

#### ADDENDUM #1

# Public Works – Resource Conservation Private Property Structural Debris and Hazard Tree Removal Operations RFP # 7301-22

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The attached addendum supersedes the original Information and Specifications regarding RFP # 7301-22 where it adds to, deletes from, clarifies or otherwise modifies. All other conditions and any previous addendums shall remain unchanged.

Due to COVID-19, BIDS will only be accepted electronically by emailing purchasing@bouldercounty.org.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS RFP

#### Note #1: Updated Required Documents:

An Updated Rate Sheet and Updated Submittal Checklist are attached to this Addendum. These updated documents replace the original versions in the RFP and must be used and submitted by bidders. Any reference to the "Submittal Checklist" or "Rate Sheet" shall refer to the updated versions thereof.

### Note #2: <u>Debris Removal – Visually Clean Standard</u>:

Unless otherwise directed by Boulder County in writing, contractors shall remove all debris from parcels such that each parcel is visually clean, meaning that the parcel, when viewed from any area, is seen to be free of all disaster-caused debris of any kind. Contractor must work with the third-party monitor to identify debris that must be removed during site assessments. Determination that a parcel is visually clean will be made by the third-party monitor.

Contractor is responsible for determining the depth of incidental soil to be removed under the "Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil" line item in the Rate Sheet in accordance with any applicable regulations, such as 5 CCR 1001-10. A typical range of incidental soil depth is 3-6".

The County may require soil testing in the future. Boulder County is soliciting bids for "Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape, Disposal as needed" as a line item in the Rate Sheet for the cost of work required to bring a parcel into compliance with soil

testing standards as described in the answer to Question #122. Contractor must cooperate with the third-party monitor responsible for soil sampling and analysis. In the event that soil sampling is required, it will occur after work, including foundation removal (if applicable), has been completed on the parcel and before the contractor installs fencing; results would be made available as soon as practicable.

#### Note #3: Per Parcel for Concrete:

The Per Parcel for Concrete line items #8 and #9 in the Rate Sheet includes the separation and loading of all eligible concrete from an individual property. The unit cost is intended to include all activities and equipment related to excavating, separating, and loading concrete and reinforced concrete at the site into trucks and includes trucking but does not include receiving facility fees. Receiving facility fees shall be submitted under the Unit Rate for Concrete Disposal line items #21.a and #21.b.

## Note #4: Unit Rate for Metal:

The Unit rate for Metal is for disposal / recycling only (excluding transportation). The Unit Rate for Metal section now reads: The unit cost is intended to include disposal / recycling of metal. Contractor is required to recycle all eligible metal. Metal from damaged historic buildings should be salvaged if possible.

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. Question: Can the County clarify the following? "Regardless of the number of re-scrapes required or the quantity of soil removed, this bid item will be paid only once per parcel and for no more than 25% of the total number of parcels where debris removal is performed. Further re-scrapes necessary, as determined by RCD, shall be performed without compensation. These compensation limitations do not apply to parcels where RCD determines that cleanup goals cannot be met due to site conditions unrelated to the disaster, at the sole and exclusive discretion of RCD.

This is an individual property cost, but in the event that re-scrapes exceed 25%, the total re-scrape cost will be allocated pro-rata across all re-scraped parcels."

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top. If soil testing is conducted, the County does not expect re-scraping to be necessary for more than 25% of the properties. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the County will only compensate contractor for re-scraping up to 25% of properties once.

2. Question: Will the contractor be compensated for re-scraping properties as directed by RCD? For example, if the contractor is assigned 100 properties and preforms re-scraping on all 100 properties, the contractor will only get paid for the re scraping of 25 properties? Is this correct?

ANSWER: That is correct; see answer to Question #1.

3. Question: The last 6-line items in the rate schedule list the "Unit Rate" as "At Cost", is the contract to assume these line items are for the pass through of disposal fees at actual cost? Does RCD want the contract to list out the unit cost for disposal fees on these line items?

ANSWER: It is not pass-through. Please list the unit cost for each disposal fee based on your anticipated actual cost of disposal.

