

**Skyline Wetland Enhancement Project**  
**Town of Sparta**  
**Sparta, North Carolina**  
**10/6/11**  
**Addenda Number 1**

**Please find the following additions, changes, and clarifications to the Contract Documents:**

1. Question submitted by potential bidder: "What will be the procedure and compensation if rock is encountered above the pond subgrade?"

Addenda Response: Section D (Earthwork) of the Technical Specifications under the subheading of Description is amended with the following:

***Removal of material, regardless of its nature or composition, encountered above the subgrade elevations is considered Earthwork and may include rock, soil materials and obstructions. No changes in the contract sum or the contract time will be authorized for rock excavation or removal of obstructions.***

2. Question submitted by potential bidder: "Has a specific quantity of each herbaceous plugs been determined or is there an area measurement for each of the deep pool, high marsh, and low marsh zones?"

Addenda Response: Spacing of plants for each zone is described in Section I (Wetland Vegetation) of the Technical Specifications. The Stormwater Wetland Planting Plan sheet has the different planting zones delineated and is to scale. The Contractor should determine the required number of plants based on this information.

3. Question submitted by potential bidder: "Will the Contractor be responsible for cleaning up and disposing of the debris from an old shed/barn on the edge of the site?"

Addenda Response: The old shed/barn was previously demolished and the debris hauled off-site by the Town. A small amount of debris (a few wood pilings still in the ground and some miscellaneous boards) are still in the vicinity and the Contractor will not be required to dispose of this debris off-site.

4. Question submitted by potential bidder: "The plans show one Faircloth Skimmer in cell 3 only. Do cells 1 and 2 require skimmers?"

Addenda Response: Cell 3 is the only cell that requires a skimmer.

5. Question submitted by potential bidder: “Item #12 in the Bid Tab, “Permanent Seeding and Mulching”, shows 0.6 Quantity and the Unit is Lump Sum. Should the Quantity on the Bid Tab be 1?”

Addenda Response: The quantity of Item #12 “Permanent Seeding and Mulching”, on the bid tab should be 1. The bid tab is amended to reflect this change.

6. Question submitted by potential bidder: “The specifications state that the embankment is to be compacted to 98%. Is the intent to utilize existing onsite material and will there be any consideration for excessively wet material or should the Contractor anticipate providing a material that can be compacted to the specification?”

Addenda Response: It is preferable that the Contractor use on-site soil material to construct the embankments. Section D (Earthwork) in the Specifications is amended as follows:

- All lifts shall be a maximum of 8” instead of 12”
- Each lift shall be uniformly compacted to a dry density of at least 95% of the material’s maximum dry density per ASTM 698 (Standard Proctor) instead of 98%.

The following is added to the end of the first paragraph of the Methods and Materials subheading in Section D (Earthwork):

***On-site soil shall be tested by an independent testing service to determine the potential dry density compaction. If it is determined that the existing soil is unsuitable for embankment construction, suitable material shall be obtained off-site. The off-site material shall also be tested. All testing and, if necessary, additional soil material (including all materials, equipment and labor necessary to excavate, haul, place and compact additional soil material) shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and considered incidental to the Earthwork bid item. All testing shall be conducted under the responsible charge of a licensed geotechnical engineer.***

7. Question submitted by potential bidder: “Who will supply the project sign?”

Addenda Response: The Contractor shall supply the project identification sign. The bid tab has been amended to include the following:

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8. Question submitted by potential bidder: “What is the anticipated date for the notice to proceed?”

Addenda Response: The Town and the Engineer are prepared to go to begin project construction as soon as the USACE issues the 404 permit. As a requirement for this project, a

public notice was posted on October 3, 2011 and is required to be posted for fifteen days. As a result, the earliest the Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued will be October 18, 2011. The Contractor should anticipate that a Notice to Proceed will be issued within 4 weeks of this date.