

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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6. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service 75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309 Stafford VA 22556	CODE 43C1	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) Department of Veterans Affairs NCA Contracting Service 75 Barrett Heights Rd. Suite 309 Stafford VA 22556	CODE 43C1
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) To all Offerors/Bidders	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. VA786-15-R-0277
	X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 06-30-2015
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible).
 AMENDMENT ISSUED TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS FROM PROSPECTIVE VENDORS.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) KENNETH DOUGHERTY CONTRACTING OFFICER
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)
15C. DATE SIGNED	16C. DATE SIGNED 7/27/2015

Amendment issued to answer questions from prospective vendors.

Q.1. "Is the Cemetery going to continue to be in control of the fertilization of the turf? There is currently no adjustment to the amount of fertilizer applied. i.e. fertilizer was applied in early June this year. With all the heavy rainfall, no fertilizer was needed and the contractor has to deal with the excess clippings."

A.1. Fertilizer services are currently provided under a separate contract.

Q.2. "Will the contractor be compensated for excessive growth? If 2 cuts per week are needed to stay in compliance, will the contractor be paid for 2 cuts per week?"

A.2. Contract has extra cut built in however all extra cuts MUST be approved by the COR prior to the work being done.

Q.3 "Do the flat markers need to be edged every mowing?"

A.3. The flat markers should be edged each cycle unless disallowed by the COR.

Q.4. "Can you explain "remove all foreign material" from the artificial turf under CLIN 0006 ? Are the areas to be simply blown off to remove leaves, or is it to be completely free of any material, no matter how small?"

A.4. Foreign material is anything that isn't supposed to be on the artificial turf e.g. leaves, limbs, trash, etc.,.

Q.5. "Under CLIN 0005 floral and debris removal, are there any other specifications? Currently the cemetery requires that any handmade, expensive or unique arrangements are saved, marked as to which gravesite they came from, and set aside. Is this still a requirement?"

A.5. It is the practice of the Government to attempt to save what may be important items found during floral removal, these will be marked with the section and gravesite and set aside for the COR to retrieve.

Q.6. "Also under flower pickup, Jefferson Barracks requires the contractor to save flowers vases. The flowers are removed from the vases and separated. Vases are saved by the cemetery for future use. This is time consuming and I see no current specifications to do this. Will this be required under this contract?"

A.6. The Government will continue to save usable vases for future use. Reusable vases will be removed from the floral arrangement and placed in a Government supplied container located in the area of the floral dumpster.

Q.7. "Under the flower CLIN, it states the COR will give instructions. Will the contractor be compensated for items that require more labor such as separating vases, marking arrangements, etc.?"

A.7. No, the contractor should bid according to what the cemetery requires.

Q.8. "What is the timeframe for picking up flowers? None is specified in the SOW."

A.8. Flower pick up will be scheduled by the Cemetery Director, floral pick up will commence on the scheduled start date and be completed no later than the end of that mowing cycle.

Q.9. "Currently areas that have an irrigation system are watered daily. This is more water than needed or recommended by standard practices. Will this continue?"

A.9. This question is based on an inaccurate premise. The system is set up for much reduced watering on the night before the scheduled mowing. However, if an area is still too damp to mow, these areas will be mowed later in the day.

Q.10. “Areas that are watered are currently wet every morning, making it difficult to mow without leaving grass clumps. Will this be adjusted?”

A.10. It has been adjusted.

(End of Amendment)