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April 21, 2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS – INFORMATIONAL UPDATE 1 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - EAST AREA (BRC0000238)

Please note that the deadline for bid submission via BidExpress is **Wednesday, April 28, 2021, by 5:30 p.m.** Submission of bids will only be accepted electronically using BidExpress. Submission of hard copy bids or any other format such as e-mail **will not be accepted.**

All addenda and informational updates will be posted at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts>. Please check the website frequently for any changes to this solicitation.

The following answers are in response to the request for information and clarification submitted by proposers for the Landscape Maintenance Services - East Area (BRC0000238). The questions presented in this Informational Update represent the questions asked by the proposers in the form and context as submitted.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - EAST AREA (BRC0000238)

1. **Question:** Who is the current contractor and what is the current contract amount?

Response: The current contractor is United Pacific Services, Inc., and the current annual contract amount is \$117,794.00.

2. **Question:** Who is doing the maintenance currently?

Response: Please see response to Question 1.

3. **Question:** How long have they had the contract?

Response: The current contract started in 2016.

4. **Question:** What is the current monthly Base?

Response: The current monthly base is \$7,994.05.

5. **Question:** Has the scope of work changed?

Response: Yes, there have been numerous changes to the Scope of Work in this new solicitation. Please note, no form of any herbicides can be used in this contract. Please bid accordingly. It is the bidder's responsibility to read the entire Invitation for Bids, including the Scope of Work, prior to bid submittal.

6. **Question:** Why is the contract out to bid?

Response: The current contract is in its final option year.

7. **Question:** How much was spent on extras this past year?

Response: There were no additional charges spent this contract year.

8. **Question:** Is Public Works satisfied with the current condition?

Response: The current contractor is in good standing; however, the condition of existing landscaped areas cannot be used as the ideal result and all contract requirements will be enforced regardless of the current situation. Please thoroughly review the locations and bid accordingly based on the requirements of the Scope of Work.

9. **Question:** Will deficiencies found at the beginning of the contract be extra?

Response: Any deficiencies discovered will be addressed following the process outlined under Section E.10 of the Scope of Work, Exhibit A.1, and the On-Call Service Items of PW-2.1 through PW-2.4, Schedule of Prices.

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If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Ani Karapetyan at (626) 458-4050 or Ms. Anna Leung at (626) 458-4072, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Very truly yours,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Manovitz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

For JOSE QUEVEDO
Assistant Deputy Director
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