

Clarification Request –  
Phase II – Debris Removal Contract  
Town of Emerald Isle, NC

1. Reference: Vegetative debris removal scope. Please clarify if removal of vegetative debris includes removal of tree stumps, cutting, removal of partially uprooted or split trees and tree stumps and backfilling of stump craters?

**This Phase II debris removal does not include Dangerous Trees and Hanging Limbs contract related scope of work. This is a Load and Haul Contract only for debris that have been brought to the public right of way or fallen on public property or fallen on to the public right of way. If during the process of debris Contractor finds a fallen tree that is either in the public right of way or public property the contractor is to cut fallen tree at the public right of way line and property owner to move anything remaining to the public right of way to be removed by the contractor.**

2. Reference: Debris removal, loading, and hauling. Please clarify if the beds of all hauling vehicles will be measured by town or designated debris management representative prior to commencing any work?

***Johnson Environmental & Disaster Company has provided monitoring services and will evaluate measure, placard and prepare a truck certification prior to any truck beginning work.***

3. Reference: Measurement of quantities. Please clarify where and how the Town or its' designee will measure and determine volume of load supported by the load tickets as measurement document?

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***Johnson Environmental & Disaster Company has provided monitoring services and will evaluate / measure vegetative Debris. It will be evaluated by volume (% of capacity) from***

***a Tower for each truck/vessel. A ticket will be generated at the load location and completed at the Tower for each vessel. Contractor will be paid by volume for Veg debris.***

4. Reference: C&D debris removal scope. Please clarify if removal of C&D debris includes sorting or downsizing of C&D debris?

***Unit price does include segregation, see Part II – 2.04. However, Public Service Announcements will request property owners to segregate waste streams of C&D and vegetative debris as well as segregation of whitegoods and e-wastes. If C&D and Veg are significantly mixed 2.03 below allows for skipping pile until property owner segregates.***

2.04 Curbside segregation of debris and disaster-generated or related wastes will be an element of the disaster recovery program. **The CONTRACTOR will be required to aid in the segregation and waste stream management processes. Any Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) or E-waste encountered by the debris removal CONTRACTOR is to be set aside. HHW and E-waste disposal will be the responsibility of the resident. See Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) definition Part 1, 1.06.**

2.03 The Contractor will make all efforts not to mix vegetative with C&D debris. If a pile is determined significantly mixed, the contractor will notify the debris monitor and skip said pile until a decision is made on its proper management. ***White goods will be left for removal under a separate contract, where the intention for final disposition is to maximize the use of recovered / recycled materials.***

5. Reference: Vegetative debris removal scope. Part II - Scope of work, Pages 15 and 16 of 23 of Debris Removal Contract, for Unit Price Items No. 4 and No. 5 states: "Gather, load and haul vegetative debris" ... "to the Peletier Debris Management Site (DMS)" ... "to the alternative Newport / Morehead City DMS".

a) Please clarify if reduction by burning, gipping and grinding of vegetative debris on DMS sites, load, haul and disposal from DMS sites to the final disposal site is part of scope of work of this contract?

***Reduction of vegetative debris is not the responsibility of the Emerald Isle Phase II contractor. Carteret County, NC will operate vegetative DMS sites and utilize their contractor to provide this service to include final disposition.***

b) If reduction work is required, please clarify the reduction work scope as it applies to this contract. Who will dispose of the Vegetation from the Debris Management Site (DMS), or is the disposal under another contract?

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c) If the haul of the Vegetative debris from DMS site is part of scope of this contract, please clarify where the Vegetative debris will be transported?

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d) Please confirm that disposal of Vegetative debris is the responsibility of the Town.

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6. Reference: Debris Management Site. Please clarify who prepares, operates, restore and closes DMS Sites? If the Contractor is, please provide the Square Foot area of the site and the scope required to prepare the area.

***DMS operations is not the responsibility of the Emerald Isle Phase II contractor. Carteret County, NC will operate vegetative DMS sites and utilize their contractor to provide this service to include final disposition. C&D Sites are to be managed by Coastal Environmental Partnership (Subtitle D – Landfill) and/or Green Recycling (C&D recycling facility).***

7. Reference: Debris Management Site. Are environmental surveys and soil testing and groundwater samples at the DMS site required? If required, who is responsible for this work?

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8. Reference: Debris Management Site. Please clarify if the following including but not limited, will be provided by others at DMS site: restroom facilities, erosion control, staging areas, inspection towers, fence, etc.?

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9. Reference: Working Hours. Please clarify if Working Hours for debris removal operation are limited to daylight hours?

**Yes. Emerald Isle anticipates operations to be limited to daylight hours and must correlate reasonably with time of operating hours of the DMS locations.**

10. Reference: Temporary Traffic Control.

a) Please clarify if the Contractors shall provide all flag persons, signs, equipment, and other devices necessary to meet federal, state, and local requirements?

**Yes. Phase II Removal Contractor will be the responsible for all traffic control. Per MUTCD rules. See Part II – Scope of Work 2.04 below.**

2.10 All crews must utilize ground support personnel with appropriate traffic control devices per Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), rakes, shovels, etc. are expected at each removal location and each site will be expected free of debris prior to moving to the next location.

b) Please clarify if the traffic control personnel and equipment shall be in addition to the personnel and equipment required in other parts of this contract?

**No traffic control equipment and personnel is part of the operation and to be incorporated into the CY or Ton price. No additional allowance for this required scope of work.**

11. Reference: Volume to weight conversion. Please clarify what volume to weight conversion will be used for final determination for C&D debris removal?

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12. Reference: Clarification to scope. May the Contractor submit clarifications to the proposal scope of work to insure no uncertainty to what is included and/or excluded in the bid items?

**Clarifications to the scope of work is addressed in written request method as explained in Section 3, below under Part I – Instructions to Bidders. And specifically 3.03 states that clarifications changing of the bid documents will not be binding and will render the bid irregular (4.05) and cause for rejection.**

**3.00 INTERPRETATION OR CORRECTION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

- 3.01 Bidders shall promptly notify Mr. Frank Rush Jr., Town Manager, of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error, which they may discover upon examination of the Bidding Documents.
- 3.02 Bidder requiring clarification or interpretation of the Bidding Documents shall make written request which shall reach the Public Services Director at least four (4) calendar days prior to the date for receipt of bids.
- 3.03 Any interpretation, correction or change of the Bidding Documents will be made by Addenda. Interpretations, corrections or changes of the bidding documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and Bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations, corrections, or changes
- 4.05 Failure to submit a Bid in the form requested or inclusion of any alternates, conditions, limitations or provisions not called for will render the bid irregular, and shall be considered sufficient cause for rejection of Bid

13. Will the landfill assist in unloading the material brought to the Landfill and manage the debris at the Landfill also? Please clarify the Contractors requirements at the landfill.

***Contractors are to have self-dumping equipment. Landfill and Vegetative Debris Reduction Sites are operated by a different entity. However, these entities have indicated that contractor must have self-dumping equipment and they will not aid in this process.***

14. Reference Page 14 of 23, 2.07, "Items not accepted Asbestos, Batteries, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Household Garbage, Liquids, Tires, Furniture, Hazardous Waste, Electronic Waste, and Whitegoods (Stoves, Refrigerators, etc.)" are any of these items to be sorted, handled, relocated, etc. as part of this contract? If so, please specify the scope and what item this work is paid.

***This reference is for Green Recycling only. But Coastal Environmental Partnership will accept furniture. Please see reference below:***

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