

<i>I am hoping to find out if the Sources Sought released today for the Grounds Maintenance Florence National Cemetery under Solicitation # VA78617Q0280 is related to VA78616R0320</i>	<p>VA786-16-R-0320 was for a prior procurement action for the Florence National Cemetery issued by another Contracting Officer that was not awarded.</p> <p>Solicitation #VA786-17-Q-0280 is for the revised FY2017 requirement for the Florence National Cemetery with an anticipated award date of July 1, 2017.</p>
<i>Does the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation under solicitation number VA78617Q0280 contain requirements similar to a current contract?</i>	Solicitation #VA786-17-Q-0280 is for a new Grounds Maintenance contract requirement for the Florence National Cemetery. There are no incumbent contracts for these services currently in place.
<i>If possible, please provide the current contract number.</i>	
<i>Or, is this a new requirement for the government?</i>	
<i>In reference to the above solicitation, is the current contract and pricing available?</i>	There are no incumbent contracts currently in place. No pricing information can be provided.
<i>We are reviewing your grounds maintenance requirement at the Florence National Cemetery and hope to find out if this is the same solicitation that came out back in Aug 2016 and is there is a current contractor in place.</i>	Solicitation #VA786-17-Q-0280 is for the newly revised FY2017 requirement for the Florence National Cemetery. No contract award for Grounds Maintenance services resulted from the August 2016 solicitation action for the Florence National Cemetery.
<i>We believe the past oppty was through a GSA schedule – can't locate the current contractor/incumbent on board. Can you share that insight with us.,</i>	There are no incumbent contracts for these services currently in place.
<i>After reviewing the SOW I would like to clarify a few things:</i>	As cited on page 5 of this Solicitation, the Government intends to award this contract as an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity vehicle.
<i>Line Item 1-4: Should it read 52 weeks instead of 1 week (EST QtY).</i>	The estimated quantities in section (B.4) (Supplies or Services & Prices/Costs) of this solicitation are for at least the minimum quantities as outlined in the Order Limitations

<i>(Continued from above)</i>	clause (FAR 52.216-19).
<i>After reviewing the SOW I would like to clarify a few things:</i>	To eliminate any confusion, CO modified section (cont'd) (B.4)Contract Line Items (CLINs) section to reflect the maximum estimated quantities for each contract period. Bidders should provide revised estimated quantities for the Base Period and subsequent Option Year Periods.
<i>Line Item 1-4: Should it read 52 weeks instead of 1 week (EST QtY).</i>	
<i>Line Item 5 : 3 applications of fertilization but Section E has 2 application (April/May) and September.</i>	As outlined in the Chemical Application Schedule, applications are <u>estimated</u> for the following months: April/May/September. Applications are contingent upon favorable weather conditions and/or the need of additional fertilization services as required by the Cemetery (if applicable).
<i>Line Item 6: Fire Ant Control - Chemical Application Schedule states 4 instead of 6 each.</i>	As outlined in the Chemical Application Schedule, applications are estimated for the following months: March/April/May/June/July/August.
<i>Line Item 7: Aeration - Chemical Application Schedule states 1 instead 4 each.</i>	To eliminate any confusion, CO modified section (B.4) Contract Line Items (CLINs) section to reflect the maximum estimated quantities for each contract period. Bidders should provide revised estimated quantities for the Base Period and subsequent Option Year Periods.
<i>Line Item 8 & 9: Turf Maintenance states 1 should it read 6 Each.</i>	To eliminate any confusion, CO modified section (B.4) Contract Line Items (CLINs) section to reflect the maximum estimated quantities for each contract period. Bidders should provide revised estimated quantities for the Base Period and subsequent Option Year Periods.
<i>What is the total mowing acreage each week at the cemetery?</i>	Approximately 25 acres.
<i>Since there are so many trees at the facility, is it our responsibility to provides leaf removal service during the season, or is that on a separate contract? If we are to provide leaf removal, can we add an additional CLIN to</i>	As to not compromise the historic integrity of the heavily treed sections of this Cemetery, leaf removal services shall be included as a part of the Turf Maintenance – Mowing contract line item and shall not be a separate CLIN for this

<i>help offset the cost for the service since we would need to have different equipment to provide the service and dump off site?</i>	(cont'd) Solicitation.
<i>How many funeral services held per wk? Average.</i>	There are approximately 450 burial services held on average at this Cemetery each year.
<p><i>Page 8, paragraph 3 says that we are to keep <u>6 inches</u> away from headstones when trimming.</i></p> <p><i>However, page 14 Equipment paragraph states, EQUIPMENT:</i></p> <p><i>Riding mowers may be used provided that they are not operated within <u>two (2) inches</u> of headstones, markers, monuments, tree trunks or other vertical surfaces.</i></p>	<p>Page 14 (Equipment) has been modified to accurately reflect that riding mowers may be used provided that they are not operated within six (6) inches of headstones, markers, monuments, tree trunks, or other vertical surfaces.</p>

END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.