



THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON

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July 17, 2013

**RE: ADDENDUM #1
RFP #B132011, Grounds Maintenance for Galveston County**

To All Prospective Proposers,

The following information is being provided to aid in preparation of your proposal submittal(s):

Question #1: *On page 13 of General Provisions #50 it speaks of performance and payment bonds, but then on page one of sample contract at bottom it has both payment and performance bond requirements marked as not required; which is it?*

Response: Performance and Payment Bonds are required per the bid specifications. Attached you will find three (3) contracts that have been corrected to show that a Payment Bond and Performance Bond are required.
Please sign the three (3) contracts and return with your proposal submittal.

Question #2: *What's the protocol of getting into the JJC @ Attwater to look at it, other from a Google view?*

Response: Anyone interested in scheduling a site visit will need to contact Debra Belany in the Galveston County Facilities Department at (409) 766-2384. At that time a site visit with our technician who works at that facility will be scheduled.

Question #3: *If not bidding specific locations/ Bolivar do we just mark it a no-bid and send those pages in as well?*

Response: Yes.

Question #4: *What are the mowing cycles we are to use as defined and assigned to each location so our bid is apples to apples?*

Response: All locations listed in the RFP (pages 29-35, Service Locations by Project Area) are to adhere to all the mowing cycle schedules listed on pages 37-39 of the RFP.

Question #5: *At the Justice Center- are we to assume we are to maintain everything from 54th st to 59th to include Fire Station?*

Response: The areas that need to be priced are the detail work in front of the Courts Building located at 600 59th Street. The scope includes the ground cover rings, crushed granite pathways, fountain grass, mulching of the 199 palm tree beds on the complex. These items are spelled on page 30, item #4, Galveston County Justice Center Courts Building, of the RFP.

Question #6: *Also while there I noticed the county inmates mowing these locations; therefore are we bidding on all aspects under Task 1 (Turf Care)?*

Response: The Sheriff's Skills Division maintains the whole complex except the detail work in front of the Courts Building and the Palm Tree mulch.

Question #7: *Courthouse location- does this include parking garage and old jail complex property?*

Response: Yes. The Courthouse Complex extends from 21st and Winnie, east to 19th Street, South on 19th to Sealy, then west to 21st Street. This is spelled out on page 29, item #1 of the RFP.

Question #8: *Do we mow, maintain or bid any of the areas inside the fenced in portion of the sheriff's facilities?*

Response: No. The Sheriff's Skills Division will maintain this area. If there are palm trees located in this area, mulching of the beds needs to be included in the bid.

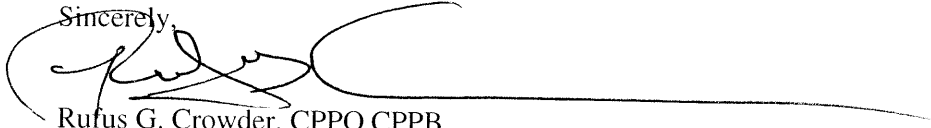
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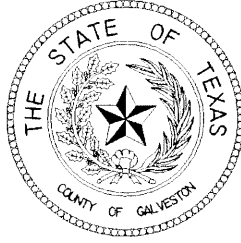
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Please excuse us for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Sincerely,



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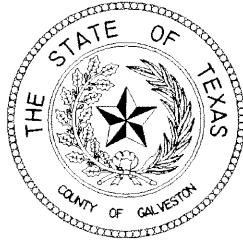
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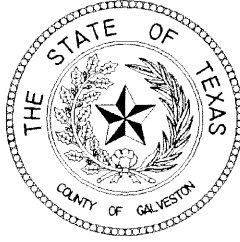
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22. **Conflict of Provisions:** In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between provision of this Contract and any part of the Contract listed in Paragraph One above, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Contractor:

By:

Date:

Galveston County

By:

Date:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Attest:

Dwight Sullivan, County Clerk