

February 22, 2023

**RFB 23-4074 – ROCK PONDS ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION SITE  
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**ADDENDUM #1  
(Acknowledgment is Required)**

The Respondent shall acknowledge its review and receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including a signed copy of this Addendum with its bid submittal. Failure to do so could result in disqualification of the bid.

Please note that double underlined information (example) is added wording and stricken information (~~example~~) is deleted wording.

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**I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- 1. Question: Has this job been previously put out for bid?  
If so, where could we find the information on it?  
If not, are there other jobs that have been bid with similar work we are able to look at?**

Answer: Yes, this project work was put out for bid in 2020 under RFB 2002 Vegetation Management Services for the Rock Ponds Ecosystem Restoration Site.

Information can be found on the District website at <http://www.watermatters.org/procurement> and [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com). A public records request may also be submitted to receive information.

- 2. Question: What as the dollar amount of last Contract No. RFB 2002?**

Answer: The awarded base bid of RFB 2002 was \$420,195.00 for a three-year term. Additional mowing was done in years one and two of the contract for a total of \$7,132.50, in that two-year period, in addition to the base bid.

- 3. Question: What was this place before SWFWMD took it over?**

Answer: The project site consists of 3 sections. The Borrow Pit section was a borrow pit prior to the restoration project performed by the District. The Central and Western sections were agricultural lands.

- 4. Question: Are the islands not being treated this time around?**

Answer: No, the treatment on the “islands” in the Borrow Pit section are not part of the Project Work for RFB 23-4074.

5. **Question:** **What invasive species are in the mangrove wooded area?**
- Answer: Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's Category I and II Invasive Plants may be found in the mangrove wooded area especially in particular Brazilian Pepper.
6. **Question:** **What percent coverage is Brazilian Pepper in the mangrove wooded area?**
- Answer: Brazilian Pepper coverage is less than one percent and consists of mostly seedlings and saplings that will require maintenance treatment.
7. **Question:** **What is wrong with the Central Section?**
- Answer: Please refer to Subsection 3.5.2.2.1 for information on non-native plant species that may be found in the Central Section.
8. **Question:** **How many acres of Guinea Grass are in the Central Section?**
- Answer: Guinea Grass coverage is approximated at about five to ten percent coverage located in scattered pockets.
9. **Question:** **Is SWFWMD burning this site periodically?**
- Answer: A small area in the Western Section was burned by the District. The remaining sections/areas have not been burned by the District, however the District may elect to do so in the future. Any plans to burn on the Project Site will be communicated to the awarded contractor.
- There was a wildfire in small area of the Borrow Pit section.
10. **Question:** **What is that yellow flower?**
- Answer: As identified by a third party, the yellow flower is a Cutleaf Evening Primrose.
11. **Question:** **How many acres are currently being mowed as part of the current contract?**
- Answer: The following are the amount of mowing done to date under the current contract.  
Year 1 = 87.0 acres  
Year 2 = 71.5 acres  
Year 3 = 0.0 acres
- Mowing for this solicitation is divided into two categories:
- A) Mowing of the 14 miles of access roads. (Please refer to Subsection 3.5.2, Mowing Access Roads.)
  - B) Mowing as a method that may be proposed by the awarded Contractor as part of the treatment plan. (Refer to Subsection 3.5.2.3.1) Mowing as part of the treatment plan is not a separate line item under this solicitation.

**12. Question: Are the high mounds spoil?**

Answer: The high mounds located in the Western Section consist of spoil from the dredging done during the Rock Ponds Ecosystem Restoration Project.

**13. Question: Can we get the shape files of the project site?**

Answer: The District will provide Shape Files for the Treatment Locations and the Access Roads. Please refer to Attachments #1 and #2 in this Addendum #1.

**14. Question: Is any harvesting planned?**

Answer: No large-scale physical removal of non-native species is planned to be done by District personnel. The Contractor may propose the physical removal of non-native species method as part of the treatment plan. (Refer to Subsection 3.5.2.3.1)

The District does periodically harvest and disperse seed.

**15. Question: Is there any wildlife to stay away from or be cautious of?**

Answer: Wildlife that may be found on the Project Site include but are not limited to:

- Alligators
- Bobcats
- Coyotes
- Fire Ants
- Hogs
- Mosquitos
- Sandhill Cranes
- Snakes

Caution should always be taken around any wild animal. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requires a 600-foot buffer from nesting birds that are listed as threatened or endangered in Florida.

**II. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Figure 19 – Rock Ponds Treatment Locations Shape Files

2. Figure 20 – Rock Ponds Access Roads Shape Files

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM #1

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

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