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February 17, 2026
Subject: On call Arborist
WIN: PH20260128ARB
Location: **Regions 1-5**
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: The RFP suggests that any blanks will be considered 0. How do we opt out of specific lines or regions appropriately?

Response: From the Special Provision, page 1, Section II, paragraph 1:
Within the Schedule of Items, each Pay Item has three (3) payment types associated with it, Pay Item Cost/Hour, Hourly Mobilization, and Overnight Mobilization. Contractors are required to provide a Pay Item Cost/Hour for each Pay Item they wish to bid on. Any Pay Item Cost/Hour left blank will not be considered. Any Hourly or Overnight Mobilization rates left blank will be considered zero.
Opt out by not filling in the box. You may opt out of whole Areas by not turning in that bid sheet.

Question: Can we decline opportunities without penalty? Can we decline surge?

Response: From Section 103, Award and Contracting:
The assignment will be offered to the Apparent Low Bidder, if they are available, all other factors being similar. This Contractor will have first option to perform Work pursuant to the Assignment Letter.
If the contractor is busy, they do not have to accept the work, and there is no penalty.

Question: Just to confirm, there are no Prevailing wage, or alternate pricing schedules we need to adhere to?

Response: There is nothing in this contract for State work for alternate pricing schedules. Other contracts may vary.

Question: Do you have any information on how trees close to electrical conductors should be handled, beyond z133 standards?

Response: Please follow the Standards.

Question: Could you better define off road aerial lift?

Response: An aerial lift capable of being used off road in varied terrain. It should have the capability to level, and be compliant with OSHA's aerial lift Standard, 1926.453, and ANSI A92.2-1969.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **February 18, 2026.**

Sincerely,

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Contracts & Specifications Engineer