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ADDENDUM NO. 8 - EXHIBIT A

NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	The information on pricing sheet is incorrect. (Example: Oxon Run is listed as having no sidewalks) How can we price accurately if information is incorrect?	The District has provided the most current information it has available at this time. Potential Offerors should consider all information provided including the use of the PropertyQuest™ Database: https://propertyquest.dc.gov/ . Should the awarded Contractor find any discrepancies related to real property Sq./Ft. the Contractor shall have the right to request measurements as outline beginning in Section [C.5.6] of the Contract.
2	In section C.7.2.2. under #3 (Tree Care) there is no listing of what height trees are to be elevated to?	See Addendum No. 8, Item No. 1
3	If you are requiring tree pruning to be a part of the periodic maintenance, can you please identify how many shrubs are at each location?	See Addendum No. 8, Item No. 1
4	There are several locations (ex. Fort Lincoln) that have not had tree elevation services done in several years, is the contractor responsible for those? Will there be an initial clean-up? If not, will this be included in supplemental pricing or will initial pruning be done under supplemental services?	See Addendum No. 8, Item No. 1
5	In the previous contract, there were 4 leaf removals. In the current RFP, there is no designated timeframe for leaf removals. When are these services expected to be done (there is no foliage in the summer time)?	In accordance with Section [C.5.1.1.1] Leaf/branch collection and disposal services are inclusive of the Period Landscaping Maintenance Services, fully described in Section [C.7.2.2] . These services shall be completed in accordance with the Landscaping Maintenance Cycle Chart Section [C.6.2.2] and shall be included in the firm-fixed flat cycle rates per property.
6	Some locations (e.g. Fort Lincoln) have over 100 trees. Is the contractor responsible for pruning all of these trees to a certain elevation or will the COTR identify which trees we are responsible for? Accounting for 2 trees and accounting for 100 trees is significantly different.	See Addendum No. 8, Item No. 1
7	Industry standards state that grass should be cut at 3 inches. In section C.8.3.2.1, it states the grass should be cut to 2.5 inches and no more than 3 inches. If the grass burns due to being cut at 2.5 inches, is the contractor responsible?	During the spring and summer months (April 1st - July 31st), the Contractor shall cut the grass to 3". All other months the grass can be maintained between 2.5" - 3".
8	In reference to question 46, which states that the locations will be listed that require push mowers on the price schedule. After reviewing attachment J.12, we do not see where push mower locations were identified. Can you please list these locations?	Unfortunately, if this information was not made available to DGS, it was not called-out with the location information. It is the expectation of the District that potential Offerors have a variety of equipment available for use and to cover the wide variety of terrain within the District's property portfolio. Moreover, the District expects the Contractor's to make a determination of which equipment is most suitable for specific services under specific conditions.

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9	Will there be an initial clean-up for weed control or will this be a supplemental service done on as needed basis. We ask because weed control is listed under routine maintenance and supplemental services. Can you please identify the difference between the two?	Weed control/removal services is included in both periodic landscaping maintenance services and the COTR may at his/her discretion order additional services on a supplemental basis.
10	Also, there is a significant amount of weed overgrowth on pavers and walkways in addition to sidewalks, which are in need of heavy spraying. Will these locations fall under periodic maintenance or supplemental services?	Yes, the awarded Contractor shall have the responsibility to bring all properties up-to-standard and in accordance with the site appearance standards prescribed in the Scope of Work. With that said, should the COTR determine the need for additional services, these will be order under the supplemental service clause.
11	Is stick edging expected to be performed every visit because typically mechanical edging is done on a bi-weekly basis	The awarded Contractor shall have the responsibility to maintain all properties under its prevue in accordance with the sites appearance standards prescribed in the Scope of Work, and the Contractor should use its best judgment to determine which services are and or are not required using the site appearance standard as the guide.
12	In section C.8.3.2.1, you indicate that the contractor must have mulching mowers. Does that mean that each mower must have a mulching kit?	Yes
13	In question 52, it indicates the contractor is to serve and report any and all conditions prior to the start of service, is the contractor allowed to bill for this service or is the District expecting us to provide a site conditions report at no cost?	No the Contractor will not be permitted to bill separately as this is not a separate services. The purpose of the language in Section [C.8.1] is to prompt the Contractor to provide the Department of notification of conditions which would prevent service delivery at a site.
14	In section C.8.3.2.5.1 under shrub and ground cover. These locations have not been maintained in the manner specified in the contract in over 5 years. Will these services be done under supplemental services to bring each location up to standard or is the contractor expected to include this in their pricing?	No these services will not be performed on a supplemental basis. The awarded Contractor shall have the responsibility to bring all properties up-to-standard and in accordance with the site appearance standards prescribed in the Scope of Work.
15	In section C.8.3.2.6 It indicates the contractor is to rake mulch. This same language is used in the periodic maintenance portion of section C.10.4.3.3. Is this service expected to be done on every visit or during the bi-annual mulch installation?	Mulch area Maintenance Section [C.8.3.2.6] services shall be performed in accordance with the Periodic Landscaping Maintenance schedule and the COTR may order additional Mulching Area Services described in Section [C.10.4.3.3] on a supplemental basis.
16	Can you specify the frequency for services listed as periodic?	Periodic services shall be performed in accordance with the Landscaping Maintenance Cycle Chart Section [C.6.2.2] .
17	A permit is needed by DDOT to cut all trees between the sidewalk and curb line. Is the contractor responsible for getting those permits in order to cut those trees?	See Addendum No. 8, Item No. 1