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ADDENDUM 1

TO: VENDORS

FROM: MICHELLE FAIRCLOTH, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

**RE: INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB AES 20 21 62
CONEHEAD TERMITE DELINEATION, NEST REMOVAL, DESTRUCTION AND
TREATMENT**

This addendum is to provide all potential bidders modifications to the deliverable dates for Task One and Task Two. Additions are in **blue** and deletions are in **red**.

Task 1 – Initial Delineation of Infestation

The purpose of Task 1 is to locate conehead termite infestations in the interior and along the edges of Wetland W-6.

It is preferred, but not mandatory, that no tree trimming is conducted in Task 1 to eliminate the need for obtaining permits for trimming in a mangrove mitigation area during this task.

The awarded Vendor shall furnish all labor and equipment for the following services in Task 1:

- 1) Survey the interior and edges of Wetland W-6 for conehead termite nests and conehead termite tunnel complexes that may not be associated with a visible nest (located greater than 20 feet from a nest).
- 2) Bidders shall describe how access into the wetland will be gained, the number of individuals that will be surveying the interior of the wetland, and the number of days it will take to complete the wetland survey.
- 3) The awarded Contractor shall complete Task 1 of the project within two weeks from the date the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Contractual Services Agreement (Attachment B) is issued. If additional time is needed, the contractor shall contact FDACS AES to request an extension. Task 1 must be completed **within two (2) weeks of contract execution** ~~no later than March 2, 2020~~.
- 4) A final Task 1 report must be submitted within one week of survey completion. The report shall include, for each nest found, its approximate size, distance from ground level to nest, GPS coordinates, type of tree housing the nest, ground/surface water conditions (depth of inundation, soil saturation, etc.), photographs (preferred but not mandatory), and any recommendations for improving access to the nest for removal and treatment in Tasks 2 and 3. For conehead termite tunnel complexes identified in 1) above, include one GPS coordinate per complex in the final report. A map of nest and tunnel complex locations is to be included in the final report. If photographs are taken, they are to be submitted to FDACS as jpeg files.

Task 2 – Removal and Destruction of Nests Located in Wetland W-6

In Task 2, conehead termite infestations in and along the edges of Wetland W-6 will be eliminated. Infestation elimination in Task 2 is through physical means only. The use of pesticides in Task 3 is dependent upon FDACS AES determining a pesticide appropriate for use in the wetland environment. If

such pesticide is determined, FDACS AES will notify the contractor that Task 2 and Task 3 can be initiated and conducted simultaneously and, if not, only the completion of Task 2 will be required.

The awarded Vendor shall furnish all labor and equipment for the following services in Task 2:

~~FDACS AES will notify Vendor via email when Task 2 can begin. Within 2 weeks of FDACS AES notification, Vendor shall initiate Task 2 and complete it within 1 week of initiation.~~

- 1) Remove all nests identified during Task 1, and any additional nests found during Task 2, from the tree/branch to which they are attached. Place the nest and all associated carton into a plastic bag. Secure the bag as soon as possible to prevent conehead termites from escaping. Eliminate tunnels in the vicinity of each nest (i.e. within a 5 foot radius but not to exceed an arm's reachable height from where the nest sat) by scraping them off the branch/tree trunk upon which they were constructed. Allow scraped tunnel material to fall to the ground.
- 2) Transport secured bags with nests to previously identified locations along the upland edges of Wetland W-6. Remove nests from bags and place on a hard surface (i.e. plywood). Stomp on or smash the nest carton material with a shovel or sledgehammer to kill the conehead termites. Continue to smash the nest carton so that it disintegrates into tiny pieces that resemble soil material. Repeatedly turn the disintegrated nest with a shovel and stomp on surviving conehead termites until movement ceases. Place the smashed nest material onto the ground at the smashing location.
- 3) Collect GPS coordinates of trees/branches where nests were removed.
- 4) Confirm that all nests located in Task 1 have been removed.
- 5) Task 2 (1) through (4~~5~~) must be completed **within one (1) week of submittal of the report referenced in Task 1 (4) above on or before April 15, 2021.**
- 6) Within three (3) weeks of completion of items 1 to 5 in this section, submit a final Task 2 report identifying locations where nests were removed and confirmation that all nests identified in Task 1 were addressed. For each nest identified and removed during Task 2 that was not previously identified during Task 1, include its approximate size, distance from ground level to nest, GPS coordinates, type of tree housing the nest, ground/surface water conditions (depth of inundation, soil saturation, etc.), and photographs (preferred but not mandatory) in the Task 2 final report.

This Addendum is hereby incorporated into, and made a part thereof, the above noted Invitation to Bid. All other terms, conditions and specifications of this Invitation to Bid will remain unchanged. For questions regarding this Addendum, please contact the Purchasing Office at (850) 617-7181 or email at Bids@FDACS.gov.