

March 6, 2026

**RFB 26-4993 DISTRICTWIDE ROAD MOWING 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. CLARIFICATIONS:**

1. Subsection 3.3.2.2.2 is hereby modified as follows:

3.3.2.2.2 1,665.7 ~~1,628.2~~ Total Acreage

2. Subsection 3.4.6 is hereby modified as follows:

3.4.6 The Contractor shall cut fallen trees or branches 4-inches in diameter or above that are blocking roadways or mowing area and move them outside the mowing and road area limits. The Contractor shall mark each tree cut under this section and mark it on the map deliverable. The Contractor shall take photos before cutting and after cutting and removal to the side. Trees or branches cut under this section shall be billable at the rate provided in the Bid Response Form.

3. Subsection 3.4.7 is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following:

3.4.7 As part of the per-acre rate provided in the Bid Response Form, the Contractor shall, either by tractor or by hand, relocate, move, or remove any fallen trees or branches under 4 inches in diameter that obstruct roadways or the mowing area, moving them outside of the mowing and roadway limits.

4. Subsection 3.7.3 is hereby added in its entirety:

3.7.3 A minimum of one tractor must be on the site at time of service that has a front-end loader with bucket or hydraulic grapple-style rake if performing service with one or more tractors.

5. Section 4.1, Basis for Award of Contract, is first paragraph is hereby modified as following:

Bidders may bid on any combination (one or more) of the regions. Cost must be provided for all line items for a region in order for the Bidder to be deemed responsive for that region. The District will award contracts to one or more of the lowest (up to three), responsive and responsible bidders by region. Whenever two or more bids, proposals, or replies that are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the District for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid, proposal, or reply received from a bidder that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program in conformance with section 287.087, Florida Statutes, shall be given preference in the award process.

6. Figure 3, RFB 26-4993 Current Properties-Location Information, is hereby added.
7. Attachment 1, Bid Response Form, is hereby replaced in its entirety with Attachment 1, Bid Response Form, Revised 03/06/2026.

## II. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. **Question:** Can you please provide an acreage breakdown per site that will be mowed?
- Answer: The current list of properties/locations and acreage are provided in Figure 3 – RFB 26-4993 Current Properties-Location Information. Please refer to Clarification #6 of this Addendum. Properties are accessible by the public but driving access may be restricted.
2. **Question:** We maintain and mow multiple areas at once totaling a qualifying amount. We do not have an individual job of \$25,000 per your requirement. While we have the tractors, we are just now getting geared up to bid on projects of this nature and do not have large batwing references. Will this disqualify us from bidding on this project?
- Answer: Bidders must meet the requirements of the solicitation to be deemed responsive. Please refer to Attachment 2, Bidder Qualification Requirements, for reference requirements.
3. **Question:** Can I get names and addresses of each property in each area and acreage for property?
- Answer: The current list of properties/locations and acreage are provided in Figure 3 – RFB 26-4993 Current Properties-Location Information. Please refer to Clarification #6 of this Addendum. Properties are accessible by the public but driving access may be restricted.

4. **Question:** **I was wondering if there was a way to find out how much was paid last year for the mowing for the areas indicated in the RFP Bid 26-4993 package.**
- Answer: Previous services were obtained through a Request for Quote process. Scope of work and grouping and number of properties were not the same as in this solicitation.
- A public records request may be submitted on the District's website for the Request for Quote records at:  
<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/about/contact-us/public-records-request>
5. **Question:** **If we are awarded all three regions, can we accept only two of them?**
- Answer: No. Bidders should only bid on the region(s) that they are willing to accept if awarded.
6. **Question:** **If we are awarded multiple regions, will the schedule of cutting for each region and each property be coordinated?**
- Answer: This District will work with Contractors on schedule coordination, timing, and logistics as long as the cuts are completed in the prescribed time periods. Please refer to section 3.5, Anticipated Schedule, of the solicitation.
7. **Question:** **Each region is getting three awarded vendors?**
- Answer: Please refer to section 4.1, Basis for Award of Contract, of the solicitation.
8. **Question:** **Is this the first year for the contract? Has this been awarded before?**
- Answer: Previous services were obtained through a Request for Quote process. Scope of work and grouping and number of properties were not the same as in this solicitation.
9. **Question:** **How many trees will need to be cut on average?**
- Answer: The number of trees that may need to be cut may vary from property to property and may vary due to weather events and other factors. The estimated quantity for bidding purposes is based on five trees per current property within the region.
10. **Question:** **Are we guaranteed all the acreage in a region if awarded the region?**
- Answer: No. Please refer to sections 3.11 and 4.1 of the solicitation.
11. **Question:** **Do all tractors need front end loaders?**
- Answer: A minimum of one tractor must be on the site at time of service that has a front-end loader with bucket or hydraulic grapple-style rake. Please refer to Clarification #4 of this Addendum.

