



City of Tacoma  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ES17-0237F  
RFB Specification No. TREE REMOVAL, PRUNING, AND PLANTING

**QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing to Jessica Tonka at [jtonka@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:jtonka@cityoftacoma.org). The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://www.TacomaPurchasing.org). This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

**Question 1: If a stump grinder & chipper are a person, do they include equipment?**

Answer 1: Yes, per the specification, pricing is to include all labor, consulting, equipment, and materials required.

**Question 2: In addition to a stump grinder and a chipper there would need to be a dump truck to haul it around.**

Answer 2: Per the specification, pricing is to include all labor, consulting, equipment, and materials required.

**Question 3: Also, in some cases a tractor maybe needed to move large quantities of stump grinding material or wood. Where is the cost for a stump grinder, chipper, dump truck & tractor?**

Answer 3: It is up to the contractor to decide upon the best methods for performing the work. We don't specify methodology, just that the requirements of the specification are met. The bid item is to include all labor, consulting, equipment, and materials required to perform the work, therefore if the contractor deems a dump truck and tractor necessary, then yes they should include that pricing in the bid as they see fit.

**Question 4: Will the contractor need to acquire the tree removal permit from City of Tacoma?**

Answer 4: No. When the work is performed on the City's behalf, a tree removal permit is not required.

**Question 5: Where is the cost for a (possible) crane or undefined specialty equipment?**

Answer 5: The contractor decide if s/he wants to include that cost in the price for tree removal. It is not possible to determine the size of trees that will be need to removed for this contract, however in the past, approximately, 20% of trees have been 12-25" dbh; 69% of trees 26-50" dbh; 10% of trees 51-75" dbh, and 1% of trees have been greater than 75" dbh.

**Question 6: How is traffic control billed? Traffic control plan, permit, sidewalk closure, signage, cones, 1 or 2 flaggers...**

Answer 6: Traffic control is paid from a force account, thus there is no need to bid on line items for traffic control. The contractor shall provide the City an estimate with line items, if traffic control is needed. However, it is the intent of the City to provide traffic control whenever possible.

**Question 7: What is included in a tree planting hour? (should it say per tree?)**

Answer 7: Yes, tree planting is per tree and not per hour. This is being addressed by Addendum 3.

**Question 8: Can the non-diseased wood go to another state approved waste wood recycler**

Answer 8: Yes, wood may also be disposed of at other public or private agencies equipped to properly handle the wood and provide disposal documentation.

**Question 9: Will chips be dumped at a free staging location or if a disposal location is required, can any approved location be acceptable (not just city transfer station)?**

Answer 9: Woodchips will be left on site or taken to City Transfer Station. In the unusual circumstance that the city would need wood chips taken elsewhere, a change order would be made.

**Question 10: What is the response time difference of emergency work vs. scheduled work .**

Answer 10: This is dependent upon the emergency, and the city would provide a response time with the request for work. Per the specification, in the case of emergency tree work, as indicated by the eminent and immediate hazard to the public or threat of significant infrastructure damage, the Contractor will address the tree work in the fastest timeframe feasible. If the Engineer and Contractor cannot mutually agree to a reasonable time of action for emergency tree work, or the contractor is not responsive to the request within an agreed upon expedited timeframe, the Engineer may choose to operate and conduct work outside of this contract.

**Question 11: Do branches get removed on a Type 2**

Answer 11: Yes, for Type 2 tree work, branches will generally be removed. In situations where the City requires a snag be left in place, most of the branches will be required to be removed, and instructions will be provided.