

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ITB #172903 – LIGHTED SPORTS FIELD MAINTENANCE

The following questions have been submitted concerning ITB #172903 – Lighted Sports Field Maintenance. The questions below are provided verbatim from what was received. All questions received have been answered below.

The opening date remains the same.

- 1) In your pricing tabulation chart the county asks for an hourly bill rate for both regular and overtime hours which includes the bucket truck, bucket truck operator, and licensed electrician. We believe that to provide the most competitive rates possible it would be beneficial to provide multiple rates depending on height of poles with relationship to the hourly cost of the bucket truck. Is it possible to list several rates depending on pole height? In other words; one rate for poles less than 60', another rate for poles at 85' or less but greater than 60', and then a third rate for anything greater than 85'?

Again, this would help with making sure that the prices submitted were competitive and that we weren't submitting a bid based on worst case (150' poles) scenario.

No. We prefer a single hourly bill rate for regular hours, overtime hours, and emergency hours.

- 2) The pricing tabulation chart lists bucket truck, bucket truck operator, and licensed electrician. Is it conceivable that the bucket truck operator and the licensed electrician be one in the same person? Typically, we have a licensed electrician (who operates the bucket truck) and a journeyman helper as a two-man crew. Is this acceptable?

Yes, the licensed electrician may also be the bucket truck operator.

- 3) Is the county specifically looking for previous sports lighting or field lighting references or will other types of commercial maintenance projects serve as acceptable professional references? We have a number of major commercial accounts that we do the pole maintenance on and want to make sure that these references can be listed for the ITB.

The District requests, at minimum, three (3) professional references, other than the Escambia County School District, for which you have provided similar electrical maintenance services in comparable conditions as described in this ITB.

- 4) What will be normal notice for work to be performed and scheduling work?

The District will coordinate with the awarded Bidder to schedule the work to be completed.

- 5) What cash discount is expected for early payment?

None.

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- 6) Please elaborate on section 2 sub section I on stop work order.

Section II, Subsection I of the General Terms and Conditions of the ITB refers to the Stop Work Order provision. This provision allows the District to instruct the awarded Bidder to stop all or any part of the assigned work until further notice from the District. This notice must be issued to the Bidder in writing. Following the issuance of a Stop Work Order notice, the District will decide to either reinstate the work with the awarded Bidder or terminate the agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Bid terms and conditions. For example, Stop Work Orders may be issued due to upgrades to equipment, funding loss, etc.

- 7) Regarding safety issues, will the electrician be directed to look for safety concerns on every pole or just be on “look out” for safety concerns on poles being worked on?

The electrician will be expected to inspect the equipment being worked on for safety concerns.

- 8) Regarding cancellation days and 24hour notice: what chance of rain percentage do we cancel the following days work? It seems that 24 hours notice is not always possible. Is weather an extenuating circumstance that allows for less than 24 hour notice?

Weather is an extenuating circumstance that allows for less than 24-hour notice. If the bucket truck operator deems that the bucket truck cannot be operated in a safe manner due to weather conditions (ie: rain, lightning, high winds, etc.), the awarded Bidder shall notify the Maintenance Director, or designee, immediately in order to reschedule the work.

- 9) Regarding emergency 3 hour response time. This rate would be higher than the overtime rate due to crane/operator response and travel time. Can a separate line item be generated for pricing emergency calls requiring crane and be separated from the overtime rate?

Yes. Please refer to Addendum #1 to ITB #172903 for the revised pricing information.

- 10) Regarding damages being the responsibility of the awarded bidder. Does this apply to tire ruts from crane on soggy/wet ground from rain? If so who makes the call on whether the ground is safe to drive on?

This does not apply to tire ruts from operating the bucket truck on soggy/wet ground. The District will determine whether or not the bucket truck should be operated on soggy/wet ground and will subsequently be liable if for tire ruts occur.

- 11) The requirement for state licensed electrician being required. Does this apply to the field electrician working on site or the electrical contactor being licensed? The state of florida does not recognize journeyman as a license for electrician, that is a county license. If license for field employee is required what license is acceptable?

The electrical contractor must be licensed as a Master Electrician. The field employee must be a Master Electrician or qualified to perform the electrical work under the supervision of the Bidder’s Master Electrician.