

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2018-124
Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal and Disposal
RESPONSE TO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS#2
February 12, 2019

Note that these are questions submitted by interested firms to the above referenced solicitation. The below answers are for clarification purposes only and in no way alter or amend the RFP as published.

1. *Please confirm that Tipping Fees/Disposal Fees are to be excluded from our proposed rates and treated as a pass through expense whereby the contractor pays disposal fees and invoices the County for reimbursement at direct cost with no mark-up.*

Answer: This RFP is a pre-qualification process only and does not entail price proposals. Future debris removal contracts advertised via a bid or proposal process will specify whether tipping fees are a pass-through cost (displayed separately from the clearance and removal fees), or included in the price proposal.

2. *The scope of work per the pricing schedule (line items 7 and 8) dictates that the debris resulting from the removal of hazardous trees and hanging limbs will have a unit rate per each which includes hauling the resulting debris to DMS or final disposal site. This would require collection trucks to follow the tree removal crews and ONLY pick up debris from their work, thereby skipping piles of debris and leaving it on the street to be picked up by another collection truck. If there is a major event, collection trucks will be more efficiently used if they could travel the ROW and pick up ALL debris rather than skipping piles and only following the tree crew. This also means that all resulting debris will have to be staged separately at the DMS to insure no comingling of debris is allowed. There will be a need for additional equipment to manage the site segregated for hazardous tree work or there will be lost time in moving equipment between the two areas. Limited Debris Management Sites, DMS size and locations often make this scenario extremely difficult. The typical method is to price hazardous trees and hanging limbs as a “cut only” rate and to place the resulting debris in the ROW for collection as vegetative debris. This method frees up collection trucks and expedites the collection process. Will the County consider changing the scope to allow for the debris from removing hazardous leaning trees and hanging limbs to be placed in the ROW to be collected and paid for as regular vegetative debris?*

Answer: The County agrees. Future County debris removal contracts advertised via a bid or proposal will request a ‘cut only’ price to convert hazardous trees and hanging limbs to vegetative debris, and would then allow removal of hazardous trees and hanging limbs as regular vegetative debris. As a reminder this RFP is only seeking pre-qualified contractors and no pricing is requested or required

3. *Pricing Schedule page 5 of 10 line item 23 Debris Removal from Waterway – will this work be land-based or marine based? If the answer is both, will the County consider adding a line item to break this into two separate line items?*

Answer: The County agrees. Future County debris removal contracts advertised via a bid or proposal will provide bid items for both land-based and marine-based debris removal. As a reminder this RFP is only seeking pre-qualified contractors and no pricing is requested or required.

4. *Please confirm we are to use a quantity of 1 in all line items on the pricing schedule.*

Answer: This RFP is only seeking pre-qualified contractors and no pricing is requested or required.

5. *Regarding the Evaluation of the Pricing, does the County intend on adding up all unit price line items to get a total figure to compare against other proposer's or will there be quantities assigned? If quantities are going to be assigned, what will they be?*

Answer: This RFP is a pre-qualification process only and does not entail price proposals. Future debris removal contracts following a disaster will be advertised via a bid or proposal process. Estimated quantities of debris will be included at that time. Contracts will be awarded to the qualifying contractor providing the least cost.

6. *Regarding the Evaluation of the hourly pricing and the other ancillary pricing, how does the County intend on weighing these line items compared to other unit price items? Will one hold more weight than the other? If so, what is the distribution of pricing points allocated to each attachment?*

Answer: Should work using hourly rates be included in a post-disaster contract the total cost of required labor and equipment, for a specified duration (usually 70 hours) will be added to the contractors overall bid price. Also see answer to Question 1.

7. *5.6 Financial Resources*

- a. *We cannot fit the information requested within the 2 page limit. Are we able to put additional information in an appendix?*
i. *If not, would the County consider a 4 page limit?*

Answer: A list of other debris management contracts may be submitted separately from the response to 5.6 Financial Resources. The remainder of the information requested in Section 5.6 Financial Resources shall be no more than 2 pages in length.

8. *5.7 Detailed Description*

- a. *Please confirm that subsections a-g are not confined to the 6 page limit in this section.*

Answer: Section 5.7 response shall be no more than 4 pages in length. Additional pages will not be considered, unless your proposal is for both a Type 1 and a Type 2 in which case the maximum number is six (6). Copies of current company policies do not count towards the page limit.

9. *P.14 asks for our Oregon Construction Contractor's Board License Number.*

- a. *Do we need to have an Oregon contractor's license to bid on this project?*

Answer: Yes. To be approved as a pre-qualified disaster debris removal contractor you must have a current Oregon Business Registry Number and Oregon Construction Contractor's Board License Number.

End of Clarifying Questions #2