

APRIL 8, 2025

RFB 25-4732 – FLINT AND PEACE CREEK DEBRIS REMOVAL FY25

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. CLARIFICATIONS

1. Subsection 2.23.1, **BID BOND**, is hereby amended as follows:

2.23.1 **BID BOND**. Bidders will furnish a forfeiture bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check with its bid response in the amount equal to 5% of their Total Bid Amount, including any contingency listed on the bid form, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the District if awarded ~~and furnish the required Payment and Performance Bond~~. A sample forfeiture type bid bond is attached to this RFB.

2. Subsection 3.3.4 is hereby amended as follows:

3.3.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for daily onsite project management of its and any subcontractor crews. The Services shall be accomplished in accordance with the applicable specifications and performance schedule. Daily progress reports, with work site pictures and Global Positioning System (GPS) waypoints, shall be submitted (emailed) to the District weekly. The Contractor shall make weekly reports to the District to detail the progress of the debris removal and disposal program. Such reports shall include photo documentation of debris removed ~~a description of all areas where work was done, and debris removal was completed. The reports must also include the types and volumes of debris transported, reduced, and disposed of. The Contractor shall also provide other operational and complaint tracking reports as requested by the District.~~

3. Subsection 3.3.7.3.7 is hereby added in its entirety as follows:

3.3.7.3.7 Forest mulching shall not be permitted on this Project.

4. Subsection 3.3.8.3 is hereby amended as follows:

3.3.8.3 The Contractor shall own or have existing lease agreements by the issuance of Notice to Proceed for equipment in good working order to accomplish work in all three work conditions described in Section 3.1.1 above.

3.3.8.3.1 Required Equipment:

The Contractor is required to provide for the use of the Project, at a minimum:

- One Woodchipper capable of handling up to 12" diameter logs
- One of the following:
  - Low Ground Pressure (LGP) track excavators with thumb and/or grapple attachments various sizes
  - Menzi Muck A61 or larger, 4WD with LGP tires, with grapple and grinder attachments (or equivalent)
- Dump truck, of adequate size for Project debris removal and hauling as-needed Minimum 15 CY capacity
- Front end loader CAT 950 or equivalent with grapple rake and bucket attachments
- One of the following:
  - Barge push boat and segmental adjustable width/length low draft barges for equipment work platform and debris hauling in water
  - Flat bottom boat and outboard engine adequate length and width to haul debris

5. Subsection 3.3.18, Certification of Load Carrying Capacity, is hereby removed in its entirety:

~~3.3.18 — Certification of Load Carrying Capacity~~

~~The Contractor shall submit to the District certification indicating the type of vehicle, make, model, license plate number, Contractor equipment number, and measured maximum volume, in cubic yards, of the load bed of each piece of equipment utilized to haul debris. The measured volume of each piece of equipment shall be calculated from actual physical measurements performed by the District. The reported maximum volume of any load bed shall be the same as shown on the signs fixed to each piece of equipment. Vehicles shall be labeled with distinctive numbers for the District. Photo documentation will be required by the District.~~

~~All trucks and trailers utilized in hauling debris shall be provided with a tailgate that will permit the vehicle to be loaded to capacity and effectively contain the debris on the vehicle while hauling. Sideboards or other extensions to the bed are allowable provided they meet all applicable rules and regulations, cover the front and/or sides, and are constructed in a manner to withstand severe operating conditions. Once installed, all sideboards and extensions must remain in place throughout the operation, or the vehicle must be remeasured and remarked. All extensions to the bed are subject to acceptance or rejection by the District. The Contractor shall conform to Section 316.520, Florida Statutes, which covers the tarping of loads. Damaged extensions are subject to immediate disqualification by authorized District personnel.~~

## II. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **Question:** **Is a chipper, a wheel loader, and a walking excavator required pieces of equipment?**

Answer: A Woodchipper and a Wheel Loader are on the list of Required Equipment. A Menzi Muck A61 or equivalent, commonly referred to as a Walking Excavator, is an option on the list of required equipment and is on the list of Recommended Equipment.

Please refer to clarification 4 of this Addendum.

Please refer to subsections 3.3.8.3.1, Required Equipment, and 3.3.8.3.2, Recommended Equipment, of the RFB document.

2. **Question:** **Is hauling (as required) part of the linear foot price?**

Answer: Yes.

3. **Question:** **Are stumps included?**

Answer: No, digging is not part of the scope of work for this Project. Please refer to the RFB document and Figure 1, Debris Removal Detail.

4. **Question:** **How far does restoration go?**

Answer: Please refer **Part III, SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS**.

5. **Question:** **Are we permitted to cut trees for access?**

Answer: No, the cutting of trees that are not within the scope of work for access purposes is not permitted.

