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DATE: January 24, 2023

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM NUMBER: One (1)

REFERENCE: RFB 2023-01 Estero on the River Non-Native Invasive and Nuisance Plant Treatments

The following clarifications and responses shall become a part of the Bid Documents and shall be as binding as if contained therein:

NOTE: The deadline for receipt of bids has been changed. It is now February 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

1. No mangoes or Ficus will be treated.
2. Question: Are we able to keep any equipment on site for the duration of the treatment? **Village Response: Equipment can be kept on site throughout the duration of the treatment. Equipment can be kept inside entrances 1, 2 and 5.**
3. Are all the mangoes, bamboo, and philodendron plants that you would like removed already flagged on the site? We saw many flags, but it was not clear if every tree that needs to be removed has already been flagged. We also saw many native trees that were flagged, including some healthy cabbage palm trees on the western side of the property. There were multiple types and colors of flagging present. **Village Response: No plants will be flagged. Per this Addendum, mangoes will not be treated. Per the original documents, only bamboo under 2" in diameter are to be treated. The flags seen onsite are for purposes other than exotic plant identification.**
4. There are very large non-native and FISC listed trees throughout the site, is it intended that these trees be killed in place? **Village Response: The intent is to remove the large FISC trees and those trees specifically called out; all others should remain.**
5. Can forestry equipment be used for mowing on site? **Village Response: Yes, equipment appropriate to the job may be used. Please include a list of the equipment you propose to use on site with your bid package. Note: The Village reserves the right to approve the equipment to be used. Note: Contractor shall regrade any ruts caused by heavy equipment.**

6. The scope says that all FISC species within 10 feet of river, structures, trails, driveways, fences, powerlines, boundary, and cypress wetland need to be cut and removed. Does this mean the debris needs to be removed completely from the site, or piled in certain areas on site? If so, we need to know the locations of where vegetation can be left on site. **Village Response: All debris material is to be removed from the site.**
7. The scope also states that additional work includes the removal of all widow makers and unsafe trees/limbs within 20 feet of the trails, structures, fences, powerlines, and boundary. The language in the bid documents is suggestive and open to one's interpretation. **Village Response: The following sentence is stricken: Additional work includes the removal of all widow makers and unsafe trees or limbs within 20 feet of trails, structures, fences, powerlines, and the boundary.**
8. Can you share the budget for this project? **Village Response: This is part of a larger project. There is not a specific budget for exotic plant removal.**
9. There are some interior fences and structures that already look partially damaged by fallen trees and branches. What fences and structures should be protected? **Village Response: References within the text to "protecting fences" is stricken. References to "protecting structures" is to remain.**
10. What is expected of the contractor if, for example, a 50' tall invasive tree is growing over, leaning towards, a structure, powerline, fence, building? **Village Response: Large invasive trees are to be removed in a manner that protects structures, powerlines, fences, buildings, etc.**

BIDDER IS ADVISED, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM WHEN SUBMITTING A BID. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN THE BIDDER BEING CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS ARE AND SHALL REMAIN THE SAME.

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