent Can Plant
<i>Vallisneria americana</i> (3 different cultivars or field types)	\$	
<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i> (2 different cultivars or field types)	\$	
TOTAL PRICE PER ACRE (for award purposes only)	\$	

NOTE: The Bid Opening remains 2:15 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2020

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the BID FORM provided in the bid package.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at alucey@sjrwmd.com



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Attachments:

Page 7, revised Addendum 1

Page 12, COST SCHEDULE, Revised Addendum 1

- h. The evidence submitted by Respondent, or the District's investigation of Respondent, fails to satisfy the District that Respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement in a manner acceptable to the District and within the time period specified;
- i. Any other cause that is sufficient to raise doubt regarding the ability of a Respondent to perform the Work in a manner that meets the District's objectives for the Work.

13. REJECTION OF BID

Bids must be delivered to the specified location and received before the Bid opening in order to be considered. Untimely Bids will be returned to the Respondent unopened. Bids will be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show material omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, or other material irregularities. The District may consider incomplete any Bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions specified herein, and reserves the right to waive any minor deviations or irregularities in an otherwise valid Bid.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and cancel this request for qualifications when it determines, in its sole judgment and discretion, that it is not in its best interest to award the agreement.

14. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Respondent may withdraw its Bid if it submits such a written request to the District prior to the designated date and hour of opening of Bids. Respondent may be permitted to withdraw its Bid no later than 72 hours after the Bid opening for good cause, as determined by the District in its sole judgment and discretion.

15. AWARDING THE AGREEMENT

- a. ~~The~~ An Agreement will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible Respondent, being the Respondent with the lowest total price per acre who demonstrates, in accordance with the requirements of the bid documents, a verifiable history of the skill, ability, integrity, and reliability necessary for the faithful performance of the Agreement (the "Successful Respondent"). The District reserves the right to make **an additional award to the second award(s) lowest responsive and responsible Respondent if the Successful Respondent is unable to plant all acreage the District requires** by individual plant species, and to issue multiple awards based on any combination of the plant species listed on the Cost Schedule. Maximum acres to be planted are for informational purposes and are not guaranteed. The District expressly reserves the right to increase or decrease any plant species or part of the product including the right of the District to delete any species. The Agreement may be modified based on the District's acceptance of any alternatives listed in the bid that the District deems in its best interest.
- b. Section 286.0113, Fla. Stat., exempts from being open to the public, any portion of a meeting at which: (1) a negotiation with a Respondent is conducted pursuant to a competitive solicitation; (2) a Respondent makes an oral presentation as part of a competitive solicitation; (3) a Respondent answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation; or (4) negotiation strategies are discussed. Also, recordings of, and any records presented at, the exempt meeting are exempt from §119.07(1) and §24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution (Public Records) until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, submittals, or final replies, whichever occurs earlier. A complete recording shall be made of any portion of an exempt meeting. No portion of the exempt meeting may be held off the record.
- c. Pursuant to §286.0113 Fla. Stat., if the District rejects all bids and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the competitive solicitation, any recordings or records presented at any exempt meeting relating to the solicitation shall remain exempt from §119.07(1) and §24(a), Art. I of the

COST SCHEDULE

Include this form in the response

Bid to be opened at 2:15 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2020

To: ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with the advertisement requesting bids for the Lake Apopka Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Planting, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the undersigned proposes to perform the Work for the price contained in the following schedule (fill in all blanks).

If said bid exceeds the estimated amount previously provided, the District expressly reserves the right to increase, decrease, or delete any class, item, or part of the Work, as may be determined by the District.

Respondents are reminded to refer to "PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF BID DOCUMENTS" for information to be included with the bid package.

RESPONDENTS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A BID ON ANY OR ALL TASKS. Costs must include, but not be limited to, equipment, labor, supervision, and incidentals necessary to complete all activities specified.

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Cost schedule continued on the next page.