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ADDENDUM NO.: 1

BID NO.: FWC 17/18-80

BID TITLE: SHALLOW WATER BOUNDARY SIGN POST  
INSTALLATION IN FKWEA

UPDATE: REVISION TO SCOPE OF WORK AND  
QUESTIONS & 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 17/18-80 "Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Shallow Water Boundary Sign Post Installation in the Florida Keys Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA)."

**All responses to the subject solicitation must be received no later than 2:00 P.M. (ET) on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.** 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, 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 (F.S.). 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, Suite 100, 2590 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes and Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Heggen*

Ruth Heggen  
FWC Procurement Manager

## ADDENDUM NO. 1

### **Item #1 Revision to Scope of Work**

The Scope of Work, Section 1.1 is hereby revised to read as follows:

1.1. Piles must consist of 6061 alloy aluminum pipe extruded schedule 40 in **3.5-inch**, or DOT sign post extrusion of **3.5-inch**, or FWC approved equivalent.

### **Item #2 Questions and Answers**

**Question #1:** Are there any restrictions on using an airboat or other amphibious vessel as a method of transporting crew and materials to the post installation locations?

**Answer #1:** Restrictions are that the Contractor shall not operate any vessel that might strike or otherwise injure coral, seagrass, or other immobile organisms attach to the seabed, or cause prop scarring, or cause soil disturbance when at mean high water and/or upland. Please note that the ITB Document FWC 17/18-80 (hereinafter "ITB Document"), pg. 12, states that the "Contractor is required to be familiar and comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work." Additionally, the ITB Document, *Scope of Work*, §3.4 provides:

3.4. The Contractor shall be responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules, including but not limited to:

3.4.1. Fla. Gen. Stat. § 327.40 ("Uniform Waterway Markers"), available at [http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0300-0399/0327/0327.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0300-0399/0327/0327.html).

3.4.2. Fla. Admin. Code (F.A.C.) Chapter 68D-23 ("Uniform Waterway Markers in Florida Waters"), available at <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=68D-23>.

**3.4.3. Guidelines for Posting Uniform Waterway Markers in Florida's Waterways, USFWS & FWC (March 2008), available at [http://myfwc.com/media/107062/Boat\\_WaterwayMarkerGuidelines.pdf](http://myfwc.com/media/107062/Boat_WaterwayMarkerGuidelines.pdf).**

**Question #2:** Are there any special permits required that the contractor will be responsible for?

**Answer #2:** So long as the Contractor remains at or above the MHW, and within the designated project area(s), the FWC is not aware of any special permit requirement(s) that would be triggered.

**However, for the avoidance of confusion: the ITB Document, pg. 9, states that “[p]ermitting for this project, if needed, is the responsibility of the Contractor.”**

**Question #3:** Do the aluminum posts have to run the entire length of the 6' vinyl sleeve?

**Answer #3:** Yes, unless the FWC Project Manager approves an exception to this requirement due to the particular circumstances of a given post.

**Question #4:** Are there any additional fastener specifications ie do the signs have to be through bolted or are self tapping screws into the post sufficient? If a self tapping screw is used to attach the sign to the post, is it required to fully embed into aluminum post (as the introduction of the stainless steel screws into aluminum post will cause galvanic corrosion)?

**Answer #4:** The ITB Document, Scope of Work, §2.8 states that “[s]igns shall be affixed to the posts using 316 alloy, stainless steel with fender washers and nylon insulating washers between contact surfaces of dissimilar metals or wood. See Figure 2. The Contractor shall not impact the message area of the sign, and the signs must be centered on the posts.” Please see Figure 2, Scope of Work, ITB Document, for a visual depiction of what is required in terms of the fasteners.

**Any deviation, such as the self tapping screws, may be considered by the FWC Project Manager. However, there is no guarantee that the FWC Project Manager will approve any such deviation(s) from the specifications and as visually depicted in Figure 2.**

Question #5: Please provide clarification on the Outside Diameter (OD) requirements for the pipe. The vinyl sleeve has an Inside Diameter (ID) of 3-5/8" which will not fit over a pipe with O.D. of 4" without causing a bow in the sleeve. Can we step down to 3-1/2" pipe (DOT 3.500 x .1875 which leaves a nominal 1/8" gap?).

**Answer #5: Thank you for this insight. See Revision to Scope of Work, §1.1, above.**

Question #6: Can you provide GPS coordinates for the sign locations in order to conduct a site visit (We would like to do that this Friday 2/16 if possible)?

**Answer #6: Exact sign locations will be determined by the FWC Project Manager after bids are received. Notwithstanding, see Addendum #1 Map provided below for further details in response to this Question.**

Question #7: Is there a guaranteed minimum number of signs posts to be placed or a minimum dollar amount to be spent if contract is awarded (ie the current year specifies 80 posts/\$72,000 but notes it is subject to budgetary constraints, will future years be of similar size and scope or larger?)? Is there a guaranteed minimum for subsequent years if the contract is extended?

**Answer #7: The dollar amount budgeted for this Project for this FY/initial term of the Contract is \$72,000; the number of sign posts will ultimately depend on bid prices received. The ITB Document does provide that this Contract may be renewed for up to three subsequent years, and the FWC does have the need for many more sign post installations in those renewal years.**

**With that said, the FWC legally cannot guarantee funding for subsequent Contract renewal years, as Florida Statutes §287.0582 provides that "[t]he State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."**

Question #8: We were only able to identify 66 "Sign Locations" based on the aerial photo from Figure 1. Are the remaining signs in the same general area?

**Answer #8: Yes.**

Question #9: Refer to Section 2.6: Are bench marks provided for the purpose of identifying MHW or does the Agency utilize some other methodology for a rough determination of MHW? If bench marks are to be used please provide XYZ coordinates.

**Answer #9: No, the FWC will not provide benchmarks. It is the Contractor's responsibility to properly determine the MHW.**

Question #10: How shallow are the areas to be navigated?

**Answer #10: Depth can change quickly and range between 0–24 inches, depending on the tides; and some areas may not be navigable during low tide.**

Question #11: How many signs are to be installed in this manner over the life of the contract if work is performed appropriately for this first term?

**Answer #11: The number of signs for subsequent renewal years will depend on bid prices received, and is contingent on further annual appropriation by the Legislature.**

**The FWC will state that it anticipates a need for approximately 70 signs for each renewal year, however, no guarantees can be made. See also Answer #8.**

Question #12: Is the post 4" inside or 4" outside diameter?

**Answer #12: See Revision to Scope of Work, §1.1, above.**

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### Addendum #1 Map



END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1