All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Samol Hefley by June 2, 2020. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City’s website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org: Navigate to Current Contracting Opportunities / Services, and then click Questions and Answers for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

**Question 1:** Define Tree equipment operator

**Answer 1:** Tree Equipment Operator: includes those operating and trained in the use of, but not limited to, a chipper (turning on and off, and feeding limbs and branches), stump grinder, grapple, crane, aerial lift, or power trimmers/saws for tree removal, trimming and mulching.

**Question 2:** Flagger Item is this per person?

**Answer 2:** Yes, the flagger rate per hour is for one person

**Question 3:** Wood hauling, there is no line item for this, where should this be included in bid?

**Answer 3:** Wood hauling is to be included in the wood disposal fee.

**Question 4:** Wood hauling truck there is no bid line item for this, we have a grapple truck that picks up the wood. Where should I include this item?

**Answer 4:** This should be incorporated into the wood disposal fee.

**Question 5:** Specialized equipment item (crane) there is no line item for this where should I put this?

**Answer 5:** This has been added to the bid specification.

**Question 6:** Personnel item states climbing crew & groundsperson or equipment operator does this mean 2 crew members or can we include a full crew in this category?

**Answer 6:** Both the climbing and right-of-way crews are to include 3 people selected from the following positions (tree trimmer in charge, tree trimmer, tree equipment operator, faller, bucker, tree trimmer apprentice, or groundsperson). You will identify which of these employees typically make up each crew on the bid specification sheet. Slight variations on these crews will be allowed when deemed appropriate for the given work. Additional people can be added to the standard crew, however the standard crew rate will apply. If there is another position common to your standard crew, please fill in the “other” line on the bid specification sheet.
**Question 7:** What topsoil should be used for projects?

**Answer 7:** The topsoil to be used in all projects requiring topsoil is Tagro Topsoil, and does not include the Tagro Mix or the Tagro Potting Soil. The Topsoil line item can be found in the Equipment and Materials section, and should only include the fees associated with hauling, dumping and spreading the topsoil. The contractor shall pay for the topsoil from Tagro and be reimbursed for the soil only with a receipt.

**Question 8:** Are there exceptions to the General Provisions Section 2.07B Unavoidable Delays, specifically, "unavoidable delays will not include delays caused by weather conditions"?

**Answer 8:** Weather conditions making it unsafe for tree removal and pruning will not be considered an unavoidable delay. These conditions include severe storm warnings for strong winds, hail, thunderstorms, tornados, rain, snow, or freezing rain.