

### **Amendment #3 County Responses to Proposer Inquiries**

The following questions have been submitted by prospective bidders in response to the Head Fire RFP.

The County's responses are italicized in bold below. In addition, please note that more information regarding the basic assumptions proposers should consider when determining costs can be found at, Page 31 of the RFP. A successful bid proposal should account for these assumptions.

This information is being emailed to all prospective bidders who attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. A copy of this information will also be uploaded to the County RFP website.

#### **Questions from Prospective Bidders**

1. Are there any liquidated damages for the failure to meet the substantial completion date on this project?

***In the event of nonperformance this contract will be governed by the terms listed on the bottom of Page 85, top of Page 86, of the RFP. Default or material breach of this contract may result in the termination of the contract. If the contract is terminated due to default or material breach, Contractor shall be liable for any reasonable costs in excess of the Agreement amount incurred by the County in order to complete the Scope of Work.***

2. Can we combine or "Marry" loads between APNs for matching waste streams?

***Combining loads between APNS is discouraged, as the contract calls for payment to be made per parcel. Loads that combine debris from multiple parcels may result in a delay of payment. In addition, it is expected that the Contractor will work and complete remediation on a site before moving to the next site.***

3. Who is the A&M Contractor?

***Tetra-Tech is the A&M Contractor for this RFP.***

4. Has vehicle adjudication started?

***No vehicle adjudication has been done.***

5. By the time the contractor mobilizes, what percentage of vehicles will be adjudicated on APNs?

***No vehicles have been adjudicated. Adjudication will commence once contractor begins work.***

6. Will the Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) be provided prior to bidding?

***The EPP is not yet available. Once the EPP has been completed, it will be provided to the awarded contractor.***

7. How will the DDHTR contractor be compensated for any delays due to the A&M Contractor not completing Nesting Bird Surveys, Biological Surveys, and/or Archaeological Surveys in-time to create a viable runway of properties ready for debris removal, rescrapes, and/or erosion control?

***Compensation will be pursuant to Attachment 1 – Cost Proposal Schedule, Page 45, and Exhibit B – Budget Details and Payment Provisions, Page 178. The category of compensation is expected to fall under Non-Working Days or Delays. (Items 10 and 11, Page 45).***

8. What species of birds that may follow under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act can we expect in the affected areas of Siskiyou County? Will the Contractor be required to move any birds under this contract?

***The County does not have information regarding expected species of birds. Page 32 of the RFP states that Contractor will be responsible for relocation of bird nests, recovery and transport of bird nests/eggs to authorized rehabilitation centers. However, the County expects there will be minimal need for this work as the RFP deals strictly with debris removal and does not involve hazard tree removal.***

9. How will the DDHTR contractor be compensated for any delays due to waiting for bird nest fledging/viability dates to occur and there are no open APNs for that Debris or Tree Crews to go to? Will a demob and mob line item for that crew be awarded if the fledge date is more than week?

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10. Does the Nesting Bird Surveys apply to all bird species regardless of the protected status on either the State or Federal level?

**Any nesting bird surveys will apply regardless of protected status. However, this work is expected to be minimal because the RFP deals only with debris removal and does not involve hazard tree removal.**

11. Are there any US Forest Service roads within the burn areas of the Siskiyou Fires that may require a use permit?

**The County does not have current information on this. However, the County can provide assistance with obtaining any use permits needed to access/use US Forest Service roads.**

12. Will there be a Special Purpose Relocation permit issued by US Fish and Wildlife Service?

**The County does not obtain relocation permits on behalf of the Contractor. It is not expected that there will be a significant need for relocation on this RFP.**

13. Please confirm that only a Qualified Biologist under the A&M Contractor can do any nest relocations.

**Contractor must assess, monitor, and document identified endangered species using USFWS Qualified Biologists, nesting birds (during the season) and cultural resources using Secretary of the Interior Qualified Archaeologists.**

14. Are there any protected, endangered, or threatened species habitats within the fire perimeters?

**The County does not have any information to indicate there are endangered or threatened species within the fire perimeter.**

15. Will hazard trees on Forest Service property that pose a risk to public roads be included in the tree removal program?

***This RFP does not include hazard tree removal, except for trees that pose an immediate danger to debris removal crews.***

16. What GIS data is the DDHTR contractor required to provide for this project?

***GIS datasets will be required, identifying temporary facilities and end-use locations, debris locations, etc. The County will work with the Contractor to determine the necessary GIS datasets required for project monitoring purposes.***

17. How will the DDHTR contractor be compensated for moving and/or working around any trees felled by landowners after existing downed trees have been documented?

***No additional compensation will be provided for felling of trees posing an immediate danger to debris removal crews. It is expected that the debris removal crews will only go on-site once all immediate danger trees have been removed.***