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AMENDMENT 01

This amendment is being raised to distribute the minutes from the bidders' conference on December 13, 2018.

A) ATTENDEES

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B) BIDDER QUESTIONS

Q1 I was looking for more information as out lined in Section 31 11 2.3 item .1 was not able to find Figure 2 in the provided documents. Or I was essentially looking for a plan locating the areas around the park that this work is planned for.

A1 Maps will be posted as an amendment (see folder DSP2_18-0404.zip)

Q2 The questions I have regard to the specific power equipment that would be permitted to dismantle and rebuild the fence. Ideally I would like to be able to use a 60 horse skid steer or small tractor and post pounder is this going to be permitted? The section that refers to this says tire pressure of 7psi and I believe even a small skid steer has a tire pressure of 25psi. Would a brush mower on the front of the skid steer be permitted to knock down small shrubs and grass in the intended clearing area?

A2 The goal is to minimize ground disturbance. Please choose equipment appropriately to achieve this goal. We will ask for a list of proposed equipment prior to mobilization. There will be restricted equipment access at key cultural heritage/archaeological areas.

Q3 Is there a penalty for not completing the Scope within the desired timeline? (Weather could be a factor in delays)

A3 There is not a penalty for not completing the scope with the desired timeline. It is expected that the contractor will do everything they can to have the work completed by the provided deadline, however, we understand that there are some factors outside of the contractor's control (eg. bad weather) that can impact the schedule and could extend the completion date.

Q4 What is the grass formula in the area that will need to be used when reseeding the disturbed areas?

A4 The description of the mix will be provided. It is preferred that disturbance will be minimized so that reseeding is not required.

Q5 Do we have access to the fence line from both the Fort Walsh side and the landowner's sides?

A5 Contractor will have access to both sides of the fence. Communication will be required between the contractor, Parks, and the Landowner to coordinate the timelines for access.

Q6 Are we limited to the size of equipment onsite and the weight?

A6 The goal is to minimize ground disturbance, so equipment should be chosen accordingly. A list of proposed equipment will be required prior to mobilization.

Q7 Is there an area where campers may be parked to avoid everyday travel and mobilization charges?

A7 Camping is not allowed on site, however camping may be available nearby at Cypress Hills Provincial Park. Contractor is responsible for coordinating accommodations.

Q8 It notes in the documents that the removal and clearing must be complete by the end of March. And that the install to be completed by end of June. To confirm we are able to do the removal of the entire site first and then proceed with install once cleared? (This will leave some land owners exposed during this install period)

A8 This removal and clearing specifically refers to the vegetation. This timeline is due to the breeding & nesting window for birds and bats. Where possible, the fence should be replaced the same day it is removed. In some circumstances, temporary single wire fencing may be allowed in areas where same day fence installation is not possible (eg. During tree removal). It is important to keep cattle out of the Park property, and keep horses within the fence. Proposed plans for temporary fencing should be reviewed with Parks prior to installation.

Q9 Considering the size of the project and how long it will take we would like to confirm that monthly progress bills will be accepted and paid net 30?

A9 Yes, monthly progress billing is acceptable.

Q10 Will the removal and the install of the fence line be coordinated by park staff or will the contractor have the Authority to start and finish where they see fit?

A10 The contractor's preferred plan should be submitted for review, as there are some potential issues to consider. Specifically, there are some areas of concern that will need some coordination with the Cultural Resource Manager and the Park staff.

Q11 It is also noted in the Tender Documents that a brief meeting will be held in regards to environmental protection. How long will this meeting be? And will it be onsite or over the phone?

A11 There will be a discussion about Environmental Requirements during the start-up meeting. Additionally, there will be a short orientation which will be approximately 30 minutes. Additionally, a short orientation regarding cultural resources and archaeological sites will also be held. If this needs to be held prior to mobilization, it will be held by teleconference.

Q12 How many creek crossings will there be onsite? We have noted two but would like to confirm that number.

A12 There are 2 crossings at Battle Creek. Additionally there are 3 areas that are fed by streams or are boggy. One is located on the North portion of the fence, the other 2 are on the west side.

Q13 When can work begin on site?

A13 As soon as possible.

Q14 Has any clearing been done regularly at the fence line? What size of trees can be expected? And, can the trees be bulldozed?

A14 Clearing is not done regularly along the fence line, you can expect that the treed areas are overgrown. There are full size trees, mostly poplar. No, dozers should not be used to cut down the trees and vegetation.

Q15 Access to the fence line should be by roads and trails, are there trails or roads along the fence line?

A15 No, it is understood that vehicles and equipment will not be on roads along the fence line. Stay inside the Park side of the fence line as much as possible.

Q16 Where will the removed trees be placed? What happens with the shrubs?

A16 Trees should be stacked within the Park property along the fence line in neat piles that will facilitate drying. Shrubs and grasses will be mulched and can be left. Placement of tree piles and mulch should be in consultation with Park staff.

