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**TO:** All Potential Respondents  
RFB 2013 Palm River Restoration Phase II East McKay Bay

**FROM:** Rachelle Jones, Senior Procurement Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Response to Questions

1. **QUESTION** In areas specified for selective clearing – What species present are considered Non-Native to be removed, and what species present are considered Native to remain?

**ANSWER** Please refer to Section 02910 Non-Native Vegetation Removal and Control Part 1.01.E. of the Project Specifications for a partial list of species that may be present. Note that respondents are referred to the Florida Exotic and Pest Plant Council’s (FLEPPC) List of Invasive Plant Species for a full list of species that COULD be present and require removal. Vegetation species not on the FLEPPC List could be considered Native species to remain onsite. The District’s Representative will provide guidance for specific areas in question during construction.

2. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA S-2?

**ANSWER** There is a gate into the District’s South Parcel property on the west side of 45<sup>th</sup> Street South just south of the 42” by 67” ECMP to remain that could be used for access.

3. **QUESTION** Construction access: What portions of proposed design will be allowed from 45<sup>th</sup> Street South for the construction of PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA S-2?

**ANSWER** Access can be made from 45<sup>th</sup> Street South as per the response to question No. 2 above. Sheet 36 of the plan set identifies the haul route for hauling excess spoil material.

4. **QUESTION** Will 45<sup>th</sup> Street South be allowed to be closed for the construction of 42” RCP Culvert Crossing?

**ANSWER** It is conceivable that 45<sup>th</sup> Street South may have to be closed at the location of the proposed 42” RCP, Structure S200, utilities relocation and other work in this



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location for a short period of time. Sections 01015 Part 1.06. A through C. and 01500 Parts 1.03, 1.04 and 1.05, among other sections of the Project Specifications, address Maintenance of Traffic (MOT). The Respondent is reminded that the Contractor shall obtain any necessary permits for maintenance of traffic. Detours around construction will be subject to the approval of the County. Where detours are permitted, the Contractor shall provide all necessary barricades and signs as required to divert the flow of traffic. While traffic is detoured, the Contractor shall expedite construction operations and limit closure to that allowed by the jurisdictional agency.

5. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA S-1?

**ANSWER** The west side of the District South Parcel could be accessed from the TECO right-of-way after the placement of the temporary 42" RCP, then the Pond S-1 location could be accessed by traversing over land, avoiding impacts to existing trees to remain (See Sheet 15 of the Construction Plans). Access may also be possible from 46<sup>th</sup> Street South, however, there is no existing gate or driveway in the Pond S-1 location. Any site access must be coordinated with the District's Representative.

6. **QUESTION** Construction access: What portions of proposed design will be allowed from 46<sup>th</sup> Street South for the construction of PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA S-1?

**ANSWER** Please see the response to question No. 5 above.

7. **QUESTION** Will the spoil berm material be allowed for use as backfill of existing ditch represented in Detail M/29?

**ANSWER** Existing spoil berm material that conforms with the Project Technical Specifications may be used as ditch backfill.

8. **QUESTION** Will the spoil berm material be allowed for use as backfill of existing ditch represented in Detail F/29, Spoil Berm 1?

**ANSWER** Existing spoil berm material that conforms with the Project Technical Specifications may be used as ditch backfill or ditch blocks or may be hauled and disposed of in the Northeast Dredge Disposal Cell as shown on sheet 36 of the plan set.

9. **QUESTION** Will the spoil berm material be allowed for use as backfill of existing ditch represented in Detail G/29, Spoil Berm 2?

**ANSWER** See the responses provided to questions 7 and 8 above.



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10. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA N-1?

**ANSWER** The Contractor can access the District’s North Parcel via 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The east end of the proposed Pond N-1 location could be accessed directly from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The west end of the proposed Pond N-1 construction area can be accessed by following the TECO access trail to the north and then turning east to the pond site.

11. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of WETLAND CREATION AREA WC-1?

**ANSWER** The proposed wetland creation area can be accessed from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

12. **QUESTION** Will 12<sup>th</sup> AVE South be allowed to be closed for the construction of 14”X23” ERCP Culvert Crossing?

