

IFB NO 15303-FY23-51 EAST MARKET STREET (ROUTE 7) & BATTLEFIELD PARKWAY INTERCHANGE LANDSCAPING ADDENDUM NO. 1

May 10, 2023

ITEM NO. 1: QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Interested bidders shall be mindful of the following responses to the guestions received:

- 1. QUESTION: Can you provide specifications and details for the following items.
 - Erosion Control / Silt Fence
 RESPONSE: Supplemental E&S Detail attached see Attachment A.
 - Planting Bed Preparation for Shrubs, Ground Covers & Grasses
 RESPONSE: Refer to Planting Specifications Section 3.9 in the IFB document.
 - Seed Bed Preparation for Tall Fescue Blend Hydroseeding and Meadow Mix RESPONSE:

Tall Fescue Blend - Refer to the BID FORM lines 18 & 19 for the tall fescue preparation. It calls for aeration and slit seeding for 8,404 SY and hydroseeding for 2,874 SY.

Meadow Mix - For the meadow mix, standard seedbed prep consists of:

- 1. Tilling/scarifying the existing surface
- 2. Blending the seed with sand and broadcast spreading the mixture
- 3. Using a weighted roller to press the seeds into the seedbed
- 4. Water the seedbed daily until establishment, then weekly per the BID FORM
- Inspection prosses for Shrubs, Ground Covers & Grasses
 RESPONSE: Refer to Planting Specifications Section 3.9 and the TREE INSTALLATION
 INSTRUCTIONS on page 27 of 43 of the IFB.
- Imported Topsoil Requirements
 RESPONSE: The Planting spec does not include a topsoil requirement. The Contractor shall provide a submittal for the Town's consideration for any topsoil imported.
- 2. QUESTION: How do you propose these steep inclines (3/1) throughout the interchange that require seeds and plant materials to be installed are accessed with equipment and the type of equipment to be used? (the only equipment that will stay on these seep inclines is some form of track machine like a bull dozer).

RESPONSE: Developing a plan and determining specific means, methods and equipment for the plant installation are the responsibility of the Contractor. The slopes can be accessed either from the tops and/or bottoms.

- 3. QUESTION: What is the Warranty for the Shrubs, Ground Covers & Grasses?

 RESPONSE: Refer to the SPECIAL PROJECT WARRANTY section of the IFB on page 27 of 43 and Section 3.24 of the Planting Specifications.
- 4. QUESTION: What is the Warranty for the Tall Fescue Grass and Meadow Mix?

 RESPONSE: Refer to the SPECIAL PROJECT WARRANTY section of the IFB on page 27 of 43 and Section 3.24 of the Planting Specifications.
- 5. QUESTION: Are you requiring Watering of all the Tall Fescue Aeration / Slit Seeding, Tall Fescue Hydroseeding and Meadow Mix Areas until germination or to continue into the following growing season and through the summer of 2024.
 - RESPONSE: Refer to line 20 of the BID FORM. Refer to Subsections General and Watering of the IFB Section: Maintenance Required During Special Warranty Period on pages 27 & 28 of 43.
- 6. QUESTION: Will these planting areas need to be treated with a non-selective herbicide prior to planting bed preparation to help control invasive weed growth once plants are installed? RESPONSE: Per numerous references in the IFB and Specs, including planting Specifications Section 3.24, planting areas shall be kept reasonably free of weeds during the warranty period. Developing a plan and determining specific means, methods and equipment to achieve this requirement are the responsibility of the Contractor.

Bidders must take due notice and be governed accordingly. This addendum must be acknowledged as indicated in the Invitation for Bid or your bid may not be considered.

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END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

