Questions & Answers in Reference to Bid #032713-01

1. I am curious about the wording in your Scope of Work under Irrigation repair. For instance Page 11, Item 8C, It states that;

"Contractor is responsible for repairs to irrigation systems beginning downstream of the backflow device to all components downstream including mainline, control valve, lateral piping, sprinkler heads and fittings."

Page 11, Item 8D says

"Contractor is responsible for repairs to all components of the irrigation booster pumps upstream and downstream of the backflow device."

Is this to be interpreted that the contractor winning the bid is to repair/replace all of the above components at no additional cost? Yes, the booster pump is part of the irrigation system, and as such, is part of the maintenance contract. You would not be responsible for upgrades, just repairs to the current system should it fail. Our electrical staff performs regular PM's on the system at no cost to the contractor, but any failure of the system would be a financial obligation to the successful bidder.

We are to anticipate the costs and include them in the annual contract? Yes.

2. What is the monthly contract price for the current maintenance plan? \$39,483.27

Has the scope of work changed from the last time this landscape maintenance bid went out? Yes, there have been some changes in the level of services provided, as well as some additions and deletions of areas serviced.

Are there any areas in the contract that need special attention? Every area has its own unique issues with maintenance requirements, this is why we state in the RFP that anyone bidding needs to visits the sites and assess the level of service required for the Mode it has been assigned; Mode I, Mode II or Mode III.

- 3. Our company is planning to bid the landscape maintenance for the City of Woodland. Can you tell me if there will be a pre bid meeting for this contract? There will not be a pre bid meeting, but I'm available to address any questions or concerns you may have with the RFP.
- 4. Can you tell me who the current contractor is and what the total contract is annually for this work. Our contractor is Dominguez Landscape Inc. and our current annual contact is \$473,799.24
- 5. The following are items were listed in the bid specs, but are unclear if the work is per the contract or considered extra work. Please clarify the scope of work in detail (example...max./min. scope of work before additional services can be used) and responsible party.

- a. Reseeding / Sodding per description of work in mode I. Any normal wear areas not associated with high volume activities, i.e. special events, vandalism, construction, (volleyball, soccer, football...) areas would be the responsibility of the contractor.
- b. Flower color change per description of work in mode I & II. What areas have color and what is the square footage? There only a few of these locations and they are done as a separate bid item.
- c. Mulching per description of work in mode I, II & II. Will the city provide the mulch? Is the 300 yards a mandatory or as needed up to 300 yards? City will not provide mulch; up to 300 yards of mulch per the City's discretion is the responsibility of the contractor.
- d. Irrigation Repair per description of work in mode I, II & II. Are <u>all</u> irrigation repairs contract work? Does the work include vandalism, upgrades or other misc. modifications? Please clarify parameters of replacements and repairs. All repairs are the responsibility of the contractor, excluding mutually agreed upon vandalism, upgrades and non programming modification.
- e. Plant replacement per description of work in mode I, II & III. Are <u>all</u> removals of dead plants and replacements contract work? Does the work include vandalism, upgrades or other misc. additions? Does the size or quantity of the dead plant or how it died determine if it is additional services? Please clarify parameters of replacements. All repairs are the responsibility of the contractor, excluding mutually agreed upon vandalism. Please see #10 on Page #12 of the RFP regarding parameters of replacements.
- 6. The landscaping on the North side of Main Street between Interstate 5 and County Road 102 is not listed. Is this work park of the maintenance contract? No.
- 7. Is there any encroachment permits or special insurance required to work within the Rail Road right-of-way. Contractor must perform their own due diligence on the requirements of ROW entry set by the railroad.
- 8. What is the current value of the existing maintenance contract? Refer to questions #2 and #4.
- 9. The square footages provided for all landscaped areas seem to be detailed. How accurate are these numbers and does the City have a map locating all areas per this contract? Square footages are close approximations; contractor is responsible for determining exact square footage and acreage measurements. A partial map is available, but is not an all inclusive map which incorporates all the outlined areas listed in the RFP.
- 10. Please confirm that there is no bid bond and no experience qualifications required for this bid. No bid bond is required. The City, in its sole discretion will determine if the low bidder is qualified to perform the work required as presented on Page 2 of the RFP.

11. Bid No. 032713-01, page 6 under Landscape Areas clearly states that maintenance and pruning activities for trees are not part of the Contract. However, under Landscape Areas and the Landscaping descriptions, Trees are mentioned several times.

Other than cleaning up rings around trees, our understanding is that our maintenance only goes to the base of the tree. Correct, the pruning of trees is not part of this contract, but multi-trunked bushes are. Any plant, shrub or bush that is single or multi-trunked is not considered a tree and is the responsibility of the contractor. Any and all discrepancies will be determined by the City of Woodland Arborist. The reference to trees in the descriptions is just to let the contractor know what type of landscaping is present in the area.