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HURRICANE DAMAGED TREE REPLACEMENT Q & A

Q1) In the SOW it states, "Contractor will be required to remove existing damaged trees and insure that each tree has irrigation." **My question is:** How many trees need to be replaced, how tall are they and do the stumps need to be removed or just grind below ground level?

A1) The cabbage palms (16 trees) have already been removed. They need to be replaced. The rest are one for one removal and replacement. The trees are 10-16 feet tall and yes, the root balls need to be removed, not stump ground! The trees are going in the same place as the others.

Q2) In section 1.8 The contractor will provide all necessary irrigation parts for all trees. I.E replace damaged irrigation parts to provide water to the newly planted trees. If there is not irrigation at site of planting the contractor will tie in to existing irrigation to provide needed water. **My question is:** If we are to replace irrigation we would need to do a site visit to see what problems are with the irrigation before a bid is submitted.

My question is: Also, do we need to tie to existing irrigation, how far it is from the tree locations since there are multiple location where trees need to be planted?

A2) The trees have irrigation running to them, this information is to ensure that as they remove the old tree any damage to the existing trees or damage from the hurricane is repaired! If they would like to be inspected that would be great! Yes, we can do a site visit on Thursday 21 December 2017 at 08:00 AM. **This site visit is voluntary** and is being done as a courtesy. The solicitation return date will not be affected, however, the time due will be changed to 5pm. So, the **Solicitation due date is Friday December 22, 2017 at 5PM**

Q3) 1.1.11 All Trees perspective planting areas will be marked with a PVC pipe painted with a Bright Orange tip for reference! **My question is:** Are the PVC pipes already painted? If we drive past the property would we be able to see them?

A3) PVC pipe was installed on Monday the 18th of Dec. It is clearly marked and visible.

Q4) **My question is:** Could you advise if the Pindos Palm is to be 4-6' Clear Trunk (CT) or Overall Height (OA). I haven't been able to find a specification for this spec.

A4) Pindos Palm must be 4-6 Clear Trunk (CT)

Q5) In regards to the addition of the Pindos Palm: **My question is:** What are the specs for the tree?

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A5) Please see the Revised COMBINED SYNOPSIS document that was included as an attachment on the amendment. In section (v) Under "Item Information" Line Item 0004 the specs for the Pindos Palm is included. Please attend the Voluntary Site Visit if you need additional information. (Site visit information listed in Answer #2)

Q6) Contractor shall provide active means to prevent dust from dispersing by water misting. **My question is:** Please explain this statement as it pertains to this SOW.

A6). Any sawing or debris generated to prevent blowing onto any customers and/or patients.

Q7) Contractor will provide a schedule for watering prior to planting- **My question is:** Is there existing irrigation on this site? Is there a timer that is accessible? We can provide bubblers to each tree and adjust the time for those zones, however adjusting the zones may interfere with other established plant material.

A7) A Different means of watering (water bull or tank where said contractor will manually water for the required days) yes there is irrigation clock and timer. This will be programmed to run, this is a preventive measure to insure trees get established.

Q8) **My question is:** Please define the evening hours that are available to perform work.

A8) This campus is a high traffic area and placement of the trees will be in parking lots and road side, so not to interfere with daily customer traffic. After hours are **AFTER 6 pm UNTIL 6am** Monday to Friday and all day on weekends (Saturday and Sunday). All areas will be properly and safety marked with cones and caution tape to create a safety zone for installation.

Q9) **My question is:** Please verify that each tree to be planted has irrigation to it so that we are not responsible for watering it each day once planted.

A9) As per the SOW the trees will need to be watered for 30 days after the planting and there is irrigation to all trees, the irrigation replacement is for damaged done by removing of old trees and unexpected damage from the hurricane!

Q10) **My question is:** We need to verify that each tree has been removed ball and roots before the new tree will be placed.

A10) There has been several removed already (please reference Q/A #1) The remaining trees need to be removed and replaced on a one for one replacement. The Cabbage Palms (qty 16) are exempt from this list, they have already been removed!

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Q11) **My question is:** Is ground covering needed or will the VA be responsible once the tree is placed in ground?

A11) **There is no ground cover needed!**

Q12) A few of the trees most recently replaced have weed barrier bags around them **My question is** are these required as well?

A12) **The bags are gator bags they are not required! These are for watering!**

Q13) **My question is:** Do the trees require wood stakes or vinyl string for support?

A13) **Due to the caliper of the trees wooden braces would be preferred, but industry standards apply!**