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ADDENDUM NO. 3
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Your reference is directed to: **File Number: 26-098875**

Solicitation Number: **A26-98875 Interstate Mowing & Litter & Trash Pickup**

Scheduled to open: **April 9, 2026, 11:00 am CST**

The following questions and answers will be made part of the above referenced solicitation.

This addendum is hereby officially made a part of the referenced solicitation and should be attached to the bidder's proposal or otherwise acknowledged therein.

If you have already submitted your proposal and this addendum causes you to revise your original bid, please indicate changes herein and return to Purchasing prior to bid opening in an envelope marked with the file number, bid opening date, and time. If this addendum does not cause you to revise your bid, please acknowledge receipt of the addendum by signing your name and company below and returning it in accordance with the provisions above.

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Q1: Weather Delays, Soil Saturation, and Stipulated Damages: The specifications state that mowing shall not be permitted when soil and weather conditions are such that right-of-way property will be damaged. If an interstate slope is too saturated from heavy rain to safely operate 8,000-pound tractors without causing severe rutting or safety hazards, does the 10-day completion clock officially pause, or is the contractor still subject to the daily stipulated damages outlined in Article VI, Section 6.5?

A1: The 10-day completion clock will officially pause when the Authorized City-Parish Representative is notified by the contractor of the unsuitable mowing conditions by text or email within four (4) hours.

Q2: Homeless Encampments and Biohazards: The scope of work requires litter mitigation under bridges and overpasses. If our crews encounter active homeless encampments or biohazards (e.g., used needles, human waste), are our laborers expected to clear these specific hazardous footprints, or is there a protocol to defer those isolated areas to City Police or Parish Sanitation without penalty to our cycle completion?

A2: Contractor is not expected to clear homeless encampments or biohazards. Written notification of homeless camps or biohazard sites is to be provided within four (4) hours of discovery to the Authorized City-Parish Representative with information regarding location and brief description of the area impacted. When confirmed by the Authorized City-Parish Representative, the impact to cycle completion will be taken into consideration.

Q3: Illegal Dumping Threshold vs. Standard Litter: The ITB defines litter as loose debris, tires, treads, loose wood, and concrete. However, interstate right-of-ways frequently become targets for high-volume illegal dumping (e.g., a truckload of roofing shingles, abandoned boats, or 30+ dumped tires). Is there a specific tonnage or volume cap per cycle where bulk debris transitions from "standard litter" to an "illegal dump site" requiring a separate City solid waste work order?

A3: There is no specific tonnage or volume cap per cycle, but any individual pile of more than one (1) cubic yard would be considered an "illegal dump site" and not the contractor's responsibility under this contract.

Q4: Herbicide Application and Weather Washout: The contract requires three cycles of herbicide application in concrete medians. If an unforeseen rain event occurs shortly after our licensed commercial applicators treat the medians, washing away the chemical before the manufacturer's suggested cure time, does the City require an immediate re-application at the contractor's expense, or is the cycle considered complete upon the initial documented application?

A4: The contractor should monitor weather conditions to ensure a safe and effective herbicide application. An immediate re-application will be provided at the contractor's expense if an unforeseen weather event washes out the herbicide application before the manufacturer's recommended cure time.

Q5: DOTD Lane Closures for Debris Retrieval: While the contract states all portions of the highway shall be kept open to traffic, occasionally large debris (e.g., an entire truck tire tread) rests directly on the white fog line. If a rolling slowdown or temporary lane closure is required strictly for the safe retrieval of large debris adjacent to the travel lane,

A5: In the example provided, the contractor should not attempt to retrieve the large debris for safety and the possible negative impact to traffic flow. DOTD currently has a contract in place for debris removal in and adjacent to the travel lane and will be used in situations as described. As a rule, the mowing contractor should focus on large debris removal in the area from the edge of the shoulder back toward the right of way.

Q6: Wet areas (Ex: corner of Oneal lane and interstate) That area is wet and not often cut currently. How are areas like that have to be mowed?

A6: Refer to SCHEDULE OF BID ITEMS, SECTION 6 MOWING: Natural Waterway or Canals Crossing the Right of Way