



ADDENDUM #1

To: All Companies Interested in Submitting a Bid
From: Heather Mell, Purchasing Agent
Bid: Grinding of Trees (Bid #PUR0820-041); Dated: August 18, 2020
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The following questions and/or clarifications were asked relative to the above-listed Request for Bid. This memo is sent for clarification to all companies to whom the bid was sent.

Question: Will use of a horizontal grinder rather than tub grinder provide a more favorable evaluation by the City even when this is a low bid project?

Answer: No it will not.

Question: Does the City have a minimum daily grinding production requirement?

Answer: The minimum horsepower requirement for the processing equipment will be 450hp, no daily minimum production requirement, payment will be based upon the volume of material after processing.

Question: Should the grinding contractor out perform the debris removal contractor, will there be standby time paid to the grinding contractor?

Answer: No, standby pay will not be paid.

Question: Does the City have a projected deadline for all passes to be performed by debris hauling contractor? Will the debris hauling be completed in 90 days?

Answer: No deadline has been established at this time, work shall be completed as quickly as possible.

Question: Who is responsible for ordering, securing, and paying for topographical surveys?

Answer: The awarded contractor for the contract of grinding trees will be responsible for this.

Question: Can the Contractor order/secure or perform multiple surveys rather than one final survey at the end of operations?

Answer: For the purposes of this bid the stockpile of chips will be measured one time at the completion of grinding operations.

Question: Can the Contractor perform weekly or bi-weekly surveys? The Contractor expects debris piles to decompose over time as well as shrink due to the weight of the accumulated debris pile. Multiple surveys of completed debris piles will insure the contractor is paid accurately for the work requested

Answer: For the purposes of this bid the stockpile of chips will be measured one time at the completion of grinding operations.

Question: Is there a minimum reduction required? Is there a minimum chip size requirement?

Answer: See chip size requirement in RFB.

Question: Will the City consider changing the system of measurement from a topographical survey to using a monitoring firm to measure incoming Cubic yardage per truck?

Answer: Not for the purposes of this RFB

Question: Will the woodchips need to be moved from the grinding area to another area of the site? If so, will reduced debris need to be loaded and hauled to the final stockpile site, how far will chips need to be transported? Is there a maximum height, width of final stockpiles?

Answer: The chips will be able to be left onsite after grinding. Maintenance of the chips into one stockpile should be included in the price per CY.

Question: Will each contractor have separate sites to manage or does the City intend multiple contractors to perform management and grinding operations at the same site?

Answer: If multiple contracts are awarded there will only be one contractor per site.

Question: How will the City handle maintenance of access roads and traffic control if multiple contractors are using the same site?

Answer: If multiple contracts are awarded there will only be one contractor per site.

Question: If an injury was to occur on the grinding site where multiple contractors are working, who will be responsible? Will the City be responsible for insuring GL and Medical policies for the grinding site?

Answer: If multiple contracts are awarded there will only be one contractor per site.

Question: What is expected in terms of remediating the grinding site once work is performed and chips are stockpiled?

Answer: Contractor shall level off any ruts before leaving the site. No final turf restoration is required with this contract.

Question: Will the contractor be able to work 7 days a week at the grinding site?

Answer: See hours of the dump site in Section 4.8 of the bid document.

Question: Who is responsible for disposal of the mulch after it is ground?

Answer: The mulch will be left on site in a single stockpile by the Contractor, The City is responsible for the disposal of the mulch.

Question: Can you please verify the method of measurement and payment? If everything being hauled is being measured by the cubic yard, can we use the same measurements for the grinding of the vegetative material?

Answer: The volume of the final reduced chip material will be measured by topographical survey of the stockpile after the debris has been processed. This is the volume that will be paid at the CY price for the grinding bid.

Question: Do you all have any estimates on the volume of debris at this time?

Answer: No

Question: Can you clarify if the pay volume for grinding will be on reduced or unreduced volume?

Answer: It will be on reduced volume.

Question: Will Contractor be required to submit invoices to the City on the 15th and 30th of each month for the Grinding of Trees scope of work?

Answer: This will be agreed upon at a preconstruction conference with the selected contractor.

Question: How many grinding sites does the City have and what are their addresses?

Answer: The City currently has 5 debris storage sites that grinding will take place. A map of the current locations is included at Attachment E.

Question: Is the contractor responsible for any site construction/prep work prior to haulers beginning to drop vegetation on site?

Answer: No

Question: Would the city consider using the measurement of incoming yardage (per industry standards) for the grinding cubic yardage measurement? Because the tree debris removal bid units changed to cubic yards, the city would already have this measurement thus reducing the cost and controversy associated with measuring the pile after it has been ground.

Answer: Not for this bid.

Question: What is either the estimated cubic yards or anticipated duration of this project?

Answer: Unknown at this time

Question: How many grinding sites will there be?

Answer: There are currently 5 sites, this number may increase.

Question: What is the average size of these grinding sites?

Answer: The size of the sites varies, but current sites are approximately 3-10 acres

Question: Will the grinding site be secured by Cedar Rapids?

Answer: Security for these sites will not be provided by the City. The sites are currently fenced in with snow fence.

Question: Will the grinding sites be exclusive for the grinding operation (grinding, loading grinder, storage of the grindings, and delivery)?

Answer: Grinding will be done at the designated vegetative debris disposal sites. Hauling and dumping of vegetative debris on the site will be ongoing during the grinding operation.

Question: What does the City expect around to be the maintenance process of the grinding (or chip) piles?

Answer: The contractor shall maintain the chips into a single stockpile at each site before concluding their operation.

Question: How should bidders with multiple grinders bid this contract?

Answer: If the bidder had multiple grinders they would be allowed to set up at more than one of the dump sites if so desired. That decision will be up to the bidder.

Question: Will the City allow the hours of operations of the grinder of trees be extended?

Answer: See hours of the dump site in Section 4.8 of the bid document.

Question: As stated in the bid this will be awarded to the lowest bidder, does this mean the City is first and foremost concerned about price rather than the length of time of the grinding process?

Answer: The contract will be awarded as outlined in the RFB

Question: Will grinding capacity be taken into account when awarding bids or is that just an estimate that the City is requesting?

Answer: The contract will be awarded as outlined in the RFB

Question: Is the Contractor responsible for staffing/providing any of the following: monitoring towers, portable toilets, light towers, or dust control?

Answer: For the purposes of this bid plan to be able to provide all of the above except for monitoring towers.

Question: Are there any special COVID precautions the contractor will need to abide by/be aware of?

Answer: The City recommends the contractor follow CDC guidelines for the COVID pandemic and have a company policy requiring employees to follow these guidelines.

Question: Will Davis Bacon wages be required?

Answer: No Davis Bacon wages for this project.

Question: Please confirm a bid bond is not required as this is not a construction or facility improvement contract.

Answer: No bid bond, payment bond and performance bond is required for this RFB.

All addenda that you receive shall become a part of the contract documents and shall be acknowledged and dated on the bottom of the Signature Page (page 22). The deadline for bid submittal is Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 11:30am CDT.