

Important Notice Regarding Change In Submission Dates For Asian Longhorned Beetle IFB

The Contractor Qualifications section on page 8 of the Invitation for Bid for Tree Removal under the Asian Longhorned Beetle Program required that:

- a. At least one employee of the company must be a qualified line clearance tree trimmer. Qualifications must be presented to the Department by May 9, 2008. The Department's decision will be provided no later than May 16, 2008, and

- c. At least one member of the company must possess either a certificate as an "Arborist" from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or an equivalent certification or experience. Requests for recognition of equivalent certification or experience must be received by the Department by May 9, 2008. The Department's decision will be provided no later than May 16, 2008.

The Department received no submissions of qualifications for either of these positions by the May 9 deadline. Therefore, the Department is extending the submission deadline for qualifications until **4:00 pm on May 23, 2008**. The information should be faxed to:

Melissa Heath
(518) 457-1204

A fax confirmation of receipt will be returned to sender. If you do not receive a confirmation by **4:30 on May 23**, please call Melissa Heath at (518) 457-2087 before 5:00 pm.

The Department's decisions on the qualifications will be emailed no later than **4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2008**. If you do not receive a decision by that time, please call Bob Mungari at (518) 457-2087.

In order to accommodate extending the timeframe for submission of qualifications, the Department is also extending the deadline for submission of proposals until **4:00 pm EDT on May 30, 2008**. Bid packages which are shipped or mailed shall be addressed to:

Tree Removal IFB
Lucy Roberson, Director
Division of Fiscal Management
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
Albany, New York 12235

Complete instructions on how to submit a bid can be found on page 2 of the IFB.

Questions concerning this notice should be submitted to:

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