4. Question: If the disposal fees are a pass-through cost, then should the Per Parcel unit price not include disposal fees?

ANSWER: Per parcel rates should not include disposal fees unless explicitly indicated. The only Per Parcel line items that explicitly include disposal costs are "Per Parcel Asbestos Removal and Disposal" and "Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape, Disposal as needed"; all other disposal costs should be included in the designated line item for disposal and/or recycling.

5. Question: Will the Disaster Debris Removal Crews line item be paid per crew per day?

ANSWER: This is a one-time mobilization (including traffic control, tree hazard crews, asbestos crews, air quality monitoring, and dust control) rate per Disaster Debris Removal Crew for the entire project.

6. Question: For the following line items below. Will the extended total be multiplied by "1" parcel? Or by the estimated quantity provided, which is by the CY? Will the payment for these lines items be by the CY or Per Parcel? Should the first blank column be the bidder CY rate and then multiplied by the estimated quantity to arrive to the per parcel extended total? Please clarify how the bidder should calculate their extended total for these lines items:

Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil	89 c.y.	\$ Per Parcel	\$
Per Parcel Concrete Removal without fill	40 c.y.	\$ Per Parcel	\$
Per Parcel Concrete Removal with fill	81 c.y.	\$ Per Parcel	\$
Per Parcel Metal Removal	79 c.y.	\$ Per Parcel	
Per Parcel Asbestos Removal and Disposal	39 c.y.	\$ Per Parcel	\$
Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape, Disposal as needed	50 c.y.	\$ Per Parcel	\$

ANSWER: These items will be paid per parcel. The "Est quantity per parcel" column includes the average <u>estimate</u> of the quantity of each type of material per parcel to help guide your proposal. Calculate the Unit Price using the estimated CY of material multiplied by your proposed CY rate to develop your per parcel rate.

7. Question: How will the price be evaluated? Will the total extended cost be added up to arrive to a total evaluated cost?

ANSWER: Project cost will be evaluated for cost reasonableness and overall value to the County. The County will consider the cost reasonableness of individual line items and the total project. The County will also consider the quality, availability, and adaptability of the goods and services bid when determining best value.

8. Question: Upon review of the rate sheet (shown below) there seems to be some flaws and it doesn't provide for a total cost of project but more a unit price. Because evaluation of this contract values the total price of contract at 50% of the evaluation criteria, curious how you will total up these unit rates. For instance, the bid item for Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil shows an estimated quantity per parcel of 89 c.y. but typically the quantity would be the estimated quantity of parcels the county thinks will opt into the program and then the Total will reflect the unit price per parcel times the total estimated parcels which would be the total cost for the entire project. As this is written the total will reflect the cost for one parcel.

Rate Sheet								
Description	Est quantity per parcel or units	Unit price		Total				
Disaster Debris Removal Crews	20	\$	Per Crew	\$				
Debris Management Site (DMS) Management	1	\$	Per CY	\$				
Scale Set-up (if needed)	1	\$	Per Scale	\$				
Inspection Tower	6	\$	Per Tower	\$				
Scissor Lift	6	\$	Per Lift	\$				
DMS Closure	1	\$	Per DMS	\$				
Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil	89 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$				
Per Parcel Concrete Removal without fill	40 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$				
Per Parcel Concrete Removal with fill	81 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$				
Per Parcel Metal Removal	79 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel					
Per Parcel Asbestos Removal and Disposal	39 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$				
Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape, Disposal as needed	50 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$				
Vehicles Abatement	1,336	\$	Per Vehicle	\$				
Hazard Trees removed 6-12"	1	\$	Per Tree	\$				
Hazard Trees removed 12.1-24"	1	\$	Per Tree	\$				
Hazard Trees removed 24.1-36"	<1	\$	Per Tree	\$				
Hazard Trees removed 36.1"+	<1	\$	Per Tree	\$				
Hazard Limbs (2"+ in diameter)	<1	\$	Per Tree	\$				
Stumps (24"+ in diameter)	<1	\$	Per Stump	\$				
Unit Rate for Debris, Ash, and Incidental Soil Disposal	89 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$				
Unit Rate for Concrete and brick disposal/recycling	81 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$				
Unit Rate for Metal Recycling (include rebate if applicable)	79 c.y.		At Cost Per Ton					
Unit Rate for Vegetative Debris Disposal	10 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$				
Appliances with CFCs	<1	\$	At Cost	\$				
E-Waste	<10	\$	At Cost Per Pound	\$				

ANSWER: It is true that 50% of the scoring criteria will relate to cost. We will evaluate your per parcel cost which will include all of the sub-items to calculate the total per parcel and total project cost. The County will choose a multiplier for its calculations based on the most up-to-date property enrollment data at such time.