6. **Question:** **What is the timeline for completion?**

Answer: Project work must be completed within 150 days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Please refer to section 2.2, **TERM**.

7. **Question:** **What was the timeline for completion last time for Flint and Peace each? Did they complete within that time frame?**

Answer: The timeline was 150 days each for Flint Creek and Peace Creek Canal's last projects. Both projects were completed in 90(+/-) days.

8. **Question:** **Last time this was done, was it done by RFB and was it bid by linear foot?**

Answer: The last debris removal projects for Flint Creek and Peace Creek Canal were done by RFB and bid by linear foot.

9. **Question:** **How do we get a copy of the bids from last time?**
- Answer: A Public Records Request may be submitted via the link on the District's website: [www.watermatters.org](http://www.watermatters.org)
10. **Question:** **Are there any locations that [the District] are aware of that there is not access to one side and not the other?**
- Answer: The District is currently working on obtaining License Agreements. There are some areas that may have no access or access restrictions at this time. Please refer to the REFERENCE DOCUMENTS included with this RFB.
11. **Question:** **Can the Contractor get access to additional linear foot and clean more?**
- Answer: Please refer to section 2.39, SITE ACCESS.
12. **Question:** **During rainy season how much does the water come up?**
- Answer: The water level may rise 3-5 feet or more during rainy season.
13. **Question:** **What is the budget for this Project?**
- Answer: The budget for this Project is \$2,200,000.00 including contingency.
14. **Question:** **What is the total linear footage for the Project?**
- Answer: Please refer to Attachment 1, Bid Response Form, of the RFB for this information.
15. **Question:** **Does the District have License (access) Agreements to all the linear footage listed on the Bid Response Form?**
- Answer: No, the District does not have License Agreements to all the linear footage listed on the Bid Response Form for Peace Creek Canal at this time. Flint Creek does not require License (access) Agreements as it is navigable waters. Please refer to the REFERENCE DOCUMENTS provided with this RFB.
16. **Question:** **Are points awarded for price, experience, equipment, etc.?**
- Answer: This is a Request for Bid (RFB). There are no points in the evaluation. The District will award the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. Please refer to section 4.1, BASIS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT.
17. **Question:** **How do we get the Bid Bond to you? How does the District return the Bid Bond?**
- Answer: Please refer to subsection 2.23.1, BID BOND.

18. **Question:**           **Any kind of MOT setup required?**
- Answer:                   Please refer to subsection 3.3.19, Traffic Control.
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19. **Question:**           **Is the payment schedule submitted with the bid?**
- Answer:                   Please refer to section 2.44, **PROGRESS SCHEDULE AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES (POST NOTICE OF AWARD)**.
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20. **Question:**           **Does the Flint Creek have at least 18 inches of water at all time?**
- Answer:                   No, Flint Creek's depth can vary based upon the time of year, atmospheric conditions, or area along the creek.
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21. **Question:**           **Is chipping permitted on the Flint Creek?**
- Answer:                   Project work activities will be dependent upon the License Agreement and Project Activity Agreement obtained for the panel in which the work is being performed.
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22. **Question:**           **Can we use more than one crew at a time?**
- Answer:                   Yes, the District has not placed a limit on the number of crews that the Contractor may utilize at a given time.
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23. **Question:**           **Is submerged debris included?**
- Answer:                   Yes, submerged debris is included in the scope of work.
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24. **Question:**           **Good morning trying to go over my notes from the meeting and I believe you had mentioned that a walking excavator, or menzi muck excavator was part of the required equipment. Just looking over the packet and it's listed under recommended equipment. Just wanted to clarify, and if it is required, can we use an amphibious excavator in place?**
- Answer:                   A Menzi Muck A61 or equivalent, commonly referred to as a Walking Excavator, is an option on the list of required equipment and is on the list of Recommended Equipment.
- Please refer to clarification 4 of this Addendum.
- Please refer to subsections 3.3.8.3.1, Required Equipment, and 3.3.8.3.2, Recommended Equipment, of the RFB document.

**25. Question: Is this contract for only "storm damaged debris"**

Answer: The scope of work for this Project includes vegetative debris, construction and demolition debris, and recyclable material (metal and white goods). Some of the debris may have been "storm damage debris," however the scope of work is not limited to "storm damage debris." Please refer to the RFB documents for full scope of work.

**26. Question: On the price sheet, it refers to "panels". Can you clarify what that is?**

Answer: The creeks are broken into panels for District tracking purposes. Flint Creek has 3 panels. Peace Creek has 13 panels. Attachment 1, **BID RESPONSE FORM**, provides the length of each panel. Maps of each panel have been provided as part of the REFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

**27. Question: Also, When I add up the measurements, the current estimated project length is just over 45 miles long. Is this accurate for the actual work expected to be completed?**

Answer: Peace Creek Canal can only be accessed where the District has License Agreements. The linear footage on the Peace Creek Canal that will be paid for is limited to the footage that we have access to. Please refer to subsection 3.3.11, Private Property.

