



MANATEE COUNTY
FLORIDA

May 29, 2012

TO: All Interested Bidders

SUBJECT: Invitation for Bid # 12-0714-DS
Conservatory Nature Park Construction and Restoration

ADDENDUM # 2

Bidders are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be acknowledged on pages 00300-1 of the Bid Form and made a part of the above named bidding and contract documents. Bids submitted without acknowledgement of the Addendum will be considered incomplete.

The following items are issued to add to, modify, and clarify the bid and contract documents. These items shall have the same force and effect as the original bidding and contract documents, and cost involved shall be included in the bid prices. Bids to be submitted on the specified bid date, shall conform to the additions and revisions listed herein.

The deadline for clarification of questions is **June 5, 2012 at 3:00 pm.** This deadline had been established to maintain fair treatment of all potential bidders, while maintaining the expedited nature of the Economic Stimulus that the contracting of this work may achieve. Questions received after this date and time shall not be considered.

Attachment: Responses to questions posed during the Information Conference/Site Visit/email clarification request provided by Ms. Sue Thompson, RLA Project Manager. IBI Group, Inc. (3 pages)

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The deadline for submitting sealed Bids at the Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

The date and time of the Bid Opening is as noted until 2:00 pm on June 19, 2012.

END ADDENDUM # 2

Sincerely,



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/ds (3 pages)

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Manatee County,
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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Bidders are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be acknowledged on the Bid Form and made a part of the above named bidding and contract documents.

The following items are issued to add to, modify and clarify the bid and contract documents (plans and specifications). These items shall have the same force and effect as the original bidding and contract documents, and cost involved shall be included in the bid prices. Bids to be submitted on the specified bid date, shall conform to the additions and revisions listed herein.

Meetings:

A non-mandatory information conference was held on May 17, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Purchasing Department Conference Room 803 at the Manatee County Building and began with an introduction of the attendees and a request for sign-in by Contractors and Subcontractors. Donna Stevens with Manatee County presented the pre-bid information. Sue Thompson, the project landscape architect, represented IBI Group, and briefly highlighted several items of note for the contractor's. Alan Meronek, Tom Yarger and Carmine DeMilio were present to represent Manatee County. The meeting was opened up for questions (see "Contractor Questions" below).

Following the information conference, a non-mandatory site visit was held on May 17, 2012 at the Conservatory Park site starting at 2:45 p.m. Note: As a clarification, the site visit on May 17 was strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. According to the County specifications, the contractor is to note in their submittal that they had made a site visit, but the May 17th site visit was not required. All attendees were asked to sign-in. The contractors, County staff and IBI Group walked the site to view the areas of work covered on the Conservatory Park site. Questions were asked along the walk around the site (see "Contractor Questions" below).

There was a clarification by Donna, that a site visit was a pre-requisite to submit a bid and that those unable to attend the May 17th site visit were asked to contact her directly to let her know they would be visiting the site and that the contractor's were to note this in their bid submittal.



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Tom Yarger also added that the gate at Conservatory Drive would remain open from May 17th until the bids were due so contractors and subcontractors could access the site after they informed Donna they would be making a site visit.

Additional questions were submitted in writing to Donna Stevens by the submittal deadline as stipulated and are also included in this Addendum (see "Contractor Questions" below).

Contractor Questions:

- 1. Would you consider permeable pavers as an alternate to the porous concrete on this project. After reviewing the prints we feel we can be very competitive while providing a better product both structurally and aesthetically. Permeable Pavers are the only system recommended in the proposed FDEP Statewide Stormwater Rule for use in applications where there will be turning vehicles. The rotational force of vehicle tires will cause pervious concrete to begin to unravel in a short period of time. This has been documented by the studies conducted at The UCF Stormwater Management Academy. I can provide copies of the Statewide Rule if needed.**

The porous concrete was utilized per coordination with SWFWMD for the ERP permit required for this project. The District requested the use of porous concrete as the acceptable product for permitting this site. A change in materials would require revising the permit, additional cost (re-file fee) and a delay in the project which the County does not want to pursue.

- 2. We will be attending the pre bid tomorrow for the Conservatory Nature Park. We noticed in the bid documents that only General Contractors are allowed to bid on this project. We are a Florida Licensed Building Contractor, as well as licensed Underground contractors and are FDOT Certified in all aspects of work described in the project. We have successfully completed many projects of similar scope and value in the past and would like the County to consider allowing us to bid on this. Can you please let me know if this is acceptable?**

The Contractor must be Class A or B Certified General or Building Contractor or holding current certificate of competency in Manatee County. Proof of such must be attached with your bid offering. Contractors must comply with the parameters of their license and subcontract to other licensed individuals accordingly. (i.e. Electric, Plumbing, mechanical etc.)



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3. **There are several mulch piles on the site. Is the Contractor to remove the mulch as part of his bid?**

No. Parks and Recreation will determine if they want the mulch piles for this or other projects. If they do not, the contractor can utilize the mulch on site.

4. **How should the cleared area noted as the playground area be graded by the Contractor?**

Regarding the cleared areas of the site, the grade should be level with the surrounding grade when clearing and grubbing activities are completed.

5. **What is the depth to the tie-in of water line for proposed fire hydrants as we will need to know this to determine if there will be dewatering required.**

The ground water has been determined to be at grade per SWFWMD so the assumption is that there will be water encountered as part of water line construction.

6. **Is the Contractor to use the existing site staking for the layout of the site elements?**

The existing stakes that are placed around the site that denote the site elements were set for use in clearing the site. The Contractor is responsible for staking the site layout.

Sincerely,

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