

March 4, 2025

RFB 25-4714 CIRCLE B BAR RESERVE FDOT MITIGATION SITE –
INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL SERVICES
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

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.

I. CLARIFICATIONS

1. Section 2.36 is hereby replaced in its entirety:

2.36 **SITE ACCESS.**

The Project site is on District property. Access to the Circle B Bar Reserve is through the public access located at 4399 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803. Access is subject to the operating hours set by Polk County. Information about Circle B Bar Reserve hours may be found at <https://www.polk-county.net/park/circle-b-bar-reserve/>.

The Contractor may also access the Project site through the maintenance/residence gate. Use of the maintenance/residence gate is controlled by Polk County. The District will coordinate with the Contractor and Polk County to provide access through this gate.

2. Subsection 3.6.2 is hereby replaced in its entirety:

3.6.2 Chemical Storage

Herbicides and adjuvants must be supervised by the Contractor's Field Supervisor or Applicators or be securely contained in a ventilated and locked truck or trailer in accordance with Sections 403.161, 403.413, 403.708, 487.031, Florida Statutes. The Contractor shall properly dispose of all pesticide and adjuvant containers. ~~No on-site storage of chemicals is permitted.~~ Chemicals may be stored overnight on the Project site at a location specified by the District during a treatment event. Chemicals must be removed from the site at the conclusion of the treatment event. At any time, the District may discontinue permitting overnight storage of chemicals if proper storage is not maintained by the Contractor or if deemed hazardous or unsafe, at the discretion of the District. Any chemicals on-site must be properly labelled and a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be present on site for each chemical.

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3. Subsection 3.6.3.1 is hereby replaced in its entirety:

3.6.3.1 The Contractor shall have available the following ~~minimum~~ equipment:

- A GPS or smart phone which can be utilized to create or find GPS waypoints and treatment polygons.
- Backpack sprayer(s)
- 4-wheel drive vehicle(s)
- ATV(s) / UTV(s)
- Amphibious Marsh Buggy(ies) (Example: Marsh Master)
- Airboat(s) with vehicle-mounted sprayer

The use of equipment, in addition the equipment listed above, may be authorized at the District's discretion. To request authorization for use additional equipment, the Contractor must submit an authorization request with equipment specifications, location(s) on Project site of intended use, conditions, and timeframes (seasons, site conditions, times of year, etc.) of use (if applicable), in writing, to the District's Project Manager. The Contractor must receive authorization from the District, in writing, prior to the use of the additional equipment on the Project. The Contractor must comply with all conditions of use specified within the written authorization for use.

If use of any authorized additional equipment is determined, solely by the District, to be detrimental to Project success, the District may rescind, in writing, the authorization for use of the additional equipment. Upon written notice to the Contractor of a rescission of authorization for use of any additional equipment, the Contractor must cease utilizing the specified additional equipment on the Project.

II. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Question: Can the maintenance/residence gate to utilized on this project?

Answer: Yes, please refer to Clarification 1 of this Addendum.

2. Question: Are we restricted to performing work during the hours that the reserve is open to the public?

Answer: Please refer to section 2.40, **HOURS OF WORK**, of this solicitation.

3. Question: What are the main invasive species being targeted on this Project?

Answer: Please refer to subsection 3.5.2.2, Non-native and Nuisance Plant Species Control Targets.

4. Question: What type of equipment is required for this Project.

Answer: Please refer to Clarification 3 of this Addendum.

5. Question: Are we able to drive down Marsh Rabbit Run during this Site Visit?

Answer: No, we were not able to drive down Marsh Rabbit Run during the Site Visit due to pedestrian traffic and road conditions.

6. Question: Has this site maintenance been done regularly on a quarterly basis?

Answer: Yes, over the last year, Project site maintenance has been performed on a quarterly basis.

7. Question: Is the Marsh Master truly necessary for this Project work?

Answer: Please refer to Clarification 3 of this Addendum.

8. Question: Do you want Carolina Willows sprayed out?

Answer: Yes, treatments shall emphasize non-established Carolina Willows.

Please refer to subsection 3.5.2.2, Non-native and Nuisance Plant Species Control Targets.

9. Question: Are tracks required 100% of the time for each maintenance event?

Answer: Please refer to subsection 3.6.4.3.1.

10. Question: Are we not using the old cell (area) identification?

Answer: Area identification methods for reporting purposes will be provided to the Contractor.

11. Question: Are all cells (areas) to be treated each quarter?

Answer: The needs of the Project site will be assessed and the treatments areas will be determined as required. Please refer to subsection 3.6.4.7 and 3.6.4.8.

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- 12. Question:** **Is the eagle(s) still nesting in the tree blown down by Hurricane Milton?**
- Answer: Yes, at this time, the eagle(s) are still nesting in the downed tree or nearby along the shoreline.
- 13. Question:** Please refer to section 3.7, **WILDLIFE**.
Is the pond included on the southwesterly end?
- Answer: Please refer to Figure 11, Circle B Bar Reserve Treatment Area Shape Files.
- 14. Question:** **Does the trail past the barn lead to a potential airboat launch?**
- Answer: Yes, the trail leading south from the barn leads to a potential airboat launch site under the proper site conditions.
- 15. Question:** **Can chemicals be stored on site?**
- Answer: Please refer to Clarification 2 of this Addendum.
- 16. Question:** **Has this site been maintained?**
- Answer: Yes, over the last year, Project site maintenance has been performed on a quarterly basis.
- 17. Question:** **Is Ceasar Weed present on the Project site and included in the Project scope of work?**
- Answer: Yes, Caesar's Weed (*Urena lobata*) is present on the Project site.
- Please refer to subsection 3.5.2.2, Non-native and Nuisance Plant Species Control Targets.
- Please refer to Figure 8, Circle B Bar Reserve FDOT Mitigation Parcel Invasive Plant Mapping Fall 2024.
- 18. Question:** **Are cattails part of the Project scope of work?**
- Answer: Yes, please refer to subsection 3.5.2.2, Non-native and Nuisance Plant Species Control Targets.

19. Question: Is mowing an option on this site?

Answer: No, mowing is not an option for this Project.

III. ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable to this Addendum.

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Procurement Specialist
cc: Project Manager

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM #1

BY: _____
DATE

(TYPE/PRINT NAME AND TITLE)

COMPANY NAME