



ADDENDUM #1
REQUEST FOR BID
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Project: Construction of Discovery Park

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This addendum (“Addendum”) is incorporated into and made part of the above Request for Bids (“Solicitation”). The purposed of this Addendum is to publish the questions asked by Bidders and the City’s answers thereto relative to the Solicitation. 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. When would you anticipate the landscape installation to occur?

A: The landscape installation period will be based on the awarded General Contractors means and methods, and phasing schedule.

Q 2. Would it be possible for you to provide a plan holder list so we can determine which General Contractor we should submit proposals to?

A: The City does not maintain a plan holder list. The City suggests in the future attending the pre-submission meeting and exchanging information with the General Contractors in attendance.

Q 3. The RFP includes two specific sections related to landscaping; 32 93 00 Plants and 32 93 43 Trees, Shrubs & Groundcover, but there is conflicting information for certain products and maintenance/warranty periods between these two set of specs. Could you advise which specification will govern with regard to landscape installation?

A: Utilize Section 32 93 00 Plants.

Q4. Would it be possible to obtain a copy of your standard Construction Contract?

A: A sample construction contract will be posted on the City’s Procurement website page for Discovery Park.

Q5. Is there an estimated value of the cost of the work?

A: We have an engineer's estimate that the City will use for bid comparison purposes. In an effort to maintain the integrity of the bidding process, we will not disclose that estimate to the bidders.

Q6. Reference Sheet L2.0, in particular the table under Construction Notes. Item C-11 on the table references "Lawn – Sod". I find C-11 in two large lawn areas on L2.0 & L2.2, and in the Butterfly Garden area on L2.2, however, other areas on the inner and outer sides of the walkways do not show this callout. On sheet L3.2, these same areas are noted on the legend to receive "Turfgrass Seed with Topsoil". Could you clarify specifically what areas are to receive sod for turfgrass areas?

A: Turfgrass shall be seed only; sod is not intended to be utilized.

Q7. Division 10 – Specialties on the bid form does not have a specification.

A: Division 10 – Specialties shall be all the signs on the project as specified on the drawings.

Q8. Bid form for Unit prices are not the same on the specification. Specs has Schedule of unit prices. Do we need to follow the bid form or specs? Please clarify.

A: A revised bid form can be found as Addendum #2 on the City's Procurement website page for Discovery Park.

Q9. The detail for Section 321816.13 Playground protective surfacing for the engineered wood fiber, Poured in place underside drainage and stone sub base are not shown in the Landscape drawings. Please provide these details in order for us to price this section accordingly.

A: Install minimum 6" deep stone or per manufacturer specifications to appropriate thickness for the required fall height.

Q10. Several of the specification related to landscape refer to forest conservation plans, but we find no such plans in the bid documents. Can you provide a forest conservation plan?

A: A Forest Conservation Plan was not completed for this project as the plan was already covered in the overall MedImmune Forest Conservation Plan which is provided on the City's Procurement website page for Discovery Park.

Q11. Could you advise how many cubic yards of onsite topsoil there will be for incorporation into the various planting soil & see mixes?

A: There was no Geotech investigation conducted on this project therefore bidder shall be responsible for verifying quantities.

Q12. There is conflicting information regarding the specified depth of soil mixes in specifications and depths called for in topsoil notes on Sheet L3.2. Could you clarify depths to be installed in plant beds, shade meadow areas, sunny meadow areas and sodded and/or seeded turfgrass areas?

A: Refer to topsoil notes on L-3.2.

Q13. Similarly, there is conflicting or unclear information regarding maintenance requirements for planting, seeded areas, and sodded and/or seeded turfgrass areas.

Could you provide clarifications regarding the duration of maintenance periods for each of these landscape elements?

A: Per Section 32 93 00 the warranty and maintenance period should be 24 months for landscape plants. Per Section 32 92 10 the warranty period for seeding in natural areas is for two growing seasons.

Q14. Section 32 91 13-10, 3.5,A calls for applying a 4” depth of compost component of planting soil mix to the surface of in place planting soil, but not if subgrade is frozen, muddy, or excessively wet. Are we correct that this organic component is to be tilled to incorporate compost component of soil mix if acceptable subgrade conditions exist?

A: Yes

Q15. I did not see a specification for what kind of 2” flexible pavement material that the owner is looking for?

A: See specification Section 32 12 43.

Q16. Sheet C.3.1, of the plans, says contractor is responsible for obtaining all permits. Could you list what permits are still outstanding that the County has not acquired that will be the contractor’s responsibility?

A: There are no outstanding County permits. However, the two outstanding City of Gaithersburg permits are the Sediment & Erosion Control Permit and the Storm Water Management Permit. Both permits have been approved by the City and will be issued when a copy of the awarded contractor’s business license is provided to the City of Gaithersburg permitting department.

Q17. Sheet C.3.1, of the plans, says the plan drawings done from a deed description, and no field survey was one to make sure the park is within the property lines. 2a) Does that mean there are no coordinate points in the field for the contractor’s survey company to use to lay out the project. 2b) and if that is the case, what method was used to establish the existing topographic map that shows the existing elevations. A property line survey is usually done in conjunction with establishing high and low elevations in the field so that an accurate aerial topographic map can be done.

A: Survey was completed and traverse information can be provided to the awarded contractor.

Q18. Sheet C.3.2 says the site plan approval was granted on 11/7/18 with 2 conditions. Do these two conditions affect the workings of this contract or the contractor?

A: All conditions have been satisfied.

