



THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON

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PROJECT NAME: Grounds Maintenance for Galveston County
SOLICITATION NO: RFP #B232016
RE: ADDENDUM #2

To All Prospective Bidders:

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

Question #1: *I am finding it difficult to see the page that determine the frequency of visits for this contract. Is there a specific page that I may be missing?*

Response: The scheduling is outlined in the Special Provisions. Any exceptions to the stated proposal conditions shall be listed on a separate sheet of paper, labeled as such, and included with the original submittal.

Question #2: *How many years has the current contractor held the Grounds Maintenance Contract for Galveston County?*

Response: Ten (10) years.
RFP #B132011 – August 24, 2013 – August 23, 2018
RFP #B182019 – August 27, 2018 – August 26, 2023

Question #3: *What is that contractor's personal relationship with Commissioner Appfel?*

Response: Contact the Galveston County Clerk for Conflict-of-Interest document for this contractor's business relationship status.

Question #4: *What is the price of the current Grounds Maintenance Contract?*

Response: This information is not available during this proposal process.

Question #5: *If contract won, would we acquire maintenance badges to be permitted as county vendors to gain direct access to front line of the ferry in order to be transported besides waiting for a substantial amount of time? Having to wait a while to be transported from Crystal beach over to Galveston Island can delay a 2 hour wait. So, if we were provided badges, we could be transported a bit sooner due to rapid response on quality performance onsite.*

Response: No. Badges will not be provided.

Question #6: *There is no frequency schedule in regard to how many times a year other than the amount of times we are to go per month. Would this be a 32-visit contract since we will only go once during the fall/winter months. Information given is going every 21 days in the month of November thru February.*

Example;

*JAN-21 DAY (once a month)
FEB-21 DAY (once a month)
MAR-14 DAY (twice a month)
APR-14 DAY (twice a month)
MAY-7 DAY (every week)
JUN-7 DAY (every week)
JLY-7 DAY (every week)
AUG- 7 DAY (every week)
SEP- 14 DAY (twice a month)
OCT- 14 DAY (twice a month)
NOV- 7 DAY (once a month)
DEC- 7 DAY (once a month) TOTAL AMOUNT OF VISITS = 32*

During the winter months of November thru February, since we are only allotted to visit site once a month, the amount of litter and debris either caused by pedestrians or natural environment of defoliation from trees, wind conditions. Extra services are recommended in order to upkeep with quality performance.

Response: The scheduling is outlined in the Special Provisions. Any exceptions to the stated proposal conditions shall be listed on a separate sheet of paper, labeled as such, and included with the original submittal.

Question #7: *During the less frequency visit months of March, April, September, and October since we are only allotted to visit site twice a month, the amount of litter and debris either caused by pedestrians or natural environment of defoliation from trees, wind conditions, and turf not halting growth due to temperatures not dropping. Extra services are recommended to upkeep with quality performance.*

I notice that the mulch in most sites is red rather than hardwood brown mulch. Is this a requirement? Usually, we acquire brown hardwood mulch.

Response: The Special Provisions outline the mulching specifications per location. Mulch color should remain the same per location unless authorized by the Facilities Director.

Question #8: *Is the present contract able to be accessed since it is on public record?*

Response: This information is not available during this proposal process.

Question #9: *Is Galveston County Tax-Exempt?*

Response: Yes.

RFP #B232016, Grounds Maintenance for Galveston County
Addendum #2

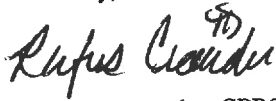
If you have any further questions regarding this bid, please address them to the representative listed below,

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB
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or via e-mail at purchasing.bids@co.galveston.tx.us, or contact the Purchasing Department at (409) 770-5371.

Please excuse us for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rufus Crowder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "90" written above the name.

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Galveston County