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DATE: October 22, 2013
ADDENDUM NO.: 1
BID NO.: FWC 13/14-34
BID TITLE: MAINTENANCE OF PLANTED TREES & SHRUBS IN EVERGLADES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
ADD Questions and Answers
Pre-Bid Sign-in Sheet

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 #: _____

FAX #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

MAINTENANCE OF PLANTED TREES & SHRUBS IN EVERGLADES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

FWC BID 13/14-34

October 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Q & A Sheet

Question	Answer
1. Can the vendor use herbicides?	<i>As per the bid specifications, the use of herbicides is prohibited unless approved in writing by the FWC project manager.</i>
2. Does the FWC have a map with the total number of islands and cages?	<i>Yes. There are currently 77 islands with approximately 7,650 exclosures that require maintenance. The awarded vendor will be provided with detailed maps and GPS coordinates for each island to be maintained. The FWC will also provide an estimate of how many cages should be found on each island.</i>
3. Would the vendor use the boat ramp used for the meeting (MM 38 on north side of I-75)?	<i>The vendor can access the WMA from the L5 levee and various boat ramps located along I-75 and US 27. The project manager will provide available boat ramps with the work plan.</i>
4. Is this job quarterly? Will the vendor have to clean the cages quarterly or once a year?	<i>The maintenance of planted trees and shrubs in Everglades WMA is conducted on an annual basis. The Commission has the option to renew this Contract on a yearly basis for a period up to three (3) years.</i>
5. Is the vendor required to submit track logs?	<i>No.</i>
6. Does the vendor turn in the tags on the cages? Does the vendor only turn in the tag if cleaning or all?	<i>As per the bid specs, only metal tags from removed exclosures should be collected and placed in re-sealable bags labeled dead or alive with the island number. In addition, the vendor shall also record the tag information for each exclosure cleaned and/or removed.</i>
7. Does the FWC have an estimate of how many cages need to be removed?	<i>The average number of cages removed from dead and live trees in the last 5 years is approximately 700 per year.</i>

Question	Answer
<p>8. Would the cage on that tree (pointed to a live, large myrsine) need to be removed?</p>	<p><i>As per the bid specs, shrubs (Carolina willow, cocoplum, wild coffee, firebush, myrsine) that have outgrown (bursting through and over) their exclosures and Carolina willow trees that have at least a 2-inch diameter and are at least 10 feet tall may have their exclosures removed. The project manager would work closely with the vendor to determine questionable removals.</i></p>
<p>9. Would the vendor just lift the cage up to clean?</p>	<p><i>Yes, one method of cleaning is to lift the cage up to clear weeds, other debris, and large plants that may be shading out and/or restricting growth of the planted tree or shrub. Exclosures must then be replaced upright and stabilized.</i></p>
<p>10. How many islands are included for maintaining?</p>	<p><i>There are about 77 islands with approximately 7,650 exclosures.</i></p>
<p>11. Is this a typical representation of the islands (was referring to the first island visited)?</p>	<p><i>Yes. Some islands will be more or less accessible than the islands visited during the meeting. Access through the islands should be achieved with as little damage possible to native vegetation.</i></p>
<p>12. What are the island size ranges?</p>	<p><i>The islands range in size from less than an acre to 23 acres.</i></p>
<p>13. Does the FWC know how many cages are on each island?</p>	<p><i>The number of cages varies depending on the size of the island. The vendor will be given an approximate number of cages that should be found on each island and are required to search the island for the cages.</i></p>
<p>14. When is the start date?</p>	<p><i>Work must begin within 2 weeks of purchase order issue date. The FWC intends to start work mid to late November.</i></p>

ATTENDANCE LIST - MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE

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BID TITLE: EWMA Planted Tree & Shrub Maintenance Invitation To Bid

Conference Date: October 16, 2013

Time: 10:00AM

BID NUMBER: 13/14-34

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