9. Question: Will the disposal and recycling fees be a pass-through cost? If so, are the line items denoted on the price schedule as "At Cost" just for informational purposes?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #3.

10. Question: It is not clear in the RFP; will the contract be paid by the CY or a per

parcel basis?

ANSWER: Work will be paid for by the Unit Price set forth in the rate sheet. For example, Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil removal will be paid on a per parcel basis. See also answer to Question #20.

11. Question: If the contractor is paid on a per parcel basis, is it the expectation that the contract expected to work for the same rate for residential and commercial properties?

ANSWER: The County is not procuring any work for commercial properties at this time. Bidders should provide rates for residential properties only.

12. Question: Will fire hydrants be made available for water to wet debris?

ANSWER: Contractors are required to provide their own water truck as described under Disaster Debris Removal Crews. There will also be coordination with local municipal water supplies for water.

13. Question: Is there an existing erosion control plan per parcel or does an erosion control plan need to be provided by the contractor?

ANSWER: There is no existing erosion control plan. The contractor must prepare and provide an erosion control plan for each parcel, as they are each unique. The contractor must obtain a blanket SWMP permit and follow the protocol in the permit.

14. Question: If there are any proceeds from recycled materials, will those proceeds need to be paid to the County?

ANSWER: Yes. Proceeds should be remitted directly to the County. Bidders should estimate their metal recycling costs, including rebates, for Rate Sheet line item #22.

15. Question: Due to the pending answers, would the County consider extending the response date?

ANSWER: No.

16. Question: Attachment 2 CDPHE Guidance is not labeled in the RFP. Can the county clarify if this is contained int RFP and if so what pages? Pages 51-58?

ANSWER: Attachment 2, CDPHE Guidance is pages 51-58 of the RFP document.

17. Question: Attachment 3 Green Sheet DR-4634-CO is not labeled in the RFP. Can the county clarify if this is contained int RFP and if so what pages? Pages 59 – 64?

ANSWER: Attachment 3, Green Sheet DR-4634 is pages 59-64 of the RFP document.

18. Question: The sample contract (Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708), page 17). mentions liquidated damages (LDs) apply. What is the value of the Liquidated Damages? What schedule or reference will Boulder County use to determine if Liquidated Damages should be assessed?

ANSWER: Any liquidated damages would be determined and calculated according to applicable laws.

19. Question: Will contractor payment be based on a unit price or extended totals i.e., for debris from individual parcels will pay item be per cubic yard or per parcel total?

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #10.

20. Question: DMS Management shows unit rate of CY since trees will not be reduced and will be directly hauled to final disposal does this apply?

ANSWER: The County does not currently anticipate that Contractor will be authorized to reduce material at the DMS or otherwise. Bidders should include a unit price Per CY for material reduction at the DMS in the event that this work is authorized.

21. Question: The RFP estimates 30 commercial properties damaged and 7 destroyed. Can the county amend the contract pricing to include separate commercial property per parcel pricing to prevent increase in overall residential per parcel pricing?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #11.

22. Question: Referencing "Contractor is required to cooperate with a third party for foundation and slab analyses to be conducted by a licensed engineer." Q. Will the basements be inspected prior to the beginning of work? If not, how will this be coordinated to prevent delays?

ANSWER: Required inspections and assessments must occur prior to commencement of debris removal work. The County will assist with coordination to prevent delays.

23. Question: Referencing "Contractor is required to cooperate with third party monitor to test concrete for asbestos before recycling." The price sheet lists 20 debris crews, will there be a third party monitor available to every crew to facilitate asbestos testing of concrete to prevent delays?

