

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM POTENTIAL BIDDERS FOR NOTICE OF BID INVITATION NO.: 15-1023 Aquatic Weed Removal, Lake Helen and Lake Margaret Twin Lakes Water Control District

1. Q: *Are there any other documents or maps as part of the bid package?*
A: *Yes, see attached map.*
2. Q: *How is disposal material to be handled?*
A: *Please see Addendum No.1 (Section 00210 – special instructions to bidders), paragraph 3.0.*
3. Q: *Will a potential contractor be allowed to access the lakes before bid submittal?*
A: *Yes, contractors willing to conduct on-site inspection prior to submitting bid may contact Mr. Dan Millien at 954-968-0284 for coordination of specific date and time.*
4. Q: *What kind of plant material will be harvested?*
A: *To be determined, as part of the pre-harvesting survey done by contractor. Please see Section 210 (1.0 Scope) Paragraph 2.*
5. Q: *Is there a description of any vehicles/vessels to be removed?*
A: *No.*
6. Q: *Is a “unit” considered five vehicles/vessels or one vehicle/vessel?*
A: *A unit is 1.*
7. Q: *Do bidders multiply the 5 by the unit price?*
A: *Yes.*
8. Q: *Is there a public boat ramp on the lake?*
A: *No. but there is access to the lakes from a public property.*
9. Q: *Where is the final destination for items that are hauled – at the City vacant lot or a landfill?*
A: *Please see, Addendum No.1 (Section 00210 – special instructions to bidders), paragraph 3.0.*

- 10 Q: *Is there a bridge between Lakes Helen and Margaret?*
A: *Yes.*
11. Q: *How high is it from the water line to the bottom of the bridge?*
A: *We are estimating a minimum of 8ft clearance; depending on water level.*
12. Q: *What does the City expect the end result to look like after harvesting?*
A: *Please see attached Addendum - 4ft-6ft.*
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14. Q: *Is the area going to be checked before harvesting to ensure the harvester will go to the required depth before the bid is awarded?*
A: *No. The City will verify per responses to Section 00300 (Proposal) and Section 00350 (Questionnaire).*
15. Q: *Can work be done on Saturdays?*
A: *No.*
16. Q: *Are there any liquidated damages after 45 days?*
A: *Yes, \$1,000 per day.*
17. Q: *What is the maximum depth of the lakes?*
A: *Unknown.*
18. Q: *Should the cost to take material to the landfill be included in the bidder's price Or can this be reimbursed?*
A: *All costs should be included within Section 300. No reimbursements will be done.*
19. Q: *Would it be more conducive to the City/ Contractor to reimburse on a ticket scale?*
A: *No. All costs should be included within Section 00300, see section 00300 paragraph 2. No reimbursements will be done.*
20. Q: *Can the contractor be reimbursed for removing miscellaneous items from the lake, i.e. shopping carts, if the dumpsite charges more than the bid price submitted?*
A: *No, the bidder is required to determine the cost of disposal prior to submitting bid.*
21. Q: *Can questions be submitted after 5 p.m. today?*
A: *No.*

22. Q: *What is considered a “licensed professional” to conduct the pre-harvesting survey (as referred to in Section 00210, Paragraph 2)?*
A: *See Section 00210, Paragraph 1.*
23. Q: *Is the lake under a maintenance contract and is it being chemically treated?*
A: *Yes. The lakes are currently under maintenance and yes, they are currently chemically treated.*
24. Q: *Are there state licensed contractors required for this project, per Section 00350?*
A: *Yes. See Section 00350.*
25. Q: *Does the City have a Florida Fish and Wildlife permit to conduct this project?*
A: *For permit requirements; please read section 00100 (General Requirements) under 1.03 (Job Conditions) part B; no.: 1&2*
26. Q: *The bridge between the 2 lakes does not provide enough clearance for a conventional aquatic plant harvester to go under. Is there a different setup site on Lake Helen?*
A: *No.*
27. Q: *Various size white goods and/or derelict vessels or vehicles all range in size and weight; therefore all charges will be different at the land fill for each particular item. Not knowing exactly what items are to be removed from the lakes makes it impossible for a contractor to estimate the land fill charges. Are there any alternatives bidders can use for this part of the bidding process?*
A: *Please utilize section 00300 for any/all bidding prices.*
28. Q: *What are white goods (per Section 00300, Item 3.0)?*
A: *Large goods used domestically such as refrigerators and washing machines. typically white in color, domestic items.*
29. Q: *Are the vehicles and vessels submerged and what is their location?*
A: *To be determined, as part of the pre-harvesting survey done by contractor. Please see Section 210 (1.0 Scope) Paragraph 2.*
30. Q: *What is the weight, size and type of the vehicles and vessels?*
A: *To be determined, as part of the pre-harvesting survey done by contractor. Please see Section 210 (1.0 Scope) Paragraph 2.*

- 31: Q: *What happens if there is an oil spill while removing the vehicles and vessels?*
A: *Contractor shall contact a City representative and Broward County's Department of Environmental Protection for immediate response.*
- 32: Q: *Are there any final disposal sites? If so, what is the cost of disposal and where are the sites located?*
A: *Final disposal site shall be selected and identified by Contractor. Please see section 00210 (Paragraph 3) regarding a licensed facility for disposal.*