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DATE: December 6, 2017

ADDENDUM NO.: 2

BID NO.: FWC 17/18-53

BID TITLE: Mechanical Treatment on Dry Prairie in Fisheating  
Creek WMA

UPDATE: REVISION TO SCOPE OF WORK / REVISED  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS / QUESTION AND  
ANSWERS/ ITEMS #1 #2 #3, RESPECTIVELY)

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 17/18-53 Mechanical Treatment on Dry Prairie in Fisheating Creek WMA.

**All responses to the subject solicitation must be received no later than: 1:30 P.M. (ET) on December 13, 2017.** 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,

*Jackie McNealy*

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FWC Procurement Manager

Item #1: Revision to Scope of Work:

**The Scope of Work, Section 1.4 is hereby revised to read as follows:**

1.4 Track machines shall be required when water levels are at or above ground surface level to minimize ground disturbance. As such, the FWC Project Manager may approve the use of rubber-tired machines in dry areas so long as such will not cause ground disturbance.

ITEM #2: Revised Calendar of Events:

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FWC 17/18-53  
INVITATION TO BID CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE	DUE DATE	METHOD
Bid Advertised	November 20, 2017	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: <a href="http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu">http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu</a>
MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference	November 29, 2017 @ 10:00 AM	See Pre-Bid Conference Clause
Deadline for Questions	Must be received PRIOR to: December 1, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M. @ 5:00 p.m.	See Deadline for Questions Clause
Anticipated date for Responses to Written Questions	December 5, 2017	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: <a href="http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu">http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu</a>
<b>SEALED BIDS DUE</b>  (REMEMBER: Bid Number should be clearly marked on envelope)	Must be received PRIOR to <b>December 13, 2017 @ 1:30 PM</b>	Submit BEFORE the due date and time to the following address:  Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Attn: Purchasing 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 100 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
<b>Public Bid Opening</b>	<b>December 13, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Anticipated Date of Intended Award</b>	<b>December 15, 2017</b>	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: <a href="http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu">http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu</a>

Item #3: Question and Answers:

**Question #1:** What size range are the majority of the live oaks to be treated?

**Answer #1:** The size range for the majority of the oaks to be treated is approximately 2-3 feet in diameter, and while height varies, many are around 30 feet tall.

**Question #2:** Would a tracked excavator be acceptable? 2013 John Deere 210G LC Excavator with FAE UML/S/EX-150 VT Mulcher attachment, 159 HP 6.8 engine. This machine has a ground pressure rating of 6.16 PSI, a maximum reach of 30 ft. 11 in. and a maximum cutting height of 31 ft. 9 in. The FAE mulcher attachment is capable of shredding trees with a diameter of up to 12 inches.

**Answer #2:** Yes, the indicated tracked excavator as specified above in Question #2 would be deemed acceptable by the FWC Project Manager. Please note that there may be some make/model excavators that would not meet the performance standards and requirements for this project/under this Contract and thus would not be deemed acceptable. Notwithstanding, yes, FWC would deem the tracked excavator indicated above to be acceptable.

**Question #3:** How many total acres are to be treated in the first year, and how many acres are anticipated in renewal years?

**Answer #3:** The estimated total acreage for this project over all terms, initial and renewals, is 450 acres. See FWC 17/18-53, Scope of Work, *Project Area* (hereinafter "Scope of Work").

More specifically, FWC intends to procure services for the treatment of approximately 100 acres in the first year/initial term, 130 acres in renewal year 1, 130 acres in renewal year 2, and 90 acres in renewal year 3. However, please note that FWC reserves the right to procure more or less acreage based on bid prices received, budgetary constraints, hydrological conditions, and other factors of this nature.

**Question #4:** What was the make, model of the machine used to treat the 20 acres, and what is the make and model of the mulcher attachment that was used?

**Answer #4:** To treat the 20 acre site that was shown at the Bidders Conference, a 320E Hydraulic Excavator was used with an SK140TR Power Pack.

**Question #5:** How many total man hours did it take to treat the 20 acre section that was previously mulched?

**Answer #5:** Firstly, please note that the 20 acre site that was previously mulched was handled in-house by FWC Staff Biologists and not by a Contractor, and thus any comparative analysis should factor this in. With that fact

in mind, it took approximately 40 in-house man hours to treat the 20 acre section.

**Question #6:** Are all live oaks expected to be treated, including the larger ones? (2-3' in diameter)

**Answer #6:** Yes.

**Question #7:** Could you specify the desired dimensions of the finished product? How fine or rough can the mulch be?

**Answer #7:** To be clear, as to the dimensions of the finished product/mulched vegetation/material permitted to be left on site, must be three inches or less in diameter.

**Question #8:** Can the equipment to be used be something other than a track hoe with mulching attachment?

**Answer #8:** To reiterate performance requirements as a threshold matter, the Contractor must be capable of treating a minimum of twenty acres per week, *see* Scope of Work, Section 1.7, and all vegetation must be treated within six inches of the ground surface. *See* Section 1.2. To this end, the stated equipment requirement is an excavator equipped with a minimum 140 hp independently powered hydraulic rotating drum type mulcher. *See* Section 1.2.

Indeed, yes, other proposed equipment may be approved by the FWC Project Manager, but please understand that such approval will only be granted if the Contractor clearly and sufficiently demonstrates that said proposed equipment possesses the power (e.g., horsepower) and capabilities needed in order to perform the work according to the standards and quality levels as specified/required in this ITB, *Scope of Work*.

The bottom line is other proposed equipment may only be approved if it is capable of work performance that meets/exceeds the required standards which is necessary to achieve the objective—the whole point—of this project: to mechanically treat the oaks so that the site is optimally prepped for prescribed burning, and other wildlife management area activities, thereafter.

**Question #9:** Will the use of rubber-tired machines be allowed in dry areas?

**Answer #9:** Yes, and see Item #1 Revision to the Scope of Work above for further details that respond to this Question.

**Question #10:** Can we utilize our bandit low ground pressure track horizontal mulcher to feed the larger oak trees into for grinding?

**Answer #10:** FWC will require strict compliance with equipment requirements because in order to achieve the objective of this project the work must be performed according to the required standards and quality levels as specified in the Scope of Work. With that said, generally speaking, if the Contractor wishes to bring in additional equipment, above and beyond utilizing the equipment as specified to mulch the vegetation/material, use of additional equipment that is supplemental in nature will not be prohibited.

**Question #11:** Is a Skid steer mounted mulcher with out a power pack allowable for mulching the small oak trees?

**Answer #11:** As stated above, FWC will require strict compliance with equipment requirements because this is necessary for achievement of this project's objective. However, generally speaking, utilization of additional equipment above and beyond what is required will not be prohibited. To illustrate, if the Contractor wishes to improve the efficiency of the performance of work through use of other equipment in addition to utilizing the equipment as specified, use of such additional equipment that is supplemental in nature will not be prohibited.

**END OF ADDENDUM**