November 5, 2020

ADDENDUM 1

TO: VENDORS

FROM: JOLEY OWENS, GOVERNMENT ANALYST I

RE: INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB DPI 20 21 33
LYCHEE ERINOSE MITE TREE TRIMMING – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

This addendum is to provide all potential bidders of information pertaining to the question and answer posting and changes to Invitation to Bid DPI 20 21 33. Deletions are struck through, and additions are highlighted.

Posting of responses to questions sent in by November 2, 2020 will be posted on or about November 9, 2020.

BID OPENING

The bid opening will be on November 10, 2020 November 17, 2020 @ 2:15 p.m. (ET). The location of the bid opening is the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of General Services, 407 S. Calhoun Street, Mayo Building, Room SB-8, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800. Sealed Bids must be received on or before November 9, 2020 November 16, 2020 @ 5:00 PM ET.

The Department has modified the Requirements Section. See Attachment A.

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 or email at Bids@FDACS.gov
INVITATION TO BID

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

SPECIAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

PURPOSE

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS or Department) seeks to obtain competitive bids for tree defoliating, trimming and debris removal on lychee trees affected by the lychee erinose mite at multiple grove locations within Florida.

INTRODUCTORY SECTION

The FDACS, Division of Plant Industry (DPI) is currently engaged in efforts to eradicate the lychee erinose mite from Florida. *Aceria litchi* (Keiffer) (lychee erinose mite) is a major pest of lychee (*Litchi chinensis*) around the world, including Australia, Brazil and much of South Asia. Due to its microscopic size, swift reproduction rate and its protective mechanism; erineum the mite has proven to be difficult to control.

*Aceria litchi* is a threat to lychee fruit crop produces in Florida. The mite is host specific to lychee trees. Specifically, a site(s) with affected lychee trees located in the following Grove Location within Miami-Dade County (listed below) is the area of focus. Additional sites may be included throughout the term of the resulting agreement. Vendors shall provide a bid price per affected location and a per tree trimming cost as specified in the Scope of Work.

PRE-BID MEETING

It is strongly recommended that each bidder, before submitting a bid, inspect the site where the project is to be completed, to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the preparation of their bid and cost of contractor's performance. The Department will hold a pre-bid meeting on **Friday, October 30, 2020, at 11:00 AM (ET) located at 22220 SW 248th St. Homestead, Florida.** It is the bidders' responsibility to consider any and all site conditions or requirements for the project. **Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is strongly recommended but is not mandatory.**

GROVE LOCATIONS

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DAD-037 Grove; 541(541) trees, 22220 SW 248th St, Homestead, FL

The number of positive tree(s) are identified in parentheses.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Vendor must be registered with the [State of Florida](https://www.florida.gov).
2. Vendor must provide proof of Insurance/Liability/Workers Comp prior to commencement of work.
3. Work will commence within 5 days of notice of acceptance after the approved inspection by the electrical utility company.
4. Vendor will give the FDACS, DPI representative 48-hour notification by telephone or text prior to commencement of work at each site. An FDACS, DPI representative must acknowledge the notification by telephone or text.
5. Trimming and debris removal (for trees identified as Lychee Erinose Mite positive) in groves must be completed within 14 days of commencement of work, weather permitting.
6. In the event that trees initially identified as lychee erinose mite negative are determined to be positive an FDACS, DPI representative will provide 5-day notification by telephone/text that trees previously determined to be negative for LEM, have been determined to be LEM positive and require tree trimming and debris removal.