



ADDENDUM  
PURCHASING OFFICE  
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

INVITATION FOR BID-Best Value: **LMR0101** ADDENDUM NO. **5** DATE OF ADDENDUM: **2/27/2014**

This addendum is to incorporate changes to the above referenced solicitation:

**I. Questions and Answers:**

Question 1: For bid sheet items 1.20-1.2, is the fertilizer just for landscaping or is fertilization of trees included? If trees are included, would this be for deep root feeding?

**Answer 1: 1.20 is soil amendment with compost. 1.21 is soil amendment with compost tea. Either of these could be applied to landscape or to trees. Neither is involved in deep root feeding; assume surface application. Please refer to SP606S.**

Question 2: For bid item 1.64, what size trees do we base our dressing cost on, 1.5" or 3" trees? Is the estimate for trees being planted or for existing trees? Why is the bid only for 20 trees when there are 100+ trees being requested in the bid?

**Answer 2: This items is indented for wound treatment, to cover wounds or pruning cuts when recommended for disease (see section 610S.4(H)). It is not dependent on size of tree, nor is it meant to be applied to all newly planted or existing trees.**

Question 3: Can you add a line item for oak wilt treatments for adjacent trees if possible?

**Answer 3: Oak wilt is outside the purview of this contract. Any occurrence of oak wilt will follow the City of Austin's oak wilt policy:**  
[http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Planning/City\\_Arborist/Oak\\_Wilt\\_Policy.pdf](http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Planning/City_Arborist/Oak_Wilt_Policy.pdf)

Question 4: Are we required to pull a permit for any clearing of 9" caliper trees and above including heritage size trees?

**Answer 4: The removal of any existing trees requiring mitigation will be factored into any design done by WPD, with approval for removal obtained from the appropriate City of Austin department before plans are released for installation.**

Question 5: Should provisions be made to contact Austin Energy for line emergency clearing concerns?

**Answer 5: No.**

Question 6: Are any lane closures required for any of the work specified in the Scope of Work? If so will the City assume costs?

**Answer 6: This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The City will assume the cost.**

Question 7: Stump grinding may be a good line item to include. Is there a possibility of add-on like this happening after contract executions?

**Answer 7: Please refer to 0500, Specification, 2.4, discussing additional line items.**

Question 8: Are all subcontractors on this project required to have the same insurance requirements as the offeror, including Workman's Comp?

**Answer 8: Refer to Section 18, B, iv, of 0300 –Standard Purchasing Terms and Conditions, which states the following: “require that all Subcontractors obtain and maintain, throughout the term of their contract, insurance in the type and amounts specified for the Contractor, with the City being a named insured as its interest shall appear”.**

Question 9: The ground irrigation battery controllers in the Austin GSI Manual do not have rain sensor on them. Who will be responsible for turning them off in the event of a rain or major freeze event? It doesn't seem like that can be part of regular maintenance when weather changes.

**Answer 9: The contractor is responsible for operation of the irrigation system.**

Question 10: The fourth addendum did not include a page for acknowledging receipt of the addendum, which is required for the proposal submittal. Will one be added here shortly or should we sign on the sign-in sheets as proof of acknowledgement?

**Answer 10: Addendum 4 was just the pre-bid attendance sign in sheet, which was an attachment only. It does not require a signature and it does not need to be turned in with your bid documents.**

Question 11: For bid item 1.42, after consulting with a number of local Austin nurseries we have not been able to find a supplier of bare root seedlings. These are generally supplied by large tree producers for forestry applications or for orchards. The window for planting bare root trees in the South is very short, because tree roots will dry out rapidly. Seedlings are generally planted from containers in the Austin area and not from bare root stock. Are there specific reasons to use bare root trees or shrubs for this solicitation instead of container stock? Additionally, is it appropriate to use liner/container seedlings instead of bare root seedlings?

**Answer 11: There are some sources in Texas for bare root seedlings may include the Texas Forest Service, ArborGen, and Madrone Nursery. Container stock may be a viable alternative. WPD will work with the contractor on sourcing hard-to-acquire materials should we opt for them.**

