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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL No. LPM 2017-16

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Pre-Proposal Conference for Vegetation Clearing and Vegetation and Road Maintenance for the OHA's Kūkaniloko Property questions and answers are as follows:

1. Q: What group is taking care of the birthing stones and who is the contact?
A: Wahiawa Hawaiian Civic Club currently takes care of the birthing stones. However, please contact Brutus LaBenz at 594-1944 or Jonathan Ching at 594-1947 if you would like to be in touch with them.
2. Q: Is the price to be quoted for future phases based on an escalated quote, a locked down quote, or a quote based on close of business today?
A: Close of business on the due date (June 14, 2017), as there could possibly be a request for future phase work to be done within the timeframe of this contract. And if so, the services and costs will be added into the contract.
3. Q: How would you propose a quote in regards to clearing the area?
A: Your quote can be based on unit (e.g. per linear foot, per acre, per tree, etc.) It is up to you but please clarify it on your quote and provide a justification for why your recommendation is in the best interest of OHA and the property.
4. Q: Does OHA maintain the top of the berms?
A: The stewards are supposed to be maintaining them, however, the RFP does ask that a quote be provided for the clearing and maintenance of the berms in the event that OHA approves such actions.
5. Q: Are there boundary markers inside of the berm (around the firebreak road)?
A: Yes, and the berm marks the boundaries. The corners of the berms should contain the boundary markers, which may be under stones, bushes or brush.

6. Q: Should the dead cuttings be raked off the firebreak road?
A: At this point, the recommendation is to leave the dead cuttings to help suppress the undergrowth. But if you have other suggestions on how to maintain this, please note in your proposal and provide a justification.
7. Q: Are the dirt berms that run parallel to Kamehameha Highway included in the scope?
A: No. Only the berms outlined in red in Exhibit 2: Phase I Map are included.
8. Q: Why was the 23-acre area cleared in the first place?
A: Homeless had established a few camps on the property that needed to be cleaned out and removed.
9. Q: Has any kind of tilling been done to the land?
A: No tilling has been done since the OHA acquired the land.
10. Q: Is there no spraying on the 23-acres as well?
A: Correct, no spraying of herbicides on the 23-acres, only on the roads.
11. Q: Who currently maintains the road?
A: The OHA has a contractor now that sprays it.
12. Q: Should the contractors be cutting/maintaining in the ravine area (marked in orange in Exhibit 2: Phase I Map)?
A: Yes. The understory brush should be maintained, as needed, for security purposes. There is no need to cut any trees in this area because the tree roots help to prevent erosion. We would like to stabilize the area and also avoid runoff as much as possible. However, we would ask the contractor to let us know if you see any hazardous situations or potential risks in this area, including dead branches that may require removal.
13. Q: Who owns the land beyond the OHA property?
A: Howard Green owns the property, but leases it to Dole.
14. Q: Are there any native trees?
A: There are a few kukui trees, but other than that, not anything that we know of.
15. Other notes/clarifications:
- a. Letter of Notice to Proceed will be provided with the actual start date for the work.
 - b. Page 19, 3.4.A.2 23-Acre Road Maintenance: Item C. shall be added to state: Vegetation may be maintained by machine, hand tools, and herbicide application.
 - c. Page 20, 3.4.B.1 488 Acres of Un-Cleared Lands: Item D. shall include the following statement: All non-vegetative trash encountered during the contract period shall be disposed of by the Successful Offeror. The trash may be piled on site to be disposed of, at least, on a weekly basis. The Successful Offeror shall propose a designated

staging area for the trash within the project area to be approved by the OHA prior to cutting.

- d. Pursuant to Item c. above, Attachment 2: Offer Form, OF-2, shall be amended to include a cost for potential trash removal. See attached Revised Attachment 2: Offer Form, OF-2.
- e. Page 20, 3.4.B.2 Methods of Service: State the type of machinery/method recommended and price and justification per each recommendation. See attached Revised Attachment 2: Offer Form, OF-2.
- f. Page 21, 3.4.B.2.vi. Other: If you know of any other innovative ways to clear the vegetation that have not been listed (e.g. biochar, prescribed burn, animals, etc.), please provide a cost and justification.
- g. Page 22, 3.4.C.3 Other: To clarify “other,” we are referring to any other application, besides mulching or liming, as a soil amendment. If recommended, please provide a cost and justification.