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RFB 1902 HÁLPATA TASTANAKI PRESERVE GROUND COVER RESTORATION PROJECT

ADDENDUM #1 (Acknowledgment is Required)

Prospective Bidders must acknowledge the receipt of this Addendum in the applicable section on the Bid Response Form. Please note that underlined information (<u>example</u>) is added wording and stricken information (<u>example</u>) is deleted wording.

Please note the following change to the Figures Section of the Table of Contents, in the above referenced solicitation:

<u>Figure 6 Georeferenced PDF of Site 1 - https://watermatters.sharefile.com/d-s3a21bb1baec4dc3a</u>
<u>Figure 7 Georeferenced PDF of Site 2 - https://watermatters.sharefile.com/d-s3a21bb1baec4dc3a</u>
<u>Figure 8 Georeferenced PDF of Site 3 - https://watermatters.sharefile.com/d-s3a21bb1baec4dc3a</u>

Please note the following change to Section 3.2, Project Description, in the above referenced solicitation:

Following District acquisition of the Preserve in the mid-1990s the Project Sites received no additional pasture management activities, such as fertilizer or lime. Since District acquisition, a fairly aggressive fire regime has been maintained. Site 1 was last burned December 2014 following a frost on March 13, 2019; Site 2 was last burned November 2014 under relatively low humidity and a considerable wind on March 13, 2019; and Site 3 was last burned in January 2019.

Please note the following change to Section 3.4.1, Site Preparation, in the above referenced solicitation:

3.4.1.2.4 During mixing and application, all recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be properly worn to minimize applicator exposure to chemicals. The Contractor shall not prepare, store or mix chemicals within a 1,000 feet of a Monitor Well. Herbicides and associated surfactants shall be mixed within the site being treated (Site 1, 2, or 3.) Chemicals and any rinse material/effluent from chemical containers and measuring devices shall be poured into the tank/bottle mixture to the extent possible for use on treatment areas. Run-off of any chemical substance is not acceptable. Contractor shall use protective equipment such as a mat to protect from spills and have materials available on site to clean up spills. Disposal must be as per label directions.

Please note the following changes to Section 3.4.2, Harvesting and Seeding/Planting, in the above referenced solicitation:

- 3.4.2.1.2 The Contractor must propose a minimum of two potential donor sites within 30 days of the execution of the Agreement, for District review and approval. At least one of the sites must ultimately be burned during the prescribed growing season window (May April 1 to August 10). At least one site Sites must be dominated by wiregrass as this species is the target for machine collection in the late fall of the year of burn. Additional seed may be hand or machine collected from additional District approved donor sites to achieve requirements for minimum of 20 species.
- 3.4.2.2.4 The timing of harvesting for hand collection of individual species not collected in the primary wiregrass harvest is left to the discretion of the Contractor but shall include at least 20 species from the (see list shown in Exhibit 2, Recommended Species.) The Contractor shall provide species and

total weight of various hand-collected plant material to be distributed on each Site. It is recommended that the Contractor hand collect seed between May and November of the year seed is to be planted.

Please note the following change to Section 3.5, Success Criteria, in the above referenced solicitation:

3.5.3 Wiregrass (Aristida stricta) must be the dominant species (>60% of mix) in the machine-harvested seed mix for sandhill restoration. Hand-collected grasses and forbs are to be collected from the donor site(s) before and during machine harvest to ensure a complement of species not in seed at the time of machine collection for wiregrass are included. This should include a range of grass species and a variety of summer and fall seeding forbs and grasses to meet the required minimum of 20 species. Acceptable grass and forb species for hand collection may be pulled from the list shown in Exhibit 2, Recommended Species or agreed upon by the District Project Manager based on approved donor site(s) or supplemental seed mixes that meet the criteria for distance from the Preserve.

Please note the following change to Section 3.7, Work Products Required, in the above referenced solicitation:

3.7.3 For Harvest and Seeding/Planting, the Contractor shall give the District Project Manager minimum 60 30 days notice for inspection of a proposed donor site(s). The Contractor must provide written documentation to the District of when the donor site(s) was last burned (e.g. burn authorization number and copy of the burn prescription) to verify the quality of the donor site(s) for seed production. Prior to harvest of the donor site(s) the Contractor shall provide a list of species likely to be in seed at the time of mechanical harvest. The District reserves the right to require the Contractor, at its expense, to have a purity analysis conducted per USDA Forest Service/National Seed Laboratory criteria (https://www.fs.usda.gov/nsl/nsl_seedtesting.html) to check for percent wiregrass seed as well as a list of other identifiable native and/or exotic species.

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