12. **Question:** **Are skid steers permitted for use instead of front end loaders on tractors?**  
Answer: No. Skid steers cannot be utilized on the project.
13. **Question:** **Is a Bid Bond Required for the #26-4993 Mowing and Tree Clearing RFP?**  
Answer: No. A bid bond is not required for RFB 26-4993 Districtwide Road Mowing Services.
14. **Question:** **Section 3.4.7., States “Contractor shall by Tractor or by Hand, move trees under 4 Inches in Diameter blocking roadways or mow areas.” Should the word “move” actually be “remove”?**  
Answer: Please refer to Clarification #3 of this Addendum.
15. **Question:** **Can a Self Contained mower and power unit be substituted for the Tractor and Bat-Wing, such as a Ventrac Tractor and Flail Mower/Front End Loader?**  
Answer: No. Please refer to section 3.7, Required Equipment, of the solicitation.
16. **Question:** **Tractor Density: What is your standard for the number of tractors required per area to meet your timeline and ensure the work is considered sufficient?**  
Answer: The District does not have this information as each property is different and means and methods are up to the Contractor.
17. **Question:** **Easement Dimensions: What is the average width of each easement?**  
Answer: Easements vary among the properties. Access roads will be wide enough for the equipment specified in this solicitation.  
  
Each property/location may have varying requirements including width of mowing area, wetland requirements, etc. Please refer to section 3.1, Project Description, of the solicitation.
18. **Question:** **Mowing Duration: What is the ideal timeframe for completing each mowing cycle?**  
Answer: Please refer to section 3.5, Anticipated Schedule, of the solicitation.

### III. **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Attachment 1, Bid Response Form, Revised 03/06/2026

Ari Horowitz  
Procurement Specialist  
cc: Project Manager

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM #1

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

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(TYPE/PRINT NAME AND TITLE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

**ATTACHMENT 1  
 BID RESPONSE FORM, REVISED 03/06/2026  
 FOR  
 REQUEST FOR BIDS #26-4993  
 DISTRICTWIDE ROAD MOWING SERVICES**

The undersigned Bidder has carefully read this Request for Bids (RFB) and its provisions, terms and conditions covering the equipment, materials, supplies or services as called for, and fully understands the requirements and conditions. The Bidder certifies that its bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, entity, or person submitting a bid for the same goods/services (unless otherwise specifically noted) and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The Bidder agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of this RFB and certifies that the person signing this bid is authorized to bind the Bidder. The Bidder agrees that it will provide the work as stipulated if awarded the contract.

By signing below, Bidder certifies the following:

- Information provided in Attachment 2, Bidder Qualification Requirements, is true and correct to the best of its knowledge.
- Bidder meets the minimum requirements set forth in the RFB.
- Bidder has not been debarred by a political agency within the State of Florida.

**Bidder has a Drug-Free Workplace Program in conformance with section 287.087, Florida Statutes. (Optional)**

The Bidder has also carefully read any Addenda issued for this RFB. Addenda are available at <http://www.watmatters.org/procurement> and [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com). The Bidder is responsible for reviewing these documents, signing each Addenda signature page, and submitting with the Bidder's bid.

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Bidder Name (Company Name as Contained on Corporate Seal)

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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Physical Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Telephone Number	Fax Number	Email Address
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Authorized Signature	Date	Print/Type Name and Title
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NOTE: If you are entering a "No Bid," please state reason below and email this form to [procurement@watmatters.org](mailto:procurement@watmatters.org).

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**ATTACHMENT 1 (Continued)**  
**BID RESPONSE FORM, REVISED 03/06/2026**  
**FOR**  
**REQUEST FOR BIDS #26-4993**  
**DISTRICTWIDE ROAD MOWING SERVICES**

NORTH REGION (CITRUS, HERNANDO, LEVI, MARION, AND SUMTER COUNTIES)					
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE (\$)	UNIT	ITEM TOTAL PRICE (\$)
1	Batwing Mowing	410.7	\$ _____	Per Acre	\$ _____
2	Per Tree 4-Inch Diameter and Above	25	\$ _____	Per Tree	\$ _____
TOTAL:					\$ _____

CENTRAL REGION (HILLSBOROUGH, LAKE, PASCO, PINELLAS, AND POLK COUNTIES)					
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE (\$)	UNIT	ITEM TOTAL PRICE (\$)
3	Batwing Mowing	1,665.7	\$ _____	Per Acre	\$ _____
4	Per Tree 4-Inch Diameter and Above	45	\$ _____	Per Tree	\$ _____
TOTAL:					\$ _____

SOUTH REGION (CHARLOTTE, DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, MANATEE, AND SARASOTA COUNTIES)					
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE (\$)	UNIT	ITEM TOTAL PRICE (\$)
5	Batwing Mowing	375.8	\$ _____	Per Acre	\$ _____
6	Per Tree 4-Inch Diameter and Above	35	\$ _____	Per Tree	\$ _____
TOTAL:					\$ _____