Q17 We are aware that there are some steep hills around the site. Are there concerns with equipment being able to go up and down those hills?

A17 Some areas of the hills may be too steep to access with an ATV or 4x4 truck, but should be accessible with a tracked vehicle/equipment.

Q18 When will we know what areas and how many areas are flagged as key areas of concern regarding Cultural Resources/Archaeological sites?

A18 There are approximately 8 areas that will be flagged prior to construction start up. These areas will generally be avoided. So only handwork can be done in these areas. If existing posts cannot be removed due to access restrictions, they may be left. These areas should be discussed with the Cultural Resources Manager.

Q19 Did someone from Parks or the Consultant walk the fence line to determine how much work is required and how long they expect the work to take?

A19 Parks is generally aware of the conditions of the fence and surrounding vegetation. The trees have not been cleared since the fence was installed, so it can be assumed these areas are overgrown. The timelines provided were based on consultations with site staff, and the consultants. Any unexpected factors that could potentially impact the schedule should be discussed with Parks as soon as they are found.

Q20 The documents say the vegetation should be cleared prior to the replacement of the fence, so the contractor would have to go around the entire fence line twice?

A20 We have not specified the specific plan for the removal of vegetation and the fence replacement. If the fence line can be replaced at the same time as the vegetation, that is acceptable. The key issue is that trees and shrubs must be removed by March so that we do not interfere with the birds and bats nesting window which is roughly April through August. Work would have to be stopped if active bird nests are found.

Q21 There are some sandstone hills in the area where it may be difficult to install wood posts, can we use metal posts?

A21 Yes. A standard metal fence post is acceptable.

Q22 Can small trees be mulched as well?

A22 Yes

Q23 We are aware that cougars are in this area. Are there any things we should be aware of? Are they found in any particular areas more than others?

A23 Generally, cougars will avoid people, but tell crews to be aware that they could be present. They most often travel along the creeks and in the trees, but could be found anywhere.

Q24 If angles are required in the fences at areas such as the archaeological sites, at what angle are braces required? 15° and greater?

A24 Yes

Q25 Is it required to call First Call/Dial before you dig? And if so, who is responsible?

A25 Yes, this call should be made. The contractor is responsible.

Q26 Is it acceptable to drag trees into the piles, rather than lifting?

A26 Yes. Please be aware that we want to minimize ground disturbance.

Q27 Can posts be cut off rather than pulled out?

A27 Yes, but care should be taken to avoid leaving pieces of the posts sticking up that could be stepped on or tripped over.

Q28 Can post holes be reused for the new posts? If not, do post holes need to be filled in?

A28 Post holes could be reused as long as the new posts are the same size or larger so that they are

securely installed. All post holes must be filled in, otherwise they become a hazard.

Q29 Is there a topographical map of the area available?

A29 We will look into this. There are a number of free topographical maps available online and you may be able to find one for this area.

Q30 Can you provide more information about the other 3 wet areas? And would it be best to deal with these areas in the winter so they are easier to cross?

A30 The area in the north is a stream approximately 5m across. On the west side, both areas are boggy. The northernmost bog is approximately 10m wide, and the southernmost bog is approximately 50m wide. It would be acceptable to work in these areas in the winter time.

Q31 When installing the fence at the creeks, can they be crossed, or do they need to be accessed from each side? Does the fence cross the creek?

A31 You would need to access the creek from either side. The fence will stop at each side of the creek with a brace end. The fence does not cross the creek.

Q32 Where are in-line braces required?

A32 See the drawings. It is roughly at the end of a roll of wire.

Q33 Are metal posts ok in wet areas?

A33 Probably, but each area should be reviewed with the Park first prior to using a different type of post.

Q34 When existing tree branches are cut off is a treatment required on the cuts of the tree?

A34 No treatment is required. Please ensure proper pruning techniques are used.

Q35 Are any permits required?

A35 No permits are required by the Park.

Q36 How many points along the fence are there intersections with other fences? And are typical corner details required at these intersections?

A36 Other than corners on the main fence line, there are 4-5 total intersections with other existing fences. Yes, typical corner details are required.

Q37 In areas with minimal or no tree removal, do we still need to cut shrubs and grass along the clearing areas beside the fence?

A37 Yes. Grass alone is not as much of a concern, but shrubs should be removed.

Q38 Is there a specific area for laydown? Perhaps in the south end of the fence line?

A38 Prior to bringing any material on site, the lay down area(s) will need to be approved. Any proposed areas should be on Parks property.

Q39 Is there any measurement of the areas of trees along the fence line?

A39 No.

Q40 Should trees removed on the Landowner's side still be placed on the Park's side of the fence?

A40 Yes.

Q41 What size of trailers can come up the road?

A41 We have seen 40" trailers brought up that road.

C) TENDER PACKAGE CHANGES

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