



May 5, 2022

TO: All Bidders under ITB 22-101492 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract)

FROM: Department of Purchasing and Contracting, DeKalb County, Georgia

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 22-101492 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract), is hereby amended as follows:

1. Questions were received and the responses are provided below:

1.	<p>Question: Since this bid is for “as needed” services, what amount do we use for the Fidelity Bond? This wasn’t in the bid request last time.</p> <p>Answer: The Fidelity Bond is not required for this solicitation.</p>
2.	<p>Question: If the prime contractor is a Dekalb LSBE-MSA, are we required to find additional LSBE’s to participate in this bid? And if not, how many points are given when the bid is evaluated?</p> <p>Answer: Additional LSBE participation is encouraged, but not required if the prime contractor is a DeKalb-certified LSBE.</p> <p>Per the LSBE Ordinance, Section 2-204, Benchmarks and Incentives.</p> <p><i>Invitations to Bid.</i></p> <p>(4) If a prime contractor who is deemed responsible and remains responsive to an Invitation to Bid because it is or has obtained 20% participation of an LSBE DeKalb or LSBE MSA firm, submits the lowest bid price in response to a qualified sealed solicitation, that prime contractor shall be deemed the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and submitted to the chief executive officer or the governing authority, whichever is appropriate under law, for award of the contract;</p> <p>(5) In addition to meeting all other requirements for responsiveness, prime contractors who demonstrate sufficient good faith efforts in accordance with the requirements of this article shall be deemed responsive in the initial evaluation of responses to an Invitation to Bid.</p> <p>(6) If a prime contractor who is deemed responsible and remains responsive to an Invitation to Bid because of its good faith efforts, submits a lower bid price than a prime contractor who actually achieves the 20% or otherwise required benchmark, then the prime contractor who actually met the benchmark will be given the opportunity to match the lowest bid price of the prime contractor who only made good faith efforts. If that prime contractor chooses NOT to match that bid price, the prime contractor who made the good</p>

	<p>faith effort will be deemed the lowest responsible responsive bidder and submitted to the chief executive officer or the governing authority, whichever is appropriate under law, for award of the contract.</p> <p>* The DeKalb First Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Ordinance, can be viewed at https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/2016%2009%2027%20LSBE%20Local%20Small%20Business%20Enterprise%20First%20Program%20-%20FULLY%20EX....pdf.</p>
3.	<p>Question: When returning the bid package with the additional copies, are we required to send additional copies of the Design Standards Manual back to you with our bid?</p> <p>Answer: No.</p>
4.	<p>Question: Is the bidder required to provide a copy of the specialty license with the bid submission?</p> <p>Answer: Yes.</p>
5.	<p>Question: Is the prime bidder allowed to utilize the subcontractor's specialty license when responding to the solicitation?</p> <p>Answer: Yes.</p>
6.	<p>Question: What is the anticipated start date?</p> <p>Answer: As soon as possible. However, the contract will start ten (10) days from the Notice to Proceed (Commencement Date). The evaluation and award process can take up to 120 days or more after receipt of bids.</p>
7.	<p>Question: How many contractors does DeKalb County anticipate to award?</p> <p>Answer: The intent of this bid is to award multiple vendors; however, the County reserves the right to make an all-award to a single vendor or to award by line item. The County may accept any item or group of items on any bid, whichever is in the best interest of DeKalb County.</p>

2. It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that he/she is aware of all addenda issued under this ITB. Please sign and return this addendum. You may contact Sophia Thomas, Procurement Agent, at sdthomas@dekalbcountyga.gov before the bids are due to confirm the number of addenda issued.
3. All other conditions remain in full force and effect.

Sophia Thomas
Procurement Agent
Department of Purchasing and Contracting

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Date: _____

The above Addendum #2 is hereby acknowledged:

(NAME OF BIDDER)

(Signature)

(Title)

CC:st