



NEW HANOVER COUNTY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT, PURCHASING DIVISION
ADDENDUM 1

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To: All Bidders
Project: **RFB-Grounds Maintenance Services for Unimproved Properties**
Date: July 2, 2021

This Addendum is related to the County's Request for Bids "RFB-Grounds Maintenance Services for Unimproved Properties" and is hereby made a part of said Request for Bids to the same extent as though it were originally therein.

1. Is this a previous contracted service or is something the County has previously maintained?

No previous or existing maintenance service contracts for proposed properties.

2. If previously bid, can I make a public records request for the bid tabulation and award record?

No previous bids were solicited for these properties.

3. Does this RFB include any fertilization or other amendments?

No fertilization will be required. This is Amendment 1 for this RFB.

4. How are out of the ordinary events handled, for example a fallen tree?

Fallen trees and weather-related events will be handled by County or we will solicit estimates for the work needed.

5. Does the contract include leaf removal?

We consider leaves to be debris; can be managed by mowing over with mulching deck mower in turf areas. Leaves in landscape beds are expected to be removed. Leaves cannot be blown into storm drains or streets.

6. What is the cost of vegetative debris disposal at New Hanover Solid Waste Facility?

Please visit <https://recycling.nhcgov.com/fees/> for landfill fees.

7. Could you post the last 3 years of pricing including trimming and beautification for this contract?

No previous bids were solicited for these properties.

8. What companies bid on this contract the last 3 years?

No previous bids were solicited for these properties.

9. Will we have to bag grass or will mulching blade be sufficient with clean up?

Mulching blade will be sufficient.

10. Will all the vacant homes be torn down and removed prior to starting of this contract?

Vacant homes are in the process of being demolished. If homes are not demolished before award of contract a change order may be executed to add properties into contract.

11. Will the sites be mowed within 14 days and excess debris removed before the starting of this contract?

Debris should be removed by current demolition contractor.

12. What is the length of the contract?

Contract term would be five (5) years.

13. How will storm debris be handled?

In the event of storms and debris, County will seek estimates for debris cleanup and removal.

14. Will all the bushes and tree limbs/overhanging limbs be trimmed prior to the start of this contract? Will fence lines be weeded before the start of contract?

Any overhanging tree limbs can be addressed by County. Yes, the County will address weed eating fence line prior to the start of the contract.

15. Will all the beds be free of weeds and sprayed before the start of this contract?

Weeds in landscape beds will be treated with herbicide before start of the contract.

16. Will all dead trees be removed prior to the start of this contract?

Awarded contractor is not responsible to cut and remove dead trees. Damaged or dead trees will be handled by the County.

17. Can the debris removed be dumped free of charge on a County dump site?

Any debris collected on County property and taken to the landfill will not be charged a tipping fee. Awarded contractors will be provided a tip waiver fee application.

18. Can hourly rates be set for a crew of three for out-of-scope work and equipment rental/fee be agreed upon at the start of this contract?

We are requesting bi-weekly and monthly estimates as advertised.

19. Are there any special guidelines for the three cemeteries?

Special attention to detail will be required to avoid damages to headstones and memorials.