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DATE: March 23, 2012  
ADDENDUM NO.: 1  
BID NO.: FWC 11/12-69  
BID TITLE: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA SIGNS  
ADD Questions and Answers  
UPDATE Calendar of Events, Term and Specifications

If the COMMISSION finds it necessary to supplement, modify or interpret any portion of the specifications or documents during the ITB period an addendum shall be issued. An Addendum Acknowledgment Form shall be signed by an authorized vendor representative, dated, and returned to the COMMISSION prior to the opening date and time specified in the Calendar of Events.

Sharita Newman,  
Procurement Manager

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

VENDOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR FEID#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Updated Calendar of Events

SCHEDULE	DUE DATE	METHOD
Bid Advertised	March 2, 2012	<b>Posted on the Vendor Bid System:</b> <a href="http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu">http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main menu</a>
<b>Deadline for Questions</b>	Must be received <b>PRIOR</b> to: March 14, 2012 <b>@ 5:00 p.m.</b>	See Deadline for Questions Clause
<b>SEALED BIDS DUE AND OPENED</b>  (REMEMBER: Bid Number should be clearly marked on envelope)	Must be received <b>PRIOR</b> to: <b>April 10, 2012</b> <b>@ 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Submit BEFORE the due date and time to the following address:</b>  Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Attn: Purchasing 620 S. Meridian St., Room 364 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

### TERM

The contract will be effective from **April 17, 2012 to April 16, 2015.**

Delivery shall be completed by the vendor within 60 days from the Direct Order date. If circumstances constituting Force Majeure have occurred, or if anything occurs beyond the Vendor's control, the Vendor may request in writing an extension of Delivery Date. The Contract Manager and the Contract Administrator, upon review of the extension request, will determine and approve if the extension can be made.

### QUESTION AND ANSWERS

1. Question: What do the round dots on the drawings represent? (4- on the large primary entrance sign, and 2- on the secondary entrance sign) We were under the impression no hardware is to be seen on the face.  
Response: The round dots are the location for the holes for the mounting through bolts.
2. Question: Sign Panels; 3a,b,c, state the sizes. The manufacturer produces the sheets exactly 48 x 96. We want to quote based on nominal sizes to get good yield and good pricing. i.e. 47.5" x 95.5"; 47.5" x 47.5", is this OK?  
Response: Please use bid specification and drawings
3. Question: Sign Panels; 4a,b; TOP PORTION = TAN/GREEN/TAN MATERIAL, tan skin with green text routed/recessed into green core. BOTTOM PORTION; = GREEN/TAN/GREEN MATERIAL, green skin with tan text routed/recessed into tan core., Thus the sign will be manufactured using 2 separate panels. NOTE; we would suggest a 11" high by length (required) of .080 aluminum joiner plate with ½" screws in a pattern of a minimum of 3". With 2 to 3, 1"x1" vertical angles to prevent thermal movement. Drawing can be provided.

Response: The sign blank is a single 3 layer panel with a green skin and tan core. A joiner plate is not acceptable.

4. Question: Line 1 states "3/4-inch thick, 3-ply HDPE sheet". The Drawings titled FWC 11/12-69 DRAWINGS, list the signboard as 1". King Colorcore comes in 3/4" not 1", as a standard thickness. Question: What thickness are the sign panels?

Response: The sign blank thickness is 3/4"

5. Question: It is our understanding that each sign is constructed of 2 separate sign panels. One Panel for the top, and one panel for the bottom. If this is the case, shouldn't the "Sign Panels" Section, line 4b - read; BOTTOM PORTION of sign– Green/Tan/Green – green skin with tan core for text.

Response: It is one sign panel.

6. Question: Line 8 states: "5 extra copies of logo insert per sign." The Bid Sheet, under Additional Items, asks for prices on replacement logos. Question: Should each sign include, and ship with, 5 extra logo inserts?

Response: No

7. Question: There is no mention of Sign Posts being included in the bid. Are Sign Posts excluded?

Response: Yes

8. Question: Are there currently Signs of this type existing for us to look at?

Response: No

9. Question: Once approved, will the sample sign be used in the project or discarded?

Response: The sign sample is a requirement for a vendor to become qualified to have their bid accepted. The sign sample becomes the property of FWC.

10. Question: What degree of beveled edges are required?

Response: Signs are to have slightly rounded edges. No beveling.

11. Question: According to the United States Sign Council (USSC) the "Rule of Thumb" legibility index is 30. That means at a distance of 300', all letters would need to be 10" in height. The letter height on the sign renderings do not meet your 300' legibility requirements. Will you increase the size of the signs or remove this requirement?

Response: We will not increase the size of the signs and will remove the lettering height requirement.

12. Question: The panel manufacturer, King Color states there is no patch kit available for the materials specified. We can provide a press fit "Plug" of the same material. This would require drilling out the slug with a 5/8" drill then tapping in the plug until it is flush with the surface. Would that form of "patch kit" be acceptable?

Response: Refer to the specification for the maintenance kit. If the kit that you propose meets that spec, then it is acceptable

13. Question: The panel manufacturer, King Color states that they can not hold prices for more than 30 days because of raw material volatility. All plastics are petroleum based. Will you accept a base bid with a "materials cost increase surcharge" provided we provide written documentation as to the price increase for subsequent years?

