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TO: All Bidders

FROM: City of Cambridge

DATE: April 1, 2024

RE: File No. 11470 – Vegetation Management Program for The Alewife Stormwater Wetland, Bioretention Basins, Tree Box Filters and Danehy Park Stormwater Channel - Addendum No. 1

This addendum is comprised of the following:

1. Questions and answers

The following questions were asked and answered:

Question 1. The following discrepancies were identified in relation to BioBasin Spring and Fall Clean-Ups:

- a. Specifications page 6, line 8.7 Seasonal Cutting of Grasses and Wildflowers (Alewife Stormwater Wetland and Bioretention Basins): “For all areas except the wet meadow in the Alewife Stormwater Wetland, all clippings shall be removed and disposed of off-site.”
Answer: All cut materials at the biobasins are to be removed.
- b. Specifications page 13 under Item No. 4B Bioretention Basin Spring Clean-Up: “Cutting of native grasses and wildflowers, cuttings can be left in place.”
Answer: All cut materials at the Wet Meadow at the Alewife Stormwater Wetland can be left in place except for any weedy or undesirable species that may have set seed.
- c. Specifications page 16 under Item No. 6B Bioretention Basin Fall Clean-Up: “Removing and disposal offsite of any dead or dying vegetation”
 - **Answer:** At the Main Basin at the Alewife Stormwater Wetland cut materials can be left in place except on slopes. All other cut materials from the Forebay, Water Quality Swale and from slopes should be removed, except some cut materials can be placed on top of existing knotweed infestation areas.

Question 2: Are herbaceous cut-backs to be performed during Fall Clean-Up or Spring Clean-Up? Should cut materials be removed or left in place?

Answer: Herbaceous cut-backs are to be performed during Spring Clean-Up. Specifications page 16 under Item No. 6B Bioretention Basin Fall Clean-Up: “Removing and disposal offsite of any dead or dying vegetation” is to be deleted from the specifications.



Question 3: Do prevailing wage rates apply to all Items (1-13) listed on the COST PROPOSAL SHEET? If not, could you please specify which units prevailing wage rates do/do not apply to?

Answer: It is the City's understanding that prevailing wage rates apply to items 10 and 11. Bidders should refer to the Department of Labor Standards for guidance if they are uncertain how prevailing wage rates apply to their bid.

All other details remain the same.

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