



REQUEST FOR BID

"Tree Trimming Contractor"

RFB NO: 17BCP03A

March 30, 2017

ADDENDUM #1

Notice to Respondents:

This addendum will be considered a part of Bastrop County's Request for a Tree Trimming Contractor. Where provisions of this addendum differ from those of the original Request for Bids, this addendum will govern.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Printed Name of Respondent

Authorized Signature

Date

RETURN ONE COPY SIGNED COPY OF THIS ADDENDUM TO THE PURCHASING OFFICE WITH YOUR SEALED PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY YOUR RESPONSE FROM CONSIDERATION FOR AWARD.

ITEMS FOR ADDENDUM 1

Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes:

1) Question:

Is the County R.O.W defined by fence or barrier? What do I do when there is no fence or property marker?

ANSWER:

If the contractor has any question about where the property boundary is then the contractor should call the Commissioner or the Commissioners Road and Bridge Foreman. In the instance where there is no fence or boundary marker the Bastrop County Precinct foreman will go out and mark the R.O.W boundary for the contractor.

2) Question:

Does the contractor include the limbs hanging over the roadway for removal?

ANSWER:

Yes, all tree limbs should be cut to a height of 14 feet from the ground. The contractor will leave and report all Oak tree limbs that need to be cut. Contractor will not cut any Oak trees.

3) Question:

Some areas may require preparation to be able to get to the underbrush and vines, should the contractor remove this using mechanical cutting devices?

ANSWER:

Trees that are leaning into or over the roadway shall be trimmed. The contractor should only cut the overhanging limbs from trees and they should be trimmed up to a height of 14 feet from the ground and no further back than the County R.O.W. boundry.

4) Question:

Are their designated R.O.W. markers?

ANSWER:

No, but there is no fence present than once the contractor contacts the County Commissioner or his Road and Bridge Foreman, the County will go out and mark the location in question.

5) Question:

Are dead standing trees included in this contract? Should the contractor do anything with downed dead trees in the County R.O.W.?

ANSWER:

The contractor should not cut down or grind any stumps from dead trees. If any dead trees are encountered then the contractor should contact the County Commissioner or his Road and Bridge Foreman.

6) Question:

Should the Contractor remove any of the flood debris within the County R.O.W.?

ANSWER:

No this contract will not cover any flood debris removal from the County R.O.W. Bastrop County has a separate contract for flood debris removal .

7) Question:

Should the contractor remove any household debris or refuse within the County R.O.W.?

ANSWER:

Removal of household debris or refuse is not covered under this contract. The contractor will not remove any household debris or refuse.

8) Question:

RFB 17BCP03A list the work hours as 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM, is there any flexibility with these hours?

ANSWER:

Yes, the contractor should coordinate all activities through the Commissioner or his/her designee. The less traveled locations within the project locations can have more flexible working hours, while heavier traveled roads may have more stringent work hours. All of this will need to be communicated and worked out prior to beginning the project.

9) Question:

In riding the roads listed in the Project summary, it was observed that there was some flags marking the beginning and ending of certain roads. Have this been placed there for this project?

ANSWER:

No, these flags were not placed by the County and they have no bearing on this project.

10) Question:

What is required for traffic control?

ANSWER:

The contractor should meet or exceed the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) manual and TXDOT standards. The contractor will be required to have signage on both ends of the project road where the contractor is working. All work should take place on one side of the roadway and completion of that work should occur before the contractor begins work on the opposite side of the road.

11) Question:

Can the Contractor leave mulch in the R.O.W.?

ANSWER:

Yes, the ground mulch can be left in the R.O.W.

12) FINAL COMMENTS:

The Contractor should submit a copy of their insurance along with their bid. Should the bid cost for this project exceed the \$25,000 threshold then the Contractor should include the cost of a Payment Bond with their bid. (It would need to be calculated into the per mile price). Should the bid price exceed \$100,000 then the Contractor should include the cost of a Performance Bond with their bid. It is highly advised that all Contractors submitting a bid for this project, to drive the project locations to fully understand the needs of this RFB. Should you have further questions please submit them via email to:

purchasing@co.bastrop.tx.us

The deadline for all questions is Noon on March 27, 2017.