



ADDENDUM #2 Q&A

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DATE: April 2, 2020
TO: All Bidders
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RE: 20-P016R – Abandoned Vessels and Marine Debris Removal Services

This addendum #2 to the solicitation is being made for the following reasons:

Q-1 Is there a price proposal for this RFP?

A-1 We ask that you provide is prices based on various sizes of vessels and various situations to include submerged.

Q-2 Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?

A-2 Yes. An addendum has been sent out with that information.

Q-3 What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?

A-3 The proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee. The committee may choose to make an award after the voting process or to shortlist and bring a few vendors in for a Q&A.

Q-4 Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com?

A-4 It was not.

Q-5 Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?

A-5 We advertise in the Post & Courier, the Chronicle and on SCBO (South Carolina Business Opportunities).

Q-6 Is any current work to be performed?

A-6 Not at this time. When the need arises for the removal of vessel(s) the contractor will be notified.

Q-7 Can tipping/disposal fees be priced as a pass through cost at no mark up?

A-7 All cost for removal and disposal must be included in quote for each vessel selected for removal.

Q-8 Is this only waterways or waterbodies with the city limits?

A-8 Yes.

Q-9 There is no price schedule – we have a waterway price schedule to use and can submit that if the City doesn't have one to use.

A-9 See A-1

Q-10 Will the awarded contractor be required to remove abandoned vessels and marine debris following a disaster (i.e. a hurricane) or is this a contract for regular marine debris removal?

A-10 This contract will cover both.

Q-11 Will the City provide a pricing form?

A-11 See A-1

Q-12 What is the weight/importance of each evaluation criterion?

A-12 That has not been determined yet.

Q-13 Please explain how the pricing on one proposal will be evaluated against the pricing from another proposal.

A-13 Cost is only one factor of evaluating. Each proposal will be evaluated based on the information provided as well as how each vendor responds to the criteria mentioned in the RFP. Each factor, to include cost, will be weighed based on what is provided as well as in comparison to the other proposals.

Q-14 Are we required to submit only one copy of the price proposal?

A-14 It is preferred that only one copy be provided. It can be placed at the back of the original or in an envelope labeled "Cost".

Q-15 Are the boats/debris on land?

A-15 They may be in marsh areas, on water, or under water.

Q-16 Typically Professional Liability is not a coverage that is associated with Debris Removal Services. Can you please confirm this is a requirement?

A-16 Professional Liability insurance is not required for this project.

Q-17 I didn't see in the scope the number of vessels nor did I see the current locations and status of the vessels. Is that information available?

A-17 Currently there are no specific vessels to be removed.

Q-18 Is there a list of vessels that are currently slated to be removed? Past solicitations provided a list of vessels to be removed with description, location and pictures.

A-18 See A-17

Q-19 Is this solicitation an "on-call" type request? As vessels are identified, the contractor is to get the vessel on an "on-call" basis. Is that correct?

A-19 Yes. The contractor will receive a quote request at least 30 days in advance of requested removal date.

Q-20 Would you consider pushing back the due date based on the current COVID-19 crisis?

A-20 See A-2.

Q-21 Typically these items are included in the disaster recovery debris removal RFP that the City already has, so we would like to ask why the City is separating these items into a separate bid document?

A-21 We currently have a contract that expires this year. The abandoned vessels are handled only by the Police Department.

Q-22 The RFP states that there is a pricing sheet, but it was not included in the document.

A-22 See A-1.

Q-23 On page 32, it states: The Awarded Contractor shall provide total weight of debris and/or vessels removed and disposed of to include any materials recycled. The Awarded Contractor shall provide information to the City's Project Manager within thirty (30) days of the removal.

- a. Vessels are typically collected by unit pricing and a size category for the vessels. An example would be: 0-20 ft., 21-30ft., 21-40ft., etc...**
- b. Debris is typically calculated by the cubic yard like your existing debris removal RFP.**
- c. Also, for these items to be reimbursed by FEMA, the tracking is typically done by using a monitoring company, so is the City going to have a 3rd party company monitor this work as they did after Hurricane Dorian's Debris Collection?**

A-23

- a. Our contract was originally established because we had vessels in the harbor that needed to be removed. We had the GPS coordinates, sizes, etc. We currently do not have that information because we don't have any vessels. As vessels come up and we have a contract in place, the awarded vendor will be notified when the City is ready.**
- b. The pricing will be calculated based size of the vessel and various other components.**
- c. These items will not be covered by FEMA. Previously, the City has received a grant from DHEC for the removal of vessels. The DHEC grant does not require monitoring.**

Q-24 Which Contractor held the previous contract for these services?

