

## Questions and Answers List for: Nookachamps Creek Riparian Restoration #WA120333-1-46

**Estimate:** \$97,000 - \$105,000

**Bid Opening:** Monday, September 23, 2024 **Time:** 2:30 p.m. **Project Manager:** Emily Derenne, Habitat Restoration Project Manager

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1	Can you withhold additional retention (10% additional) in lieu of a performance bond?	It is at the County's discretion regarding whether or not it may accommodate withholding additional retention in lieu of a contract bond. Due to the project's grant funding restrictions, and the short timeline between work completion and our funding deadlines, the County is unable to allow for this request.	9/5/2024
2	Do pages 10 and 11 in the proposal packet need to be submitted at time of bid? It's the labor list and equipment list pages.	Yes, please include pages 10 and 11 in the proposal packet at the time of bidding. These labor and equipment pages are necessary for calculating potential minor changes work.	9/5/2024
3	On the bid form was a line item for a single 1gal plant. Why only one?	We intend all the plants to be bareroot. This qty 1 is a placeholder in case the Contractor requests that they use potted plants. If they do, and it is approved through the Site Plan process, they will be paid at this rate.	9/9/2024
4	Can the site plan be in GIS, showing areas/polygons of planting that correspond to the planting schedule?	It would be appreciated if you share the GIS shapefiles, but the plan needs to be submitted in PDF format. This can be a one-page aerial with differing polygons as long as they show the density and plant species in each area. No memo is required.	9/9/2024
5	Does the site plan need to be stamped?	No – it does not need to be stamped.	9/9/2024
6	How is the site plan included in the bidding process?	The site plan is NOT included in the bid. The site plan will be completed only <i>after</i> the low bidder has entered into Contract with the County. The bidder shall submit everything included in the Proposal and nothing more.	9/10/2024
7	Can we access the site following the pre-bid meeting?	The site is <b>private</b> . You may access the site with 24-hour notice and <i>only</i> with approval.	9/10/2024
8	Are there utilities buried on site?	No. There are no underground utilities.	9/10/2024

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9	How do the quantities of plants in the proposal relate to the actual plants needed?	In this case the proposal is the guiding document. As stated in the Bid Procedures, the quantities included in the bid proposal are based on an estimate and are used to provide a common proposal for all Bidders. The actual quantities, types, and species will be determined during the creation of the site plan. See Site Plantings section (specifically page 18) of the Bid Procedures for more information.	9/11/2024
10	Can the winner on the bid choose the types of trees that will get planted?	Within reason the bidder can chose the types of trees that will be planted. We provided suggested species and have reserved many of them. In the site plan you can suggest differing tree species and through the approval process it will be determined if they are accepted or not.	9/11/2024
11	Do we have to have all bare roots or do a mix of both?	We do not prefer containers due to site access and cost. We are expecting most of the plants to be bareroot or lifestake. If, during the site plan process, there is a reasonable argument for using container plants they may be accepted.	9/11/2024
12	What is the correct amount of trees that need to be planted 18,590 or 14,750?	This will be determined following Contracting and based on the site plan. We are anticipating the overall acreage and amount of plants to around 18,000 but the Contractor and the approved site plan will dictate the final amount. We have reserved 14,750 plants for the project that may used but we do not anticipate this being enough plants.	9/11/2024
13	Can we also add a species of plant that we think will work well for the area?	Yes, please refer to question 10.	9/11/2024
14	When turning in the bid there has to be a certified check for 5% of the bid amount that we submit?	Yes, bidders must submit a bid bond/guaranty. Only bids that are accompanied by a surety company bid bond, Cashier's or certified check payable to the order of Skagit County for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the proposed bid amount will be considered. Please refer to RCW 36.32.250.	9/11/2024