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### **ADDENDUM NUMBER 1**

NOTIFICATION DATE:	BID TITLE:	BID NUMBER:	BID OPENING DATE & TIME:
06/21/12	CITY OF NAPLES TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	044/12	07/10/12 2:00PM

# THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO, AND MADE AN OFFICIAL PART OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED BID.

Question #1: The contract is for 3 years with 2 one year extensions-are there any price escalators being considered?

### Answer: No, the City does not include price escalators.

Additional Information:

Attached are the specifications to prune the hardwood trees. This information was inadvertently missing from the bid.

#### SECTION I HARDWOOD TREE TRIMMING SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1. General Objectives

The objective of this Section is to set a standard by which City Hardwood trees are to be trimmed.

#### 2. Scope of Services

The hardwood-trimming contract will bind the contractor to the City on a daily basis until the contract is complete.

Parks/Parkways Superintendent or designee may authorize minor variations in the trimming of trees from the requirements of the Contract Documents, which do not involve an adjustment in contract price and are consistent with the overall intent, which could be hazards, aesthetics, maintenance cleanup, or health of the trees.

#### 3. **Requirements**

The successful contractor must have an English speaking, professional Certified Arborist on site at all times to offer supervision and/or guidance on the work to be performed. The contractor must also provide a trimmer licensed with the ANSI Certified Line Clearance designation since the scope of services will include removal of limbs from electric service lines, transformers and poles.

The contractor will bid on trimming City hardwood trees according to the following standards:

- A. A minimum weekly trimming standard maybe provided, in writing, after contract award.
- B. Trees will be trimmed according to ANSI A300 pruning standards for shade trees.
- C. Trees will be raised to a height of 17' over city streets, the curb and at least 10' over any city sidewalk or pedestrian access. Any limbs lower than 17' that are not growing in an upward direction away from a line parallel to the street shall be removed. Trees located both over a street and a sidewalk should be trimmed to 17' as to provide for an even tree.
- D. Where necessary, interior thinning will be done to allow for light infiltration to the plants and grasses below.
- E. Any dead limbs 1" in diameter or greater will be removed at the time of trimming.
- F. Not more than 25% of the foliage should be removed during the trimming process and at least 50% of the foliage should remain evenly distributed in the lower 60% of the crown and individual limbs.
- G. Any and all exotic growth or growth not of the same species shall be removed from the tree.

#### 4. Methods of Pruning

- A. METHOD #1 Lift crown up to 17' over the street and at least 10' above all sidewalks; in addition deadwood larger than 1" (one) inch in diameter must be removed throughout the tree and interior thinning will be performed to allow light infiltration.
- B. METHOD #2 Contractor will perform all of the above procedures with the addition of a 25% crown reduction. This will be done by selecting large leaders and removing the ends back to laterals at least three (3) times the size of the limb removed. The tree will not be stripped but instead have no more than 25% of the foliage removed at any time.
- C. METHOD #3 A per hour rate shall be provided for structural pruning, watersprout and dead limb removal. This rate will be for a complete crew to perform all aspects of trimming and clean-up. All pruning will be in accordance with ANSI A300 Pruning Standards for shade trees.

When any of the above trimming is performed, consideration must be given to removing limbs around lights and signs.

#### 5. Additional Work:

The contractor will also provide an hourly rate for any work that does not conform to the scope of services. This rate will be for a complete crew to perform all aspects of trimming and clean-up.