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**Addendum No. 3
Invitation for Bid (IFB) 03A4120
Riparian Habitat Restoration Project – Placer County**

NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Addendum No. 3 is being issued for the above-referenced IFB. Bids for this work shall be with the full understanding of this Addendum.

The following represents changes to the IFB Solicitation Package, Section C:

1. Item 1, Time Schedule

Event	Date	Time (Pacific Time)
IFB available to prospective bidders	8/03/26	
Mandatory Site Inspection	8/14/26	10:00 a.m.
Written Question Submittal	8/17/26	5:00 p.m.
Final Date and Time for Bid Submission	8/25/26 9/01/26	2:00 p.m.
Bid Opening	8/25/26 9/01/26	2:30 p.m.
Proposed Award Date (estimate)	9/01/26 9/10/26	

The following represents changes to IFB Attachment 5, Section 6, Items A, I and M:

6. Detailed Description of Work

A. Contractor shall provide all labor, tools, equipment, materials, supplies, travel, and incidentals necessary for all work covered under this Agreement. All work shall be done under the direction of Caltrans Contract Manager.

- 1) Contractor shall employ a Restoration Specialist possessing the qualifications listed below:
 - a) Experienced with the identification of Sacramento Foothill, wetland, riparian and oak woodland plant species, including native plants as well as non-native weeds listed in **Attachment C, Target Weeds and Other Non-native Plants**.
 - b) Holds a bachelor's degree in botany, plant science, biology (or related), restoration ecology, forestry, horticulture, agriculture (or related), or environmental studies (or related).
 - c) Five (5) years' experience working in the California habitat restoration industry, and/or five (5) years' experience working with California wetland, riparian, and/or

oak woodland mitigation implementation oversight.

2) Restoration Specialist shall perform the tasks listed below:

- a) Attend weekly planning meetings.
 - b) Be onsite to direct all work outlined in this **Exhibit A, Scope of Work** to ensure that work is performed correctly.
 - c) Be present when Contractor is performing new maintenance work not previously performed on the project or when new workers are hired that have not been previously trained on how to do the work.
 - d) Caltrans Contract Manager may require the Restoration Specialist to be onsite for certain maintenance workdays as determined necessary by Caltrans Contract Manager.
 - e) If Caltrans Contract Manager finds that contract work is not being performed according to the contract, then the Restoration Specialist shall re-train workers in the field until the work being performed is adequate.
- 3) The Restoration Specialist shall be Contractor's primary contact for Caltrans Contract Manager.
- 4) Contractor shall submit a written request to Caltrans Contract Manager, and receive written approval, prior to substituting or replacing the Restoration Specialist identified during the bid process.

I. Contractor shall provide and install metal tree guards as follows:

- 1) Contractor shall provide and install up to, and no more than, 136 metal tree guards, with an estimated number of 114 tree guards on tree plantings in the fall of 2026 and an estimated number of 22 tree guards installed over 2027, 2028, and 2029, as needed and as directed by Caltrans Contract Manager.
 - a) Tree guards shall be placed with plant in center of guard, with plant not obstructed by shelter.
 - b) Two and half-inch (2.5") rebar stakes shall be driven two foot (2') into the ground on four sides of each tree guard, with stakes spaced evenly apart. Tree guards shall be securely attached to half-inch (½") rebar stakes with metal clips or ties at or near the top and bottom of each rebar stake. Rebar stakes shall extend a minimum of four feet (4') above ground.
- 2) Tree guards shall consist of metal field fencing, rebar stakes and metal clips or metal ties. Tree guards shall be cylindrical in shape, five-foot (5') tall by three-foot (3') in diameter, and be made of one (1) continuous piece of 12.5-gauge galvanized metal field fencing with two-inch (2") by four-inch (4") mesh openings. The seam of each tree guard shall be secured with metal clips or ties spaced every 12 inches apart from the bottom to top of field fencing.
- ~~3) Contractor shall remove any debris captured by tree cages such as debris caused by floods or storms. Organic, non-invasive material may be left on the planting site. Inorganic or invasive material may be disposed of off-site and in a responsible manner.~~
- 3) Prior to delivering tree guards to site, Contractor shall provide Caltrans Contract Manager with a sample for approval.

- 4) Contractor shall furnish and provide tree guards with approval by Caltrans Contract Manager.

M. Contractor shall provide the following weed mowing services in the planting area:

- 1) Weed mowing shall be done with a small vehicle, with power weed-eater, by hand or other means determined by Contractor and approved by Caltrans Contract Manager.
- 2) Weed mowing shall be performed so that all unflagged grasses and herbaceous vegetation are mowed to height of two to four inches (2-4") above ground level across the across the 1.06 acre planting, access, and parking areas, and ten to fifteen feet (10-15') wide across the access paths (shown on **Attachment A, Map of Planting Sites, Figures 3 and 4**) each mowing, including in and around tree and plant shelters, guards and flagged plants. Contractor shall avoid flagged plants while mowing. Vegetation to be mowed primarily consists of annual non-native grasses and herbs. Some newly established woody plants such as blackberry and/or seedling trees and shrubs may be present in mowing areas.
- 3) Weed mowing of the four sites is proposed seventeen (17) times over the term of this Agreement, which shall allow for the planting and vegetation control areas to be mowed one (1) time prior to first planting and then three (3) times in 2027, 2028, and 2029, with seven (7) additional times as needed and as directed by Caltrans Contract Manager. The number of weed mowings listed is an estimate and the actual amount will be determined on a yearly basis by Caltrans Contract Manager. Mowing shall be done in the spring after new year's growth of annual weeds has established and again in late summer or fall after second flush of annual weeds has established, as needed and on a schedule determined by Caltrans Contract Manager.
- 4) Care shall be taken to avoid damage to plantings within the planting areas during mowing efforts. Contractor shall assume responsibility for any damages to tree guards, tree shelters, irrigation lines, or other Caltrans assets within the ROW as a result of mowing or other maintenance activities.
- 5) Cut material may be left onsite. Material shall be spread so that it does not accumulate to a depth of six inches (6") or greater within five feet (5') of planted trees, shrubs, and herbs. If cut material accumulates to a depth of six inches (6") or greater, then Contractor shall rake excess clippings to a distance of five feet (5') or greater from plantings.
- 6) When performing mowing, Contractor must have equipment capable of quickly extinguishing any small fires that may be caused by mowing on-site at all times. Equipment and materials for extinguishing must be approved by Caltrans Contract Manager.

The following represents Bidders Questions and Caltrans Answers:

Question 1: Is there an engineer's estimate?

Answer: The budgeted estimate is \$400,000.00

Question 2: Can you provide locations where willow stakes are able to be procured?

Answer: Willow stakes will be procured from within the Caltrans Right of Way (ROW). *Salix lasiolepis* may be collected from the large population near Orr Creek (approximately 38.984836, -121.109381). *Salix exigua* may be collected from the existing population at Site 1. If additional collection sites are determined to be needed, the Contractor will work in

coordination with the Caltrans Contract Manager to identify and approve an alternate collection site.

Question 3: Will the contractor be allowed to de-compact the planting sites using a skid steer?

Answer: No. De-compaction of the sites would require the development of a Water Pollution Control Program, which is not a part of this project.

Question 4: What is the required presence of the Restoration Specialist? Will they need to be on-site daily throughout the project, including during maintenance?

Answer: See Changes to IFB above.

Question 5: Please confirm if the Contractor is responsible for success criteria measures such as plant survivorship or invasive species percent cover, etc.

Answer: No. Caltrans is responsible for meeting success criteria (plant survivorship and growth). The Contractor is responsible for implementing and maintaining the project per the Agreement and the Caltrans Contract Manager's direction in accordance with the Agreement so that success criteria are met.

Question 6: Please provide the mentioned "Attachment F" on the IFB showing the federal wage determinations

Answer: See Addendum 2.

Question 7: Would pumping water out of the perennial drainage at Site 4 be allowed?

Answer: No perennial drainage exists at Site 4. Pumping from any drainages throughout or adjacent to the project, including at Site 1, would require acquiring permits from the appropriate resource agencies, and any other applicable permits to the area. Permits would need to be provided to the Caltrans Contract Manager.

Question 8: Can Caltrans confirm if there are any hydrants or other water sources nearby Sites 1-4?

Answer: No water sources are near Sites 1-4.

Question 9: In regard to Attachment 4 "Restoration Specialist Experience Letter and References," can we provide a reference for one project that the Restoration Specialist worked on for over 5 years or are we required to show multiple projects?

Answer: If one project was worked on for over five (5) years, references for additional projects are not necessary.

Question 10: Please clarify item I.3 in Exhibit A stating "Contractor shall remove any debris captured by tree cages such as debris caused by floods or storms." Will this be conducted at the direction of Caltrans and how will Caltrans quantify this task? Which bid item should this cost be under?

Answer: See Changes to IFB above.

Question 11: Please confirm for bid item 11, Weed Mowing, if all cut material may be left in place or must be removed from the site.

Answer: Refer to **IFB Attachment 5, Exhibit A Scope of Work, Item N.3.f**, and see Changes to IFB above.

Question 12: Please clarify for bid item 12, if target invasive weeds are treated with herbicide by the Contractor, does the dead plant material still need to be removed from the site including root removal down to six inches below soil surface per Exhibit A?

Answer: Plant material that is cut as part of the herbicide treatment (such as Himalayan Blackberry) must be removed from the site and responsibly disposed of. If material treated with herbicide is not cut, it does not need to be removed from the site.

All other terms and conditions set forth in the IFB remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,
Laura Heberle
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Contract Analyst