



**ADDENDUM #1**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**No. 2018-022**

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**Project:** Great Seneca Stream Restoration

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This Addendum is incorporated into and made part of the above named Request for Proposals (“Solicitation”). The purpose of this Addendum is to publish the questions submitted by Offerors in response to the Solicitation and the City’s answers thereto. The City is not responsible for the content of the questions and has provided the most comprehensive answers based on the interpretation of the questions.

**Q-1. Reference Bid Form, Page 43 of Solicitation, Line #37 lists a quantity of 177 Shrubs, however, the plant schedule quantities for shrubs on sheets 25 & 43 of 45 add up to a total of 185 shrubs. Could you advised on the correct quantity of shrubs to be installed?**

A: Exhibit B, Final Design Plans, sheets 35 & 43 of 45 are correct, the total shrubs quantity is 185.

**Q-2. Could you have someone provide a list of plan holders and/or notes from the pre-bid / site visit meeting and any addenda not listed on the purchasing website?**

A: In accordance with Section 3 of the Solicitation, the attendees to the Pre-Submission Meeting are posted to the web. Also, all questions/addenda will be compiled by the City and issued to all Bidders per Section 3.1. of the Solicitation.

**Q-3. Are there any Minority Business Enterprise or prevailing wage requirements?**

A: No.

**Q-4. What are the material source requirements for the stone, sand, and other materials? The local quarries contain mostly limestone, but there is a mention in the specifications that limestone is not allowed. What alternative can be used? Is what is readily available acceptable?**

A: All materials classifications are noted in Exhibit A to the Solicitation and the project documents are per SHA specifications and standards. Material selection will be found acceptable as long as it is in accordance with the project documents.

**Q-5. What are the required permits of the project?**

A: Refer to the "Required Related Permits Table" on the coversheet of Exhibit B, Final Design Plans, to the Solicitation.

**Q-6. Will the Muddy Branch Trail, whose entrance is located near the construction entrance, be closed during construction?**

A: It is currently anticipated that the trail will be closed for the duration of construction with the trail being opened during the weekends. Coordination is ongoing between the City and other parties to lock in the above. The bid should include closure during operations with reopening during the weekends.

**Q-7. Line item 9, Furnished Subsoil, has a quantity of 0 CY. Is the intent for contractors to not price this item, as it looks like there will not be a need for furnished subsoil, or to generate a unit price in the event that this will be needed? If you want a unit price, please provide a quantity for this line item.**

A: It is not anticipated that Furnished Subsoil will be required given that there is a net cut for the site. However, should the material on-site be deemed unsuitable, the Furnished Subsoil may be required. As such, the Contractor shall provide a unit price for Furnished Subsoil. The Contractor may utilize the anticipated Salvaged Subsoil quantity as a guide to provide a reasonable unit price for Furnished Subsoil, should it be required.

**Q-8. The specification for line item 8, Salvaged Subsoil, indicates that placing and compacting salvaged subsoil will not be measured and instead will be incidental to line item 7, Class 5 Excavation. How are the contractors intended to price this item as it has a quantity of 1947 CY but is supposed to be incidental to line item 7?**

A: This item is incidental to Class 5 Excavation and does not require a unit price. The quantity is stated to advise the unit cost of Class 5 Excavation.

**Q-9. Is the class I channel bed material and sand and gravel to be placed in the Cascade Step Pool bottoms incidental to the cascade step pools or will they be measured and paid under the Class I Channel Bed Material and Sand and Gravel line item?**

A: Class I Channel Bed Material and Sand and Gravel should be considered incidental to the cascade step pools.

**Q-10. The quantity for line item 17, ESC – Temporary Mulch for Access, does not match what is shown in the plans for temporary access paths. Additionally, the depth of mulch varies between the temporary mulch access and timber mat access called out in the plans (and there is no line item for timber mats), so they will have different pricing per SY. Can you please clarify how the contractor should price the access on this project?**

A: The Quantity on the plans has been verified and is correct. Line item 17 – Temporary Mulch for Access covers all access including timber matts as needed or as shown.

**Q-11. There are 6 wetland depression areas shown in the plans, and the line item quantity is 5 EA. Can you please correct the bid form to reflect this?**

A: The quantity of 6 shown on the plans is correct. The bid price proposal sheet should be corrected to reflect this.

**Q-12. The specs indicate that a “letter of recommendation from a financial institution that attests whether the bidder is financially responsible to provide the services” is required. Will a bid bond suffice for this requirement or will we need to submit a separate letter?**

A: A separate letter is required. A bid bond is also required, but is not sufficient for both requirements.

**Q-13. The detail for the deciduous tree plantings indicates a saucer around each tree? Is this just a soil ring or is another material required for this?**

A: Soil is proposed. No other material is contemplated or anticipated.

**Q-14. On page 34 of the construction specifications under the maintenance of stream flow (stream diversion) section paragraphs one (1) states; " if pump operations occur between 5pm and 7am, the contractor must have an employee on site at all times to monitor pump operations." paragraph two (2) states; "during all operations the contractor shall maintain continous flow and operation of all waterways, channels and storm drains while minimizing the discharge of sediment to any watercourse."?**

**Predicated on the above, and considering that each portion of the project (Lakeland & Orchard Ridge Drive) appear to have a base flow that will require continuous (on&off) pump around operations should all bidders include a night watchmen for the duration of the stream restoration portion of the work?**

A: While not anticipated, if the Contractor is unable to provide same day stabilization a night watchmen would be required to maintain the pump around and prevent sediment laden water from leaving the work area.

**Q-15. The Reference plant schedule for Zone 3 on Sheet 43 of 45. The first four trees on the plant schedule are listed @ 2.5” caliper size with #10 container form. No sources can provide trees of this caliper in #10 containers. Could you please advise if 2.5” caliper trees are actually desired and specify an appropriately sized container, or if balled and burlapped (B&B) material is acceptable for these trees?**

A: Balled and burlapped (B&B) will be acceptable. Trees should be 2.5” caliper.

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