A-24 Salmons Dredging has the current contract.

Q-25 The RFP references weighted evaluation criteria, but does not allocate points for each category. Is the City going to revise this and add points for each items?

A-25 The point values have not been determined yet. That will be decided before the committee votes on the proposals that come in.

Q-26 Due to limited space for temporary staging within the City; how will the City handle temporary staging sites for this material if they cannot be taken directly to a landfill.

A-26 3rd paragraph, page 32: *"Offeror shall have the ability to tow and store vessels at the request of The City of Charleston. Offeror shall have the ability to store towed vessels for a period of 90 days or more (pending litigation)."*

- Q-27** Will the debris contractor have to make additional room for these items at their staging sites?
- A-27** See A-26
- Q-28** **Page 28, COMPLETION OF RESPONSES - Typos?**
a. Only information presented in the Proposal will be used to evaluate the truck that best fits the needs of the City.
- A-28** This is a typo. It should state: *“Only information presented in the Proposal will be used to evaluate the Abandoned Vessels & Debris Removal Services that best fits the needs of the City.”*
- Q-29** **Page 29, Typos?**
a. 2. Detailed Proposal: The purpose of the detailed Proposal is for the Offeror to demonstrate its qualifications, competence, and capacity to provide Pumper Trucks to the City in conformity with the requirements of this RFP.
- A-29** This is a typo. It should state: *“The purpose of the detailed Proposal is for the Offeror to demonstrate its qualifications, competence, and capacity to provide the services requested by the City in conformity with the requirements of this RFP.”*
- Q-30** **The Awarded Contractor shall be responsible for removing any identified abandoned vessels in an environmentally safe manner and disposing of the vessels and debris in an approved manner or landfill. Any abandoned boat shall be destroyed and disposed of in an approved manner or at a landfill.**
a. Does the landfill currently have the capacity in place to dispose of the abandoned or derelict vessels, or will the Contractor have to find additional facilities for disposal?
- A-30** It is the responsibility of the Contractor to find an adequate disposal facility.
- Q-31** **Will the City assist with title transfers for the abandoned or derelict vessels for disposal?**
- A-31** The Police Department will handle all title transfers.
- Q-32** **Offeror shall have the ability to tow and store vessels at the request of the City of Charleston. Offeror shall have the ability to store towed vessels for a period of 90 days or more (pending litigation).**
a. Please confirm if the City has a DMS location available to store vessels 90 days or more, or is the Contractor responsible for leasing land to accommodate the long-term storage of vessels?
- A-32** It is the Contractor’s responsibility to be able to accommodate the requirements of this RFP.

Q-33 The Awarded Contractor shall provide total weight of debris and/or vessels removed and disposed of to include any materials recycled. The Awarded Contractor shall provide information to the City's Project Manager within thirty (30) days of the removal.

- a. Will the Contractor be responsible for including temporary scales at the DMS location?
- b. As addressed in Question #4, some vessels may require storage 90 days or more prior to disposal at the landfill, delaying the 30-day window to report total weight of debris/vessel and recyclable material to the City.

A-33 a. Any device used to measure weight of debris material removed is the responsibility of the contractor.

b. In limited cases that may require storage of a vessel, the city project manager can delay the 30-day window for reporting total weight.

Q-34 The Awarded Contractor shall provide a high resolution, (maximum setting 3.0 Mega Pixels camera or better), photographic record of the removal and restoration operation in the various stages of development and implementation. The Awarded Contractor will include narrative with the photographic record for the City's Project Manager.

- a. Will this be part of the monitor's function?

A-34 This RFP is not like the Storm Debris Removal contract. It is not FEMA funded and does not require monitors. This will be the responsibility of the Awarded Contractor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 843-724-7312 or 724-7314. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Signature of Acknowledgement

Date

Company Name