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Site Visit Questions and Clarifications

1. Q. When does sanding happen?
A. The sanding of all sidewalks and roads are not separate requirements. Anytime snow shovelling or snow plowing is done, it must be followed by a sanding. This is to be priced accordingly as per the Pricing Schedule.
2. Q. Is sanding paid for separately?
A. There ~~shall~~ may be requirements for extra sanding upon request by the Project Authority. These requests will be priced and paid for separately as per the Pricing Schedule in the Request for Proposal.
3. Q. What happens when snow drifts in?
A. The Contractor must ensure that all snow drifting must be monitored and resolved/taken care of on an ongoing basis.
4. Q. At what point do we know to come out and shovel/plow snow?
A. ~~Callouts shall be made for 5 cm of snow or higher.~~ We don't make "callouts" they are just expected to arrive and perform the snow clearing when the snow reaches that point. Can we reword this response to read: *Snow shovelling/plowing and sanding must be completed when a minimum of 5cm of snow has accumulated as per Environment Canada, as per the Pricing Schedule and the Statement of Work.*
5. Q. What if it continues to snow all day or gets windy?
A. ~~Callouts shall be made during blustery wind if/when drifting occurs.~~ Again, we prefer not to have to be on the phone constantly calling them to come out, but they should be checking on this on their own and coming in as needed. If we have to, we will call them to come in, but it's not a pattern we want to establish. Let's say, "Snow clearing services must be provided as needed and ongoing if required due to drifting or windy conditions."
6. Q. Can we pile snow temporarily and remove it the next day or pile it up against a fence temporarily.
A. No. Snow ~~may~~ is never to be stockpiled except in the designated area in the field at the Arlington location. The Contractor must have arrangements to remove the snow as it is shovelled or plowed.
7. Q. Do we have to clear the sand from the lots or the field in the spring?

~~A. There shall be no spring cleanup requirement as part of this resulting contract.~~ The clean up of the accumulation of sand in the parking lot and on the pathways is to be done under a separate contract and is not required under this agreement. The Contractor will, however, be responsible for any repairs to curbs, fences or electrical outlets due to damage done throughout the winter season.

8. Q. Can we use salt to prevent slippery surface?

A. To clarify the application of sand/salt and granite: As per the Statement of Work in the Contract document, crushed granite is to be used on walkways, sidewalk, and handicapped ramps. For the parking lot, sand with a 5% salt ratio, is to be used.

9. Q. Are there vehicles in the parking lot all night?

A. Yes, the Contractor must work around parked vehicles.

10. Q. All damage to be fixed at contractor's expense?

A. Yes, absolutely.

11. Q. Do we have to clear the entire entranceway and exit way at all 3 facilities?

A. Yes. ~~All front areas must look/have great esthetics.~~ Yes. The facilities covered under this contract must maintain a professional, accessible appearance. This includes having full access to all entries and exits for each facility, at all times.

12. Q. Can we use skid steers on the gravel path at the Arlington location?

A. Skid steers must not be used on gravel path at the Arlington site.

13. Q. Do you want to see the lines in the parking lot at all times?

A. Yes, all snow clearing must be done to the pavement. The lines in the parking lot must be seen at all times and walkways must be down to the pavement at all times.

14. Q. Can we store heavy equipment on site?

A. Provisions can be made to store a snow blower and some shovels, but no large or heavy equipment is to be stored on site at all. ~~There is no onsite storage available for contractor equipment.~~

15. Q. Can we store a pile of sand on site?

A. Aside from the 10 barrels of crushed granite that are to be provided by the Contractor and left in designated areas for treating entrances, walkways and emergency exits, no piles of sand are to be stored in the Arlington overflow parking lot or at any other location.

16. Q. Do we have to clear all emergency exits?

A. All doorways and their walkways to an egress route must be clear of snow at all times.

17. Q. Can we use Power brooms on walkways?

A. Yes, power brooms, and snow blowers may be allowed on walkways.

18. Q. Do we have to move picnic tables to shovel those areas?

A. No, picnic tables do not have to be moved/relocated.

19. Q. What happens if we clear a walkway and the City comes by and clears the sidewalk?

A. The Contractor must clear up any snow left behind that hinders access, after City snow clearing.