

Response to Questions - #1

1. Can you provide the DIR # for the previous contract?  
[We do not have that information.](#)
2. What is the status and vendor for the current contract?  
[Current contract is expired, work is being done by Parks Dept. staff. Previous vendor was Evergreen](#)
3. What is the purpose of the maps passed out at the Pre-Proposal meeting.  
[Map #1 of the downtown area does not provide much detail. The maps that were handed out at the pre-proposal meeting provide more detail within in the square indicated in Map #1 in the RFP. Copies of the detail maps will be included on the website with the RFP documents. The descriptions at the on the detail maps were for another project and do not directly relate to this RFP.](#)
4. On items 1 through 11A do they include specific task lists.  
[Only as they are detailed in the current RFP.](#)
5. What areas specifically will require “seeding”?  
[Maps 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11A.](#)
6. Specific treatment is called out for areas with Rosemary, where is rosemary located in relation to the RFP?  
[Map 12.](#)
7. Hand watering is detailed in the RFP. What areas will require hand watering?  
[There are no areas requiring hand watering.](#)
8. Regarding line item/map #25, are the entire areas that are to be maintained by Contractor for the line item designated as Riverview Strips delineated on the given map?  
[Yes](#)
9. Regarding line item/map #26, are the small square tree planters the only landscape areas that are to be maintained by Contractor for the line item designated as Gateway Tree Planters?  
[Yes, also seasonally dropped leaves](#)
10. Regarding entry #4 on page 9 of 34, is Contractor expected to include these repair cost estimates in their bid?

Yes

11. It appears that neither broadleaf nor crabgrass work is currently being performed. Is the city satisfied with its current lawn conditions?

No

12. Regarding entry on pages 24-25 of 34, is it required that playground equipment inspections be performed by a certified inspector?

No

13. Will the city please provide bid results from the previous time this project bid?

No. Those results are not available.

14. The RFB is set up for contractors to bid a flat monthly and annual fee for each map/location. (pg. 15-16)

a. Does the City have sq. footage figures for each area/location?

No sq. footage data

b. Often, landscape maintenance RFBs request a bid based on price/sq. ft. (turf and planters). Is this available – or acceptable for bidding purposes?

c. We understand there is an area on the RFB for price/sq. ft. – and hourly rate for extra work.

15. Can you confirm if the RFB is intended to be awarded as one single contract, to one landscape contractor, for Group 1, Group 2, and Group 3?

If possible.

16. Questions about Turf Re-Seeding (asked-answered verbally at pre-bid mtg)

a. Only a few maps have Seeding requirements:

- i. Downtown – Map 1
- ii. City Hall – Map 4
- iii. Corporation Yard – Map 5
- iv. Frank Bergon Sr. Ctr – Map 6
- v. Westside Activity Ctr & rotary Youth Hut – map 7
- vi. Police Station – Map 7
- vii. Hopy Island – Map 17 (looks like there is no turf on Hopy Island – please confirm that it does not require reseeding)

No re-seeding necessary

17. Corporate Yard (asked-answered verbally at pre-bid mtg.)

a. Only the outside perimeter is part of the landscape maintenance bid

18. Map 18 – Sunrise Island (asked-answered verbally at pre-bid meeting)

a. 2 small flower beds – could do every 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> week

19. TRAFFIC CONTROL (not addressed at pre-bid meeting – please clarify requirements)

Contractor is responsible for the safety of its employees and the public.

- a. This is NOT called out in the RFB, but will be required in many of the maps/areas. These streets have continuous traffic, are narrow, and present a safety risk to the maintenance crews and others. Please confirm if each bidder needs to include time/costs/risk related to Traffic Control, or whether the City of Madera will have landscape contractors manage Traffic Control through a third party service paid for by the City?
  - b. Can the City confirm which Maps require Traffic Control?
20. Graffiti (asked-answered at pre-bid mtg)
  - a. Per Becky and Hector – NOT an issue. The City takes care of Graffiti through Code Enforcement
21. DOWNTOWN (comment at pre-bid mtg. – see question on next page regarding Trees on Gateway)
  - a. Sidewalks and Planters are included, along with Tree Wells
22. TREES (asked, but not answered at pre-bid mtg.)

10 feet will work.

  - a. RFP, pg. 9, #2 – Trim 14 ft above vehicle travel ways (streets, alleys, etc.)
  - b. Insurance generally only covers contractors for 10 ft. height (tree service required if higher)
23. HOURS OF SERVICE: (asked-answered at pre-bid mtg.)
  - a. RFP SAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY 7am – 5 pm (PG. 13/ H)
  - b. John agreed that Saturday schedules would be fine

See Addendum #1
24. “hand watering” in the bid specifications (asked-answered at pre-bid mtg.)
  - a. Hector and Becky assured the group that this would not be an expectation
25. PLAYGROUNDS: (Asked-Answered at pre-bid meeting)
  - a. pgs. 24-25 of RFP list requirements for PLAYGROUND inspection and repairs. At the pre-bid meeting it was indicated to bidders this PLAYGROUNDS ARE NOT a requirement of the RFP. Please confirm.

Playgrounds are not a requirement.
26. Pg. 8 – General Requirements
  - a. States that “..repairs of walkways, pumps, walkway lighting systems....” Are required as part of the landscape maintenance bid. This is not generally a requirement we have seen in City landscape maintenance contracts. Can you confirm if this is, or is not, a requirement.

Can be handled as extra work.