RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

Project Title: Wrights Lake Recreation and Tourism Improvement Project
Solicitation Number: RFB ELDO-SA-12
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This document sets forth official responses to questions and requests for clarification. The information contained herein shall be incorporated into the solicitation and made a binding part of the Request for Bids and any and all resulting Contract(s).

1. Does the contractor need to include construction staking by a licensed surveyor?
    a. Yes, but specifically for the major improvements (road, bathrooms).
2. Is there a SWPPP, WPCP, or Erosion Control Plan for this project?
    a. There is no plan provided. Erosion control measures are required at all staging areas and anywhere excavation occurs in or near wet drainages and waterways. The contractor shall select the type of erosion control necessary to complete the work (refer to typicals on sheet D-01 and the FP-14 Section 157 for approved methods).
3. Does the contractor need to include BMPS for this project (i.e. - waddles, silt fence, rock check dams, etc.)?
    a. Yes, see response to question 2.
4. Does the contractor need to include QA/QC (compaction testing for AB/AC, concrete cylinders, air entrainment)?
    a. Yes.
5. Will the contractor be required to provide a QC plan?
    a. Yes.
6. Is it acceptable to substitute the HMA called out in FP-14 section 403? We are proposing to use 1/2" HMA Superpave that meets Caltrans Standard Specs section 39. Viscosity will be PG64-16, in compliance with Section 92 in Cal-Trans Standard Specs. JMF, TSR, Hamburg Wheel Report will be provided. This substitution has been accepted on other USFS campground improvements in the Crystal Basin, most recently at Loon Lake Campground. Please confirm this is acceptable.
    a. This is acceptable.
7. Is a bid bond required to be turned in with this proposal?
    a. No formal security bond is required. However, a 10% retainer shall be included on each

invoice for use as security.

8. Is the end date firm?

    a. Yes, the end date is firm.

9. We are unable to supply the Electronic Fee Machines because Ventek says that are not allowed to sell them to us as the Contractor. They recommended we notify our representative with USFS and see if USFS or the concessionaire can supply the machines for the project. Can you confirm the Machines will be supplied by others?

    a. Additional information from the Forest Service`s Washington Office is needed to confirm if we can provide the machines or authorize a third party to purchase them. We ask that you please proceed with providing a price for this line item that will cover installation of the machine. If possible, we also encourage you to use the "EXCEPTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, AMENDMENTS" portion of the RFB (found on page 32) to provide a separate price that either documents your markup rate if you are asked to purchase an alternative machine, or the total cost for purchasing and installing an alternative fee machine.

10. Who is responsible for draining the water system?

    a. Coordination with GBI and the Forest Service will be required to allow the Forest Service to shut off the water system and/or drain it.

11. Are vehicle inspections required?

    a. Yes, vehicle inspections for weed seed (washed and free of debris), fire equipment, and other compliance needs are required for all equipment brought onto the project site. These inspections will be completed by either a GBI or Forest Service representative either upon arrival to the site, or off site within a reasonable distance as determined by GBI. Equipment may be moved from sites on-forest without a wash if written confirmation that the area that the equipment last operated in was free of noxious weeds.

12. Is there a preferred order of operations?

    a. Completion of the Twin lakes trailhead is a high priority due to the high use level. Ideally, this would be completed this year (2025) during non-peak use in the fall.

13. Is the project subject to prevailing wage?

    a. GBI believes that work completed as a part of this project is likely subject to one or more California state laws that determine prevailing wage or other labor requirements. Additional information about these requirements can be found here: https://www.dir.ca.gov/public-works/prevailing-wage.html

14. Is tree removal allowed?

    a. GBI and the Forest Service will approve tree removal where appropriate along access routes and construction areas. Trees desired to be removed will be required to be designated by the contractor for approval by GBI or the Forest Service. Upon approval, removed trees may be required to be chipped, lopped and scattered, or used as a barrier as determined by GBI and the Forest Service, in consultation with the

successful bidder. Tree cutting is not a separate line item for this project and will not be reimbursed separately.

15. What is the extent of the required repair to bathrooms?

    a. Bathrooms marked for repair and not replacement are expected to be restored and repainted on the exterior of the structure unless additional details are provided in the specifications.

16. What is the desired outcome for picnic tables that are designated for removal?

    a. Picnic tables should be removed from the site and properly disposed of by the bidder.

17. What portions of the twin lakes trailhead area are subject to the vegetation clearing line item?

    a. Grubbing of brush and removal of other vegetation will take place adjacent to the restrooms in the area designated for installation of a new picnic table. Clearing is not required in other parts of the parking lot area.

18. Can rocks be sourced locally for required blocking along the road to twin lakes road?

    a. Yes, rocks can be sourced from the local area but will require approval of GBI or the Forest Service.

19. Can water be drafted from Wrights Lake for road wetting and fire mitigation?

    a. Drafting sites on Wrights Lake can be proposed by the contractor for approval from GBI or the Forest Service. GBI anticipates that an appropriate drafting site on the Lake shall be approved, but this is subject to change due to water conditions and other considerations.

20. When does the campground close?

    a. The campground generally closes in early October. Work in this area is encouraged to take place after the campground is closed and before snow pack.

21. Is pumping of the bathroom, where required, the responsibility of the bidder?

    a. Upon proper notice, the Forest Service, through their local concessionaire or other means, will be responsible for pumping the bathrooms.

22. Clarification regarding the number of faucets, bathrooms, and the length of several trails was requested.

    a. An updated Request for Bids and Technical Specifications was uploaded to the solicitation on 08/19/2025 that clarified counts.