City of Rocky Mount Addendum 1	
Refer <u>ALL</u> Inquiries regarding this RFP to:	RFQ #320-041120RP
Ramona Plemmer Senior Purchasing Technician	RFQ Due Date: 12/04/2020
	Contract Type: Service

FAILURE TO RETURN THIS ADDENDUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS MAY SUBJECT YOUR PROPOSAL TO REJECTION ON THE AFFECTED ITEM(S):

Question & Answers

- 1. **Question:** Is there a bond required for this project? If so, what is the percentage for the bond? **Answer:** No
- 2. **Question:** What is the due date & time for this bid? Would these bids need to hand-delivered or mailed?

Answer: The due date and time are found on the RFQ coversheet and RFQ schedule on page 5. It is due 12/4/2020 at 4:00 p.m. Bids can be either hand-delivered or mailed no later than the due date and time.

- 3. **Question:** What areas are to be forestry mulched. **Answer:** Area north of greenway as depicted on map.
- Question: Can work be conducted on weekends to decrease park closed time? Answer: Limitations and Restrictions (p. 13), b) Work should be conducted during the week, however flexibility can be arranged.
- Question: Certain areas have too many rocks/boulders to use the mulcher (ex. Nature Play), should the quote include hand thinning in these areas? Answer: Yes.
- 6. Question: How will the contract be awarded? Answer: 3.1 METHOD OF AWARD (p. 8), Contracts will be awarded in accordance with G.S. 143-129, 143-131 and the evaluation criteria set out in this solicitation. Prospective vendors shall not be discriminated against on the basis of any prohibited grounds as defined by Federal and State law. The City may obtain quotes from one or more potential vendors. All quotes will be evaluated, and award will be based on lowest responsive quote meeting specifications.
- 7. **Question:** Will the park be open?

Answer: Yes. Coordination of specific area closures should be made with project manager. Limitation and restrictions (p 13) d) Battle Park will remain open during construction. Contractor technicians and foreman are expected to remain professional and courteous to the public's) Specific areas can be closed and roped off as necessary to protect the public from flying debris that would cause damage of property or personal injury. The contractor is responsible for providing all needed barricades, warning signage and other needed publicity prior to work.

- 8. **Question:** How close to existing split rail fencing should be mulched? **Answer:** As close as reasonable with mulcher, no hand work is expected near split rail fencing.
- 9. **Question:** Are vines included? **Answer:** Vines that are not affixed to a tree / hanging AND impede sight lines are included.

Vines that are affixed to trees under 4" are to be mulched with tree. Vines that have killed the host tree and the tree can be reasonably mulched, should be mulched. Soil cannot be disturbed.

- Question: Can demarcation lines for the west bank of Goose Creek, east boundary of cemetery and the low are near the loop road be marked?
 Answer: Yes. Areas have been marked as of noon 11/19/20 with blue paint.
- 11. **Question:** Can subcontractors be used?

Answer: Yes, however the equipment must be as listed on page 16. 5.2 VENDOR'S REPRESENTATION (p10) a) Vendor warrants that qualified personnel shall provide all services that may be required under The Contract in a professional manner. "Professional manner" means that the personnel performing the services shall possess the skill and competence consistent with at least the prevailing business standards in the industry. Vendor agrees that it shall not enter any agreement with a third party that may abridge any rights of the City under The Contract. Vendor shall serve as the prime contractor under The Contract and shall be responsible for the performance and payment of all subcontractor(s) that may be approved by the City. Names of any third-party Vendors or subcontractors of Vendor may appear for purposes of convenience in Contract documents; and shall not limit Vendor's obligations hereunder.

- 12. Question: Can golf carts/UTVs be used? Answer: Yes, Limitations and Restrictions (p 13) a) Trucks or cars (passenger vehicles) are not permitted on the trails. Small utility equipment and mechanized equipment can utilize the city greenway and easements for access purposes. Other access may be permitted as approved by Project Manager.
- 13. Question: Are there locations to leave equipment overnight? Answer: Yes. The City will provide (p13); b) Nearby secure, fenced-in area for weeknight and/or weekend storage of equipment. Storage is available at 726 Albemarle Avenue (Parks Maintenance). For onsite storage options, please discuss with Project Manager.
- 14. **Question:** Can large downed trees be picked up and moved offsite as opposed to mulching? **Answer:** Yes.