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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 2
Top Soil, Bank Sand, Clay-Filled Dirt and Conditioners for Various Departments

Reference: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: S21-S24544

To All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reason:

- To revise the above referenced solicitation as follows:

In Section B, page 6 of 22 replace with attached page 6 of 22 marked revised April 5, 2013.

This Letter of Clarification will be considered part of the solicitation referenced above. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s).

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each BIDDER to obtain any previous Letter(s) of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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SECTION B.

CITY OF HOUSTON TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOP SOIL, BANK SAND, CLAY-FILLED DIRT AND CONDITIONERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

1.0 TRANSPORTATION AND WEIGHING:

- 1.1 Unloading shall be at the expense of the Supplier. The total weight of top soil, bank sand, or clay-filled dirt and conditioners delivered shall be based on accurate gross and tare weights recorded on Texas Department of Agriculture (TDOA) Official Certificates (Customer Copy) generated on a TDOA registered truck scale at a TDOA authorized Public Weigher facility (Reference Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 1, Chapter 12 and Texas Agriculture Code, Title 2, Chapter 13).
- 1.2 Each vehicle shall be weighed empty and then reweighed when filled for each delivery at the point of pick up. In the event of a weight dispute, the City of Houston weight will govern. The City reserves the right to verify the submitted weights using onsite City scales at no additional cost to the City.

2.0 FACILITIES AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

Bids will be accepted only from bidders who own, operate or have access to a plant by supplier which guarantees continued availability through the term of the Award.

3.0 INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE:

- 3.1 All materials to be furnished under this award must be available for inspection by City Personnel, at the City's option, prior to an award. Furthermore, the material proposed by the successful bidder shall be subject to inspection before any delivery is initiated on any individual purchase order. All materials delivered shall be inspected in accordance with these specifications.
- 3.2 The City reserves the right to reject any load that has **"any undesirable material in it."**

4.0 WEIGHT TICKETS:

No handwritten tickets will be accepted. Any weight tickets where the weights have been altered will not be accepted.

5.0 TOP SOIL BY TANDEM/DUMP TRUCK LOAD (GROUP I, LINE ITEM NO. 1):

- 5.1 Top soil shall be fertile loam, easily cultivated and free from objectionable material including rocks, roots, and other vegetation. It shall have a relatively high erosion resistance and be readily able to support the growth of planting, seeding or sodding.

- 5.2 Loam is defined as follows:

Dry - Clods are moderately difficult to break mellow, somewhat gritty.

Moist - Sample is neither very gritty nor very smooth, forms a firm ball, and can stain fingers.

Percentage of sand is between 23 – 53%

Percentage of silt is between 28 - 50%

Percentage of clay is between 7 - 27%