

## Q&A Responses

*Dated July 12, 2022*

### **Question Received:**

Who is the MWRD contractor?

### **Answer:**

MWRD's selected contractor is F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Associates, LLC.

### **Question Received:**

Will the MWRD contractor and OAI contractor be working on-site at the same time? or is the MWRD contractor going to finish all parameters of their contract specs prior to the OAI contractor proceeding?

### **Answer:**

Per the RFP, there will need to be onsite coordination with MWRD's contractor (as noted in the quoted text below). However, major earthwork in the OAI RFP planting area of the site would be completed by the MWRD contractor prior to OAI's selected contractor doing any planting.

*"Site Use Coordination: As explained earlier, this OAI RFP is part of a larger initiative being managed and overseen by MWRD and its contractor. Coordination efforts will be directed through the MWRD Contractor. Installation plans, onsite logistics and staging areas, and regular coordination between project partners and contractors will be necessary. The selected OAI Contractor will be expected to assume responsibility for this coordination."*

### **Question Received:**

I noticed volume 1 of the MWRD specs was not included in the documents that you provided. Will this project be exempt from the requirements included in that section?

### **Answer:**

Per OAI's RFP:

*"Volume 1 of MWRD's original bid documents does not pertain to this OAI RFP and has not been included in the RFP packet. Any reference to Volume 1 in the above provided materials are not applicable to OAI Contractor."*

**Question Received:**

Also, do you have a bidders list?

**Answer:**

OAI does not have a bidders list.

**Question Received:**

Since this is an MWRD project, does the multi-project labor agreement apply and is Union labor required?

**Answer:**

No.

Also, per the RFP:

*“OAI Contractor is not required to pay prevailing wages.”*

**Question Received:**

Do you know approximately when the site would be ready for planting?

**Answer:**

Per the timeline provided in the RFP:

*Early Spring 2023:*

- *Contractor assesses the vegetated health of the areas seeded the previous fall. Contractor will then either overseed the entire area or complete supplemental seeding of areas where the vegetation is sparse (within OAI portion of site)*

*Spring-Summer 2023:*

- *Contractor will plant seeds, plants, plugs, and trees in the diversion channel area (per the Contract Plans and generally outlined in Figure 1 above, pink highlighted area). The planting will be in accordance with the Contract Plans, Contract Specifications, Reference Documents, Itemized Planting List, and finalized Implementation Plan.*

**Question Received:**

When would the GSI maintenance session be held?

**Answer:**

Per the timeline provided in the RFP:

*Spring-Summer 2023:*

- *Contractor will assist and participate in the local, half-day training session (date TBD)*

The training session will occur in the Spring of 2023. The exact date is TBD.

**Question Received:**

The specifications call for:

- B. GEOCOIR /DeKoWe 400 and 700: Provide coir blankets for erosion control on all slopes 3:1 or greater except where closely planted shrubs prohibit use.

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In Reference Document Volume 2 Specifications section 32-93-00-17

Is it the intention to use either the 400 or 700 Geocoir for the entire prairie seeding areas? Most of the slopes look to be 3:1.

Would straw blanket be acceptable above the 100yr waterline on 3:1 slopes?

**Answer:**

Yes.

For bidding purposes, assume straw blanket is not acceptable.

**Question Received:**

Will the contents of the Itemized Planting list be released to the public after the bid, or just the totals in the Proposal pricing sheet?

**Answer:**

No. OAI may publish the Itemized Planting list, but without pricing details.

**Question Received:**

Do you intend for the prices in the Itemized planting list excel sheet to be the final installed prices for those items. As in, do you want the seed price to include the seed, installation of seed, ground prep, and blanket all rolled into the excel sheet pricing?

Or

Should the Itemized planting list excel sheet track the materials cost, and the installation and blanket costs be rolled on top of that into the lump sum on the proposal pricing sheet.

Please let me know how you would like to see the final numbers presented.

**Answer:**

Per the RFP:

*“Provide pricing for individual, furnished, installed, and delivered plants, trees, shrubs, and seed mixes included in the Base Bid. Note: Bidders should use the Itemized Planting List included in the RFP Packet to denote the individual, unit pricing costs.”*

The Itemized Planting List pricing should reflect the total cost (final installed price) for individual, furnished, installed, and delivered materials.