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David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

December 12, 2013
Subject: Winter Tree Work
Location: Region 2
State WIN: 021152.00
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following changes to the Bid Document:

In the Bid Book (page 12), **REMOVE** the "SCHEDULE OF ITEMS" 1 page dated November 20, 2013 and **REPLACE** with the attached new "SCHEDULE OF ITEMS" 1 page dated December 12, 2013.

In the Bid Book (page 27), "SPECIAL PROVISION, SPECIFICATION FOR WORK", Section "II. 3-Person Bucket Truck Crew", paragraph 2, first sentence **CHANGE** "70 foot vertical lift" to read "**60 foot vertical lift.**" Make this change in pen and ink.

In the Bid Book (page 29), "SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 103, AWARD AND CONTRACTING" **DELETE** the last paragraph that reads "The Department will enter into a Contract with the low bidder to perform Work pursuant to Assignment Letters at Unit Prices listed by the Bidder in the Schedule of Items depending upon the needs of the Department and according to the following terms." Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: Can we work 10 hour days?

Response: No, there are restrictions on work hours. See page 25, "SPECIAL PROVISION, SPECIFICATION FOR WORK, WINTER TREE WORK ON SELECTED ROADS IN REGION 2" Item I. Scope of Work, 7th paragraph regarding work scheduling.

Question: Can we use two crews or three?

Response: Yes, if the Region requests additional crews, each crew would have to meet the criteria specified in this section. See page 27 Section II. 3-Person Bucket Truck Crew:



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Question: Is this work consistent or an as needed contract?

Response: Work shall be performed every weekday except work shall not be performed under the circumstances stated in "SPECIAL PROVISION, SPECIFICATION FOR WORK, WINTER TREE WORK ON SELECTED ROADS IN REGION 2" Item I. Scope of Work, (page 25 and 26).

Question: We operate 60 ft. lifts, the bid specifies 70 ft. lifts. After inspecting/reviewing the work areas, we did not note any work that was beyond the capabilities of a 60 ft. lift or occasional climbing operation. All our crews are proficient in lift operation and climbing whenever necessary. Is it acceptable to submit a bid despite the specifications? Will the bid be considered? Can the specification be amended?

Response: See changes to the Bid Document above.

Question: I do not use chipper mounted winches. Am I allowed to substitute a tractor or other type of equipment with a winch to pull logs to the truck?

Response: The intent of having a winch is to improve work efficiency as well as worker safety by providing a way to bring trees, brush, and logs to the roadside from the roadside to reduce the fatigue and risk of doing this by hand. Contractors may substitute other equipment with winches for this purpose; however use of such other equipment will be incidental to the Contract.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on December 18, 2013.

Sincerely,



George M. A. Macdougall P.E.
Contracts & Specifications Engineer

Contractor Name _____

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

WINTER TREE WORK ON SELECTED ROADS IN REGION 2

Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Cost per Unit	Total Cost
3 Person Bucket Truck crew: 60 ft. working height, brush chipper with winch for twitching logs from the roadside, and chainsaws	240	Hour	\$	\$
TOTAL				\$