Flint Creek does not require License Agreements as it is navigable waters and therefore shall be completed in full.

**28. Question: Section 3.1.2 states that there will be 3 scenarios of debris removal (land based, 3ft deep water or less, and water greater than 3 ft). Will there be an addendum to create a price for each scenario?**

Answer: No, there is no separate price for the various scenarios.

**29. Question: What was the total completed contract amount for the last contract similar to this?**

Answer: The Agreement maximum value, not including contingency, awarded for RFB 23-4197 Peace Creek Canal Debris Removal Services was \$1,920,430.00.

The Agreement maximum value, not including contingency, awarded for RFB 23-4200 Flint Creek Debris Removal Services was \$646,812.90.

**30. Question: Bid details state that pictures and Global Positioning System Data points shall be submitted weekly by the contractor for all debris removed. Reports also need to have debris type and volumes of debris handled. Can you confirm these details are needed?**

Answer: Pictures of the debris removed along with longitude and latitude coordinates will be required. These will be provided weekly along with the areas worked. Work site pictures and Global Positioning System (GPS) waypoints, shall be submitted (emailed) to the District weekly. Please refer to Clarification 2 of this addendum.

**31. Question:** Bid details state, all obstructions that could prevent flow need to be removed. Does this include live/healthy vegetation with a strong root system? Would obstructions that could prevent flow be anything lower than an imaginary line from both top of banks?

**Answer:** This is only for debris removal. It does not include any other vegetation such as grasses. It does include any submerged trees. Please refer to the RFB documents for full scope of work.

**32. Question:** Does all vegetation that falls within the 45 degree rule have to be removed if it is smaller than 6 inches even if they don't impact the removal process (equipment/barge traffic)?

**Answer:** Yes, any leaning tree needs to be removed. Please refer to subsection 3.3.7.1.2.

**33. Question:** During the last project in Peace River, was it necessary for the contractor to have and use a barge to complete any of the work?

**Answer:** Yes, barges or some floating raft system was deemed necessary by the Contractor for parts of the Peace Creek Canal debris removal.

**34. Question:** During the bid meeting, the district is requesting chippers only. I saw debris that would be too large to use chippers on. Which then would require additional hauling and possible disposal fees. Is the contractor able to bring in high production grinders to reduce the larger material? and in return could speed up the project and reduce price? Requested grinder approval would be a Diamond Z 7000 series or equivalent.

**Answer:** If the debris is too large to chip then the contractor will have to burn, haul, or dispose of it. The district will reimburse dump fees at cost. The price per linear foot is inclusive of all Project work.

A high production grinder (such as a Diamond Z 7000 series or equivalent) would be acceptable.

**35. Question:** Can property owners prevent contractors from traveling through properties if the contractor stays within the canal on barges?

**Answer:** Peace Creek Canal - The Contractor cannot travel through the creek where the District does not have License Agreements.

Flint Creek - The Contractor can go from end to end within the creek regardless of License Agreements. Flint Creek is navigable waters.

**36. Question:** A re-inspection fee will be charged to the contractor for any areas that are not completed properly the first pass. How much is the District's re-inspection fee? or how will that be calculated at the time?

**Answer:** Please refer to subsection 3.3.13, Inspections for Payment of this RFB. Please refer to section 14 of EXHIBIT "A," SPECIAL PROJECT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, of Attachment 7, **SAMPLE AGREEMENT**.

**37. Question:** Bid details state, All equipment such as trucks and trailers will need to be measured and placards to be placed on each and must be physically measured by the district before the start of hauling debris. And all trailers/trucks must have a tailgate. When and who from the district completes these tasks?

**Answer:** Please refer to Clarification 5 of this Addendum.

**38. Question:** Please confirm the contractor's schedule of values and construction schedule are due Post Award?

**Answer:** Please refer to section 2.44, **PROGRESS SCHEDULE AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES (POST NOTICE OF AWARD).**

**39. Question:** Just want to ask, instead of a spider-type machine going up the Flint and Peace Creek Canals will we be able to substitute a marsh excavator on tracks and floats?

**Answer:** Yes, Low Ground Pressure (LGP) track excavators with thumb and/or grapple attachments of various sizes is an option on the list of Required Equipment.

Please refer to clarification 4 of this Addendum.

Please refer to subsections 3.3.8.3.1, Required Equipment, and 3.3.8.3.2, Recommended Equipment, of the RFB document.

### III. ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable to this Addendum.

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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM #1

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

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