

QUESTIONS - ANSWERS - CLARIFICATIONS

**CITY OF STOCKTON
CITYWIDE TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRIND
CITY PROJECT NO.: WD22053**

DEADLINES FOR QUESTIONS: Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

1. Where do I need to place a bid to?

Answer: Refer to the "Instructions to Bidders" document under the Plans, Attachments & Agendas section. Deliver the sealed bid proposal to City Hall, City Clerk's Office (1st floor), 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202 not later than Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2:00 P.M. Sealed bid shall be marked "BID" and indicate project name, number, and bid opening date.

2. The bid items 3-9 all indicate the same work to be done. What are the distinguishing factors, so we know the difference between each line item?

Answer: The difference between bid items 3-9 is the Diameter Breast Height (DBH) measurement. Refer to the third column on the Bidding Schedule.

3. Does the price for tree removal, include stump grinding with it? Meaning, that 435 trees are removed, and 439 stumps would be ground?

Answer: Yes, bid items 3-9 include tree removal and stump grind. Refer to section "7-1.02 Payments" in the project specifications for more detail.

4. Does the 50 Square Feet of Turf Remediation only apply to the 4 stumps that are in addition to the removals?

Answer: Lawn turf will be utilized where necessary. If required to match existing lawn, the contractor shall use lawn turf in place of seeding.

5. Can you please confirm that payment and performance bonds in the amount of 100% are required?

Answer: Yes, performance and labor and material bonds are required. Refer to Instructions to Bidders Section 17 "Contract Bonds" for more detail.

6. Also, for the bid bond, do you require originals or will scanned copies be sufficient?

Answer: The original copies of bid bonds are required.

7. Can you please advise on the following letters of clarification?

Answer: A letter of clarification has not been issued for this project.

8. I have been informed that the City of Stockton requires a business to have at least 75% of its employees reside in Stockton. Being that our company address is in San Jose, and our employees reside mostly throughout the Bay Area, would we still be able to bid on this project?

Answer: Yes, contractors with a C-61/D-49 license outside of City of Stockton can bid on this project. This project is subject to the requirements of the City's Local Employment Ordinance. Local Employment Ordinance states that 50% of the workforce should reside in Stockton. Refer to the "Local Employment Ordinance" link under the Related Links section.

9. Will bid bond be needed? If so will you provide the form.

Answer: Yes, a bid bond will be needed for this project. All bids shall be accompanied by (1) cash, or (2) a cashier's check of a responsible bank, or (3) a check certified by a responsible bank, payable to the order of the City of Stockton for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the bid, or (4) bidder's bond executed by a surety authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in California, and made out in favor of the City of Stockton for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the bid. The City does not have a general template for bid bonds.

10. The pricing sheet calls for 50 SF for turf unit of measure and quantity. For each 50 square feet of turf used, would the unit rate apply, or are you looking for a per square foot price, with a quantity of 50?

Answer: Refer to section "7-1.02 Payments" in the project specifications for more detail. Turf Replacement will be paid by the square foot. For the unit price column include the price per square foot.