14000 International Road

Cumberland, Ohio 43732

**Addendum No. 01**

**February 17, 2025**

To the Request for Proposals for:

**The Wilds- Hellbender RV Campground Landscaping**

**TO ALL BIDDERS:**

This Addendum supplements and amends the original Request for Proposals and shall be taken into account in preparing proposals and shall become a part of the Contract Documents.

**General Clarifications, Information, and Bid RFP Responses**

1. Is there a place on-site where backfill/extra dirt can be placed?

**Response: Yes, any extra soil can be placed on the north end of the campground where the main north/south campground road ends.**

1. What are the requirements for water bags and for filling them up?

**Response: Water bags should hold at least 20 gallons, and the contractor will be responsible for filling them up the first time. The Wilds staff will then fill them weekly throughout the growing season.**

1. What are the requirements for size and shape of the mulched area around each tree?

**Response: The mulched area around each tree should be 6’ x 6’ square with 2” depth.**

1. If additional soil is needed, is the contractor required to bring it in?

**Response: Yes, contractors should include this additional cost in their bid or include in the contingency cost.**

1. Is there any edging required?

**Response: There is no edging required around trees or stone areas.**

1. Can the contractor use a straw blanket to cover re-seeded areas that were disrupted during the project?

**Response: Yes.**

1. Does starter fertilizer need to be used?

**Response: No.**

1. Do we require pre-emergent herbicide to be used?

**Response: No.**

1. What is the overall project deadline?

**Response: Tree planting deadline is April 18, 2025, and the Project deadline is May 19, 2025.**

1. Can contract staff work on the weekends? After normal business hours?

**Response: Yes, contracted staff can work on the weekends and before/after normal business hours as long as this is arranged with the Director of Facilities, John Campbell, ahead of time.**

1. Does The Wilds provide a bid form, or will the contractor need to provide it?

**Response: The contractor will need to provide their own bid form using the guidelines within the RFP under the section titled “Proposal Submission Format and Requirements” (pages 8-9).**

1. How would you like the bid amount broken down?

**Response: Please use the “Proposal Submission Format and Requirements” section of the RFP for requirements of what to include in the bid.**

1. Does this project fall under the $5,000,000.00 insurance requirement for excavation projects (page 6)?

**Response: Yes.**

1. Whose responsibility is it to mark where utility lines are?

**Response: The contractor is responsible for marking and avoiding utility lines.**

1. Will there be a staging area available for materials (mulch, river stone, etc.)?

**Response: Yes, there will be a designated staging area on site.**

1. Can you provide a list of alternatives for tree species in case some are unavailable?

**Response: If a species is unavailable, the trees can be replaced with an alternate species listed (except White Oak) within the Landscaping Plan or Exhibit B of the RFP at 2” caliper. If the quantity of total trees needed cannot be found at the 2” caliper across the list of project species (Exhibit B), then an alternative Ohio native tree species may be used (such as Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)). Any changes/substitutions to tree caliper size, quantity of each species, tree species included, and/or location of trees must be pre-approved prior to bid submission by Genelle Uhrig (**[**guhrig@thewilds.org**](mailto:guhrig@thewilds.org)**).**

1. Will an electronic version of the landscaping plan be available?

**Response: Yes. An electronic version of the landscaping plan will be emailed to everyone on the sign-in sheet as well as made available on the RFP website.**

1. Are there any restrictions on which nurseries are used?

**Response: No, there are no restrictions for which nurseries may be used.**

1. Can you provide names of nurseries that might have hard-to-find species?

Response: Below is a list of nurseries that *may* have the species listed in Exhibit B.

* + 1. **Ty Ty Plant Nursery, LLC- mail order shipped from Ty Ty, Georgia- tytyga.com**
    2. **Cerbo’s Parsippany Greenhouses- New Jersey- cerbogreenhouse.com**
    3. **Quail Ridge Specimen Trees- Ohio native trees and shrubs-qrstrees.com**

1. Does this project require prevailing wage?

**Response: No, this project does not require prevailing wage.**

1. Are the following suitable substitutions for species unable to find?
   1. **Chinese Chestnut (*Castaneda mollissima*)** 
      1. **No. We prefer any tree replacements to be Ohio native species. See response to question P above.**
   2. **Horse chestnut**
      1. **No- Non-native.**
   3. **Kentucky Coffee**
      1. **No- Non-native to SE Ohio, may not grow well in reclaimed soils.**
   4. **Hackberry Tree**
      1. **No- while native to Ohio, we are not sure it will grow well in reclaimed soils.**
   5. **Chinkapin Oak**
      1. **No- while native to Ohio, we are not sure it will grow well in reclaimed soils.**
2. Is there flexibility in the requirement of Contractor’s Pollution Liability (Page 6) and Professional Liability (Page 7) coverage?

**Response: Yes. The work outlined in the RFP does not include environmentally sensitive hazardous types of activities or professional design services, so these two types of coverage are not required.**

1. Is there flexibility in the 10% DEI goal requirement?

**Response: Yes. The 10% DEI goal is no longer required as laid out on Page 8 and Page 12. See CHANGES AND UPDATES TO RFP section below.**

1. Clarification is needed on the amount of river stone estimated.

**Response: The estimate of 17,000 SF of river stone was estimated as follows:**

**Pull-Thru RV sites: 765 SF x 15 Spaces = 11,475 SF**

**Back-In RV sites: 130 SF x 26 Spaces = 3,380 SF**

**Primitive Tent sites: 35 SF x 31 Spaces = 1,085 SF**

**Total SF = 15,940 \*1.05 (5% added as buffer) = 16,737 SF ~ 17,000 SF (rounded up to be safe)**

**CHANGES AND UPDATES TO RFP**

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion goal requirements listed on Page 8 and Page 12 in the RFP are no longer required.

An additional contact person, Genelle Uhrig-Director of Ecology, has been added for inclusion in all correspondence (Page 2).

Addition to Scope of Work Description section (page 3):

Any changes/substitutions for caliper size, tree species quantity, tree species included, and/or location of trees must be pre-approved by Genelle Uhrig prior to bid submission.

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