

Purchasing Division Finance Department

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Addendum 2 Solicitation 23-99150 Spirit Mountain Legacy – Phase I – Mountain Bike Trails

This addendum serves to notify all bidders of the following changes to the solicitation documents:

The following questions have been received and are answered in *italics* following the question:

- 1. Is a tabletop jump unit value in addition to the linear foot unit value of that same tabletop jump? Table Top Jumps are billed as a "whole typical unit" and follow "Trail Progression" as defined in the Specifications. You cannot bill for LF of trail construction in addition to the unit table top jump bid item. See section "3.16 Trail Progression" and "Section 3.26 Jumps".
- 2. For trail constructed with geo cell, is the price per foot of that trail equal to the unit price of geocell plus the unit price of the trail construction type? "Geo Cell Trail Surface" or "Geocell Reinforced Tread (figure 24)" are two terms used in this bid document interchangeably for the same unit of construction. Establishment of a working bench or trail bench to install the geo cell product is included in the linear foot unit bid price for Geocell Reinforced Tread.
- 3. A contractor is awarded all five projects. That contractor only has capacity to complete 3 of the projects.
 - a. May the contractor choose which three contracts they would like to complete?
 - b. In this case is the contractor allowed to reject two of the projects?
 - c. If a contractor chooses not to accept an awarded project would the owner keep the bid bond?

The City will award the individual projects in a manner that results in the total project being successfully completed on time and at the lowest overall cost to the City, with consideration given to bids, mobilization, administrative costs, contractor capacity etc. The City understands that contractors may bid on more projects than they have the capacity to perform in the hopes that they are awarded as many projects as they can successfully handle. If a responsible bidder submits the low bid for every project and has the capacity for every project, that bidder would be awarded all projects. Should the responsible low bidder not submit a bid for all projects, but have the capacity to bond and perform for all the projects for which they submitted the low bid, that bidder would likely be awarded all those projects. Should the low bidder <u>not</u> have the capacity to perform or

bond for all the projects for which they were low bid, the City will work with the low bidder to determine capacity and award bids in the best interest of the City as previously stated. The award will not be based solely on contractor's choice; and no award will be given to a contractor who does not have the capacity to fulfill it. A bidder who is awarded only some of the projects they bid on does not need to reject or withdraw their other project bids, and would not have a claim filed against their bid bond by the City unless they refused to perform a project they were actually awarded.

4. Will the awarded contractor need to pay fringe benefits to the local unions?

No. Due to the funding source on this project, a Project Labor Agreement will **NOT** be required. Prevailing wage rules still apply and not less than the minimum salaries and prevailing wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project. Any fringe benefits posted in the prevailing wage determinations will be paid directly to the benefit of the contractor's employees.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by checking the acknowledgment box within the www.bidexpress.com solicitation.

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