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ADDENDUM #02: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS COUNTY-WIDE DUNE VEGETATION PROJECT

BID/RFP/RFQ NAME: County-wide Dune Vegetation Project

DATE OF ADDENDUM: January 22, 2025

TO: Interested Respondents

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RESPONSE DUE DATE: Monday, February 3, 2025, 4:00 P.M. Eastern

Question #01: Due to the requirements that all plants be purchased in Florida, there are availability issues meeting the time frame required for acquisition and installation with this high quantity of plants. Can the time frame be extended so that the acquisition of the plants be completed in a reasonable amount of time?

Answer: It is believed that with contract award expected in February and the construction window from March 1 to July 30, there is sufficient time to complete the advertised project. Please note that Technical Specification 10.1.D specifies requirements regarding the source of the plant material.

Question #02: Will substitutions to the sea oats be permitted? If so, are there certain substitutions that will be allowed?

Answer: Plant substitutions will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on market conditions. A minimum of 60% of sea oats will be accepted. Please note that this does not relieve Bidder of following the technical specifications regarding the source of the plant material (see Technical Specifications 10.1.D).

Question #03: Will beach driving be allowed to deliver plants to the planting areas?

Answer: Beach driving with a UTV/ATV and trailer will be required during sea turtle nesting season (May 1 to October 31). Outside of sea turtle nesting season, a truck and trailer will be allowed on the beach to deliver plants to the planting areas in accordance with local laws. The proposed equipment to be used to deliver plants and materials to

the planting areas shall be listed in Section 00412, List of Proposed Equipment, and described in the required Planting Plan (see Technical Specifications 9.B).

Question #04: In the event that the nursery stock of *Borrchia frutescens* and *Ipomea imperati* are limited, may we substitute the following native dune plants?

Helianthus debilis

Sesuvium portulacastrum

Iva imbricata

Ipomea sagittate

Answer: Flowering plants that are noted to grow well in the NW Florida region in the tables provided in the FDEP's "Recommended Florida Native Beach and Dune Plants" publication (<https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/Recommended-Beach-and-Dune-Plants-2021.pdf>) will be accepted as diversity species substitutions.