Q19. Can we get cross section details clarifying depth of materials required for safety surfacing, edging and drainage are also missing? Here are some of the cross sections needed:

- Transition between EWF & PIP
- Transition between EWF & Flexible Pavement
- Transition between EWF & Seeded Areas
- Transition between EWF & Concrete pad for bench
- Transition between PIP & Flexible Pavement
- Transition between PIP & Conventional Pavement
- Transition between PIP & Seeded Areas

- **Transition between PIP & Seeded Areas with adjacent Wood Board Fence**
A: See Addendum #3 for revised sheet L-4.3 for transition details. Wood fence shall be installed in seeded areas, outside the limit of surfacing material.
- Q20. (Shack 1.01) Berliner: Product Family Woodville, Item #90.224.010.1 is not listed as IPEMA certified. Per spec's all equipment needs to be IPEMA certified. Can you provide another product to replace the "Shack 1.01"?**
A: This product meets ASTM F1487; City of Gaithersburg has final approval of safety compliance requirements.
- Q21. Can the Architect provide detail playground layouts with dimensions and radiuses or Cad Files? If this cannot be provided, could we get square footages for each area for each safety surface?**
A: CAD files can be found on the project's FTP site:
https://filedrop.gaithersburgmd.gov/public/file/uW-1LBdBgkWyEJLg7V6ANw/FTLA_x-Hardscape.dwg

https://filedrop.gaithersburgmd.gov/public/file/8eKqDCjnE0yXAEbsRzVp9A/FTLA_x-planting.dwg
- Q22. Is ADA access required to each shelter pad from the path way?**
A: Please see Addendum #3 for revised sheet L-2.0 for revised ADA access.
- Q23. Do any of the picnic tables need to be ADA accessible?**
A: Yes, please utilize Benson Outdoors single overhang table 238HS-V6 or approved equivalent. Please see Addendum #4 for revised specifications.
- Q24. The bid proposal sheet includes "Specialties" but this item is not included in the sample detailed bid worksheet. Which items can be considered in this description?**
A: Division 10 – Specialties shall be all the signs on the project as specified on the drawings.
- Q25. Confirm that a 6' Security fence across entire construction site need to be installed per request for bid section "Site safety and use of premises" page 21 of 29.**
A: Please refer to Section 6.4.C.II as the location of the security fence is defined.
- Q26. Confirm that there are 16 benches.**
A: Bidder shall refer to plans and specifications for quantities and location of all items.
- Q27. Confirm that there are 13 boulders and provide sizes.**
A: Bidder shall refer to plans and specifications for quantities and location of all items. Please see Addendum #3 for size variations added to the detail on sheet L-4.1.
- Q28. Entrance sign (L-4.1) call for HDU panel. Who will provide it?**
A: Awarded contractor is to provide HDU panel. The City shall supply the artwork, design, layout and wording for the entrance sign and two park information signs which the selected contractor shall provide to their sign manufacturer.

- Q29. On drawing ESC.1.0., there is a marked area (checkers) at the intersection of trail 1 and trail 3. What is the meaning of this area?**
A: Disregard this marked area.
- Q30. Drawing L-2.0 calls for C-15 Willow Dome. Provide specs or details.**
A: Please refer to specification Section 32 93 00.
- Q31. Drawing L-2.1 call for C-18 Four Square. Provide specs.**
A: Please refer to sheet L-4.1 and specification Section 32 12 43.
- Q32. Playgrounds poured in place rubber does not show aggregate subbase. Do we have to install any material?**
A: Yes. Install minimum 6" depth stone or per manufacturer specifications to the appropriate thickness for the required fall height. Please refer to Addendum #3 for revised sheet L-4.3.
- Q33. There are two different LODs locations, drawings C.3.1 and SWM 1.0. Which one is the correct location?**
A: Bidder to follow the LOD shown on SWM 1.0.
- Q34. Confirm the number of forest conservation & meadow signs.**
A: Bidder shall refer to plans and specifications for quantities and location of all items.
- Q35. Confirm if the entrance signs and trailhead signs are the same?**
A: There is an entrance sign (Details 4, 5, 7 on sheet L-4.1) and two park information signs (Details 4, 5, 7, 8 on sheet L-4.2). Disregard "Trailhead Signs" as noted on sheet C.3.1, entrance and information sign locations are noted on plans L-2.0 and L-2.2.
- Q36. Confirm there is only one SCE in the scope of work?**
A: Bidder shall refer to plans and specifications for quantities and location of all items.
- Q37. Confirm there is only one concrete washout in the scope?**
A: Bidder shall refer to plans and specifications for quantities and location of all items.
- Q38. What are the lengths for the extra portions of trail# 1 and trail#4 shown on C.3.1 of the drawings?**
A: Bidder shall refer to plans and specifications for quantities and location of all items. CAD files can be found on the project's FTP site:
https://filedrop.gaithersburgmd.gov/public/file/uW-1LBdBgkWyEJLg7V6ANw/FTLA_x-Hardscape.dwg

https://filedrop.gaithersburgmd.gov/public/file/8eKqDCjnE0yXAEbsRzVp9A/FTLA_x-planting.dwg
- Q39. Please clarify the location for trail markings?**
A: Mile markers are shown on L-2.0 and L-2.2.

Q40. Provide section of trail marker or supplier.

A: Please refer to specification Section 32 33 00.

Q41. Has the entrance sign design been finalized so we can obtain an accurate estimate from sign manufacturer?

A: Please refer to sheet L-4.1 for the detail of the entrance sign. Artwork for the HDU sign panel is being prepared by the city and will be available after contract award. The artwork shown below is similar to what the Discovery Park sign will resemble.

