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TO: All Potential Respondents
RFB RFB 1902 Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve Ground Cover Restoration Project

FROM: Christy Aulicino, CPPB, FCCM
Procurement Specialist 2

SUBJECT: Response to Questions

QUESTION: Would SWFWMD be willing to offer any of their donor sites to be used in this project?

ANSWER: No, the District is not considering offering potential donor sites on District land at this time.

QUESTION: If the contractor opts to purchase seed in-lieu of using a donor site, can the purchased seed be bought from outside the 70 mile radius?

ANSWER: Please see Section 3.4.2.1.1 of the RFB.

QUESTION: For the burning regime recommended for donor sites, some species should be exempt (i.e. for hand collected species like coreopsis or sorghastrum, burning the year of harvest is not necessary or even recommended).

ANSWER: As noted in the bid packet, machine collected seed-with an emphasis on wiregrass, is expected to make up the bulk of plantings and must be collected during the growing season to maximize percent viable wiregrass seed. Optimum harvest time for wiregrass does not overlap optimum harvest time (or time since burn) for lopsided indiangrass. However, hand collection of seed (3.4.2.2.4) is encouraged to supplement the array of species. Please see Addendum #1 for additional clarification.

QUESTION: Hog damage - is the district willing to consider exclusion fences?

ANSWER: The District does not have the budget at this time to install hog exclusion fences. If the Contractor desires to install fencing around the project site(s) they may build that cost into their bid price; however, such fencing must not exclude movement of other wildlife such as gopher tortoises (e.g. hog wire fence could be installed at Contractor's expense but must be at ground level and not buried).

QUESTION: Will any planting be permitted?

ANSWER: Please see Section 3.4.2.2.5 of the RFB.