

Questions and Responses

DMA-ITB-142

A. Questions submitted via email by Leonard Gulbranson of Gulbranson Maintenance Services, LLC on March 1, 2011:

Question 1: Are the awarded vendor(s) required to possess AMOT or IMOT Certification per FDOT and MUTCD regulations regarding work near Right of Ways?

Response: No, the vendor is not required to possess AMOT or IMOT Certification.

Question 2: It was mentioned that Federal Funds will be used for this project... are bidders required to be registered with CCR and ORCA?

Response: No, the bidder is not required to be registered with CCR or ORCA.

B. Questions submitted via email by Casimir S. Plocharczyk Jr. of Belle Lea Acres Inc. on March 2, 2011:

Question 1: Will the successful vendor be allowed to billet overnight(s) at Camp Blanding's Rozar/Fenegan Lodge or cottages, or VIP cottages?

Response: No, only members of the military can rent lodging or cottages out at Camp Blanding.

Question 2: Please clarify as to where the debris should be taken if not on post.

Response: It is not an option to use disposal areas at Camp Blanding for debris, for the purposes of the bid calculation. Vendor must determine disposal means and methods for the debris.

C. Questions submitted via email by Jeff Kirtley of Oasis Lawn and Landscapes on March 2, 2011:

Question 1: In Zone 1, is fire ant control part of the expected pesticide control?

Response: For Zone 1, ant control is expected in the pest control.

Question 2: In Zone 2, back by the pond, is the mowing/cut requirement to where the slope of the retention pond begins or are we required to keep the slope maintained as well? (Currently it is not being maintained as a finish cut).

Response: Zone 2, back by the pond, is to be maintained to its current standards.

D. Questions submitted via email by Mike Knighten of TLC Total Lawn Care, Inc. on March 3, 2011:

Question 1: Does 4.3 (a) require that I E-Verify all employees in my company including those hired in the past, or just those hired after starting the contract?

Response: Vendor must E-Verify all employees in the company.

Question 2: If an employee fails the E-Verify check and does not contest the findings and I continue to hire them, does that constitute "knowingly employs unauthorized aliens"?

Response: Yes, it would constitute knowingly employing unauthorized aliens.

Question 3: The way I understand this is that I must E-Verify everyone who currently works in my company, not just current hires and not just the folks who would perform work at Camp Blanding. Is that correct?

Response: Yes, the vendor must E-Verify everyone who currently works in his/her company.

Question 4: Does this RFP fall under State of Florida Regulations and have to conform to Chapter 482 of the State of Florida Pest Control Regulations? If so, when bidding on a Pest Control contract, it is not allowable for a non-licensed contractor to quote, bid, perform, or sub-contract pest control services. It requires a CPCO - Certified Pest Control Operator, and the company itself also has to be licensed. Subcontracting these services is not allowable by a non-licensed company which is different from what I heard at the walk through.

Response: This lawn service is being procured in accordance with Florida Statute 287.057. Please refer to Section 4.6.4 of the solicitation document which addresses licensing requirements by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Proposing vendors are charged with the responsibility of ensuring compliance with applicable licensing requirements.

Normally, DMA does not specifically address licensing requirements of proposing vendors. However in response to your question, Florida Statute 482.211 exempts this site. This has been confirmed via a telephone conversation with The State of Florida Bureau of Entomology.

E. Questions submitted via email by Mark Q. Hartle Jr. of First Impressions Lawn and Landscapes on March 3, 2011:

Question 1: Can a vendor qualify to bid if they prove that the owner has 3 years continuously in this business, even if the companies name is not the same as it was then?

Response: The specifications require that a company must have 3 years of experience.