

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET, ROOM 334B
RALEIGH, NC 27601

IMPORTANT BID ADDENDUM

November 17, 2021

THE CONTRACTOR MUST SIGN THE ADDENDUM SIGNATURE PAGE WHERE INDICATED AND THE ENTIRE ADDENDUM SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH THE BID PACKAGE. FAILURE TO RETURN THE EXECUTED SIGNATURE PAGE(S) OF THE ADDENDUM MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF BID.

Bid Number: **54-SM-TA-12008752**

Service/Commodity: **Highway Mowing**

Addendum Number: **1**

Using Agency: **Triangle Expressway Wake and Durham Counties**

Purchaser: **Sharon McCalop**

Opening Date/Time: **November 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS: Please adhere to the following change on the bid referenced above:

THIS BID ADDENDUM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 22, 2021 AT 2:00 PM.

Response to questions received:

How many cycles of routine and cleanup mowing and trimming were actually allowed due to “budget constraints” in 2021?
Four cycles, two routine and two cleanup.

If the cycles were less than advertised in the contract, was a supplementary agreement provided to compensate the contractor accordingly (due to the fact that the contractor is mowing bigger grass, thus more costly and slower than it would be if the contractor mowed the number of cycles originally advertised and bid on)?

There was no supplemental agreement as the cycles in the contract are an estimate and not guaranteed.

What are your expectations for the 2022 mowing season related to the amount of mowing and trimming cycles you have listed in the contract?

Pre 2020 the Department averaged eight cycles per year. This average should be similar moving forward but all cycles are not guaranteed.

As it relates to the litter cycles, How many litter cycles were actually allowed in 2021 due to “budget constraints”?

There was not a litter contract for the full year of 2021. The Department picked up litter until July 2021.

If the cycles were less than 12, was a supplementary agreement provided to compensate the contractor accordingly (due to the fact that the contractor is picking up the same amount of litter regardless of the number of cycles)?

The Department picked up litter until July 2021.

What are your actual expectations for the number of litter cycles for the 2022 season?

Twelve cycles.

During the 2021 calendar year an ANSI II approved backpack was submitted for review and approval to the Department. Will the backpack that was submitted be allowed for use by employees on these contracts?

ANSI II Backpacks will not be allowed by employees on this contract. Please refer to page 12 Safety Vests.

This contract identify multiply cycles for litter pickup. If these cycles are not utilized, will a supplemental agreement be provided for price adjustments to the cycles that are completed. For example, if there are 12 cycles in the contract for litter pickup and due to the budget it is reduced to 6 will the contractor be given an opportunity to adjust their prices accordingly? The amount of trash is the same we are just picking it up less times.

All cycles are not guaranteed and there are no intentions of adding a supplemental agreement.

In this contract it has 10 mowing cycles. The last 2 years of the contract, the contractor has only been allowed to mow 4 cycles. Why are 10 cycles still be utilized in the bid proposal as they are misleading to the contractor for pricing.

Previous year averages were eight cycles per year and the Department expects to be close to that number. Unforeseen circumstances can affect the number of cycles such as a virus or weather conditions. The Department plans to be back on a regular schedule for 2022 but all cycles are not guaranteed.

EXECUTE ADDENDUM:

BIDDER: _____

ADDRESS (CITY & STATE): _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NAME and TITLE (Typed): _____

Deliver To:

**Bid No. 54-SM-TA-12008752
Attention: Sharon McCalop
N.C. Department of Transportation
Purchasing Section
1 South Wilmington Street, Room 334B
Raleigh, N.C. 27601**

Check **ONLY** one of the following categories and return one properly executed copy of this addendum **prior** to bid opening time and date.

- Bid has already been mailed. Changes resulting from this addendum are as follows:
- Bid has already been mailed. **NO CHANGES** resulted from this addendum
- Bid has **NOT** been mailed and **ANY CHANGES** resulting from this addendum are included in our bid.