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TO: All Bidders

FROM: City of Cambridge

DATE: April 15, 2015

RE: File No. 6789 – City of Cambridge Street Tree Pruning- Addendum No. 1

This Addendum is comprised of:

1. Questions and Answers
2. Sign in Sheet from Pre-bid Meeting is attached.

The following questions were submitted and answered.

1. **Question:** As noted by one of the contractors, the prevailing wage sheet notes the following for tree trimmer around utility wires:

A:In accordance with the IBEW Local 42 agreement with the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc., “utility electrical work” is defined as, “...work performed for electrical, telephone and telegraph utility companies, municipally-owned utility companies, R.E.A. cooperatives, railroads and coal mining companies...”[7] Tree work performed on or around “utility lines,” involves equipment that is owned, operated or maintained by these entities.”

<http://www.mass.gov/lwd/docs/dos/prevailing-wage/interim-topical-outline.pdf>

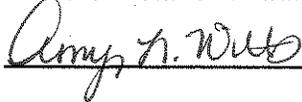
Can or should the contractor bid at the higher prevailing wage rate since the contract is for tree pruning not including utility electrical work/line clearance?

Answer: According to the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards, the only instance when the “LABORER: TREE REMOVER.” classification is applicable, is when tree work is associated with the removal of standing trees, and trimming and removal of branches and limbs when the work is NOT done for a utility company for the purpose of operation, maintenance or repair of utility company equipment. (Page 17 on your schedule)

2. **Question:** Will the City send the addendums to contractors or is the contractor responsible for checking in with the City for addendums to the contracts?

Answer: Each Bidder shall be responsible for determining that it has received all addenda issued. All Addendums are posted on the City's website and mailed to all bidders who have picked up plans and specifications.

All other details remain the same.



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4-14-15

TREE PRUNING PRE-BID
MEETING

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