**ANSWER** It is conceivable that 12th Avenue South may have to be closed at the location of the proposed 14”X23” ERCP Culvert Crossing for a short period of time. Please see the response provided above to question No. 4. Also, being that 12<sup>th</sup> Street South is the primary access to the District North Parcel property, TECO and City properties, the Contractor must coordinate with these entities prior to the temporary partial or full closure of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

13. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of SPOIL BERM 1, F/29?

**ANSWER** Once onsite, the Contractor will propose a route to the construction area in question that avoids impacts to trees or desirable vegetation to remain. The District Representative will review, and if acceptable, approve the access route.

14. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of SPOIL BERM 2, G/29?

**ANSWER** See the response to question No. 13 above.

15. **QUESTION** Construction access: What access is required for the construction of PROPOSED DITCH BLOCK 1, H/30?

**ANSWER** See the response to question No. 13 above.



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**16. QUESTION** Sheet 13, NOTE: NO MECHANICAL GRADING SHALL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE 75' RADIUS AROUND POWER POLES AS SHOWN ON PLAN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED: How is the stabilized road, temporary haul road, and post construction of permanent maintenance road within TECO R/W, going to be constructed with NO MECHANICAL GRADING?

**ANSWER** By definition, the proposed features shown for construction in the final Plans are "Otherwise Noted". The note on Sheet 13 is not meant to preclude the Contractor from constructing without access to machinery within 75-feet of the power poles. The note is intended to preclude the contractor from material stockpile, staging, parking, operating machinery, etc. within 75 feet of the poles where no work is shown on the plans.

**17. QUESTION** Sheet 10, PROPOSED STROMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA N-1, shows eastern portion of the SWMS bottom at Elev -4.0. The TOB at Elev 4.0 with a 4:1 slope will grade the SWMS bottom to Elev -6.0, similar to cross section A/27 & B/27 from sheet 9. Should the bottom elevation of the east portion of the SWMS be at a bottom elevation of -6.0?

**ANSWER** Based on a 4:1 slope, the east portion of Pond N-1 should be graded to a bottom elevation of -6.0 feet (as shown on Sheet 09 of the Plans).

**18. QUESTION** Section 02910; Para 3.03 DISPOSAL FO WOODY DEBRIS: B: ...Following mulching, the material will then be transported to an onsite disposal area designated by the District Representative... Will all clearing areas (1-GRADING AND NON-NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL, 2-SELECTIVE NON-NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL, AND 3-HAND REMOVAL ONLY NON-NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL) be transported to an onsite disposal area?

**ANSWER** Section 02910; Part 3.03 A indicates that "The Contractor shall take ownership of all such material and is responsible for all costs, permitting etc. regarding disposal of such materials whether onsite or offsite." It is possible that the District Representative may allow some or all of the mulched material to be disposed of within the Northeast Spoil Disposal Cell, however, some of the material that is mulched in place within uplands may stay in those locations to break down over time. The mulching locations, mulch in place locations and disposal of woody materials must be coordinated with, and approved by, the District Representative on a case by case basis.



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19. **QUESTION** Section 02910 Non-Native Vegetation Removal and Control, Part 1 General, 1.01 Summary, Part D.

In regard to the hand removal only areas it states no mechanized equipment other than hand tools will be permitted to facilitate the removal of non-native and nuisance vegetation. Can this wording be defined or changed to no entry of mechanized equipment into the wetlands will be allowed? We want to be able to use equipment to pick up larger material by reaching into the wetland, especially across the ditches found within the project boundary.

**ANSWER** The intent of Section 02910, 1.01, D of the Technical Specifications is to protect desirable vegetation and to prevent disturbance to soils and roots within the wetland areas. If equipment can be used for removal of larger cut material without entering a wetland, disturbing desirable vegetation, or contributing to erosion then it may be approved by the District Representative during construction. The District will consider specific requests for work in the "Hand Removal Only" areas on a case by case basis during construction. Reasonable requests and good practices by the contractor will be considered for approval. No machinery shall be used in the "Hand Removal Only" areas without pre- approval by the District Representative.

20. **QUESTION** Will you accept a digitally signed copy of the bid bond?

**ANSWER** No.