



MEMORANDUM

FROM: The College of New Jersey

DATE: March 6, 2020

RE: AB200020-Tree Inventory
Addendum No. 1

The following questions have been received:

Question 1: In accordance with NJ Tree Experts and tree care operators licensing act 45:15C only a Licensed Tree Expert is permitted to conduct the services you describe in RFP # AB200020. Both qualifications listed in the RFP are for certified arborist with trac qualification, both are not allowed to perform assessment services under the law. Only a NJ Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) is. A copy of the law is available at: njtreeexperts.org

Answer: Arborists collecting data shall be a New Jersey Licensed Tree Expert(LTE).

Question 2: Under mandatory submission, you require a Public Work Contractor Registration and it is to be noted that the recently passed legislation requires all PWC holders to have a apprenticeship program in place and there are none for the tree care industry unless they have one in-house. The industry is waiting for a reply from a January 30th letter sent to the State Director of NJ Bureau of Apprentice Training Programs to clear up this problem.

Answer: This project does not fall under Public Works Contractor Registration.

Question 3: One of the data points the College wants collected is estimated asset value. Do you want an appraised value of each tree using methods detailed in the Guide for Plant Appraisal, 10th Edition? If not, any additional detail of what you are looking for would be appreciated.

Answer: Appraised value should be based off of size, species factor, condition factor and location factor. Data will be helpful if a tree needs to be removed for a construction project.

Question 4: Under Tree Assessment, the RFP states: “All trees that are determined to have an *Overall Tree Risk Rating* related to health or tree structure issues are to be quoted separately for a *Level 3 Advanced assessment*. All trees assigned an *Overall Tree Risk Rating* are to be noted in

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the report.” All trees with a potential target will receive a Risk Rating, so are you asking for a level 3 advanced assessment for each tree? Or, are you asking for a level 3 advanced assessment for all trees with a certain risk rating?

Answer: Level 3 assessment to be quoted separately for any tree that is deemed to be at risk of failure or a hazard to buildings or people. Only trees with a certain risk rating.

Questions 5: There are multiple Level 3 Advanced Assessment techniques/methods noted in the RFP. These methods have different costs associated. Can we submit a cost per tree per method? For example, a cost per tree for a root collar excavation, a cost per tree for resistograph testing, etc?

Answer: Quote should be for whichever approved methods are needed to properly assess the risk and make recommendations as to a remedy.

Question 6: Would you like a written narrative summarizing the company background and experience, understanding of the scope of the project, and work plan for the project included in the response or are we expected to just fill out the provided forms and attached copies of our certifications, etc?

Answer: Any bidder who wishes to provide this documentation is welcome to include it in their bid.

CHANGES TO SPECIFICATION:

Remove the requirement for ISA Certified Arborist and TRAQ.

End of Addendum No. 1