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DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2019

ADDENDUM NO.: 3

BID NO.: FWC 19/20-31

BID TITLE: MECHANICAL TREATMENT OF VEGETATION ON HILOCHEE
OSPREY UNIT WMA

UPDATE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The enclosed addendum has been issued for consideration in the preparation of your response to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Solicitation No. FWC 19/20-31, "Mechanical Treatment of Vegetation on Hilochee Osprey Unit WMA".

All responses to the subject solicitation must be received no later than 2:00 PM (ET) on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

A response received after the exact time specified will not be considered. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Written notices, formal requests and proceedings must conform with the requirements set forth in Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Protests must be filed with the Purchasing Office, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 2590 Executive Center Circle, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S. and Chapter 28-110, F.A.C.

Sincerely,

Ruth Heggen

FWC Procurement Manager

BEGIN ADDENDUM NO. 3

Item #1: Questions and Answers

Questions: In the bid package it does say that in some areas 10 to 20% of the vegetation will be left for wildlife habitat purposes. That leads me to assume that 80 to 100% of ALL vegetation, in these areas, will be targeted regardless of size. When I mentioned this, I was directed to question #4 in Addendum No. 1. It states: will there be a DBH or height requirement for trees to be removed? Answer: trees with a DBH of 3 inches or less (or approximately 15 feet tall or shorter) can be removed.

1. First of all, in the question should the word “removed” technically have been “mulched”? And then in the answer it says they “can” be removed. Should that be “must” be removed?
2. Based on these two facts, one in the bid package, and one on the addendum, there is no way we could go on the property and determine exactly what the target species are.
3. Is it in fact no tree larger than 3-inch DBH or more than 15 feet tall will be left standing? What about oak trees? Cypress trees? Palmetto? We have no way of knowing what the targets are.

Answers: This is what is listed in the scope of work section of the ITB:

Roughly 10-20% of some treatment areas will be left untreated in specific configurations to provide cover for wildlife.

The scope of work also states:

Contractor shall be liable for damage to non-target trees. Work shall not be performed within the drip-line of non-target trees to prevent root damage.

Non-target trees are those greater than a 3-inch DBH, or greater than approximately 15 feet tall. The roughly 10-20% that will be left untreated is to be the non-target trees, and that area within the drip line of those non-target trees. Also, “work shall not be performed” means no mulching.

Yes, removed and mulched are to mean the same thing.

Yes, can is to mean must.

Trees with a DBH of larger than 3 inches, or larger than approximately 15 feet tall, WILL be left standing. Cypress should not be mulched, as cypress trees are an indicator of a wetland area. None of the areas to be treated are in wetlands.

END ADDENDUM NO. 3