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RFP – South Tongue Point Restoration – Post-Construction Plantings

Addendum #1

November 20, 2023

Dear Interested Parties:

The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) is issuing this addendum to its open request for proposals (RFP) for planting services at its South Tongue Point Restoration site. This addendum addresses issues discussed during the pre-bid site visit and questions submitted afterward by email. Please use this information when crafting proposals. The addendum does not change the due date or substance of requested proposals.

Items of Note from Pre-Bid Site Visit

1. When looking at the project drawings (included in bid package), please note that the Scrapedown Area and Forested Swale (shown most prominently on Drawing C10, Sheet 15 of 30) were not constructed. Flow-through Channel 2 was constructed but with a slightly altered alignment and slightly greater length. There is an access road leading down to Flow-through Channel 2 that will require planting, though in relatively low densities. Staging Area 2 and Fill Area 2 were constructed with slightly different shapes than what are shown in the drawings but with similar total areas.
2. It is hard to see in the drawings, but there is a strip of the Scrub-Shrub High Marsh planting zone that runs along Flow-through Channels 1 and 2. The band is narrow, limited by elevation, and runs essentially from the toe of the sideslopes up to elevation 9.5 feet NAVD88. Given the standing water in this zone, the upper elevation limit in this zone could be raised slightly, as high as 10 feet NAVD88.
3. Contrary to what was said during the pre-bid site visit, there are areas of Low Marsh and Mid-Marsh in Tidal Channel Network 6 that should be planted with bare root herbaceous stock. The areas to be planted are limited by elevation and will be marked by CREST prior to planting.

4. CREST is more than willing to entertain proposals that include pre-planting root treatments/inoculation's, such as with a mycorrhizal root dip. Mycorrhizal root dip treatments were found to boost survivorship of plants planted in drought-stressed areas of Woodland Island, a site constructed entirely from relatively coarse dredge sand.

Questions from Contractors

What is your anticipated turnaround time from bid submittals to contract execution?

CREST is planning to hold a scoring meeting to select a contractor on the afternoon of Monday, December 4th. The winning contractor will be notified late in the day on December 4th. CREST anticipates being able to have a contract executed by Wednesday, December 6th, assuming no delays in contract signatures.

Will all of the container plants (#1's, tall-gallons, and plugs) be going into the 2 uplands? If not, please describe which other areas will get potted stock.

All containers **with one exception** will be planted in the two upland fill areas. The exception is the 500 mixed conifers from Oregon Department of Forestry, which are likely to include some forestry plugs and some bare roots (exact species and stock type mix is unknown). Those conifers will be scattered throughout the fill areas, staging areas, banks of Flow-through Channel 1, and access roads.

The RFP package is available online at <https://www.columbiaestuary.org/rfps.html>. Please direct questions to Tracy Hruska, Project Manager, at thruska@columbiaestuary.org

As before, all proposals must be received by 4 pm on December 1st, 2023. Please submit proposals in PDF form to Tracy Hruska at the email address above

Sincerely,

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Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce