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Addendum No. 3 Invitation for Bid (IFB) 03A4149 American River Parkway Habitat Restoration Project – Sacramento 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 Time Schedule:

The Bid Deadline date is hereby extended to September 1, 2026. See revised Time Schedule below:

Event	Date	Time (Pacific Time)
IFB available to prospective bidders	8/04/26	
Mandatory Site Inspection	8/11/26	9:00 a.m.
Written Question Submittal	8/12/26	3:00 p.m.
Final Date and Time for Bid Submission	8/20/26 9/01/26	2:00 p.m.
Bid Opening	8/20/26 9/01/26	2:30 p.m.
Proposed Award Date (estimate)	8/27/26 9/10/26	

The following represents changes to IFB Attachment 5, Section 7, Item B:

7. Restoration Specialist Requirements

- A. Contractor shall employ a Restoration Specialist possessing the qualifications listed below:
 - 1) Experienced with the identification of Inland Northern California (Valley) oak woodland, riparian, and wetland plant species, including native plant species as well as non-native plant species listed in **Attachment D (Target Weeds and Other Non-native Plants)**.
 - 2) Holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture, botany, biology, environmental studies, forestry, or restoration ecology.

- 3) Five (5) years' experience working in the California habitat restoration industry, and/or five (5) years' experience working with California oak woodland, riparian, and/or wetland mitigation implementation oversight.
- B. Restoration Specialist shall perform the tasks listed below:
- 1) Attend weekly planning meetings.
 - 2) Be onsite to direct all site preparation, seeding, planting, watering, mowing, weeding, plant protection and plant guard removal tasks **to ensure that work is performed per Exhibit A, Scope of Work.**
 - 3) **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.**
 - 4) **If Caltrans Contract Manager finds that work is not being performed according to the Agreement, then the Restoration Specialist shall re-train workers in the field until the work being performed is adequate.**
- C. The Restoration Specialist shall be Contractor's primary contact for Caltrans Contract Manager.
- D. 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.

The following represents Bidders Questions and Caltrans Answers:

Question 1: Is there an engineer's estimate?

Answer: The estimated budget is approximately \$300,000.00.

Question 2: Can you provide the locations of the nearest fire hydrants?

Answer: Please see attached Google Earth file (Hydrants Near Cal Expo) for location of nearest hydrants. It is thought that they are maintained by the City of Sacramento and that you will need to contact them regarding accessing water.

Question 3: Will any more grubbing/clearing work be performed at Site 1?

Answer: Yes, the pile of cut brush at the top of the drainage slope at Site 1 will be removed under a separate Agreement.

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: We are requesting an extension of the bid due date due to the short window between the Q&A and the submittal date.

Answer: See changes to the IFB Time Schedule above.

Question 6: Who is responsible for the removal of the existing cut/dead brush material that is currently on the slope of Site 1 that was identified at the job walk?

Answer: See response to Question 3.

Question 7: Please provide clarification on the difference between Bid item 1 conducting site preparation or digging the holes for 275 plants, while Bid Item 2 has 707 plants to be installed.

Answer: Site preparation (Bid Item 1) is to be performed when planting (trees and shrubs) in areas where the soil is compacted and nutrient poor in order to decompact the soil and mix in amendments, to prepare the soil for planting. Whereas, providing and installing container plants (bid item 2) includes digging of the hole that the plant will be installed in. The reason there are more plants than site preps is because some of the trees and shrubs on the container plant list are intended for replanting if needed and any replanting will be done within the same site prep area. Contract shall plant approximately 275 trees and shrubs in the initial planting and the site preps are intended for those plants. Herbs (244) shall be planted afterward adjacent to trees and shrubs and so shall not require site preparation as the soil has already been prepared.

Question 8: For the three reference projects with over 3,000 plants and a 3-year maintenance period, does the maintenance period have to be fully completed or can the project still actively be in the maintenance period?

Answer: The three-year (36-month) plant establishment period for a reference project must be fully completed in order for the project to count toward the bidder's minimum qualifications. If the maintenance/establishment period extends beyond the bid submittal date, the bidder will only receive credit for the portion of the period completed up to that date.

Question 9: Please confirm that there are no bonds required for this project.

Answer: No bonds are required for this Agreement.

Question 10: Please confirm if there are any success criteria measures that the Contractor is responsible for meeting for container stock planting, seeding, or weed cover within the restoration areas.

Answer: Contractor is not responsible for meeting any of the project success criteria. Caltrans is responsible for monitoring the plantings, reporting and satisfying the success criteria. However, Contractor is responsible for performing work correctly according to details in **IFB Attachment 5, Exhibit A, Scope of Work** and per Caltrans Contract Manager's direction in accordance with the Agreement.

Question 11: Please confirm there are no liquidated damages for this contract.

Answer: The solicitation package does not contain a traditional liquidated damages clause, such as a daily monetary assessment for late or deficient performance. Please note that while the Agreement does not include liquidated damages, it does contain statutory penalty requirements mandated for all public works contracts in California. These provisions address certified payroll submission, prevailing wage compliance, and hours of labor limitations. The statutory penalties referenced in **IFB Attachment 5, Exhibit B, Sections 8 through 10** are **distinct from liquidated damages** and are required by law rather than negotiated as part of the Agreement's terms.

Question 12: Are there any fire hydrants or other pressurized water sources nearby (other than the river) to use for irrigation and who are they owned by (Cal Expo, City of Sacramento, County Parks, etc.)?

Answer: See response to Question 2.

Question 13: Can temporary irrigation water lines or hoses be run across the bike trail during watering events? If so, what protective measures must the contractor make (ex. cable protector ramps/humps, warning signage, etc.)? If the lines can't cross over the trail, can a sleeve be installed underneath to run irrigation lines through?

Answer: A sleeve can be installed underneath the bike trail to run irrigation lines through. However, after Contractor has finished final watering on the project, the bike path must be returned to pre-existing conditions that existed before the sleeve is initially placed. Also, Contractor must place safety signs on either side of sleeve to alert bicyclists.

Question 14: If the roads become impassable by truck during the rainy season, are there any restrictions on site access using ATVs, UTVs, etc.?

Answer: There are no restrictions on using ATVs, UTVs to access the restoration sites so long as you stay on the dirt roads provided by Cal Expo/ Sacramento County Regional Parks and shown on attached 'Cal Expo Road Re-Alignments: Land Use Map'. Contractor shall use the black colored roads labelled 'new alignment' on map. Extensions of these roads will be built that extend to restoration sites. The new roads are expected to be constructed this fall.

Question 15: It was noted during the pre-bid meeting that Cal Expo owns the property where the project sites are located and will need to be consulted regarding herbicide use. Could you clarify what type of notification Cal Expo requires, the extent of their authority over proposed vegetation management activities, and whether any additional agencies must be notified or consulted before certain work can be performed?

Answer: Cal Expo owns the property and Sacramento County Regional Parks manages the property. These are the only two agencies that will need to be consulted on vegetation management. However, Cal Expo/Sacramento State Parks has stated that they will not require approval of herbicide use so long as Contractor has their herbicide proposals reviewed and approved by a California State Qualified Pest Control Advisor (PCA). The Agreement also requires that all herbicide proposals are reviewed and approved by a PCA. Refer to **IFB Attachment 5, Exhibit A, Item 8(K)(9)(b)**.

Question 16: The IFB indicates that planting locations will be flagged by the Caltrans Contract Manager. Will detailed planting plans also be provided, and if so, when will they be made available?

Answer: A planting plan will not be provided to the bidders for this contract. However, the number of plants to be planted and willow cuttings to be installed are shown on the container plant list and in **IFB Attachment 5, Exhibit A, Scope of Work**.

Question 17: The IFB notes that water sources may be available at Cal Expo. Could you provide more specific information regarding their locations and the type of source/connection that may be available? Additionally, is Cal Expo likely to authorize contractor connection and use of these water sources?

Answer: The only water source available at Cal Expo is to draw water from the American River at the bridge (permit required). Cal Expo will not allow Contractor to access water from any of their on-site facilities.

Question 18: What are the success criteria or performance metrics for the project (e.g., percent survival, percent cover)? If percent survival is the required metric, is the standard the same for both container stock and cuttings, or are separate criteria established for each planting type? Additionally, what success criteria apply to seeded areas?

Answer: Caltrans success criteria include survival (75%), vigor and annual increases in height of trees and shrubs (container and cuttings). In addition, the cover of invasive trees and shrubs must be less than 10% and ground cover must be 45% or higher. Contractors are not held responsible for success criteria.

Question 19: It was noted that the lower portion of Site 3 will be mulched with wood chips, approximately 200–250 feet from the waterline. To what depth is this area expected to be mulched?

Answer: The lower portion of Site 3 will be covered with wood mulch (not wood chips) at a depth of one to three inches (1" to 3"). This work will be completed under a separate Agreement.

Question 20: It was mentioned that irrigation water might be obtained or pumped from Bushy Lake or from the waterway adjacent to the site. Who manages access to Bushy Lake, and from whom would permission to use water from the lake need to be obtained? Additionally, does the adjacent waterway typically have water during the irrigation season?

Answer: Bushy lake is not accessible by road and is not a dependable source of water. The American River is accessible at the bridge and Contractor may be able to draw water from the River if they have the required permits. For short-term construction, contractors typically need a Temporary Construction Water Permit from the local water authority (such as the [Sacramento County Water Agency](#)). For long-term or permanent drawing, an appropriate Water Right Permit from the [State Water Resources Control Board](#) may be required. Check with agencies for more information.

Question 21: Since the existing contractor access road will be removed and ripped, what are the best access points and routes to the sites? Would vehicle access be permitted along the bike trail?

Answer: Cal Expo will construct new dirt roads that will provide access to restoration Sites 1 and 3. Please see attached Cal Expo Road Re-alignment Map. Contractor will use the black colored roads labelled 'new alignment' on map. Extensions of these roads will be built that extend to restoration sites. The new roads are expected to be constructed this fall. Vehicle access will not be allowed on or along the bike trail.

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

Sincerely,

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Cal Expo Road Re-Alignments: Land Use

ATTACHMENT 4



Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community



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Hydrants Near Cal Expo

Write a description for your map.

