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1	Please confirm whether or not Davis Bacon wage schedules are required under this contract?	Davis Bacon does not apply to this contract.
2	Will any changes be made to the performance bond requirement in RFP 2018-03 Debris Management Services?	Yes, DTOP will waive the bonding requirement from RFP 2018-03 due to the nature of the contract.
3	All questions regarding further clarity for Exhibit A, RFP 2018-02 not answered elsewhere are answered as follows.	A modified Exhibit A has been posted for clarity. DTOP asks firms to note that Exhibit A should be completed in its entirety and contain fully loaded prices.
4	Please clarify which items correspond to hauling materials from the ROW to the DMS and what corresponds to moving materials from the DMS to the final disposal site.	All unit fees provided in Exhibit A should factor in the entire process of removing materials from the ROW to the final disposal site.
5	Can DTOP please confirm the unit of measure for vessel and vehicle removal is correct at pounds?	Per Exhibit A, the unit of measurement of vehicle and vessel removal is in pounds.
6	Are there any requirements related to contracts and payment of subcontractors?	DTOP does not intervene in third party negotiations; however, it is expected that subcontractors be paid on a regular basis and that the prime contractor be in compliance with all FEMA regulations.
7	Please clarify if firms need to provide pricing for every part of Exhibit A?	The response to RFP 2018-02 should include pricing for all line items in Exhibit A as each service may be required in every area.
8	Please advise if the bidders will be permitted to submit proposals with specific pricing for each of the designated work zones.	Proposers should provide one set of rates for all zones. However, proposers may indicate preference for specific zones.
9	The RFP requires a performance bond. Along with patentes and arbitraríos (specific municipal fees/taxes collected by the Commonwealth and its municipalities), can this cost be provided its own line item in Exhibit A?	Performance Bond and Municipal patentes and arbitraríos will be considered as a pass through allowances. The selected contractors will be reimbursed with proof of payment.
10	Does DTOP have a preference as to debris reduction method?	All reduction methods must be in accordance with FEMA guidelines and Puerto Rico environmental policies. Some, but not necessarily all, limitations were provided in the RFP.
11	Can DTOP please clarify DBE program requirements for this project?	DTOP's DBE policy can be found at the following address: http://www.dtop.gov.pr/dbe_policy.asp .
12	What resources are available to identify local subcontractor resources and/or qualified DBEs?	DTOP maintains a list of DBEs at the following address: http://www.dtop.gov.pr/directoria.asp .
13	If qualified local subs cannot be secured, is there any tolerance on the 24 hour mobilization after NTP?	24 hour mobilization refers to deployment of essential management, coordination meetings and start of certification of equipment.
14	RFP 2018-2 contains a section for "DMS Management & Operations". Please clarify how this relates to the work of RFP 2018 - 3.	RFP 2018 - 3 relates to the management and monitoring of disaster removal efforts, not day to day management of debris removal and does not include DMS operation and management
15	Is there any equipment available on-island, or will the selected contractors be expected to mobilize all of the equipment? What is the timeline allowance to mobilize equipment from the US mainland?	Equipment is available on-island. Additional equipment may be brought, however, it is DTOP's belief that it is in the best interest of the proposer to subcontract local equipment.
16	For scopes which are to be paid based on hauling mileage, will the distances be calculated based on a straight line between the Point of Origin and Point of Destination or along the travel route which will take into account vertical and horizontal curves of the travel ways?	Hauling mileage will take into account travel route.
17	Does removal of hazardous hanging limbs, leaning trees, and stumps include removing the hazardous items and placing it on the right of way or do these line items include transportation to the temporary debris management site?	All fees provided in the fee schedule should include the full fee for removing and transporting hazardous material to the temporary debris management site and final disposal site.
18	Does the SOW apply only to State-maintained roads?	As outlined on page 6, the scope of work includes all State Roads ROWs, easements, parks, and debris staging areas within the areas under DTOPS jurisdiction. Additionally, DTOP may also authorize the contractor to remove debris from non-DTOP roadways or other areas as directed in writing by DTOP and consistent with the fee schedule.
19	Can DTOP provide a list of the locations of any pre-identified sites that can be used as Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction Sites or Disposal Sites?	DTOP cannot provide a list at this time but will coordinate with the contractors following award.
20	Can DTOP provide the anticipated date that the NTP will be issued?	DTOP anticipates that the awards will be issued between 11/6-11/8 and the NTP, shortly after.

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21	Is DTOP requiring management personnel be onsite within 24 hours? Or is it also requiring equipment onsite within 24 hours?	24 hour mobilization refers to deployment of essential management, coordination meetings and start of certification of equipment.
22	If the debris disposal process yields recyclable byproduct or components, is this recyclable material the property of the agency or is the recyclable material the property of the contractor?	Recyclable byproduct/components must be recycled in accordance with the RFP and Local, State, and Federal regulations.
23	What is the initial estimate of debris volume per zone?	Total debris for the island was estimated by USACE to be approximately 6.2 million cubic yards. DTOP estimates 2 million cubic yards on state roads.
