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**POLK COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
ADDENDUM # 3  
BID # 24-110-SM, LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE**

This addendum is issued to clarify, add to, revise and/or delete items of the Bid Document for this work. This Addendum is a part of the Bid Document and acknowledgment of its receipt shall be noted on the Addendum.

Contained within this addendum:

- 1) Questions asked and answered
- 2) **Current bid tabulation**

To receive a copy of the **Current Bid Tabulation**, please go the following FTP site: <https://ftp3.polk-county.net>, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is *procurevendor* and the password is *solicitation*. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder "**Bid 24-110-SM, Landscaping Services for Roads and Drainage.zip**", select "Open" or "Save As" to download the Bid documents, drawings, and technical specifications. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Michael Guerrero at [michaelguerrero@polk-county.net](mailto:michaelguerrero@polk-county.net).

Respectfully,

*Michael Guerrero*

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**This Addendum sheet should be signed and submitted with your bid submittal. This is the only acknowledgment required.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 1: Do we have to take care of the retention pond(s) at the Shepherd Road location?  
How do we know how far the area goes?

Answer: No, we have a separate contract for pond mowing services. This contract is from right-of-way to right-of-way.

Question 2: There are a number of subdivisions in the Ronald Reagan Parkway area. Are some of the easements handled by the contractor or HOA?

Answer: They are our easements but some HOAs hire their own contractor to mow. If they fail to keep up with the mowing, the contractor will have to take over. **Please bid as if the bidder will be performing the work.**

Question 3: If there is a fence, do we mow all the way to the fence?

Answer: Yes.

Question 4: If the area is undeveloped, do we only mow to the tree line?

Answer: If it is undeveloped, the contractor will need to contact the Project Manager for guidance.

Question 5: Do you have multiple contractors doing the work now?

Answer: We have two contractors doing the work now (1 has three zones and 1 has two zones).

Question 6: Have any additional roads been added?

Answer: Yes. Roads may be added or taken away for a variety of reasons. The County will work with the contractor when this happens. The bid will be amended to add or remove areas.

Question 7: How early can we be on the roads mowing?

Answer: Ok to be on the road during from dawn to dusk.

Question 8: Please share the current bid tabulation.

Answer: The current bid tabulation (most recent prices) has been added to the County's FTP site. See page 1 of this addendum for directions to access.

Question 9: Is the Pipkin Road area going back to one contractor (split now)?

Answer: Yes, once construction is completed.

Question 10: Are there any areas that are not up-to-par that will require a lot of work to get back under control?

Answer: No. The current contractors will maintain until the new contracts are awarded.

Question 11: Will the bid be awarded by low bid?

Answer: The bid will be awarded by low bid meeting qualifications for either each zone or all the zones based on the best interest of the County.

Question 12: Please discuss the qualifications as it pertains to the pesticide licenses.

Answer: Qualification #2 states: Vendor must hold a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Certification Office Commercial Applicator License for Category 5A Aquatic Pest Control, Category 6 Right of Way, and Category 21 Natural Areas Weed Management License under the vendor's name.

More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Pesticide-Licensing/Pesticide-Applicator-Licenses/Pesticide-Applicator-Certification-and-Licensing>

Question 13: How many licenses does Qualification #2 require?

Answer: 3 licenses as outlined below:

Vendor must hold a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Certification Office Commercial Applicator License for Category 5A Aquatic Pest Control, Category 6 Right of Way, and Category 21 Natural Areas Weed Management License under the vendor's name.

Question 14: Why are these licenses required on a Sheltered Market bid?

Answer: The licenses are required by the State and are not related to whether a bid meets the requirement of the Sheltered market program as stated below:

**6.5 SHELTERED MARKET PROGRAM (Ordinance 10-005)**

*The Polk County Board of County Commissioners Sheltered Market Program allows for designated Invitations for Bid to be solicited to only local Polk County businesses and those W/MBE's having a business within Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter Counties. In order to be eligible for the Sheltered Market Program the bid solicitation must be for \$1,000,000 or less and there must be at least three (3) W/MBE's within the designated area willing and able to bid.*

Question 15: Is County Line Rd. just the eastside?

Answer: No, it is east and west.

Question 16: Is Polk County anticipating a March 1 start date for this contract?

Answer: No. Mid to late March is more likely.

Question 17: Is a performance or bid bond required?

Answer: No.

Question 18: Does the contract contain mutual cancellation language?

Answer: The bid document, General Information Section, pg. 17, Item# 15 states:

***Cancellation:*** *All annual bid obligations shall prevail for at least one hundred eighty (180) days after effective date of the bid, unless bid conditions are breached as specified herein. After that period, for the protection of both parties, either party may cancel this bid in whole or part by giving thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the other party. The County reserves the right to cancel any bid after reasonable written notice to the successful bidder should the service not be in the best interest of the County. Should the service rendered for any bid cause or threaten endangerment to public safety or welfare, the Procurement Director may cancel the bid immediately.*