

November 25, 2019

**ADDENDUM #1
BL126-19**

Provision of Comprehensive Grounds Chemical Application Services on an Annual Contract

This addendum is being issued to provide clarification and answer questions received.

- Q1. Are the grass areas around the parking deck on Nash St. to be included in the treatment program?
A1. Yes. This area is currently under construction. Landscaping on three sides of the parking deck is planned for completion by the start of the contract or soon after and will consist of grass, shrubs, and trees.
- Q2. Are the grass areas behind the Justice and Administration Center, between the GJAC and the new construction to be included in the treatment program?
A2. Yes.
- Q3. The grass areas along the back curb of the GJAC crescent shaped parking area do not appear to have been treated in the past and there are large areas with no grass. Should this area be included in the treatment program? If so, should it be treated as warm weather grass or cool weather grass?
A3. For the purposes of this bid, it should be treated as warm season grass.
- Q4. Should the grass areas in the secure access area of the Medical Examiner & Morgue be included in the treatment program?
A4. Yes. Note that access to this area will be limited to when staff is on site during normal operating hours.
- Q5. Where is access to the lake area of the Centerville Library/Senior Center? Do we do all around the lake as the map indicates?
A5. Access is through the Community Center parking lot. All grass areas around the pond need to be treated other than the buffer zone around the edge of the pond to prevent chemical seepage and contamination.
- Q6. There is construction being done at the Collins Hill Library. Will there be sod added?
A6. Yes. There may be sod and shrubs installed.
- Q7. Duluth Branch Library and Lawrenceville Branch Library both have little to no grass. And the thin grass there would not stand up to nor be helped by treatments. Do we still price these? Is there any plan to sod or seed the areas?
A7. There is no plan to sod or seed these areas. For the purposes of this bid, these areas should be treated as areas that will be covered with mulch and grass will be allowed to completely die.
- Q8. What do we do around retention areas? Example: The map shows the retention area at the Grayson Library is included.
A8. The maps show the entire property. Only the actual stormwater retention pond fields are excluded from service. Generally, these ponds are marked by a fence, a change of groundcover, or a row of bushes. All other landscaping, including trenches and low areas that lead water to the retention pond, such as the extensive trenching at the Grayson and Hamilton Mill libraries, are to be included in the service. Service



is required all the way to the street at all locations.

Q9. At Hamilton Mill Library, do we treat outside the fence down Braselton Hwy?

A9. **Yes. Service is required all the way to the street at all locations.**

Q10. At Mountain Park Library, do we treat along Five Forks Trickum Rd.?

A10. **Yes. Service is required all the way to the street, to include treatment all around the stormwater pond at the corner of Five Forks Trickum Rd. and Pounds Rd. including the row of trees along Five Forks Trickum Rd. and a small area to the utility box on the opposite side of the library entrance.**

Q11. Has any pre-emergent been applied in Fall 2019? What do we do about weeds such as poa-annua in Spring 2020?

A11. **No. The County accepts that the chosen vendor does not have the ability to apply pre-emergent to prevent these seasonal weeds in the first year of the contract and that certain weeds will be present in the spring of 2020, but the vendor will have responsibility to prevent subsequent seasonal weeds.**

Q12. Will we know the mowing schedule so there are no conflicts?

A12. **The mowing schedule will be shared once the new landscaping vendor is selected.**

Q13. There is little to no Phosphorus being applied according to the recommendations in the contract. Should/will that be amended?

A13. **Application rates are provided only as a general expectation. Appropriate phosphorous levels should be determined before every application based on inspection of the properties and by the annual soil analysis. Additional soil analysis may be requested and approved by the County and compensated separately should the County determine such service is warranted.**

Q14. Shrubs areas, beds and concrete areas are to be treated to prevent weeds or treated with post emergents when necessary. Weeds are going to break through. Are these to be treated monthly? If so, how should we bill/account for this in the bid?

A14. **All weed control should be part of basic service. Emphasis of service must be that pre-emergent will control an overwhelming majority of weeds. The remainder of weeds will be controlled monthly with post emergent. It should only be in extreme circumstances where failure of monthly applications will require that the vendor provide weekly applications.**

Q15. Page 11 is confusing on how to write the bid. There are 5 contracted applications. Should we put a per service price for the turf applications like the Ornamentals on page 12?

A15. **Vendor should determine the total annual cost of service for each property and divide by 12 for calculating the monthly cost of basic services. The 5 lawn applications and the 3 landscape weed pre-emergent applications listed are only part of the required service level to maintain the properties. The selected vendor must visit every property at minimum monthly, even on months when no chemical application takes place. Vendor will complete thorough inspections for disease and infestations, assess service quality through the health of grass, shrubs, and trees, and general lack of weeds with the County representative, and provide post-emergent care where pre-emergent has failed. Selected vendor must also respond to fire ant removal within 3 days of notice and provide a detailed annual soil analysis on each property as part of the annual basic service cost. The total annual cost of these services per property will be compensated in 12 monthly installments as long as the 8 listed applications are completed on schedule. The County may agree with the vendor on reasonable flexibility in the scheduling.**

Q16. Estimated square footage is critical to the costs for the bid. In order to keep the bidders quoting apples to apples, could the county require the Bidders to disclose their estimated square footage of grass per property?

A16. **Bidders are required to examine the property maps provided and inspect properties in person. Since bidders are asked to bid on servicing the entire landscaped areas of each property outside of the stated exclusions, (stormwater ponds, natural wooded areas, and boundary around permanent ponds) it is not in the County's interest to compare bids based on each bidder's estimated square footage.**

- Q17. Regarding the post emergent in the beds, are you requiring the turf company to apply post emergent to bed areas?
- A17. The selected vendor for the grounds chemical application contract will have sole responsibility for applying all weed control chemicals on the properties.**

This addendum should be signed in the space provided below and returned with your bid. Failure to do so may result in your bid being deemed non-responsive.

Company Name _____

Authorized Representative _____

Thank you
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