

TUCKER SUMMIT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE SERVICES
“CID RESPONSE TO BIDDER QUESTIONS”

The following are responses (in red) to questions received from prospective bidders:

Question #1: Is the pre and post emergent herbicide treatment referenced in Section F., on page 11, to be applied to ONLY TO BED AREAS, or should it be applied also to the turf areas?

Response: Refer to Exhibit D – Page 30. The Mountain Industrial Blvd (MIB) turf areas includes the roadway shoulders and medians. Herbicides shall also be applied on the interchange turf.

Question #2: Section T, Page 9, it says we are to submit Payment & Performance Bond with our response. Shouldn't Payment & Performance Bond only be required of the winning bidder? I would think only the 5 percent Bid Bond would be required with our submittal. We would list price of Payment & Performance Bond, then winning bidder would have 2 weeks to provide to CID before CID goes to next bidder. We could provide proof that we are bondable and provide cost for bond, but wouldn't want to put one in place unless awarded the work.

Response: The inclusion of the P&P bonds are to be obtained only from the successful bidder. The CID is asking to provide the approximate cost of the P&P bonds only. Your insurance carrier can provide you an estimate of this cost w/o physically acquiring the bonds.

Question #3: What is “As Directed” frequency in Exhibit C, Table 2?

Response: The CID president, may from time to time, ask the contractor to mow within ROW of selected parcels where no owner maintenance is being performed. If this occurs, the cost for this work will be change order to the contract.

Question #4: Areas considered key locations when we did this work (Hwy 78 Interchange at Mountain Industrial, East Ponce de Leon, Hugh Howell Road) are designated for 26 mowings. Is CID okay with less than premium look in these locations? Would CID pay for additional cuts if needed to maintain desired look? Typically, warm season turf is mowed 30-35 times to maintain a consistently appealing look year-round. More cuts may be necessary if the turf isn't being pre-emerged and post-emerged, plus fertilized, because you have to mow the weeds when the Bermudagrass is dormant.

Response: Addendum will be issued to address this question

Question #5: Will contractor pay be adjusted (up or down) based on actual quantity required of Sign Installations, Tire Removal & Pickup & Graffiti Removal?

Response: **Yes**

Question #6: Is there a limit on the size of signs that are to be installed? Are you referring to one post signs or would larger sign replacement be required? This would not include large signs on Hwy 78?

Response: **Only county road signs; i.e. regulatory and warning signs. Typically no larger than 36" x 36"**

Question #7: Trash pick - up: We currently pick up trash on Mtn Industrial, East Ponce and Hammermill 3x / week. You have only Mtn. Industrial 3 x per week and other areas 1 day / week.. In addition, we drive these roads daily and pick up anything that looks bad on off days. Mowing Mtn Industrial, East Ponce and 78 ramps. We mow weekly during the spring and summer & fall. Approximately 36 times. You are not clear on frequency (says as directed) . We still had those seed heads on Mtn. Industrial after mowing weekly. Imagine how bad it will be if it is mowed every two weeks. I'd specify frequency and not leave it up to a vendor bidding every two weeks or less.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #8: Weed control in tree wells and landscaped beds: You limited treatments with round up to once a month. We treat the beds constantly for weeds which is weekly during the growing season. When the beds look bad, the vendor will have to negotiate additional treatments. Beds should be addressed weekly to avoid constant price increases.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #9: Turf treatments: Spec says two applications per year of Pre emergence. What about post emergent weed control? Round up is only used in shrub beds.

Quarterly curb maintenance is not enough on secondary areas. You will be very disappointed. Imagine if you only edged your yard 4 times per year. Monthly on primary areas is a stretch.

Response: **Refer to Exhibit C – Table 3 for post emergent frequency; Bid Form on page 21 also addresses it**

Question #10: At the interchange there are some native areas that currently full of trash and debris. Are these areas to be included in the weekly maintenance? If so, an initial clean up may be necessary.

Response: **Refer to Exhibit C – Table 2; Location "N". No initial cleanup necessary**

Question #11: The turf condition at the interchange and on MIB does not currently meet the specifications discussed in the pre-bid meeting and the provided gallonages may not be adequate to deliver green, healthy, weed free turf throughout the interchange and MIB. Should we provide a bulk price or a price per 1,000 SF of turf for an annual turf program that will meet the desired level of quality?

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #12: Please clarify if the interchange and MIB are to be mowed weekly in the growing season.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #13: Section E. Landscape Maintenance (interchange work tasks defined in F below) states “*Fertilizer for grasses and landscape plantings, including trees, application rates per recommended landscape industry practices in Georgia. See Exhibit C.*” This is typically a granular application. Please clarify what pricing section this should be included in.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #14: Section E. Landscape Maintenance (interchange work tasks defined in F below) states “*Red dye mulch (comparable to existing conditions) shall be replenished at each tree island location within the roadway shoulder of Mountain Industrial Boulevard (within right-of-way which includes the grass median) and East Ponce de Leon.(which includes the trees located along the PATH Trail System) twice (2x) per year.*” Industry standard for hardwood mulch application is typically once annually as two annual applications can lead to excessive mulch build up around the trunk and root systems leading to root rot and decline in plant health. We would recommend one full annual application.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #15: Mulching of the interchange was discussed at the prebid meeting but is not addressed in the RFP. What pricing section should that cost be included in? We would recommend one annual application, including a pre-emergent application.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question regarding the mulch. The application of pre-emergent is included in Exhibit D – Table 3.**

Question #16: Section F. Highway 78 @ Mountain Industrial Boulevard & General Turf Maintenance District Wide states “*Weed control (herbicide such as roundup) and once per month manual removal of weeds shall occur at all planted tree locations within the right-of-way of Mountain Industrial Blvd. and East Ponce de Leon.*” And “*Weed control (roundup or equivalent) and once per month manual removal of weeds shall occur at all landscape areas (marked by red triangle on Exhibit A) within right-of-way of Mountain Industrial Boulevard (median and shoulders).*” Once monthly weed control will not produce a weed free bed environment as discussed in the pre-bid meeting, we would recommend once weekly treatment in the growing season or as needed. 32 frequencies is typical.

Response: **Addendum to be issued to address this question**

Question #17: Section F. Highway 78 @ Mountain Industrial Boulevard & General Turf Maintenance District Wide states “*Fertilizer for grasses and landscape plantings, including trees, per recommended landscape industry practices in Georgia*” This is typically a granular application. Please clarify what pricing section this should be included in.

Response: **Refer to page 21; Section 3.F**

Question #18: Mountain Industrial Blvd has a frequency of “As Directed” on the frequency chart. Does that apply to mowing the turf in the medians as well or should the median mowing be included elsewhere?

Response: See Exhibit C; Table 2 – location “K” which identify mowing of the MIB median

Question #19: Is treatment of ant mounds covered? If so, which pricing section should it be under?

Response: No. Will address as a contract change order as warranted

Question #20: Section E. Landscape Maintenance (interchange work tasks defined in F below) states “*Pruning of existing plants and trees at landscaped areas (marked by red triangle on Exhibit A) shall occur once per year.*” Does this frequency apply to the interchange plantings as well as the red triangle areas? If so, we recommend increasing the frequency of the interchange plant material pruning to at least 3 pruning’s in the growing season and one winter prune to achieve the level of quality discussed in the pre-bid meeting.

Response: Yes – pruning’s in the interchange as well as the “red triangle” areas.
Addendum to be issued to address this question