

## Selective Tree and Shrub Clearing / Pine Station Nature Preserve & Ivanhoe South

### IDNR Clarifications on the Specifications and Responses to Questions from Bidders

December 7, 2015

Clarifications: During the pre-bid meeting/site walk a few questions came up that we wanted to answer to clarify the specifications.

1. DNR was asked about a minimum size of woody vegetation that DNR wanted the contractor to cut, treat cut stump with herbicide, and remove cut material from the property?
  - a. See Addendum #1.
2. DNR was asked to clarify section 3.1.3 regarding "Collection and Disposal" in the specifications, specifically if every cut stem of all sizes needs to be removed.
  - a. DNR believes that the specifications and Addendum #1 do not require further clarification. We do not expect contractors to do any raking of cut debris in the project area. Completion of the work as specified will be determined by the DNR's Project Manager prior to any final payment(s) will be made.
3. DNR was asked whether or not we would allow the contractor to burn the cut woody material on-site.
  - a. See Addendum #1.

#### Questions & Responses:

1. Q: The highlighted yellow section regarding the alternate bid references the 95% removal items, but not the 75% removal of the button bush. Is there a preference from your office on the removal of the buttonbush?  
A: The highlighted yellow text and references to "alternate" bid has been removed as the scope of the work has been scaled back per Addendum #1. Regarding the buttonbush, this species is the only exception to the removal goals for all other target species  $\leq 3$  inches DBH and greater than or equal to 18 inches in height.
2. Q: Would it be possible to allow us to install a temporary pump to lower the water level?  
A: The DNR would allow for the use of a temporary pump to lower the water level. Discharge water shall not cause erosion of any kind. Discharge location shall be coordinated with, and approved by, the DNR Project Manager.
3. Q: Do Davis-Bacon wage rates or other wage rates apply to this contract?  
A: The Indiana Common Construction Wage legislation was repealed and effective July 1, 2015. See the Indiana Department of Labor's web site at <http://www.in.gov/dol/2723.htm>. Davis-Bacon Act and any other federal wage laws may apply since this project is utilizing federal monies from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. You should contact the Indiana Department of Administration Division of Public Works and/or the Indiana Department of Labor.
4. Q: Can you provide any guidance as far as the MBE/WBE portion of this project?  
A: All questions regarding MBE/WBE requirements and "good faith effort" should be directed to the Indiana Department of Administration's Public Works Division.
5. Q: Can you provide further clarification on how to fill out the bid package concerning alternates for bid page 2 and Exhibit A page 8?

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A: Due to several factors, the DNR has decided to delay the selective clearing and removal of woody target species greater than 3 inches in diameter at breast height and will contract that work out separately in a future solicitation later in 2016. The Exhibit A page is no longer required to be submitted. See Addendum #1.

6. Q: Can matting roads be utilized and is there a size limitation to the equipment DNR would allow if matting roads were utilized to access the site?

A: See Addendum #1.