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DATE: October 18, 2012
ADDENDUM NO.: 3
BID NO.: FWC 12/13-23
BID TITLE: Lake Kissimmee Aquatic Plant Harvesting
UPDATE: Updates Term and parts of the Scope of Work
ADD: Performance Bond

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.

Jerilyn Bailey
Procurement Manager

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

VENDOR NAME: _____

VENDOR FEID#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

PHONE #: _____

FAX #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

**FWC 12/13-23
Lake Kissimmee Aquatic Plant Harvesting**

In the ITB "General Conditions" (p.4) the paragraph under "TERM" is hereby amended to read:

TERM

The contract will be effective from November 2, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Project shall be completed by the vendor by the Completion Date of *45 days from Notice to Proceed (NTP) or by January 31, 2012, whichever is the shorter time period, unless otherwise stated by the FWC Contract Manager.* If circumstances constituting Force Majeure have occurred, or if anything occurs beyond the Vendor's control, the Vendor may request in writing an extension of Completion Date. The Contract Manager and the Contract Administrator, upon review of the extension request, will determine and approve if the extension can be made.

In the ITB "Scope of Work" (p.20-21) under "Mobilization and Deployment of Equipment" is hereby amended to read:

Mobilization and Deployment of Equipment

The plant material is to be removed by a floating mechanical harvester (~~see "Definition" below~~) or a barge mounted excavator. A small track-hoe and small loader or skid-steer may be required to prepare the islands and assist with disposal operations. A barge will be required to transport this equipment.

Definition:

~~A watercraft propelled by paddle wheels. The paddle wheels shall be mounted on the sides or the back of the watercraft. No other forms of propulsion are allowed. The plant harvesting deck located at the front of the watercraft must have vertical and horizontal oscillating cutting bars. The cutting bars must have replaceable teeth. The harvesting deck must be composed of a replaceable, rotating screen that is hydraulically driven (conveyor belt system) and loads the plant material on the watercraft's main deck. The harvesting deck must be hydraulically adjustable and capable of harvesting floating or submersed aquatic plants to a water depth of up to four feet.~~

All equipment proposed for the project must first be approved by the FWC Contract Manager. Mechanical shredding equipment such as cookie cutters are prohibited in harvesting operations of the project; however, track hoes, loaders and skid-steers may be used to reshape in-lake spoil islands, load harvested material and compact and consolidate material during disposal operations at the disposal sites. ~~Other equipment, such as excavators, barges, shall not be used for any part of the harvesting portion of this project.~~

All equipment maintenance is the contractor's responsibility. If a piece of equipment is non-functional for 48 consecutive hours on more than three occasions, the contractor will be required to provide and operate an equivalent operational piece of equipment that meets the specifications described in the previous paragraph. The replacement piece of equipment must be on-site within 48 hours of the FWC Contract Manager's request. The contractor will provide all of the vessels necessary for transportation of employees, fuel, and any other equipment needed to complete the project.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference where all bidders shall familiarize themselves with all existing conditions and limitations of the target areas that could affect the potential cost of the project before submitting a bid. This information may include, but is not limited to, the use of additional equipment or labor required to meet all the criteria necessary to complete the project within the 45-day timeframe. Bidders must complete the "Site Examination Attestation" form,

including manual signature of an authorized representative. The form shall be completed and submitted as part of the bid or the bid will be rejected.

In the ITB "Scope of Work" (p.22) under "Aquatic Plant Removal" is hereby amended to read:

Aquatic Plant Removal

Figures (2 and 3) were amended to delineate the current position of the one (1) acre harvesting site in this project and to include the area of the in-lake disposal islands (See revised Figures 2 and 3 attached).

The harvesting area is located in North Cove of Lake Kissimmee and each target area within will be clearly marked with PVC poles and GPS coordinates for each pole location will be obtained (**Figures 2 and 3**). The contractor will be required to remove all specified aquatic plants (primrose, knotweed, Frog's-bit and burhead sedge) and associated material from the target areas as designated by the FWC Contract Manager. Total approved acreage within the harvesting area, as of September 2012, is 16 acres. All harvested plants and associated material will be deposited at the approved designated disposal sites. Floating turbidity/debris barriers will be required around target areas during harvesting operations if deemed necessary by the FWC Contract Manager. All target area acreage and associated material volume calculations should be independently verified by the contractor before submitting a bid on the project.

Once the FWC12/13-23 contract is awarded, the Global Positioning Systems (GPS) tracks for the harvesting sites and disposal sites for this project will be provided to the contractor who is awarded the contract.

