



# MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

**email**

August 30, 2012

TO: All Interested Proposers

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) #12-2049DC  
Harvesting and Sale of Bahia Sod from Duette Preserve

ADDENDUM #1

Proposers are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be made a part of the above named solicitation document. The following items are issued to add to, modify, and clarify the proposed requirements. Proposals to be submitted on the specified bid date, shall conform to the additions and revisions listed herein.

1. To obtain access the site, interested vendors should contact: Johnny McLeod at 941.776.2295.
2. See attachment for Manatee County Government Natural Resources Department (**MCG**) response to request for clarifications.

Proposals will be received at Manatee County Purchasing, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205 until **September 11, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.** If you have submitted a proposal prior to receiving this Addendum, you may request in writing that your sealed proposal be returned to your firm.

Sincerely,

Deborah Carey-Reed, CPPB  
Contract Negotiator

Attachment

Financial Management Department - Purchasing Division  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205  
PHONE: 941.749.3074 \* FAX: 941.749.3034  
[www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org)

**DIETER'S SOD SERVICE, INC. 08/28/2012:**

1. Is Silt Barrier required on the perimeter of the cutting area?

**MCG:** No silt fence required.

2. Is there more than one access point to the field and if so, will we be allowed to use it?

**MCG:** Only Bear Bay Road from SR 64 to be used for access to Preserve; access to fields is from any point along harvest area from Trail One

3. Sod is usually harvested from Sunday to Friday. Will we be able to harvest on Sunday?

**MCG:** The sod harvest coincides with some of our weekend hunt schedules and harvest will not be permitted on September 16, September 30, and October 28. Harvest on other Sundays acceptable.

4. There will be a lot of tractor trailer traffic; will that interfere with the trails?

**MCG:** Visitor traffic is very light (a couple per day); contractor will yield to all traffic within the project area.

5. Will there be a time extension allotted for wet weather days?

**MCG:** No time extension for wet weather (see comment on time allotment below).

6. Are the harvested areas to be cleaned up after harvest of any discarded pieces of sod? What condition must the field be left in?

**MCG:** Discarded sod pieces are to be removed and staged in areas defined by County staff. Fields left as clean as possible, no pallets, etc. or any contractor's equipment.

7. Can mowing clippings be dumped on site?

**MCG:** Clippings can be staged in same areas as discarded sod.

8. Due to the existing economy, it is going to be very difficult to harvest 500 acres; approximately 40,000 pallets of sod; in 2 months or 43 working days or 930 pallets per day; weather permitting. I think the time frame needs to be reviewed and more time allotted.

**MCG:** With regard to the time allotment for harvest, the first year harvest must conclude by November 2012, regardless of how much sod has been harvested of the 500 acres eligible. All of this acreage will be converted in November-December to pine plantation. It is the desire of the County to bring in revenue for whatever harvest can be accomplished in this time allotment.