24	Are there any requirements regarding contractor's management structure?	Requirements, as they are available, are included in the RFP and corresponding exhibits. Management structure will be considered as part of the technical approach.
25	Is there a current USACE ACI mission for debris removal in PR? What is status and scope of that mission?	Yes, but it is intended to apply to Municipal Roads and work is ongoing.
26	Are there any restrictions on communicating in English?	There are no restrictions on communicating in English with DTOP.
27	Please clarify if only vegetative materials are being considered at this time?	The full list of materials to be removed is provided in the RFP and includes all debris types.
28	Are submitting firms required to be pre-qualified with the PR DOT?	No, competing firms are not required to be prequalified.
29	Will DTOP consider changes to the page limits for submission sections?	All page limits are final as provided in the initial RFP due to the time-sensitive nature of the procurement.
30	Are resumes included in the 2-page limit for Section C: Personnel?	Resumes are included in the 2-page limit. Resumes should be brief and include only key personnel.
31	The pricing schedule requests unit prices with no estimated quantities. How will the contract value be developed?	DTOP will develop estimates by zone in order to determine contract amount.
32	Would you allow submitting firms to include alternative pricing? Specifically, for mobilization of equipment from US mainland (per unit basis)?	All costs should be included on a unit basis as outlined in Exhibit A. Cost for mobilization of equipment--if necessary--should be considered in the fees provided in Exhibit A.
33	Will DTOP consider language changes to Exhibit B?	No, DTOP will not consider any language changes at this time.
34	Please clarify that all bidders are competing under equal conditions.	DTOP once more establishes that all bidders are competing under equal conditions and will receive equal consideration of their proposal.
35	Please clarify the difference between removal & hauling of vegetative/C&D debris and loading & hauling ground/compacted vegetative/C&D debris in Exhibit A.	Removal & hauling of vegetative/C&D debris refers to unprocessed debris. Loading & hauling of ground/compacted vegetative/C&D debris refers to the processing of the debris prior to moving it to the debris management site.
36	How many contracts will be awarded per zone?	DTOP expects to issue one contract per zone, with no more than two zones being awarded to the same firm.
37	Please clarify the role of traffic control-intermittent, traffic control 2 way, curbside/site debris separation crew, and ROW debris consolidation crew.	Roles provided in Exhibit A are meant to be illustrative of potential roles necessary for debris removal. Traffic control requirements are outlined throughout the RFP; it is expected that the contractor will control traffic during debris removal. A curbside/site debris separation crew would be responsible for separating debris at the curbside/site for final disposal. A ROW debris consolidation crew would be responsible for consolidating debris at the right of way prior to transfer to the debris management site.
38	The RFP does not indicate how the volume of material collected and hauled will be measured for payment. Will it be measured on a truck? How will the volume occupied by the material in the truck be determined?	The firm(s) contracted through RFP 2018-3 will provide site and tower monitors. Part of their responsibility will be to determine the volume capacity of each truck and will determine the % load of each trip.
39	Please confirm that all documents specified on page 3 of the RFP, "Response Format," are required.	All documents contained in the response format section are required.
40	Will DTOP consider extending the deadline of the proposal?	DTOP has already modified the deadline to 10:00 a.m. Friday 11/3 and will not be considering further extensions.
41	What will be the lifetime of the contract?	Exhibit B provides this information.
42	Please clarify which site(s) are being considered for final disposition of materials as identified by ADS.	All sites with permits issued by the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board.

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43	How many copies of the proposal would DTOP like to be delivered?	A single copy of the proposal is acceptable.
44	Which zones will Rincón, Utuado, and Jayuya be assigned to?	Jayuya and Utuado will be part of Zone 3 and Rincón part of Zone 4.
45	Are the qualified services in this RFP guaranteed by federal funds?	The costs of debris removal are qualified reimbursable costs to DTOP under FEMA Public Assistance.
46	Is DTOP responsible for disposal fees?	Please see section 1.11.8 e of the RFP
47	May a bidder propose special pricing for services not listed on Exhibit A?	Please make use of Exhibit A for all pricing. Any special pricing should be included in other fees contained within.
48	Will the agency approve 24-hour operations where disposal sites are available for 24 hours?	It is the responsibility of the contractor to coordinate with the owners of the disposal sites and operate in accordance with federal, state and local law.
49	Who will determine collection site to disposal site routes?	Contractors should make use of the shortest routes available.
50	The RFP doesn't consider standby rate for work stoppage. Will this be negotiated in the contract?	Any additional requirements will be negotiated prior to signing the contract.
51	Can an approved disposal site owner bid only disposal of materials covered in this RFP?	DTOP will approve all disposal sites in accordance with FEMA, federal, state, and local regulations. Disposal sites will be approved under separate procurement.
52	Is there a number of estimated Debris Management Sites per zone? Are we to assume one DMS per municipality in each zone? Is there an estimate of Disposal Sites per Zone?	There are no estimates at this time.
53	Will the bid be a public bid opening? Will it be webcast?	There will be a public RFP opening and accompanying webcast. Location information will be announced tonight, 11/2/2017.