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16-07-B, Detention Pond Maintenance
Questions and Answers
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1. *I have two questions about bid number 16-07 – B for the detention pond area cutting description area one everything in area one is duplicated throughout the rest of the areas so therefore the 17.5 acres in Area one should be eliminated. **The ponds in Area 1 are the ponds we require to be cut twice a year so they are to be cut first in Area 1 and they will receive their second cutting when they re-appear in the other Areas, so that 17.5 acres will be cut twice.***
2. *Also it calls for the grass to be cut 10 foot outside of the fence line on county owned property how do we know what his county owned. **The County owns more than ten feet around most of the ponds but to prevent any misunderstandings once this project begins, the County will assign a staff member that is very familiar with all the ponds to guide the selected contractor daily if needed.***
3. *We may bid on the maintenance for the detention ponds however needed to know if there are a required number of times each need to be serviced. **All of the ponds are required to be cut once per year, however all the ponds in Area 1 are duplicated throughout the other Areas because they are the few that require two cuttings per year. So if you bid each area it will include the duplicate cuttings.***
4. *Are these ponds scheduled to be maintained once per year? **Yes each area is to be maintained once per year.** If so could the completion date be extended to November 30th? **No** Usually September, October and the first half of November are the drier months which would make for a “cleaner” job when completed. **Most of the ponds are very visible to the public and located in residential subdivisions. We require them to be maintained during the summer months for aesthetics and to help keep pests (snakes) under control.***
5. *The bid sheet has 6 areas to be mowed and maintained with a unit cost per acre. We have looked at every pond and taken pictures of each one. Many pond need to be cleaned out of trees and over growth before they can ever be maintained. Each pond will take a different amount time to get it to the point of being maintained. How will this need to be priced out so everyone is bidding the same. **Removing fallen trees and overgrowth is part of the maintenance. With the exception of the Bolton Court pond maintenance has been done on each pond annually for 7 years and occasionally there are fallen trees and overgrowth that have to be removed each year as part of that maintenance.***

6. *The pond at Bolton park 122-08-09-003 is 3 acres and it is full of water. At inspection, it is holding 1' to 1 ½' water. As it is flat, there is no way to cut this pond until the inlet structure is cleaned out to eliminate standing water issue. **This pond usually has water in it, so if it is wet at the time to be maintained, only the dam and dry areas will be maintained.***
7. *Almost every pond has trees around fence line. Many have trees in the pond. Several ponds are full of trees. How do we differentiate what area's the county wants cleaned and what area's are to be let alone. The price to clean it will be different that the price to maintain it. Bid also state that trees and stumps in pond and around fence under 4" need be removed and hauled off. as the ground is going to be disturbed, who will be responsible for seeded and strawing these areas. **As stated previously, these ponds were cut annually. If the areas around the pond do not appear to have been cut in the past two years then those areas would not be expected to be maintained under this contract. If there is a need for seeding and straw due to stump removal, the County will make arrangements for those repairs as they arise.***
8. *Page S-2 is the only page that states the actual Specifications. As each of the 92 ponds are different and have different issues how does everyone bid one the same thing without a prebid meeting on every pond, where information on what to do and not to do is given at the same time. **Follow the specs on sheet S-2, any areas with trees larger than 4 inches in diameter are not to be included.***
9. *I would assume that there will need to be 2 prices provided, one for clean-up and one for maintenance per area that can be renewed for 4 years. **There is no need for two prices as clean-up and maintenance are considered the same activity. Due to their location, some ponds will require fallen tree/debris removal annually and some will not. Adjust bids accordingly.***