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2. Amendment/Modification Number	3. Effective Date	4. Requisition/Purchase Request No.	5. Solicitation Caption
6	See box 16C	N/A	Pruning Services

6. Issued By: Code	7. Administered By (If other than line 6)
District Department of Transportation Office of Contracting and Procurement 2000 14th Street, N.W., 6th Floor Washington, D.C. 20009	Department of Public Works Office of Contracting and Procurement 2000 14th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor Washington, DC 20009

8. Name and Address of Contractor (No. Street, city, country, state and ZIP Code)	(X)	9A. Amendment of Solicitation No.
		DCKA-2008-B-0050
		9B. Dated (See Item 11) 6/27/2008
		10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.
Code Facility		10B. Dated (See Item 13)

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers [ ] is extended. [X] is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment: (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or fax which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or fax, provided each letter or telegram makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (If Required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14

	A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify Authority) The changes set forth in Item 14 are made in the contract/order no. in item 10A.
	B. The above numbered contract/order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) set forth in item 14, pursuant to the authority of 27 DCMR, Chapter 36, Section 3601.2.
	C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of:
	D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [ ] is not, [ ] is required to sign this document and return _____

14. Description of amendment/modification (Organized by UCF Section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The Bid Opening date is August 14, 2008. The purpose of this amendment is issued to: 1) revise various provisions of the solicitation; and 2) respond to potential offeror's questions. No more questions will be accepted pertaining to this solicitation.

1. Delete pages 9 - 10 and substitute pagse 9-R1 and 10-R1. The definitions specified in Section C.1.2.5 are revised and Sections C.1.2.6 and C.1.2.7 are deleted.

2. Delete page 11 and substitute page 11-R1. The requirements specified in Sections C.3.9.2, C.3.9.3, and C.3.9.4 are revised.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item (9A or 10A) remain unchanged and in full force and effect

15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or print)		16A. Name of Contracting Officer Kathy Hatcher	
15B. Name of Contractor (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. Date Signed	16B. District of Columbia Kathy S Hatcher (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. Date Signed 8-12-08

1. Question: Addendum #3 Deletes the text of section C.1.2.5 and replaces it with text that appears to be identical to that that it was intended to replace. Will the District clarify if this change was in error, and if not, explain what the contractual significance of this change is?

Response: A comma was placed between objectionable and crowded for clarification purposes.

2. Question 5: Page 10, C.2.1 thru C.2.3.8 Question: The background description and objectives of this contract are very broad and varying in the different types of pruning that will be required. How can we provide a single unit price for all of these different types of pruning without the benefit of the specific quantities of each type? Question: The lack of a concise requirement and a specific expectation of the bid categories are so varied that to only allow a single unit price for each caliper category would be nothing more than a guess. Will the District narrow the specifications or modify them to allow multiple pruning types for each caliper category with specific specifications?

Response: As a general rule the contractor shall be required to perform elevation and crown cleaning as stated in the scope and in accordance with the Best Management Practice Tree Pruning. Crown reduction and thinning are rarely used in the District and shall only be performed at the specific request of the COTR or his designee. Sections C.3.9.4 through C.3.15 are included in order to describe pruning techniques to be used, if required. See Section C.1.2.1 for a definition of Objectionable Limbs as it pertains to this contract. Also see Section C.1.2.4 and Section C.1.2.5 for the definition of elevation and crown cleaning.

3. Additional Question: The response to this question is not sufficient to confirm what pruning specification shall govern this contract. Is the District's response that the District will only require elevation and crown cleaning under this contract? If there is to be additional discretionary work required by UFA beyond this "General Rule", than will the District quantify it to enable contractors to competitively bid this solicitation?

Response: The contractors shall be required to perform elevation and crown pruning only.

4. Question 9: Page 11, C.3.9.1 thru C.3.9.5 Question: Each of these pruning requirements is a different specification that can add significant cost to the standard form of pruning stated in C.3.9.1. How are the increased costs associated to additional pruning requirements to be priced as the bid schedule only has the standard pruning bid unit?

Response: See answer to question 5

5. Additional Question: The response to this question as in the response to question #5 is not sufficient to as it allows the COTR at his discretion to modify and increase the basic pruning requirement without any ability for the contractor to recover these costs. Additionally for the contractor to attempt to factor this potential significant increase in a lump into their bid prices could very well make them non-competitive. Will the District firmly establish a definitive non-discretionary pruning specification to allow contractors surety in their bid pricing?

Response: The specifications for Sections C.3.9.1 thru C.3.9.5 were amended to require the performance of elevation and crown pruning only.. See revised page 11-R1 (attached).

