

**EL PASO WATER UTILITIES  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
P.O. BOX 511  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79961**

**CLEANING OF COMMON IRRIGATION DITCHES**

**BID NUMBER 95-17**

**ADDENDUM NUMBER 1**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

**Attention of all bidders is directed to the following addendum to this Bid Proposal:**

**1. PAGE 3 OF CURRENT BID READS: SPECIFICATIONS FOR CLEANING OF COMMON IRRIGATION DITCHES.**

Line item # 1 of the bid proposal is to be performed (2) twice per month during the months of February through October or as prescribed by the El Paso Water Utilities. Items 2-4 are for trees that will be identified for cutting as needed. All employees of the vendor assigned to this project shall be United States Citizens and/or legal residents residing in the United States and shall be paid in accordance with the prevailing wage scale for work of a similar character in this locality and in no event shall they be paid less than the minimum wage established by law. The contractor shall be responsible for his employees working the Common Irrigation Ditches and shall provide an identification badge which contains the following information: name; height; weight; Social Security Number; employer; current picture; signature; and issuing authority. Contractor vehicles shall be clearly marked with the company name. Work days for this project will be Monday through Friday. Work on Saturday and Sunday is **not** authorized.

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**EMERGENCY work may be required as authorized ONLY by EPWU supervision. Normal work schedule is Monday through Friday and work hours are flexible times as required. Emergency required work on a Saturday or Sunday shall be with flexible times as requested by the EPWU.**

**2. ADDITION OF ITEM #13 PAGE 30 OF 30 TO BID:**

**PRICE ADJUSTMENT:**

**I. MINIMUM WAGE**

A price adjustment increase will be allowed if there is a **federally mandated** increase.

3. **QUESTION:** On the bid sheet it says we are cleaning up trash in the ditch? In the bid specs it says we need mowers? Are we mowing it and cleaning up trash?

**ANSWER:** CONTRACTOR will be cutting weeds and cleaning up trash. The main tools for this contract will be manual hand held trimmers or gas or battery powered weed eaters as they are known commercially. Gas powered mowers will not fit into most of the locations so the cutting of vegetation and removal of said vegetation plus any accumulated trash will be the responsibility of the contractor. Electric powered mowers, hand tools or weed eaters with electric outlet cord feed will not be permitted. Any powered driven device must be used from a self sufficient power source (battery pack) and energized at the contractors expense ready for work when required by the contractor. The bid proposal also states that the minimum standards are used to determine if a bidder is established WITH ALL STAFF AND EQUIPMENT and responsibly ready to meet the specifications contained within bid 95-17. An abbreviated answer is the contractor will be required to cut weeds and remove all trash as directed by EPWU supervision. Adverse Weather or Contractor safety conditions preventing any work to be completed MUST be approved only by EPWU supervision.

4. **QUESTION:** Please explain requirements for performance bond?

**ANSWER:** The performance bond must be issued from an authorized and licensed, bonded surety in Texas. The amount will be 100% of your submitted and awarded bid. Do not include a check in your bid submittal for any amount to satisfy this requirement. Performance bond will be requested from the awarded contractor only once notice of award has been signed and authorized to be issued from the EPWU Senior Purchasing Agent or Purchasing Agent to the awarded contractor.

5. **QUESTION:** In reference to Item 15 contained in the Instructions to Bidders, please explain "The successful Bidder will be required to obtain a Performance Bond and Payment bond (when required)...." Please explain what you mean by "(when required)"

**ANSWER:** The performance bond is required only once notice of award has been signed and authorized to be issued from the EPWU Senior Purchasing Agent or Purchasing Agent to the awarded contractor.

6. **QUESTION:** We need to make sure that you are NOT requiring the Bid Bond or security bond in this case.

**ANSWER:** Bid Security is not required. Payment bond is not required. Only Performance bond is required.

7. **QUESTION:** Are performance bond and payment bond the same thing?

**ANSWER:** NO.

The payment bond is solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with the prime contractor or a subcontractor to supply public work labor or material and in the amount of the contract.

The performance bond is solely for the protection of the state or governmental entity awarding the public work contract in the amount of the contract and conditioned on the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents.

**Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum and submit this acknowledgment with their Bid submittal. Failure to acknowledge addendum(s), may result in rejection of bid.**




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**Levi J. Chacon  
Purchasing Agent**

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**BIDDER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT**

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