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REFER TO FILE: **BRC-1**

INVITATION FOR BIDS - ADDENDUM 1 ANNUAL AND ON-CALL SOFT-BOTTOM CHANNEL FACILITY CLEARING SERVICES- SOUTH AREA (BRC0000107)

Please note that the deadline for bid submission is **Monday, August 19, 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). (Please note that the changes that have been added are in **boldface** and the deleted language are strikethrough.) Section A is the Addendum and Section B is the Questions and Answers.

A. Addendum

1. Exhibit A, Scope of Work, Section E.2.c, has been revised to include the following:

Ballona Creek

The limits are from Centinela Avenue in City of Los Angeles to Marina Freeway (SR90) overpass, approximately 3,100 linear feet. Contractor shall perform annual vegetation maintenance, which includes removal by hand and/or mechanically, of all debris, trash, invasive and exotic vegetation. The native California bulrush and cattail comprises the freshwater marsh and is located below ordinary highwater mark. Therefore, the Contractor shall mow the freshwater marsh down to 6 inches above the height of the grouted riprap. The Contractor shall preserve the footprint of the freshwater marsh mapped in Exhibit Q by pulling out the roots located outside the footprint by hand and/or hand-held equipment. The Contractor shall trim and clear the perimeter of the remaining freshwater marsh with hand tools. The ~~Contractor~~ **County** shall

temporarily install floating boom with a silt curtain (~~provided by the County in the working area~~) **as required** to prevent sediment from entering that portion of the channel.

This portion of Ballona Creek serviced by the Contractor is Reach 112 on the regulatory permits.

B. Questions and Answers

The questions presented in the clarification section of this addendum represent the questions asked by the bidders in the form and context as submitted.

1. **Question:** Jobsite: San Gabriel River. Is the Arundo going to be sprayed by LA County DPW or the LA County Agricultural commissioner?

Response: No, the Arundo is not going to be sprayed by the County or the Agricultural Commission. The use of glyphosate-based products is banned per the Board of Supervisor's Motions, dated on March 19, 2019, April 16, 2019, and May 21, 2019 (refer to Enclosure A). Also, Exhibit A, Scope of Work, specifies that the Contractor shall not use any herbicides under this Contract.

2. **Question:** Jobsite: Ballona. Is all the Bullrush/Cattail present at Ballona to be completely cut down to 6 inches on an annual basis or will there be selected locations of Bullrush/Cattail to cut down?

Response: As mentioned in the Scope of Work, the Contractor shall mow the freshwater marsh down to 6 inches above the height of the grouted riprap, unless otherwise specified by the Contract Manager. It is the Contractor's responsibility to factor the task of mowing into their overall annual cost on Form PW-2.1.

3. **Question:** Jobsite: Ballona Creek. Regarding Page A-3, A-4. Is the contractor to pay for the floating boom and also is the contractor to install the floating boom? Or will the county arrange install and the county to provide/pay for the floating boom?

Response: The County will be responsible for providing the floating boom and the installation of the floating boom. Please refer to Section A of this Addendum for clarification provided in response to the question above.

4. **Question:** Jobsite: Wilmington. In the past this site had areas with running or pooled water, Is the contractor responsible for clearing the areas with cattail/vegetation when water is present?

Response: The Contractor should comply with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board permits when working near water. The County will have a Biologist available for guidance if that question arises.

5. **Question:** Is there a chance that any of the three listed sites: San Gabriel River, Wilmington Drain, and Ballona Creek will be removed from the contract throughout the contract term? Or will these three sites be completed by the contractor each contract year?

Response: It is the Contractor's responsibility to factor services to be performed for each area listed in this Contract to their overall annual cost on Form PW-2.1. The County reserves the right to determine if any work is or will be needed and/or requested under this Contract at the County's sole and absolute discretion.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Ani Karapetyan at (626) 458-4050 or Ms. Anna Leung at (626) 458-4072, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Very truly yours,

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND
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MARCH 19, 2019

EXAMINING THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

The use of glyphosate is a well-known, effective weed abatement method used by many public and private entities. Currently, County departments contract with the County Agricultural Commissioner/Department of Weights and Measures (Agricultural Commissioner) to perform their spraying routines. The Agricultural Commissioner serves as the principal regulator of herbicides and pesticides in the County. Use of the herbicide must be done in full compliance with all Federal and State regulations that govern them. The Agricultural Commissioner operates under the Countywide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) System and has established protocols for herbicide use.