Response: No, the bid is for unit prices as written on the bid form.

14. Question: Who is to perform the sign installations?

Response: By others.

15. Question: Who provides the posts?

Response: By others; to be determined by FFWCC.

16. Question: King Color states that their products are manufactured from "10% post consumer products and 20% post industrial products". Your specifications call for "50% recycled product". Please clarify if the King Color composition is acceptable. If not, please specify a product that is.  
Response: Some recycled content is required. No specific percentage is required.
17. Question: Is all hardware for horizontal supports to signs (threaded inserts and mach. Bolts), angles between supports and posts (screws) and all the post bolts to be included in the bid?  
Response: No; only reinforcing bracing and bracing hardware for primary entrance signs is required.
18. Question: Are any vertical posts to be supplied, 8 x & 6 x 6 as shown on drawings, A100-A103?  
Response: No
19. Question; Are all 2 x 4 supports for all 3 sign types to be supplied in the bid, Primary, Secondary & Cooperative horizontal supports? (all supports do require fabrication to fit to the inserts in the signs).  
Response: No; only reinforcing bracing and bracing hardware for primary entrance signs is required.
20. Question: I have looked over the specifications very closely on the signs. I have a question regarding the construction of the sign faces – are they in two pieces? The top part is tan and the bottom part is green. The material specified for the job is made up of layers. Each layer is a different color. When the top of the layer is cut out the second layer (color) is exposed. The only way I know to make these signs would be to use two different colors of material and join them together on the back side. Is this correct?  
Response: The sign shall be constructed from a single two color 3-ply blank. The blank shall have a tan core and green skin.
21. Question: In the document f6005 wmaentrysign100cds page 2, it states that you are NOT looking for us to supply the P.T. 2x4 back braces and the 6x6 and 8x8 P.T. posts. Is that correct? ( I have attached the page with this information ) If you do want us to supply the posts and bracing , there is no spec for the finish. If you do not want us to supply them can I suggest using a recycled plastic product. It has a 50 year warranty and there is no painting or maintenance. If you look on our website at [www.baldwindesignworks.com](http://www.baldwindesignworks.com)<<http://www.baldwindesignworks.com>> you can see all of these types of products..  
Response: only reinforcing bracing and **bracing** hardware for primary entrance signs is required. Bidders will not supply the posts.
22. Question: I see the signs are Tan Green Tan on the top half and Green Tan Green on the bottom. If you try and do that out of the same sheet it creates some issues. We have been doing these kinds of signs for the past 14 years. The green background will not be the same texture as the top portion and it will have router tool marks. Also It creates a warping issue because you are removing the top layer of plastic. It will want to curl/warp towards the side that you mill away even with the 2x4 supports in the back. Also all the lettering on the bottom would have to be raised and not v-carved /recessed. If you wanted the bottom half to be a different piece of material that is Green Tan Green from the factory we could do that. But I am not sure that that is a stock color. The manufacturer has a 42 sheet minimum for custom colors. They do make a Green White Green that would look great with the top color.  
Response: The bid is for unit prices with no minimum order. Refer to colors and specs provided.
23. Question: How are the digital print logos mounted into place. The spec says that you don't want any fasteners showing in the front. You can't use any adhesive to do it because nothing sticks to the HDPE sign board. You have to use a mechanical fastener of some kind or a trim ring that is usually made of the same color HDPE that you can screw in from the back.  
Response: Bidder is to provide a method to accomplish our specification.

24. Question: For shipping purposes. Do you know how many signs you will be shipping to each area at a time?  
Response: This is a unit price bid. The number of signs will vary year to year and location to location. There is no specific number of signs that can be projected.
25. Question: If you would like any sign samples to be done to determine if you want the two factory sheets put together I can do that for you. I believe it will be a better product for you in the end.  
Response: No, the bid is for single panel signs.
26. Question: KING PLASTICS does not manufacture a multi colored surface/core. Their standard 3 ply is only color/core/color; please advise.  
Response: The sign blank is a green skin with a tan core.
27. Question: Your creative in the bid packet shows the signs being TAN ON TOP WITH GREEN CORE and GREEN ON BOTTOM WITH TAN CORE; this requires the sign to be constructed in two pieces, top and bottom and butted together when mounting.  
Response: The sign shall be constructed from a single two color 3-ply blank. The blank shall have a tan core and green skin. Half of the sign shall have the letters in relief and the background routed. The other half of the sign shall have the background in relief and the letters routed to achieve the desired colors depicted.

**Below is the revised sign panel specification:**

Sign Panels:

1. 3/4-inch thick, 3-ply HDPE sheet
2. Sign is routed on single side
3. 3 Types (sample graphics – see attachments): a. Primary entrance = 48”h x 96”w x 3/4” thick;  
b. Secondary entrance = 48”x48”x 3/4”;  
c. Cooperative Area entrance = 48”x48”x 3/4”
4. Color: 2-color HDPE sheet, must be King Plastics Color-Core Green/Tan/Green or equivalent.
  - a. ~~TOP PORTION of sign – Tan/Green/Tan – tan skin with green core for text,~~
  - b. ~~BOTTOM PORTION of sign – Tan/Green/Tan – green skin with tan core for text~~
  - a. Sign Blank have a green skin and tan core. Green/Tan/Green