

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
**RFP #220803: Grounds Maintenance Services**

The following questions have been submitted concerning the RFP shown above. All questions received by the posted deadline of 4:30 PM, CST, Tuesday, January 18, 2022 are provided verbatim from what was received and have been answered in bold. It will be the responsibility of the Proposer to determine what, if any, information from the Questions and Answers provided herein will be applicable in the submission of a Proposal. As stated in Section III (Special Conditions), Letter Q (Miscellaneous): "The submission of a Proposal shall be prima facie evidence that the Proposer has full knowledge of the scope, nature, quantity and quality of work to be performed; the detailed requirements of the specifications; and the conditions under which the work is to be performed." An amendment has been issued and the Opening Date has not changed.

RESPONDER QUESTION #1: We'd like to look at each school in person but wanted to see how we go about doing that?

**ANSWER #1: The District does not currently have the necessary manpower available to accompany potential Responders to each site listed in the RFP. We recommend viewing each location more closely on Google Earth, Google Maps with the satellite overlay, or another such application. Responders may also view the properties from outside of the District's fences; however, Responders may not walk through the properties unsupervised.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #2: Would it be possible to get the current contract and the bid tab when it was bid for these services?

**ANSWER #2: Information regarding the most recently awarded solicitation for similar services can be found at [https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids\\_previously](https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids_previously). The solicitation RFP #211303: Grounds Maintenance.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #3: The question I have about the bid, pertains to pg. 10 Section IV A. #6, and any other location specific materials other than pine straw/mulch. Will the material be on a cost-plus basis, reimbursed on invoices? Or does the district have locations with charge account P.O.'s set up for these items (pine straw/mulch etc.) when needed for these specific locations, where the contractor performs the work?

**ANSWER #3: See Amendment I.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #4: Will pine straw and other mulch material be provided by the School District?

**ANSWER #4: See Amendment I.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #5: Is there any irrigation work or agronomic program expected?

**ANSWER #5: No.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #6: This is a 1-year agreement with an intention of renewing for 5 years. Is this a correct way to interpret this?

**ANSWER #6: The initial term of the agreement is one (1) year, and the agreement may be renewed annually for up to a total of five (5) years.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #7: Will we be permitted to send informative material to the School District about our company's abilities apart from what is contained in the RFP and Bid?

**ANSWER #7: As advised in Section VII on Page 13 of the solicitation, "Additional information may be submitted by the Responder; however, the evaluation committee shall be solely responsible for determining the weight such information will be assigned, if any."**

RESPONDER QUESTION #8: Are detention/retention ponds to be cut at the same frequency as all other turf?

**ANSWER #8: Yes**

RESPONDER QUESTION #9: Are the detention/retention ponds to be maintained to the water's edge or maintained to their current conditions?

**ANSWER #9: Detention and retention ponds must be maintained to the water's edge as allowed by then-current conditions.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #10: Will herbicide chemicals such as roundup be allowed to be used on fence lines at school locations?

**ANSWER #10: Yes. However, employees of the Responder who will be applying such herbicide chemicals must be properly licensed by the State of Florida and shall be mindful of connecting private property.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #11: Will the contractor be allowed to use herbicide chemicals in mulched landscaped areas to assist in weed control?

**ANSWER #11: No.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #12: Will the contractor be responsible for maintenance of any irrigation systems if applicable? If so, can you provide the number of zones per location?

**ANSWER #12: See Answer #5.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #13: Will the contractor be responsible for any turf chemical applications such as weed control or fertilization at any locations, which may require additional licensing?

**ANSWER #13: No.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #14: Will the contractor be responsible for the pruning of any trees?

**ANSWER #14: No. The District will address tree pruning on an as-needed basis.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #15: In reference to Section IV. A. 6. – Should material and labor costs for mulch be included in our maintenance cost or will this service be billed upon request?

**ANSWER #15: See Amendment I.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #16: In addition to the previous question, what other “similar activities” are to be assigned to the contractor, and should these services be included in our submitted price?

**ANSWER #16: See Amendment I.**

RESPONDER QUESTION #17: Can bidders request scheduled site visits for all locations to review current conditions of the properties?

**ANSWER #17: See Answer #1.**