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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – INFORMATIONAL UPDATE 10 FLORENCE AREA ENHANCED MAINTENANCE SERVICES (BRC0000359)

Please note that the deadline for proposal submission is **Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

All addenda and informational updates will be posted at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts/>. Please check the website frequently for any changes to this solicitation.

A. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

The following answers are in response to the request for information and clarification submitted by proposers for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Florence Area Enhanced Maintenance Services (BRC0000359), issued on August 22, 2022. The questions presented in this informational update represent the questions asked by the proposers in the form and context as submitted:

- 1. Question:** *Addendum 5, page 2, item 4. – Nothing within Labor Code 1773.2 states that proposers are responsible for determining the appropriate prevailing wage classification needed to perform the work requested. Please take note of the following:*

Labor Code 1773. The body awarding any contract for public work, or otherwise undertaking any public work, shall obtain the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract from the Director of Industrial Relations.

And

Labor Code 1773.2 The body awarding any contract for public work, or otherwise undertaking any public work, shall specify in the call for bids for the contract and in the bid specifications and in the contract itself, what the general

rate of per diem wages is for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract.

Answer: Please refer to Addendum No. 5, Item No. 1, paragraph 4, which states:

4. Proposers are responsible for determining the appropriate prevailing wage classification needed to perform the work requested. Please refer to California Labor Code, Section 1773.2:

"The body awarding any contract for public work, or otherwise undertaking any public work, shall specify in the call for bids for the contract and in the bid specifications and in the contract itself, what the general rate of per diem wages is for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract.

In lieu of specifying the rate of wages in the call for bids, and in the bid specifications and in the contract itself, the awarding body may, in the call for bids, bid specifications, and contract, include a statement that copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at its principal office, which shall be made available to any interested party on request. The awarding body shall also cause a copy of the determination of the director of the prevailing rate of per diem wages to be posted at each jobsite."

2. **Question:** *Take note that the craft(s)/classification(s) of the Painter: Graffiti Removal Worker can only be used on "stand alone graffiti removal projects" that are paint over only. Therefore, the Graffiti Removal Worker classification cannot be used for either the Whittier Blvd. or Florence Area Enhanced Maintenance Services projects.*

Answer: As stated above, "Proposers are responsible for determining the appropriate prevailing wage classification needed to perform the work requested", therefore, you may use another prevailing wage classification that you determine is appropriate for the work described.

Please refer to this Informational Update 10, question No. 1.

- 3. Question:** *Why didn't the Department request an actual "coverage determination" with the required craft/classifications to use, from the Director of Industrial Relations rather than an ambiguous "advisory letter" from the legal unit?*

Answer: As stated in Addendum 5, Item 1, paragraph 5:

5. Proposers should also consider Department of Industrial Relations research unit's response to Public Works request for a minimum rate of pay determination for Enhanced Maintenance Services on a project in Los Angeles County. A copy of the Department of Industrial Relations response is attached as Attachment 1. Please disregard mention of the Light Emitting Diode tree rope lights, decorative lights, and painting of arch on Whittier Boulevard as this is in reference to services for the Whittier Blvd Enhanced Maintenance Services.

To assist proposers, Public Works, at its own discretion, made a business decision to obtain this information and share with all proposers.

- 4. Question:** *The Addendums state that it is the position of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works that proposers are responsible for determining the appropriate prevailing wage classification needed to perform each task required in the project. And such hours and costs must be detailed in the LW-8 forms. However, the RFP lacks any information that provides prospective proposers with the number of hours they can expect to dedicate to these tasks. For the sake of a level playing field. Can you please provide the historical average number of hours per year, month or week the contractor could expect to dedicate per task (weed removal, sucker growth, bus stop repairs, etc.).*

Answer: For your convenience, the existing contract and amendment can be accessed using the following link:

https://pw.lacounty.gov/contracts/asd_rfp/ProjectDetail.aspx?project_id=BRC0000359

However, your requested information is not available as the number of hours per task are not required to be reported for contract monitoring or invoicing. It is the proposer's responsibility to determine the resources that will be necessary to complete each task given the description of service, frequency, workload estimates, and quantities provided in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section F, Enhanced Maintenance Services and Frequency of Services.

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If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Victoria Frausto at (626) 300-2652 or vfrausto@pw.lacounty.gov, or Ms. Jessica Dunn at (626) 458- 4169 or jdunn@pw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Very truly yours,

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Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Manovitz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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