Despite these controls, there is a growing body of scientific study around the safety of using herbicides and the ill effect it can have on human, animal, and environmental health. County residents who live near active application sites have shared deep concern about the use of glyphosate-based herbicides and have expressed dismay at the scale of which County departments utilize this method. In the interest of public health, the Board should temporarily ban the use of this herbicide until further research can be done to identify alternative methods for vegetation management and the safety can be reviewed by Public Health professionals.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works in conjunction with Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbors, and the Agricultural Commission to:

- 1) Provide an assessment of the prevalence of glyphosate-based product use for vegetation management purposes throughout the Unincorporated Areas,
- 2) Identify protocols that lead to the use of glyphosate as an abatement agent,
- 3) Explore alternatives to the use of glyphosate and identify recommended strategies, that do not involve its use,
- 4) Identify Best Practices on what methods other jurisdictions use, and
- 5) Report back to the Board on findings and alternatives within 30 days.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that all use of Glyphosate-based products cease until completion of the 30-day report back and alternative methods can be identified.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND
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APRIL 16, 2019

EXTENSION ON BAN OF GLYPHOSATE USE FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

On March 19th, the Board approved a motion by Supervisors Barger and Kuehl entitled “Examining the Use of Glyphosate for Vegetation Management”. The Board directed the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbor, and the Agricultural Commission, to cease the use of Glyphosate-based products until completion of the 30-day report back to the Board of Supervisors on alternative methods. While the Departments continue to study the issues surrounding the use of Glyphosate based products, and pending the report back to the Board due April 18th, it is important that we continue the ban until the Board of Supervisors reviews the Department of Public Works findings.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the prior ban on the use of Glyphosate-based products be extended to all County Departments for an additional 30-days to May 18, 2019.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND
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May 21, 2019

Exploring Alternatives to the Use of Glyphosate for Vegetation Management

Glyphosate has been widely used by public and private entities nationwide for weed abatement. Prior to the March 19, 2019 Board Motion to halt the use of glyphosate by all County Departments, glyphosate-based products were used to manage vegetation on parks, trails, roadways, flood control facilities, County-owned buildings, vacant land, and other County properties.

There is a growing concern about the safety of glyphosate and its effects on human health. In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, an agency of the World Health Organization, classified glyphosate as “probably carcinogenic to humans”. In two recent California court cases, juries found that exposure to glyphosate caused cancer in two individuals. County residents living near previously-active glyphosate application sites have voiced concerns about its effects on human, animal, and environmental health.

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbors, and the Agricultural Commission recently completed a 30-day report outlining early findings about the use of glyphosate-based products

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throughout the County. Alternative strategies to manage vegetation without using glyphosate-based products include hand clearing, mowing, flaming, hardscaping, mulching, grazing animals, and the use of organic products. Other jurisdictions utilize glyphosate in varying degrees, depending on the types of properties they manage. While some jurisdictions continue to use glyphosate without restriction, some have limited its use, while others have completely banned it. Until such time as this Board has received assurance that the proper use of glyphosate will not pose health risks, we must take action.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct all County Departments to ban the use of glyphosate-based products.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with County Counsel, the Departments of Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbors, and the Agricultural Commission to:

1. Convene a panel of experts that may include hiring a consultant(s) to explore options for vegetation management, especially in areas where the use of traditional alternatives to glyphosate-based products is problematic due to challenges with access, safety, and habitat restoration;
2. Continue to solicit recommendations from the public on possible alternatives to the use of glyphosate-based products for vegetation management;
3. Report back to the Board on recommendations and any feasible alternatives for the control of vegetation management within 180 days.