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**RE: LNU Fire Emergency Opening Tree Debris Removal, RDS 20-44, Questions and Answers**

**Question 1:** Are these Questions and answers an official part of the contract for this project? No, these answers don't change the bid package or contract however the answers generally point to or reference the plans and specifications which are binding. The intent of the answers is to clarify.

**Question 2:** Can you clarify if tipping fees should be included in our pricing? DEFINITION OF BID ITEMS, PART 3, BASE BID ITEMS, Item 3 through 16 state that full compensation is for all labor, tools, equipment and incidentals are included which includes tipping fees.

**Question 3:** Can we submit a bid electronically? No as there are no specifications or instructions allowing this.

**Question 4:** How many hard copies of the proposal are needed? There are no specifications or instructions requiring more than one (1) complete proposal.

**Question 5:** Will the bid opening be delayed? As of October 2, 2020 the bid opening date is October 8, 2020.

**Question 6:** Does being added to the mandatory bidders list meet the requirement of the mandatory pre-bid meeting: contractor verification? No, as they are two separate things. Being on the mandatory bidders list allows a company to bid as a prime contractor. Special Provisions Section A, Subsection 11 requires contractors to examine the work. By signing the construction contract, contractor is acknowledging that they have examined the work.

**Question 7:** Because this is a FEMA project, is there a designated ump site for debris? Are there restrictions where the debris can be dumped? There is not a designated dump site. The Special Provisions Section A, Subsection 2, requires that the contractor locate and use a facility licensed for the type of debris being disposed of.

**Question 8:** Are we working only to the fence line? The Special Provisions Section B, Subsection 16, indicates that only emergency opening debris in the County right of way is part of the project. Debris on the private property side of the fence is not part of the project. It is possible that the County staged emergency opening debris on private property however not behind a fenced area. In no case will the Contractor be liable for a quantity of debris in excess of the amount shown in the Definition of Bid Items on a particular roadway.

**Question 9:** Can we broadcast chips on County property? The bids have to be based on 100% off haul to a disposal facility in accordance with the current bid package. It is possible after bid opening that a

deductive change order can be processed and chips can be broadcast on County property where appropriate but that is unknown at this time.

**Question 10:** Does the scope include trees cut down prior to the fire? There is nothing in the current bid package that includes trees cut down prior to the fire.

**Question 11:** Does the debris removal include standing fire damaged trees? No, that will be bid at a later date.

**Question 12:** Is the contract being awarded to a single contractor or to multiple contractors? A single contractor, however the low bidder may use subcontractors.

**Question 13:** Is the right of way measurement from the center of the road? DEFINITION OF BID ITEMS, PART 3.01 states "In the event that there is question by Contractor if material is in the County right of way, County will provide direction. In most but not all cases the right of way is centered on the roadway centerline."

**Question 14:** Is the contract being awarded to a single contractor or to multiple contractors? A single contractor, however the low bidder may elect to use subcontractors.

**Question 15:** Is there an engineer's estimate? No, there isn't an engineer's estimate however there is a debris location and quantity estimate.

**Question 16:** Can the bid openings be monitored electronically? Please see Addendum 2.

**Question 17:** Will traffic control plans require a P.E. stamp and do the plans and specs require K-rails or other specific traffic control requirements. The traffic control plans need to be prepared by a T.E or P.E and will likely be a typical plan used during the project at multiple similar locations. This plan will also likely depend on the Contractor's means and methods to complete the project.

**Question 18:** Can water from hydrants be used for dust control measures? Multiple different agencies have hydrants in some of the areas where debris removal is needed. The specifications require that the Contractor obtain permission from them and possibly pay a fee to obtain water.

**Question 19:** Will encroachment permits be required? All work is in the County of Napa right of way and doesn't require an encroachment permit.

**Question 20:** Are there defined staging areas? No, however there are areas in the right of way that can be used to stage equipment if it can be done safely.

**Question 21:** Are trees that have uprooted, broke or otherwise on the ground (not cut) included in this project? If so, would future failures after the bid be included? Only debris created during the emergency opening is part of this contract and future failures would not be included. The County has quantified the amount of debris and Contractor is not expected to exceed this quantity. Per the Definition of Bid Items if the debris quantity is exceeded the contractors will be compensated at bid item price. By the same token, if the County can prove that scope has been reduced a deduction will be made. Standing trees that are damaged will be removed as part of a future bid package and not part of this bid.

**Question 22:** What is the minimum material size to be left on site? Small branches or twigs that are in ditches and cannot be tied to the fire do not need to be removed. Small branches or twigs that are part of a tree that fell and has been drug out of the road however are to be entirely removed along with the rest of the tree.

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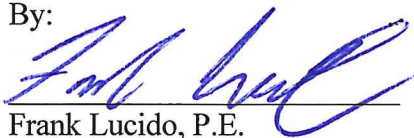
**Question 24:** If a tree has fallen on a fence and damaged it is the contractor responsible for further damage? Trees that have fallen from private property side of a fence generally are not part of this contract. The only exception would be if the County has determined that the tree is a threat to the road in which case the tree would already be cut and included in the County estimate.

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions relating to this correspondence, please e-mail [Frank.Lucido@countyofnapa.org](mailto:Frank.Lucido@countyofnapa.org).

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