



Financial Management Department
Purchasing Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Ste 803
Bradenton, FL 34205

June 2, 2015

TO: All Interested Quoters

SUBJECT: **Request for Quotation #15-1507-OV**
Stormwater Pond Maintenance at Various
Manatee County Locations

ADDENDUM # 1

Quoters are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be acknowledged on page Quote Form- 21 of the Quote Form and made a part of the above named quoting and contract documents. Quote submitted without acknowledgement of the Addendum will be considered incomplete.

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

The deadline for clarification of questions was **May 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM**. This deadline had been established to maintain fair treatment of all potential Quoters. Questions received after this date and time shall not be considered.

QUOTERS NOTE 1: Pertaining to the Ponds

The following Ponds have been deleted from this Quotation and have been removed from the Quote Form: Ponds Nos.: 068, 079A, 079C, 079D, 079E, 079F, 079G, 079H, 079I.

A revised interactive excel quote form is made a part of this Addendum #1.
(5 total pages)

QUOTERS NOTE 2: Annual Cost Estimate for this project is approximately \$200,000.00.

QUOTERS NOTE 3: Response to questions received at the Information Conference held on May 20, 2015 and questions received via email through May 27, 2015.

Question # 1: Why is it necessary to submit a GI-BMP certificate? This Certificate is mainly for upland areas, lawn maintenance Pesticides application to terrestrial plants and has nothing to do with aquatic weed control.

Response # 1: After reviewing the information and qualifications provided in the Request for Quotation, a determination has been made that this Certification is not necessary or required for this project.

Question # 2: The quote calls for control of Cat I & II weeds and not other native plants that become problems in lakes, such as dollar weed, duckweed, azolla, algae, primrose, cattails, salt myrtles, paragrass, willows, salvinia, water lilies, etc.

Response # 2: In addition to Exotic Pest Plant Control (EPPC) category I and II species, the contractor shall treat dollarweed, all species of primrose (*Ludwigia* spp.), new populations of cattail. (REF: Question #7 below regarding cattail), paragrass, Carolina Willow (under 10 ft in height, kill in place).

Manatee County is primarily interested in the water flow into and out of the ponds. Therefore, the contractor shall ensure that ALL vegetation of any type or species, is targeted for 100% kill for a distance not less than 5 ft and not more than 10 ft from any inlet or outlet structure. This includes: skimmers, headwalls, and mitered end treatments to provide a clear and open area on all sides of the structure in order for the water to move out of or into the pond freely."

Question # 3: Who is responsible for fish kills?

Response # 3: If the fish kill is a result of actions of the contractor, the contractor will be responsible. A fish kill which is determined to be an "Act of God" or not associated with a treatment event, will be the County's responsibility.

Question # 4: Are there keys for the fenced in areas?

Response # 4: Yes, keys will be provided to the successful contractor (s).

Question # 5: How far up the lake bank do we spray; high-water mark or current waterline?

Response # 5 Current waterline

Question # 6: Should we encounter an irate homeowner (s), who is our contact to resolve the problem?

Response # 6: Mr. Jeff Bare, Public Works Supervisor is your contact and is the designated Contract Administrator. Mr. Bare may be reached at 941-708-7430, Ext. 7203. Additional contact information shall be provided to the successful contractor (s).

Question # 7: Quarterly treatment of areas that are 100% cattails or some other weed that is useless? These areas should be sprayed more frequently to completely control the problem or let the cattails totally take over the area. Cattails can be maintained in clumps, if desired.

Response # 7: Current stands of cattails present at the time of initial treatment will not be targeted, treated, or sprayed. Existing stands cattails occurring at any location within any of the designated ponds will not be required to be targeted.

New, emerging and / or young cattails along the perimeter of the pond, on a littoral shelf, or at any other location with a pond must be sprayed to kill. We have made the decision that current conditions with regard to cattail are acceptable, but additional growth or new populations are to be targeted, kill in place methodology. The County may choose to target populations of cattails within any of the ponds, at any time for eradication or contract to do so with the selected contractor. If this does occur, the contractor will be notified and expected to prevent re-establishment of cattail stands.

Question # 8: Are Triploid Grass Carp an Option?

Response # 8: No

Question # 9: Is there a restriction on herbicide usage? Are there aquatic herbicides that the County would prefer us not to use?

Response # 9: No, all herbicides are to be used in accordance with the label directions.

