



CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
CITYWIDE TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES



RFP NO. RP-2026/01

ADDENDUM No. 1

May 27, 2026

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**Clarifications – Questions with response as follows:**

- 1) Question: [Due date extension]

Response: The City is choosing to extend the proposal due date for RFP 2026/01 Citywide Tree Maintenance Services to Wednesday June 10, 2026 at 1:30 PM

- 2) Question: Besides a Certified Arborist certification, will the City consider requiring any other certifications from the ISA?

Response: No

- 3) Question: Given that this is a tree maintenance project, shouldn't the C-49 license be required in addition to the C-27?

Response: A C-27 or C-49 license is required. Respondents must include experience and references specific to tree maintenance work completed as overseen by a Certified Arborist.

- 4) Question: Under Section V. BID EVALUATIONS, B. Evaluation Criteria, it states that "GIS data management system" will account for 15 points of the total evaluation. What is the criteria and how would a bidder be eligible for the full 15 points?

Response: Criteria includes proposal of data management system, including software/system specifications, brand, compatibility, proprietary information, ability to generate work orders, lists, tree inspection reports, and other documents associated with a GIS data management system. Respondent should include examples of the GIS system proposed, standard operating procedures for data management and tracking, and problem resolution processes for software malfunctions.

- 5) Question: Will the City consider requiring references for GPS tree inventory along with references for tree maintenance services?

Response: Include any and all information in your proposal that you deem relevant for the purposes of reference checks and background/supporting documentation to your RFP proposal.

- 6) Question: Given that much of the work will take place on public rights of way, will the City consider requiring the C-31 license?

Response: No.

- 7) Question: What licenses/certifications will be required for pesticide application?

Response: See "Section E. Definitions."

- 8) Question: Is the contractor required to have Crane and 90' boom in their fleet, or can they be rented?

Response: The contractor is responsible for means and methods. Contractor shall be available to respond to emergency calls. Proposal should include how the contractor will handle emergency calls. See revised "Price List" sheet.

- 9) Question: If special equipment is required, such as a crane or loader, how will this be charged?

Response: See revised "Price List" sheet. Items not included in the revised "Price List" will be priced individually.

- 10) Question: Will the City allow for annual Cost adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index and/or on annual increases in prevailing wage?

Response: The contract will be adjusted based on the CPI for the Los Angeles- Riverside-Orange County Area.

- 11) Question: Can contractors trim or remove any tree they deem necessary?

Response: No, all removals must be removed and approved by the City designee/contract manager.

- 12) Question: Who determines the scheduling of grid pruning?

Response: The City's contract designee/contract manager.

- 13) Question: Bid Sheet

Response: See attached.

- 14) Question: The only section in the bid specifications that outline bid prices to is the “Extra’s Price List.” Will the City share a bid sheet? “Attachment A” is mentioned multiple times but not included in the RFP document.

Response: See revised “Price List”

- 15) Question: Who provides the DIR?

Response: The City of Santa Maria will provide the DIR number.

- 16) Question: What is the process for prevailing wage?

Response: See “Exhibit D” Prevailing Wage Requirements for Maintenance Work, Design, and Preconstruction Phases of Construction, and Installations.

- 17) Question: What fields are needed on the GIS System?

Response: See question 4. Fields shall include, but are not limited to site history, notes, work type, photos, documents, species, tree details (diameter, height, condition).

- 18) Question: Bid pricing.

Response: The “Extra’s Price List” on page 21 of 34 (Attachment C) of the RFP Advertisement will be replaced with the following “Price List”. The below price list is all encompassing and includes a crew labor line item. (Also see attached.)

Item #	Description	Size	Unit	Price
1.	Full Trim Broadleaf/ Conifer Tree	0"-10" dsh	Per Tree	
2.		10"-20" dsh	Per Tree	
3.		20"-30" dsh	Per Tree	
4.		30"-40" dsh	Per Tree	
5.		Over 40"	Per Tree	
6.	Palm Tree Trimming	Any	Per Tree	
7.	Date Palm Tree Trimming	Any	Per Tree	
8.	Plant Health Care Services	Any	Per Hour	
9.	GIS Services	Any	Per Hour	
10.	Tree Removal with Stump Removal	n/a	Per inch	

			dia.	
11.	Stump Grinding Only	n/a	Per inch dia.	
12.	Furnish & Plant Tree	#15	Per Tree	
13.	Per City Engineering Standards	24" box	Per Tree	
14.		36" box	Per Tree	
15.	Three (3) Person Crew with Equipment- Lift Truck, Chipper Truck/Chipper- Regular Time	n/a	Per Hour	
16.	Three Person Crew with Equipment- Emergency Rate (2-hour response time)	n/a	Per Hour	
17.	Certified Arborist Services	n/a	Per Hour	
18.	Minimum for emergency response	n/a	Hours	
19.	Specialty Equipment – Crane	n/a	Per Hour	
20.	Specialty Equipment – 95-foot aerial lift	n/a	Per Hour	
<b>Specialty Equipment to be used only when requested by City, DSH = Diameter at shoulder</b>				

19) Question: How will complaints be passed on to the contractor?

Response: Complaints can be directed to Neighborhood Connect:  
<https://neighborhoodconnect-santamariacity.hub.arcgis.com/>.

**All other conditions of the Specifications remain the same.**

Sincerely,



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Attachments: *none*