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INVITATION FOR BIDS - ADDENDUM 1 LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SIX LOCATION GROUPS (BRC0000084)

Thank you for attending our mandatory bidders' conference for Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services for Six Location Groups (BRC0000084) held on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Please note that the deadline for Bid submission has been extended to **Monday, November 4, 2019, by 5:30 p.m.**

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

Please take note of the following revisions to the Invitation for Bids (IFB). Section A is the Addendum and Section B is the Questions and Answers.

A. Addendum

1. Form PW-2.1 (Schedule of Prices for RD416 Medians) of the IFB is deleted in its entirety and replaced with a revised form entitled Form PW-2.1A (Schedule of Prices for RD416 Medians). Please use the revised Form PW-2.1A (Schedule of Prices for RD416 Medians), which is to be accessed online, when submitting your Bid.

B. Question and Answer to Transit Services Smartphone Application

The following answers are in response to the request for information and clarification and other questions submitted by Bidders for the Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services for Six Location Groups (BRC0000084). Questions presented in this Addendum represent the questions asked by the Bidders in the form and context submitted.

1. **Question:** My firm recently change from a General Partnership to an LLC. I want to make sure that when we submit our bids under the new contractor license number, that there are no issues with the submission.

Response: Please submit legal documentation prior to the IFB submission deadline for review demonstrating the change of entity you reference meets the requirements of the Corporations Code of the State of California. Documentation meeting the requirements of the statute will be considered to permit the bid submission by the LLC as the successor entity to the General Partnership.

2. **Question:** Some sites in the contract used to be turf areas, but due to the drought and water restrictions it appears they have been phased out. Will these areas remain as they are: isolated with the water turned off?

Response: Yes, turf areas will remain as they are with the water turned off. Note that some of these locations may have drip irrigation to water trees. All maintenance is needed per Forms PW-2.1A and PW-2.2 through PW-2.6. If additional maintenance is needed, it will be arranged with the contract manager as on call work.

3. **Question:** It mentions in the contract that there is no glyphosate products to be used. May we clarify if the contractor may use non-glyphosate pre emergent and post emergent herbicides for weed control?

Response: Currently, no spraying of any products is allowed. The contract leaves open the possibility of using non-glyphosate pre/post-emergent herbicides for weed control in the future. We do not know when, or if, any will be approved by our Department. We have advised all bidders to assume that you may not be able to spray at all while developing your estimates. If spraying is allowed in the future, the contract manager will work with the contractor to incorporate this by adjusting frequencies. The individual pricing of chemical application (Unit price list number 47) will be honored when spraying is allowed and annual frequency will/may be adjusted if needed for removal of weeds/chemical application, that is why we need the unit price list to be filled out properly.

Please note that the contractor, if needed, will be required to remove weeds by hand at no extra cost.

4. **Question:** Is tree pruning to be included beyond clearance? Who is currently doing tree trimming?

Response: Currently, we are requesting clearance trimming; however, the Scope of Work allows the contract manager to request more extensive trimming. Our current trimming/tree work is done mainly by Public Works tree crew or by tree-specific contractors. Tree pruning may include sucker growth removal. All maintenance is needed per Forms PW-2.1A and PW-2.2 through PW-2.6. Large mature trees will likely be performed by Public Works tree crew or our tree-specific contractor.

5. **Question:** How will successful bidder identify initial clean up, plant replacement, irrigation repairs, etc., out of compliance with specifications at start up?

Response: Bidders should bid on existing conditions assuming no additional work is needed. If additional work such as plant replacement, irrigation repairs, etc., are needed after the contract is awarded, the contract manager will ask the contractor for an estimate to do that work. The estimate would use the costs from the unit price list being bid on.

6. **Question:** Are you happy with the current level of service being revived?

Response: The current contracts are in good standing.

7. **Question:** What are the current prices being payed for locations 1 through 6?

Response: San Gabriel: \$254,144; East County: \$395,372; RMD 3 Medians: \$523,988; East LA: \$331,244.

***Please note:** Service Location Groups 1 through 4 were previously the Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services for San Gabriel and East County Medians, which are now being broken up into 4 different contracts. The Scope of Work and work locations being requested in this solicitation are not identical to the current contracts for all Service Location Groups. Please review the current Scope of Work and work location specification and provide your bid accordingly.

8. **Question:** We have a question in regards to Location 22 within the MD3 bid section. Mureau Rd: 100% of the parkway planting has burned and or been removed as a result of the fires. Shall the bid include maintenance for the parkways on Mureau or not? The median is still planted and being maintained with manual irrigation due to the controller having no power. Some of the plant material in the median has also burned and or been removed after the fires with a proposal pending approval for replanting the median only back to original scope.

Response: Yes, the bid shall include maintenance of the parkways on Mureau Road. The maintenance shall include weed removal, litter control, and trimming of vegetation (as the vegetation grows back). The irrigation on the parkways have been shut off due to the fire damage. We have no immediate plans to turn the irrigation back on the parkways.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Amber Turner at (626) 458-4199 or Mr. Danny Medina at (626) 458-4080, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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