Question # 10: Is the county going to assign the lakes that are targeted to be treated by the contractor?

Response # 10: Yes, however, the intent is all lakes / ponds on the revised quote form will be treated during each scheduled treatment event. It is not intended to only treat a few ponds or selectively choose which ponds are to be treated. The list provided represents ponds which are to be treated during each event.

Question # 11: Is it required that the contract trucks and equipment be clearly marked with the company name and contact information?

Response # 11: Yes, it is a requirement that the company name and contact information be visible on the trucks to be utilized.

Question # 12: Do the lakes need to be posted with signs to inform the public that the lake was treated for aquatic weeds and any other restrictions?

Response # 12: Posting is only required if the label of the product states that posting is required. The County does not post or require posting.

Question # 13: How is the trash pick up to be assigned? Will this be done quarterly, monthly, weekly, or when you call. Is it necessary to go back and re-inspect these areas after a significant rain event or will the County assign the areas to be checked? I am worried about not allocating enough time to properly pick up trash because sometimes it may take five (5) minutes and the same area may take hour the following week.

Response # 13: Trash pickup will be performed as part of the maintenance event. It is anticipated that maintenance events will be scheduled quarterly or more frequently if funding is available. Trash pickup has been occurring in these ponds on a regular basis, so there is no "backlog" of trash to be removed. It is acknowledged that the volume of trash may fluctuate from event to event, but this is something that contractor should anticipated and prepare for in their decision. Trash pickup will only occur during the scheduled treatment event and the contractor will not be required to, nor will the contractor be called upon to remove trash when a treatment event is not occurring. Once the contractor has completed the treatment event and the inspection has been completed, the event is considered complete unless the inspection yields a need for follow up work. Re-inspection by the contractor is not necessary once the treatment event has been inspected and accepted by the County representative.

Question # 14: Will the County remove large trash items from these areas? For example cars, trailers?

Response # 14. Yes, the County will remove large trash items.

Question # 15: Complaint calls from homeowners will go through the County?

Response # 15: Yes, however the contractor will be responsible and accountable for their actions.

Question # 16: How many contractors will be working on this project at the same time?

Response # 16: One.

Question # 17: Will there be any supplemental aquatic plant plantings in the lakes with littoral shelves?

Response# 17: No.

Question # 18: In lakes with littoral shelves, are we responsible for these shelf maintenance?

Response # 18: Yes.

Question # 19: In the littoral shelf, what are the main plants to be controlled, such as cattails, torpedo grass, primrose, etc?

Response # 19: EPPC cat and II, torpedo grass, all species of primrose, pennwort, new emergence of cattail (REF: Question #7 response), same species to be targeted regardless of location in pond.

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Algae treatment is not required.

Question # 20: If there is an emergency or complaint, how long do we have to respond?

Response # 20: It is expected that when contacted regarding an emergency, the contractor shall verbally respond to the County within four (4) hours to establish a plan to respond to the emergency. The follow up or actual response to the emergency shall be initiated no more than 48 hours after the initial notification.

Question # 21: Does the trash pickup include organic material (branches trees, etc) or just human made trash?

Response # 21: Both, however, we are not expecting every small branch, twig or leaf to be removed. We are expecting all human made trash visible to be removed and larger tree branches which may cause flow issues to be removed.

Question # 22: My main concern overall in this quotation is the trash pickup because this is not a static problem. Trash fluctuates from non-existence to overwhelming at the same location.

Response # 22: Trash pickup will be performed as part of the maintenance event. Trash pick-up has been occurring in these ponds so there is no "backlog" of trash to be removed. It is acknowledged that the volume of trash may fluctuate from event to event, but this is something the contractor should anticipate and prepare for in their decision. Trash pick-up will only occur during the scheduled treatment event and the contractor will not be required to nor will the contractor be called upon to remove trash when a treatment event is not occurring. The contractor will be accountable for trash removal during the scheduled treatment event. The county recognizes that at times, illegal dumping may occur. The county, when notified by the contractor, will be responsible for unreasonable volumes of trash resulting from dumping and will consider responsibility for highly unusual volumes of trash. This does not include first flush from storm events which may create a fluctuation in trash in the pond.

The deadline for submitting this Request for Quotation is **June 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM.** Quotes may be emailed to olga.valcich@mymanatee.org, mailed to Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 or faxed to 941-749-3034.

END OF ADDENDUM # 1

Sincerely,



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Purchasing Official

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