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ADDENDUM 2

TO: Vendors
FROM: Vianka Colin, Purchasing Director
**RE: INVITATION TO BID NUMBER ITB/FFS-18/19-17
INVASIVE PLANT TREATMENT IN LAKE WALES RIDGE STATE FOREST, PRAIRIE TRACT**

This addendum is to provide all potential bidders with answers to questions received in reference to Invitation to Bid ITB/FFS-18/19-17. **Deletions are struck through, and additions are highlighted.**

Question / Answer

1. Is there any native vegetation within the ditch system that needs to be avoided?

If native species can be avoided during treatment within the canal/ditches system of invasive aquatic species, then crews should avoid spraying natives with herbicide. However, if native species are intermixed with or covered by targeted invasive species, treatment will be allowed to eradicate invasive aquatics.

2. Will shapefiles be provided?

Yes, shapefiles will be given to the winning contractor via email or on-site to distribute to working crew's GPS units.

3. When were the invasive species previously treated in the area?

The strawberry guava was treated in early spring of 2018 by contractors, and the lygodium (OWCF) was partially treated by FFS staff around the same 2018, with some remaining from 3 years ago.

4. What type of GPS units/software are used by FFS?

OPS staff uses Garmin GPS units and ArcMap on PC, and Flint units using ArcPad and SoloForest.

5. Will contractors be expected to treat only what's in the water, or the banks as well?

With changing water levels, invasive species within the water may also move up onto the banks, and as long as they fall within the contract scope, workers are expected to treat the banks as well.

6. In the ditches near the grove, is the recommended herbicide okay to use if the grove uses the ditch to irrigate?

All herbicides used by the winning contractor will need to follow label instructions from manufacturer for treatments in canal/ditch system adjacent to the active citrus grove. Further discussion on the grove and herbicide use will be done, as needed, with the awarded bidder and contract manager.

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7. How long after treatment will compliance inspections be conducted?

Spot checks will be conducted periodically during treatment, and an initial compliance check about four weeks after treatment is completed, given herbicide activity.

8. About when would contractor expect to begin treatment?

*Depending on rainfall levels, the area may be dry enough to work in around October due to an unusually dry fall. However, this is not normally the case with treatments typically beginning around March. The following statement pertaining to this question from this ITB includes: The anticipated contract period for the invasive plant treatment project shall be from contract execution until May 31, 2019. **Initial treatments must begin no later than February 1, 2019, unless delayed by the site manager based on site conditions. The initial treatment must be completed by April 1, 2019, and any re-treatment must be completed by May 31, 2019.** The start date may be delayed by the site manager or their designee if field conditions are not suitable for effective treatment. All work **MUST** be completed by May 31, 2019.*

9. If treatment on the ditches is completed before the Lygodium areas, will compliance checks be conducted on the ditches sooner than those for the Lygodium areas?

Yes. If contractors complete the ditches on dates before the Lygodium (OWCF) areas, the compliance inspection would be conducted sooner, separate from the other treatment areas when those get completed treatments.

10. Is there a gap or gate along the ditches fence to launch or move equipment?

Along the west side of the access road in this location, there is no fence. The east side of the road in this location contains a fence. The contractor will need to go the end of the fence using South Florida Water Management District property to launch boats/equipment into this treatment area.

11. Will recorded questions and answers be provided as an addendum?

Questions and answers will be posted on the vendor bid system as an addendum.

12. Is there a set minimum height for poodle-cutting Lygodium?

Yes, as stated in the ITB, all Lygodium (OWCF) over 8' tall must be poodle-cut.

13. Who was the previous contractor/personnel treating the area?

The area was previously treated by Ground Level, Inc. and FFS OPS staff.

14. Is there a location where Hyptis brevipes can be shown or explained and compared to native H. alata?

There is an area where both the native and invasive species exist, though there was not adequate time to visit the site on the pre-bid meeting. The awarded vendor will be given additional identification information regarding the two Hyptis species.

To the extent this addendum gives rise to a protest, failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. All other terms, conditions and specifications of this Invitation to Bid will remain the same. If you have any questions regarding this addendum, please feel free to contact this office at (850) 617-7181.