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ADDENDUM #1

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) NO.: 1220-040-2017-051
TITLE: DYKE MOWING – VARIOUS SITES
ADDENDUM ISSUE DATE: April 10, 2017
CLOSING DATE: prefer to receive Quotations on or before:
April 18, 2017

INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS

This Addendum is issued to provide additional information to the RFQ for the above named project, to the extent referenced and shall become a part thereof. No consideration will be allowed for extras due to the Contractor not being familiar with this Addendum. This Addendum No. 1 contains three (3) pages in total.

Q1: As there is specialized equipment required for this contract will the City entertain a three or five-year contract?

A1: The agreement is a one year term with the option of two additional one year terms for a potential three year term.

Q2: Will the City provide traffic control, remove and replace no-post blocking dyke accesses?

A2: No.

Q3: What is the City's policy on mowing Japanese Knotweed a Provincial noxious weed?

A3: The dykes may have small isolated patches of Knotweed. If encountered, the Contractor is to follow the best management practise for invasive species. Please see the following link: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/conservation/bcparks-ip-guide.pdf>

Q4: Who is responsible to obtain Railroad right-of-way access permits for the Railroads?

A4: The City will obtain the permits.

Q5: Will the City pay for the Contractor's staff to obtain Railway Security and Access permits?

A5: This is the responsibility of the Contractor.

Q6: Does the City arrange for and co-ordinate the Railway Track Clearance Permits and Railway certified signal man when working adjacent to railway tracks?

A6: This is the responsibility of the Contractor.

Q7: Several the clay dykes have deep water filled ruts on the crest caused by previous equipment traveling along the top, there signs of equipment getting mired down and having to be extracted with heavy equipment, will the city address this problem or is the Contractor to allow for recovery?

A7: The City will be repairing the dyke as weather permits. The Contractor will be responsible for access as needed and any potential recovery if they get stuck.

Q8: Reed canary grass to 6' – 3" high, blackberries to 4' and brush to 5' cover many dykes, when mowed leave a 6" plus layer of mulched vegetation on the pathways, does the Contractor have to remove this material? ie) 3.1B and S2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,14, N1,4 and 5

A8: Vegetation that is deposited on the dyke pathways will need to be removed by the Contractor within 48 hours of the mowing.

Q9: Will the city pay for stand-down time on the Fraser Dykes when trains, travel by or stop at work sites?

A9: No, the City will pay for actual metres mowed.

Q10: When will the contract be awarded? The first cut is to start by April 24, 2017.

A10: Time is of the essence. Should approval not be given by April 24, the Contractor will need to start on priority areas within business days.

Q11: Does the city obtain permission for the Contractor to access the dykes through private property or does the Contractor notify the land owners?

A11: No, the City will not obtain permission for the Contractor to access the dykes through private property. This is the responsibility of the Contractor.

Q12: The dyke profile shown is not to scale, is much steeper, often with a vertical up-build and narrower, to turn, equipment must back over the side climb back up, are high traction agricultural tires acceptable in place of turf tires?

A12: Yes.

Q13: Is the Contractor responsible for damage to hidden, unauthorized, unmarked and unburied irrigation, drainage pipes and electrical cables crossing the dyke through high grass and blackberries?

A13: The Contractor needs to have appropriate insurance to respond to all potential claims.

Q14: Can the Contractor drive over unburied pipes and cables on the dykes?

A14: Generally all infrastructure the City of Surrey installs is appropriate to drive over. Should the operator encounter unique situations, it will need to be assessed at that situation.

Q15: How are the dykes on map S6 accessed?

A15: Access is off Colebrook Road.

END OF ADDENDUM #1

All Addenda will become part of the RFQ Documents.
