

Pre-Bid Conference Notes

Project: Dry Creek on Burrough Valley Road Tree Removal

Contract No.: 22-20-C

Date of Meeting: November 21, 2022

Attendance at this meeting was not mandatory to bid.

Bid Opening: December 1, 2022

Introductions / Sign In

Contractors in Attendance

- William Wintersteen, Sierra Nevada Tree Service, Inc.
- Geoffrey Taylor, Rancho Tree Service
- Brett Mullet, Central Sierra Enterprise
- Alvaro Reynoso, Joe's Landscaping and Concrete
- Julian Cabrera, Julian Tree Care

County Staff in Attendance

- Joseph Harrell, Supervising Engineer, Department of Public Works and Planning
- Alexis Rutherford, Principal Staff Analyst, Department of Public Works and Planning
- Jennica Geddert, Senior Staff Analyst, Department of Public Works and Planning
- Jackie Wongsing, Staff Analyst, Department of Public Works and Planning

DBE Federal Requirements – Jennica Geddert

- The DBE goal will be lowered in the upcoming addendum due to changes to the bid item list.
- More information about how to calculate DBE Commitments for full and partial amounts are in the Federal Provisions Section of the Specifications and Caltrans LAPM Chapter 9.
- Even if the goal is met on the Proposal 13(a) Exhibit 15-G Construction Contract DBE Commitment, submitting a Good Faith Efforts is encouraged.
- The DBE forms may be submitted with the bid, or via email after the bid opening by their due date.

Bid Submission – Jennica Geddert

- Bid openings now take place over Zoom.

- Contractors have the option of using Bid Express to submit an electronic bid. You may submit either an electronic bid bond (via one of the surety companies partnering with Bid Express) or a hardcopy bid bond to accompany an electronic bid. Contractors also have the option of submitting a hardcopy bid with a hardcopy bid bond. Bids and bid bonds are due by the time of the bid opening.
- Make sure your DIR registration is up to date and paid or your bid will have to be rejected.
- The best way to deliver any hardcopy bid documents is to call 559-600-4241 to let us know so we can make arrangements to receive them and email the tracking numbers to DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov

Discussion of Project – Joseph Harrell & Alexis Rutherford

This project involves clearing 45 trees in preparation for the bridge replacement. All debris generated by the felling and removal of trees must be removed. The roadway must be kept free from debris at all times. Shoulder and lane closures are permissible with proper traffic control.

Note:

- The Contractor is responsible for removal and offsite disposal of tree and brush trimmings.
- The bid item for temporary livestock fencing will be removed. The Contractor is responsible for keeping livestock out of the work area. Fencing, if used, must be taken down at the end of each work day.
- Shoulder and lane closures require an encroachment permit and traffic control plan. The Contractor is responsible for submitting and obtaining approval prior to starting that work.
- Tree stumps do not need to be removed by the Contractor.
- No heavy equipment is allowed inside the creek channel.
- Trees are accessible from each side of the creek. There are three existing gates. Temporary gates can be added to the existing fence at your option and expense.
- Fresno County has secured a staging area west of Tollhouse Road. Equipment may be stored in these areas at the option of the Contractor.
- Appropriate containment systems must be in place for all stored equipment to capture equipment leaks. Fueling must take place at least 300 ft from the creek bed.

Questions and Answers

Will a biologist or inspector be on site full time?

County staff, such as resident engineer/planner, biologist, labor compliance, will be in and out of the site throughout the work. The County will provide a biologist.

Can anyone be hired as a subcontractor?

Subcontractors must have a DIR number and must be qualified and licensed as required for that work.

Do we need to clear all the bushes?

All brush over 24" tall and trees < 4" diameter must be removed. Brambles can be left in place.

Do we need to remove the debris piles?

Debris piles should be cleared at the direction of the Resident Engineer. This work is covered in Post Operation Clearing.

What if the Resident Engineer requests additional trees be removed?

The contractor would be compensated based on the per unit bid price for that tree size.

When do you anticipate the work being done?

The work must be complete in January 2023 before the nesting season starts in February. The work cannot begin until the contract is fully executed (insurance, bonding, etc.).

Is there a difference between the blue taped trees and the orange taped trees?

No, marked trees are painted with an orange dot and tied and numbered with either blue or orange tape. If the tree has multiple trunks, each trunk has been painted with an orange dot though only one trunk may be taped and numbered. Please note that tree removal list may only identify one number for a multiple trunk tree. Payment for the noted trees is determined by the list numbering not the quantity of trunks.

Oral explanations or interpretations of plans and specifications are not binding. Any explanation, interpretation or clarification of plans and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum to the plans and specifications issued to the planholders of record.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ask any questions he/she might have regarding this project. No allowance will be made after the bids have been received for any errors or omissions due to any misconceptions made by the Contractor.