

**Addendum No. 1 to IFB#19-53**



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Department of Purchasing**  
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**MAYOR**

To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding IFB#19-53  
Title: Ash Tree Treatment

From: Prajкта Waditwar, Construction Procurement Manager

Date: 1/24/2019

Re: Removes Certification and Safety Standard requirements given under Clause 5 & 6 of Section 2.0 Rule for Award / Specification / Scope of Services and updates Quality Requirements accordingly – Please use updated Quality Requirements while submitting your bids.

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**Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including this form in your proposal package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.**

**NAME OF COMPANY / INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE/FAX/EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:**

**Addendum #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **#2** \_\_\_\_\_ **#3** \_\_\_\_\_ **#4** \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1. Clause 5: Certified and Skilled Arborist and Clause 6: Safety Standards as given under Section 2 Rule for Award / Specification / Scope of Services of IFB#19-53 have been completely removed.**

This requirement has been removed from Quality Requirements as well.

### 5. Certified and Skilled Arborist

A certified and skilled arborist will be required for all tree removal and branch removal due to the proximity of trees to targets such as roads, trails, utility wires and structures. The company owner or arborist/foreman performing the work shall have the following minimum qualifications:

- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist, Massachusetts Certified Arborist (MCA), or equivalent arborist certification approved by the Tree warden or designee.
- All work within 10 ft of utility wires must be performed by a qualified line clearance arborist in accordance with ANSI Z133.1, 29CFR1910.331- 335, 29CFR 1910.268 or 29CFR 1910.269.
- Minimum three (3) years' experience and demonstrated ability to perform required work

- b. Please note that reference information in each section must be completed. Failure to submit this information may result in the bidder's disqualification.

### 6. Safety Standards

- a. One certified arborist (as defined in the section labeled "Quality Requirements," and as identified in the "Statement of Bidder's Qualifications" of these Contract Documents) must be present at all times as the on-site project manager while tree removal is performed.
- b. Due to the presence of utility wires within work area, one "Qualified Line-Clearance Arborist" shall be present at all times in the case of any emergency trimming or pruning. All other crew members must be either a "Qualified Line-Clearance Arborist" or "Qualified Line-Clearance Arborist Trainee." The contractor and its employees must comply with ANSI Z133.1 and all OSHA standards pertaining to energized electrical conductors during normal tree operations.
- c. Tree pruning operations shall comply with the American National Standard for Tree Care Operations— Safety Requirements (ANSI Z133.1), as approved by the American National Standards Institute, and published by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). Operations shall also comply with applicable Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) standards.

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- Quality Requirements are updated as follows: (Please use updated quality requirements while submitting your bids.)

### Quality Requirements

Quality requirements, or basic business requirements, are the minimum set of standards that an entity must meet and certify to be considered responsible and responsive. **Please complete the Quality Requirements form, below, and submit it with your completed bid.** The City of Somerville will disqualify any response that does not meet the minimum quality requirements. A "No" response to items 1 through 3, or a failure to respond to any of the following minimum standards, will result in disqualification of your bid.

| QUALITY REQUIREMENTS |                                                                                                                                                                                                     | YES | NO |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1.                   | Do you have minimum three (3) years' experience in municipal street tree work?                                                                                                                      |     |    |
| 2.                   | Can you provide minimum 3 references for the similar services provided to the equal size municipal entity?                                                                                          |     |    |
| 3.                   | Do you have on staff at least one (1) licensed pesticide applicator with a category 36 License, and certified in micro injection?                                                                   |     |    |
| 4.                   | Optional:<br>Are you a Mass. Supplier Diversity Office MBE/WBE certified minority or woman owned business? Additional minority designations may be submitted by attaching supporting documentation. |     |    |

In order to provide verification of affirmative responses to items 1 through 3 under the quality requirements listed in the Quality Requirements Form, Offeror must submit written information that details the general background, experience, and qualifications of the organization. Subcontractors, if applicable, must be also included.