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1. Do the "NO PARKING" signs stay in place, or are they to removed and/or replaced?
Stay in place
2. Are there any size requirements for the buffer zones around the oak trees?
36" but may vary depending on the root systems
3. Irrigation System -
 - a. Does the existing irrigation system in this location work? **The system is capped**
 - b. Is it currently pressurized? **Potentially**
 - c. Does it need to be repaired and/or removed for the installation of the geo web? **If system is found it should be carefully buried**
 - d. Is this branch/zone capable of being shut down during this work? **There are zone valves**
4. Is a Certified Underground & Excavation Contractor license sufficient for this project? **Yes plus GC**
5. Will there be any requirement for root pruning of the existing trees to be left in place?
NO
6. Can you provide a detail of how the geoweb system is to be placed around the existing trees? **NO**
7. Can the existing soil material excavated for placement of the system be used for backfill or will we be required to import topsoil material from another source? **The existing material can be utilized as a 50/50 mixture with ¾" minus crushed rock**
8. The nominal width of the geoweb is 9.2', will 2 sections wide be sufficient for this application or will we be required place it the entire width of approximately 20' (this will be more expensive due to waste material and cutting a 2' wide piece)? **Two pieces, one piece should be flush to the road, the other to the property line with the center void between the two pieces to be filled with the 50/50 mixture. Contractor shall provide detail drawings to show plan.**
9. There are three different cell sizes for the geoweb; GW20V (10 cells wide), GW30V (8 cells wide), and GW40V (5 cells wide). Which size would you like priced and installed? **GW20V**
10. How should we quantify, plan for work involved with the existing irrigation reclaim main and branches / heads? **See Question 3**

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11. How should we quantify, plan for work involved with the existing root systems for the existing trees that are already damaged / going to be damaged by our operations?
Protect existing trees for any further damage
12. How should we quantify, plan for work involved with the existing concrete rubble in the work area? **Remove any concrete rubble**
13. How should we quantify, plan for work involved with the power pull boxes for the street lighting? **Work around it.**
14. It appears that the existing slope does not uniformly run to the existing drain in the center of the work area. Should we just do the best we can with the existing grades or is there the expectation to cut / fill the work area to make it flow to the drain? **Re-grade for proper slope**
15. How close do you want us to go to the screen fence along the south side of the work area? **No further than property line, survey can be provided after contract award**
16. What is the goal of this project? **Goal is to reconstruct and reinforce ditch with optional parking if we chose so.**
 - a. To stabilize the area to allow for parking in the "No Parking" area.
 - b. Would it serve the VA better to repair the existing irrigation system and plant landscaping in the area so as to prevent parking in the "No Parking" area?
17. Please provide catalog cut sheets that you were talking about in the meeting.
Submitted in Amendment # 2 on April 18, 2014
18. it appeared that several contractors brought subcontractors with them. Can you confirm that the prime contractor must complete at least 51% with it's own forces? **This solicitation was issued under a 100% Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOSB). Under a Service Contract the SDVOSB must complete 51% of the work. All contractor submissions will be verified and evaluated to ensure that they meet that standard.**
19. What documents other than SF 1449 are required to be submitted with this solicitation?

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20. Can we submit the solicitation via email or does it have to be mailed or hand delivered? **The solicitation can be and is preferred to be submitted via email.**
21. We understand there are to be exclusions around the trees, light poles, utility boxes & the SW drain, what diameter/distance is desired for each? **Trees- 36" depending on root system Light poles – Tight as possible Utility boxes – 12" SW drain – tight to concrete casting**
22. The SOW states "... Additional soil maybe needed Contractor shall backfill with topsoil" Is the existing soil considered topsoil and suitable? **See answer #7**
23. We understand the irrigation system is abandoned and contractor is to remove any piping and debris (concrete, wood, etc) encountered during the GEOWEB installation, correct? **Leave piping, other miscellaneous rubbish to be removed**
24. The SOW states "... Ensure the finished product is level with the surface of adjacent road"; does this mean the VA requires the top of the GEOWEB to be at the surface or immediately below? **Below, 1"-2" down**
25. If answer to Q#24 is no, how many inches of top soil does the VA want above the top of the GEOWEB? **1"-2" of top soil**
26. Is placing sod or seeding to be done separately by others? **Will be completed by others**
27. What is the duration for the project? **45 days from date of award.**
28. Is there any "final reporting" required? **NO**