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Campus Snow Removal and Ice Control Services – HV DDSOO – HV 082720

Questions and Answers:

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated. Thank you very much for your interest.

1. **Question:** What does an event consist of? If it starts to snow and we are called in and we plow and put down ice control materials, but the storm continues, and we are asked or we have to re plow and salt 2-3 times during a storm or whatever is that still one event?

Answer: As detailed in IFB HV 082720, Pg.18 Section I. A. Snow Removal, 1.-3.:

1. *Between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM Monday- Friday the maximum allowable accumulation of snow or slush is 2.5 inches. OPWDD Administrative staff has the right to call for additional service as deemed necessary for safety concerns.*
2. *Service on Saturday and Sunday will be at the discretion of the OPWDD Administrative staff.*
3. *At the conclusion of snowfall events that exceed 2.5 inches, all maintained surfaces shall be cleared to bare pavement.*

Should a storm require multiple clearings to meet the above criteria, those service visits would each be considered a separate event.

2. **Question:** A building is asking for extra salt for parking lots ramps and egress is this a separate event?

Answer: As detailed in IFB HV 082720, Pg. 19 Section I. B. Ice Control, 3. &5.:

3. *Ice control materials are to be provided by the Contractor and applied at rates and densities sufficient to maintain roadways, parking areas, sidewalks and walkways reasonably free of ice and snow in an effort to minimize potentially slippery conditions.*
5. *Contractor may be requested to perform additional applications of de-icing material, as needed, by OPWDD Administrative staff.*

If the administrative staff requests another application of de-icing material after the contractor has left, that would be considered a separate event.

3. **Question:** What kind of de-icing materials can be used on concrete surfaces walkways/ ramps?

Answer: As detailed in IF HV 082720, Pg. 19 Section I. B. Ice Control, 4. **Walkway, Ramp, and Courtyard ice control** will be accomplished by the application of calcium chloride or magnesium chloride, also **provided by the Contractor.**

4. **Question:** Is snow removal part of the event? There is no section for per yard or per hour for pushing back snow piles in the parking lots or roadways.

Answer: As detailed in IFB HV 082720, Pg. 18 Section I. A. Snow Removal, 6. *The basic movement and/or plowing of snow shall be planned by the Contractor, however, snow shall not be pushed against vehicles, buildings, building entranceways, sidewalks, exit doors, fire hydrants, trash receptacles, garage doors, shrubbery, trees, lamp posts, or emergency generators and fences*



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Only OPWDD, HVDDSOO Business Office Administration, on a case by case basis, may authorize snow removal with heavy equipment and the push back of snowbanks, etc. These services will be considered outside the contract and must be billed separately. The site's current Contractor will be asked if interested in providing a quote for this additional service.

5. **Question:** If we are still on Campus during an event and asked to re shovel due to snow falling off the roof onto a walkway that has already been cleared, is that extra or part of an event?

Answer: Section I. A. Snow Removal, 5. *In the event of blowing and/or drifting snow and/or formation of ice; maintained surfaces shall be serviced to obtain a safe environment.*

Should the contractor find that a section of walkway that has already been cleared during an event needs to be re-cleared due to snow falling/sliding off the roof, the Contractor may use discretion to determine if the area is sizable enough to justify an additional event charge; a small section should be cleared without additional charge.

6. **Question:** Are the walkways of the two homes included? Page 26 states that they are included.

Answer: Yes, as detailed in IFB HV082720 Pg. 23 Exhibit A Section 2. Details of Coverage Areas, *Rose House and Hillside House: Driveway, Parking Area, Walkways and Ramps to be cleared at both houses, J & K*

7. **Question:** In the past we were told not to use any heavy equipment on the walkway that runs parallel to Wilbur road due to an underground tunnel and that it can't handle the heavy weight. Please verify that we shall not use such heavy equipment.

Answer: Yes, do not use heavy equipment on that walkway.

8. **Question:** At the bottom of the prevailing wage form request for wage and supplement information states has this project been reviewed for compliance with the wicks law involving separate bidding? Which box do we check off yes or no?

Answer: Please refer to IFB HV 082720, Pg. 6 Section 13. A. Submission Requirements. There are no submission requirements related to the Prevailing Wage schedule provided, that document is for reference only.

9. **Question:** Please provide the bid results from the last time the campus was bid?

Answer: Please see the attachment, *Previous Bid Results Campus 2015*. Please note: the prior 2015 IFB estimated 15 events, and this current IFB estimates 30 snow and 50 ice events, so the annual totals will not be comparable.

Respectfully,

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