



Addendum #1
RFP #08-24, Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal
February 21, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following addendum serves to provide clarification and to answer the questions received on RFP #08-24, Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal.

Question 1: This note is sent to request the City remove the requirement from this RFP: *Respondent shall be properly licensed in Pinellas County as a general, demolition, environmental, and/or other applicable contractor category and submit a copy with their bid proposal.* This requirement unnecessarily limits competition by placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order to qualify to do business with the City of Clearwater on disaster debris removal.

Answer to Question 1: *As outlined in the DETAILED SPECIFICATION provided in Section 3.4 Demolition of Structures and Construction Debris on page 17, Pinellas County requires that contractors falling under the general, demolition, environmental, or any other relevant category must meet the specified criteria for the provision of these services. Any exceptions to this requirement shall be noted on the EXCEPTIONS / ADDITIONAL MATERIAL / ADDENDA form, page 30 of the solicitation.*

Question 2: Can you send me a copy of the previous bid tab for this project?

Answer to Question 2: *A bid tab was not created for all respondents as this was an RFP. We have uploaded a copy of the awarded vendors fee schedule submitted with their response.*

Question 3: Industry Standard for hazardous limbs is to price them by the tree and not by the limb. Pricing it by the limb opens it up for abuse. Would it be possible to have this changed to a "per tree" price?

Answer to Question 3: *At this time, the City will be keeping the requirement of A17 Hazardous limbs larger than 2" diameter on Exhibit A – Fee Schedule. The Contractor(s) shall remove all hazardous limbs that have a diameter great than 2" at the point of the break.*

Question 4: The pricing shows very little incoming debris but quite a lot of outgoing. The primary reason that we use a DMS is to grind or burn vegetative debris or compact C&D (Construction & Demolition) for reduction. It is very rare that you haul out more than you haul in. Do you have any insight on that?

Answer to Question 4: *Depending on when the emergency response is initiated, the City might need to mobilize its own staff before the awarded contractor(s) arrive. In such a scenario, the City would have piles of debris situated across the city, intended for delivery to the DDMS at a later time for transportation to a final disposal site. Concerning the reduction of debris, as specified in A7 Loading and hauling debris reduction by-products to a final disposal site on Exhibit A – Fee Schedule, this pertains to all debris*



categories outside of household hazardous waste, including, but not limited to, grindable vegetative, non-grindable mixed, C&D, white goods, and recyclable materials.

Question 5: Please clarify the license requirement on page 24 of RFP #08-24. We hold a GC License for the State of Florida, however, when I contacted Pinellas County licensing board, I was told we do not need a County license to pick up debris.

Answer to Question 5: Refer to Answer to Question 1.

Question 6: Section 5 of the Detailed Specifications contained within the RFP reflect the City, or the City's authorized representative will provide monitors to inspect each load to verify that the contents are in accordance with the accepted definition of eligible debris and to inspect all work, materials, invoices, and other relevant records and documentation to ensure compliance with the agreement, federal, state, and local laws. However, part of Section 6, Reports and Documentation addresses the City's preference for an electronic ticketing system and documentation requirements, as well as contractor use of the system to generate electronic field ticketing which is typically associated with the City's monitor. Can the City clarify that the electronic ticketing system and Automated Data Management System (ADMS) intended for use will be the responsibility of the City, or the City's authorized monitor?

Answer to Question 6: As outlined in the DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS provided in Section 5.13 Eligibility Inspections on page 21, it is stated that City monitors "representatives" will inspect each load or at a frequency directed by the City. The contractor(s) who receive the award must adhere to all the specifications in the agreement, complying with relevant federal, state, and local laws. Additionally, the awarded contractor(s) are accountable for meeting all reporting requirements as detailed in Section 6 Reports and Documentation on pages 21-22.

Question 7: Also, please confirm that the costs of an electronic ticketing system is or is not intended for inclusion in the Fee Schedule.

Answer to Question 7: While the City expresses a preference for an electronic reporting system, it is not mandatory. In the event that the awarded contractor(s) can offer such a system, the City will not bear any additional costs, and this aspect should be included in the overall costs outlined in Exhibit A – Fee Schedule.

End of Questions and Answers

All other dates and terms and conditions remain the same in this Request for Proposal.

End of Addenda