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Date: June 24, 2022

To: All Interested Bidders

Re: Clarification #1
HIGBEE BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT
NJDEP OFFICE OF COASTAL ENGINEERING (OCE)
PROJECT NUMBER 4299-20

This clarification (Clarification No. 1) is being issued to the contract for the advertisement of the Higbee Beach Restoration Project, Township of Lower, New Jersey as advertised on May 13, 2022.

The purpose of this clarification is to officially deliver the responses to additional questions and the clarifying information provided to bidders via email (attached) on June 23, 2022.

Please note that security protocols have changed at 1510 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753. All bidders must enter through the main entrance located in the front of the building and check in at the security desk. An OCE staff member will be stationed at the security desk to receive all official submissions.

The Bid Date for this project shall remain **Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00AM (prevailing time)**. Except as amended in Addendum No. 1 and Clarification No. 1, all other terms and conditions of the Project Plans and Specifications remain the same.

Submit bids for this work with the understanding and full consideration of this clarification. The revisions declared in this clarification shall supersede the Specifications and Project Plans and are an essential part of the contract. Please note that a signed copy of the "Acknowledgement of Receipt of Changes to Bid Document Form" is attached and must accompany your bid submission to be deemed complete, indicating receipt of this addendum issued for this solicitation. Failure to include this form in your bid package shall show cause for dismissal of said bid. You may attach a separate form per addendum and/or clarification or you may list out each addendum and/or clarification combined onto a single acknowledgement form.



This clarification is being distributed to all current plan-holders via email only. If you fail to receive the four (4) pages (Cover Letter - 2 pages, Email clarification attachment, and Acknowledgement Form) please contact Sarah Bates at sarah.bates@dep.nj.gov. This clarification includes the following:

1. June 23, 2022 - Email clarification provided to Contractors – (1 page)
2. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form – (1 page)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erick Doyle".

Erick Doyle, Bureau Chief
Bureau of Construction & Engineering
Office of Coastal Engineering

From: [Bates, Sarah \[DEP\]](#)
To: [Bates, Sarah \[DEP\]](#)
Subject: FW: 4299-20 Higbee Beach Restoration Project: Additional Courtesy Email
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 12:26:40 PM

All,

Your original message may have been recalled. I apologize for any potential confusion, I recalled the original as I want to iterate these additional questions & answers are being provided as a courtesy.

All Prospective Bidders,

I recently received a few stragglers questions that we would like to address; please see below:

Q: Specification Section 4:06.1 states the pricing evaluation methodology including the grading system and weighted maximum point totals will be provided before solicitation and any changes to the evaluation process will be made in an Addendum. Could the Department please provide the evaluation criteria including the grading system and weighted maximum point totals for the Bidder's proposal which was to be provided during the solicitation phase.

A: To ensure that all bids are submitted in a means to provide the State with the most advantageous bid, price and other factors, the Department will not be releasing additional information on the evaluation criteria including the grading system and weighted maximum point totals during the solicitation phase. The evaluation criteria is included in the original specification as per sections 1:08 and 4:06 and no changes have been made to date. Section 4:06.1 states "The pricing evaluation methodology will be date-stamped and entered into the record system along with the rest of the grading system and weighted maximum point totals before solicitation. If any changes or revisions are to be made to the evaluation process, it will occur during the solicitation phase and will be recorded in an Addendum. No changes are to be made upon receipt of bids on the bid opening date."

Q: For the Wetlands portion of the Contractor's Experience, the Contractor must provide information for each project experience. #6 in the list is for the name and description of plantings and seeding installed. Is the Department looking for the name and quantity of each individual species that was installed or is the Department requesting groupings of plantings (i.e. high marsh plugs, scrubs/shrubs, low marsh plugs, etc.)?

A: It is strongly advised for the contractor to provide as much detailed information as possible to illustrate their expertise and experience in an organized, clear, and concise manner which will permit an evaluator to access each item referenced.

Q: In an effort for all Contractors to be graded evenly and fairly, is there a limit to the number of pages for each section of the proposal or for the total proposal?

A: There is no overall page limit for the bid submission. Coastal Engineering advises each contractor to ensure their bid submission is well organized and clear.

Sarah Bates
Environmental Engineer

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF CHANGES TO BID DOCUMENT FORM

(Name of Local Contracting Unit)

(Name of Construction/Public Works Project)

(Project or Bid Number)

Pursuant to Section 3:08 – Addenda and Clarifications, the undersigned bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of the following notices, revisions, or addenda to the bid advertisement, specifications or bid documents. By indicating date of receipt, bidder acknowledges the submitted bid takes into account the provisions of the notice, revision or addendum. Note that the local unit’s record of notice to bidders shall take precedence and that failure to include provisions of changes in a bid proposal may be subject for rejection of the bid.

Local Unit Reference Number Or Title of Addendum/Revision	How Received (mail, fax, Pick-up, etc.)	Date Received
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NO ADDENDA OR CLARIFICATION WAS RECEIVED

Acknowledgement by Bidder:

Name of Bidder: _____

By Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____