In the ITB "Scope of Work" (p.22) under "Disposal" is hereby amended to read:

Disposal

Figures (2 and 3) were amended to delineate the current position of the one (1) acre harvesting site in this project and to include the area of the in-lake disposal islands (See revised Figures 2 and 3 attached).

The contractor will be responsible for removing the aquatic plants and associated material directly from the target areas to the designated in-lake disposal islands as directed by the FWC Contract Manager using floating mechanical harvesters, *barge mounted excavators or floating barge(s)* (**Figures 2 and 3**). Distance from 15-acre target area to center of the north disposal island ranges from approximately 0.14 to 0.76 miles, as well as, approximately 0.47 to 1.31 miles to center of the south disposal island. Distance from center of the south disposal island to the 1-acre target area ranges from 0.08 to 0.17 miles. Prior to disposal, a small track hoe and skid-steer or loader may be required to flatten the tops of disposal spoil islands to maximize consolidation of material and ensure that disposal runs smoothly and in a timely manner. When depositing material on the disposal islands, caution will be taken to ensure that the initial permitted footprint of the islands are not exceeded and material does not escape the footprint of the islands or be left scattered between the target and disposal areas. Floating turbidity/debris barriers will be required around the in-lake disposal islands during disposal operations if deemed necessary by the FWC Contract Manager. *The in-lake disposal islands were measured with GPS. The north island nearest to the fifteen (15) acre harvesting site (Figures 2 and 3) is approximately two (2) acres in size. The south island near the one (1) acre harvesting site is approximately one (1) acre in size. The FWC Contract Manager will determine the height at which the disposal material will be disposed and consolidated on the islands. Upon project completion, the highest elevation of both*

*in-lake disposal islands will not exceed twenty-five (25) feet measured from the lake bottom. The FWC Contract Manager will determine the slope, contour and shape of the in-lake disposal islands during disposal operations. Once disposal is complete on the in-lake disposal islands, turbidity screens will be erected around the perimeter of each spoil island for material and runoff containment. Removal of turbidity screens will be the responsibility of the FWC Contract Manager. **Temporary staging or disposal at non-permitted disposal sites (in-lake or upland) is not allowed.** The locations of the off-loading sites (at the base of each in-lake spoil island) and spoil deposition site will be identified by the FWC Contract Manager. *If aquatic plants or other material are restricting access to any disposal island, the contractor will, as needed to provide access, be required to remove the material restricting access around or to the island. Any material removed should be placed on the disposal island. This cost should be factored into each contractor's "TUSSOCK REMOVAL & DISPOSAL" bid price.**

The ITB "General Conditions" shall be amended to include:

PERFORMANCE BOND

*A Performance Bond shall be required from the Vendor by the Commission for this project. Prior to commencing any work, and within five (5) days after issuance of a purchase order, the Contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the total contract price to ensure full and complete performance of the contract to the Commission's Tallahassee Purchasing Office to the attention of Jerilyn Bailey. The bond must state on its front page: the name, principal business address, and phone number of the Contractor, the Surety, the Commission's full name, the purchase order or contract number assigned to the project by the Commission, and a description of the property being improved with a general description of the project. **Please note: A Notice to Proceed will not be issued until after the required bond has been received which must be within five (5) days after issuance of a purchase order.***

The Bond shall be issued from a reliable Surety Company acceptable to the Commission, licensed to do business in the State of Florida and signed by a Florida Licensed Resident Agent. Such a bond shall be accompanied by a duly authenticated power of attorney evidencing that the person executing the bonds in behalf of the Surety had the authority to do so on the date of the bond. The cost of the Performance Bond shall be borne by the Contractor.

In lieu of a Performance Bond, the Commission may prior approve an alternate form of security in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit. The alternative form of security shall be for the same purpose and be subject to the same conditions as those applicable to the Performance Bond.

Work shall not begin before the Commission receives the Performance Bond. Failure to provide a Performance Bond may be grounds to find the Vendor in default, which could include; cancellation of the contract, and/or the Vendor's removal from the State's approved vendor list for future solicitations.



Figure 2. Location map depicting proposed harvesting target areas (in yellow), in-lake disposal islands (red outline) and boat ramp (Overstreet's Landing; green circle) on Lake Kissimmee.



Figure 3. In-depth view of proposed harvesting target areas (in yellow) and existing in-lake disposal islands (red outline) on Lake Kissimmee.