

Q1) "The city is looking to get 2 proposals. one for four visits per year and one for six visits per year, right? if so, how would you divide the visit through the year? Which months are the most imports for the visits?"

A1) Correct, we are looking for two prices. For both the 4 visits and the 6 visits we want the work to take place between March and December/January. For the 4 visits it would be approximately April, June, September, December/January (every ~12 weeks). For 6 visits it would be approximately April, May, July, August, October, December/January (every ~5 weeks).

Q2) "Is there a pre-bid meeting? If not is there a day where my Commercial Landscape Manager can come walk the site?"

A2) There is not a pre-bid meeting, but interested contractors are encouraged to visit the sites. Sites are listed on appendix A with approximate locations, this link may help with locating them <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EqQWo7Hs1Uy7T1R28>. Selected contractor will be provided with free login to our asset management software with GIS locations

Q3) "There are 44 Type 1 Bio-retention sites listed in the Appendix A Site list-Type 1 table, but there are 45 mentioned in the objective section. Where is the 45th?"

A3) "45" in the Objective contains a typo. It should read 44, same as in Appendix A.

Q4) "Can the contractor use pine bark mulch instead of double/triple shredded hardwood?"

A4) No, only undyed double/triple shredded hardwood mulch should be used in the stormwater sites.

Q5) "What is rock grooming exactly? Will the contractor be responsible for touching up with new stone or simply blowing out/weeding between existing stones as they are?"

A5) Contractor should adjust stones if they become dislodged, but will not be responsible for replacing stones. Blowing out sediment/debris and weeding with stones where they are is sufficient for the routing maintenance covered in this contract.

Q6) "Does the 20' of curb line rule apply to Type 2 sites as well? To clarify, is this limited to cleaning the concrete gutter 20' in either direction?"

A6) No, sweeping the curbline does not apply to Type 2 sites, only Type 1. We define curbline as the concrete area approximately 12" wide, adjacent to the curb.

Q7) "Is the contractor to remove pennisetum and miscanthus, noted in Piney Branch ? If so, is the contractor responsible for replacement? Are ephemerals/bulbs like crocus, star of bethlehem, lesser celandine, etc, to be eradicated or tolerated?"

A7) Pennisetum or Miscanthus seedlings should be removed but established plants do not need to be removed or replaced as part of the routine maintenance covered in this contract. Lesser celandine and star of Bethlehem may be mowed/string trimmed, hand removal is ineffective and is not required for this contract. Crocus should remain.

Q8) "Can we confirm that the contractor is to lift the solid grate covers and clean underneath the Piney Branch Road traffic bumpouts?"

A8) Contractors are not required to remove the grate covers on the trench drains along Piney Branch Road. These are Type 2 streetscapes and do not require sweeping the curbline.

Q9) "Are the Lockney traffic circles to be completely cleared of weeds? At this point, they appear to be maintained as a turf lawn."

A9) The 2 Lockney circles are seeded in "eco-lawn"/low grow grass mix and can be treated as mowing/string trimming sites to a height no lower than 3".

Q10) "Are the Bioretention facilities at Anne and Kennewick being renovated and will that be finished this spring?"

A10) The 2 bioretention facilities at Anne and Kennewick are undergoing restoration and will be planted this spring. The top facility at Hudson and Roanoke is also currently undergoing restoration and will also be planted this spring.

Q11) "Given the struggles with quality delivery by the previous contractor, is the City going to change its evaluation and award criteria for this round of the RFP and, if so, how?"

A11) The selection criteria is listed at the bottom of the RFP. The expectation is that bidders carefully read the entirety of the document and make site visits prior to submission. Appendix B "BMP Maintenance Report" includes key items that should be addressed at every maintenance visit for Type 1 sites.

Q12) "Is there a local vendor preference?"

A12) Locality is not a selection criteria

Q13) "Can you provide the annual total being paid to the incumbent or the bid tabulation?"

A13) This RFP contains new information and different sites from one issued in 2022. The City was previously entered into. Contract is available here as an addendum as part of the public record.

Q14) "Is bonding required?"

A14) No, bonding is not required.

Q15) Is a surety bond required?

A15) No, surety bond is not required.

Q16) "Is the prebid mandatory or can one attend only (due to scheduling commitments?"

A16) There is not a pre-bid meeting. Bidders are encouraged to visit the sites on their own before submission.

Q17) "Is this a firm fixed price award or the lowest responsible offeror?"

A17) Selection criteria is listed below. Contracted amount is considered a firm fixed price.

1.	Provides services at a value to the City: Cost
2.	Is likely to carry out the requirements at an acceptable level
3.	Demonstrates experience and qualifications specific to BMP maintenance
4.	Demonstrates experience and training in maintaining streetscapes
5.	Client References