

February 3, 2016

Pre Conference Bid Meeting for Asian Longhorned Beetle Program

Additional Questions due 2/5/16

Answers due 2/10 16

Bid determined on 2/29/16

1. Are disposal fees separate?

Yes, it is the responsibility of the contractor to pay for all disposal costs. These costs should be factored into the bid price.

2. Do we need a 3A or 6A license for herbicide application? Clarify what permits are needed where and when?

You will need both a 3A and a 6A license. The 3A is needed for residential and commercial properties. The 6A is for right-of-way work along highways and railroads.

3. a) Can we guarantee an 8 hour day?

No. We try to group work when possible.

- b) Are crews called in to remove just one tree?

If it is during flight season, we may require the contractor to remove just one tree.

4. a) If there is knowledge of possible or definite damage (e.g. Sprinkler lines during stump grinding) do we still proceed with the removal or stump grinding?

Yes.

- b) In this case is the damage still the responsibility of the contractor, does it fall to the state or the homeowner?

"If damage occurs the successful bidder shall immediately return the damaged areas to original condition at no additional cost to the State". (IFB Section 2.2 (H), page 7) If there are extenuating circumstances, the contractor may request the Department to review on a case by case basis.

5. On the southern state parkway do we need an intinuator truck (crash proof safety vehicle)?

It would depend on the location of the removals. Under the previous contract, many of the trees were removed from the back side of the parkway or there was enough of a setback for the trucks to be on the grassy shoulder without needing an intinuator truck.

6. Does the Department of Transportation (DOT) supply safety trucks or workers?

DOT does not supply safety trucks or workers.

7. Is the prevailing wage chart clear for each worker? What about those workers with line clearance? With electric lines and/or without?

Yes, the chart is clear. All of the prevailing wages items have been reviewed with the Department of Labor.

8. What if an outside piece of equipment is needed to complete the job? Who is responsible to acquire the equipment and the cost of said equipment (e.g. a crane)?

If a piece of equipment not specified in the IFB, such as a crane, is required for tree removal, the Department will be responsible for the cost.

9. Is Brooklyn a part of this bid or are the bids separate? Can we bid on one, or must we bid on both?

NYC and Long Island are two separate bid areas. A bidder can choose to bid on one or both. (IFB Section 1. Introduction, first paragraph)

10. Are all the rates confirmed with the Department of Labor?

Yes. A link to the prevailing wage rate schedule is included in the IFB. <https://wpp.labor.state.ny.us/wpp/publicViewProject.do?method=showIt&id=1113921>

11. How long is the contract?

A five year term.

12. a) Specify the types of subcontracting allowed.

Subcontracting of work, other than for herbicide treatment, is prohibited unless written approval is granted by the Department. (IFB Section 2.4, page 8)

b) Is there only subcontracting allowed for herbicide?

Herbicide treatment is the only subcontracting allowed without prior approval of the Department.

13. Please post a list of meeting attendees.

See attached.

14. Can you forward past bid results, including vendors and the awarded vendor from the last contract? Including a spread sheet with hourly rates that were submitted?

See attached.