5	Standards	American National Standard Institute (ANSI) A300	Latest Version
6	Standards	Pruning Guidelines – ISA Best Management Practices for Tree Pruning	Latest Version
7	Standards	Occupational Safety and Health Association's Safety Standards	Latest Version
8	Standards	International Society of Arborist Association for Safe Tree Removal	Latest Version
9	Standards	ANSI Z 133.1 Standard for Tree Care Operations	Latest Version
10	Standards	29 CFR 1910.331-335	Latest Version
11	Standards	29 CFR 1910.268	Latest Version
12	Standards	29 CFR1920.269	Latest Version

C.1.2 DEFINITIONS

C.1.2.1 Objectionable Limbs - Limbs less than 15' above structures, less than 5'from rooflines, blocking traffic control devices, limbs interfering with the cone of light from streetlights. Traffic control devices shall include stop signs, stop lights, or any device that is intended to control traffic or alert public to danger.

C.1.2.2 Three Point Method - The first cut is the undercut about 1-2 feet from the crotch followed by the top cut an inch or two further out than the under cut. The final cut of the stub is just outside the collar of the living tissue.

C.1.2.3 DBH - The measurement made at 4.5 .

C.1.2.4 Elevation Pruning - The removal of the branches below 15 feet over the road and 10 feet over the sidewalk;

C.1.2.5 Crown Cleaning - The selective removal of limbs greater than 1" in diameter up to any size limb that are dead, dying, diseased, broken, objectionable, crowded, weakly attached and low-vigor branches from the crown of a tree;

C.1.2.6 Full Crew - A three (3) man crew to include a tree pruner in the bucket and two (2) ground staff.

C.2 BACKGROUND

C.2.1 The District has a recurring need to provide pruning services. There is a great diversity of trees in the District of Columbia including conifer, broadleaf evergreen, and deciduous species. For each species, there exists substantial

variation in age, size, condition, and structure of individual trees. This species diversity and tree variability creates challenges with regard to tree care practices, and in particular for pruning. Pruning needs can vary substantially depending on these factors: some trees will need little or no pruning, while others will need substantial pruning. In addition, some trees need to be pruned to improve structure, while others need parts removed to improve health. To ensure that pruning is appropriate for the species and individual tree growth characteristics, it is important to have a clear understanding of the specific needs of the tree and the objectives for pruning. Pruning objectives include the following:

C.2.3.1 Improve structural strength and reduce failure potential;
C.2.3.2 improve tree health (removal of dead branches and management of pests);
C.2.3.3 improve aesthetic characteristics;
C.2.3.4 provide clearance for pedestrians, vehicles, and structures;
C.2.3.5 improve safety and security for residents and visitors;
C.2.3.6 repair tree damage;
C.2.3.7 reduce maintenance costs (i.e., when applied to young trees); and
C.2.3.8 influence flowering and fruiting of some species.

C.3 REQUIREMENTS

C.3.1 The contractor shall be responsible for providing all management, supervision, personnel, tools, materials, equipment and transportation necessary to prune street line trees located at various sites throughout the District. The contractor shall perform all work in accordance the applicable documents listed in Section C.1.1. The location of the trees will be issued as task orders throughout the life of the contract by the COTR or his designee.

C.3.2 The contractor shall be responsible for providing a minimum of a full crew to perform services as stated in this contract. However, the contractor must provide sufficient staff to meet the requirement that all work orders be completed with 30 days.

C.3.3 The contractor shall provide the following equipment to support a full crew:

C.3.3.1 55' boom truck with chipper body;
C.3.3.2 chipper that is able to handle debris up to 14" DBH; and
C.3.3.3 all hand tools related to the scope of work.

C.3.4 The contractor shall prepare, equip and staff all traffic control plans in accordance with Sections 104.02, Maintenance of Traffic, (A) Traffic Flow Restrictions, (B) Traffic Control Plan and (C) Traffic Controls, of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Structures, 2005, Revised 2007.

C.3.5 The contractor shall provide an International Society of Arborist Certified Arboris to provide supervision and oversight to the crew regarding the correct application of pruning methods.

C.3.6 The contractor shall dispose of all trees at a legally licensed landfill facility and furnish proof that the disposal facility is a legally licensed landfill facility at the COTR's request.

C.3.7 The contractor shall measure the diameter breast height (DBH) of trees by DBH at 4.5 feet above ground level. Tree sizes range from 0" to 60" in accordance with Section 611.01, Remove Tree and/or Stump, of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Structures, 2005, Revised 2007.

C.3.8 The contractor shall not use spikes on any tree being pruned.

C.3.9 The contractor shall perform the following work in accordance with Section 611.01, Remove Tree and/or Stump, of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Structures, 2005, Revised 2007, the ISA Best Management Practices for Tree Pruning.

C.3.9.1 The contractor shall conduct elevation pruning and crown cleaning as the standard form of pruning;

C.3.9.2 the contractor shall not conduct crown thinning;

C.3.9.3 the contractor shall not conduct crown reduction;

C.3.9.4 the contractor shall remove all dead wood greater than 1" from the interior of the tree crown as well as at the tips;

C.3.9.5 for trees that are developing more than one (1) dominant leader, the contractor shall selectively prune in a manner that promotes a single dominant leader by subordinating the other competitive branches. (In selecting the dominant leader the contractor shall consider the tree's form, health and structure. The contractor shall consult with the COTR to determine which co-dominant lead to preserve in all trees greater than 10" in DBH.);