



**City of Tacoma
Environmental Services / Science & Engineering
Tree Removal and Pruning Re-bid
RFB ES20-0-0229F**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Samol Hefley by August 18, 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: Once a non-emergency request has been generated and authorized, how much lead time is allowed for scheduling the work?

Answer 1: Once a non-emergency Formal Task Authorization is issued to the contractor, the contractor has seven calendar days to respond with completed cost estimate information and proposed schedule of work for City approval. Upon City approval of the Formal Task Authorization Form, the contractor must complete the work within one calendar week and within four days of the commencement of work, unless otherwise directed by the City. In non-emergency situations, the City is likely to be flexible in the timing for completion of work and the contractor can propose a schedule of work that differs from seven days. However, all work must still be completed within four days of commencement.

Question 2: Regarding Bucket trucks, 3 different sizes are listed (50-55, 60-70, and 80-92). Will the city be requiring certain sized trucks be used on certain projects, or is it at the discretion of the contractor to decide the best approach?

Answer 2: The City does not require certain sized trucks be used, however the City does expect the contractor to use equipment that enables work to be completed safely. Do fill in all the required cells or blanks in the table, even if you do not use that size bucket truck. For example, if you only have one bucket truck, you would fill in the same rate for all three bucket truck cells in the table. Every cell must be filled in.

Question 3: Regarding a 80-92 foot bucket, we don't use one and have never had occasion to use one. Is this a requirement? Can we omit this line from the bid?

Answer 3: This is not a requirement, but this line must be filled in. Please refer to Q2 for the answer.