

QUESTIONS - ANSWERS - CLARIFICATIONS

**CITY OF STOCKTON
CITYWIDE TREE MAINTENANCE PROJECT
CITY PROJECT NO.: WE22052**

DEADLINES FOR QUESTIONS: OCTOBER 28, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

1. I would like to ask if the city would be willing to extend the term of the contract period to 2 years.

Answer: The City will issue LOC No. 1 on Bid Flash shortly.

2. Section 5-1.12 States, "Each crew shall consist of at least one employee with current certification as an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Tree Worker." If the awarded Contractor can provide written and field skills assessments that exceed those of ISA, can the contractor still be awarded the Contract?

Answer: No, the current certification as an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Tree Worker is required.

3. Section 5-1.12 States, "Each crew shall consist of at least one supervising employee with training in current Best Management Practices in California for Tree Care for Birds and Other Wildlife." If the awarded Contractor can provide proof of training, of a similar training, can the contract still be awarded the Contract?

Answer: No, the current Best Management Practices in California for Tree Care for Birds and Other Wildlife is required.

4. Section 9-1.02 States, "All tree identified for removal shall be surveyed by a licensed biologist at the latest 7 days prior to work. All tree identified for pruning shall be surveyed by a licensed biologist at the latest 7 days prior to work." Is it not specified what type of Biologist is needed, can you elaborate? What will be their primary duties? Will the requirement of a Bird Survey Biologist fulfill this requirement? The cost associated with a Licensed Biologist for the volume of trees needing to be surveyed will be significant.

Answer: A licensed biologist is a person who either holds a bachelor's degree or higher in Biology, ecology, or zoology with significant professional experience in bird identification. A Bird Survey Biologist will also fulfill this requirement.

5. Section 5-1.08 States, "The Contractor is allowed only one (1) lane closure in each direction during the daytime." Would the assumption be, having 2 separate traffic control locations, during the same day, is not permitted?

Answer: Having two separate traffic control locations is permitted, but the traffic control should not conflict with other locations or construction work.

6. Looking at the location list, will there be any other location detail provided? Trim type needed, clearances requested, etc., or is that be determined by on-site Arborist?

Answer: The on-site Arborist will determine what is needed for each tree.

7. In the Specification, SP10, 5-1.12 it states “each Crew shall consist at least one employee with Current Certification as an ISA Certified Tree Worker. Could a union Journeyman Tree worker substitute for this requirement?

Answer: No, each crew shall consist of at least one employee with current certification as an ISA Certified Tree Worker.

8. It also states that each crew shall consist of at least one supervising employee with current certification as an ISA Certified Arborist. Could an ISA Certified Arborist supervise multiple crews in an area? Or does each individual crew need to have an Arborist on it?

Answer: No, each crew shall consist of at least one supervising employee with current certification as an ISA Certified Arborist.