ANSWER: Yes.

24. Question: Will the County allow negative line-item pricing as observed in previous CalRecycle awards in California? Contractors have been awarded contracts with negative prices for vehicles in the past through CalRecycle.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #14.

25. Question: Concerning "Hazard Tree Removal: The actual number of hazard trees to be removed will be determined by RCD's Assessment and Management Consultant's arborists;" Scheduling of the Management Consultants arborists will affect timing of parcel operations and closure, if there are 20 debris crews how many arborists will the consultants have on staff to work with the crews?

ANSWER: There will be sufficient coordination with arborists to prevent delay of work.

26. Question: How many awards for contract will the county issue through this RFP?

ANSWER: This will be determined based on the quantity, quality, and contents of the bids we receive.

27. Question: Will the county allow comingling of scrap metal debris from parcel to parcel in a single truck to maximize transport to final location?

ANSWER: Due to the per parcel rate, contractors may commingle debris from parcel to parcel in a single truck so long as such debris is intended for the same final destination. There shall be no commingling of hazardous debris with non-hazardous debris. Notwithstanding, quantities must be documented per parcel.

28. Question: The RFP does not state the depth of soil to remove from each property, but it does reference re-scrapes. Can the county clarify the depth of cut for initial soil removal?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

29. Question: Referencing "Parcels may also require waste profiling and

characterization prior to debris removal. The Contractor will be responsible for conducting any required waste profiling and characterization if requested and pursuant to Attachment 2, CDPHE Guidance." Will the county be providing the waste profiles for all properties or will the contractor be responsible for this?

ANSWER: The County will provide waste profiles for all properties.

30. Question: The county lists 323 partially damaged structures, according to CHPHE guidance, "remaining building materials must be inspected by a Colorado certifies asbestos building inspector prior to demolition or debris handling." Will inspections be conducted by a third party? Will these inspections be performed prior to the beginning of work to prevent delays?

ANSWER: Partially damaged structures are not included in this scope of work. The County may procure services related to partially damaged structures at a later date; such work will not commence prior to the start of work on this project.

31. Question: Concerning "COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Certain Contractors of County" – Does this apply to subcontractors?

ANSWER: No.

32. Question: The Rate Sheet contains estimated cubic yard unit prices but totals for debris types are "per parcel". Will the county and the third-party monitoring company be making individual truck capacity/volume percentage load calls or will debris be directly hauled from each parcel to final location under a per parcel total. If no load calls are required can the county removed the cost line items for Inspection Towers and Scissor Lifts.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #6. No load calls or per parcel totals will be made. We cannot remove the inspection tower or scissor lift cost line items.

33. Question: Concerning the Rate Sheet "Est. quantity per parcel or unit" column. Should the contractor use the number following the less than symbol as a multiplier? i.e., >1 = multiplier of "1."

ANSWER: Yes. Use a multiplier of 1 for calculating those line items.

34. Question: Concerning "Contractor shall provide before and after photographs of the street in front of each parcel as documentation" Q. In similar past projects this has been the responsibility of the third-party monitoring company, will the county consider changing the responsibility for this from the contractor to the third-party monitoring company?

ANSWER: The third-party monitor will provide this service. The Contractor will not be responsible for this documentation.

35. Question: Can the county elaborate upon the scoring matrix of criteria and how decisions will be made to score the following?
Project Cost – Will the evaluation of cost be based on the unit prices or the extended totals?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #7.

Timeline – What criteria will be used to award the 20 points and the follow-up scores for lower points?

ANSWER: Time is of the essence in completing this project. The County will consider the amount of resources dedicated to the project, the length of time it takes to mobilize resources, and the amount of time it takes for the contractor to complete all the work. The County will consider a bidder's available resources, capabilities, efficiency, and adaptability to minimize project duration and avoid delays.

Past Experience – What criteria will be used to award the 20 points and the follow-up scores for lower points?

ANSWER: The County will consider a bidder's reputation, experience, and past performance in compliance with laws and ordinances relating to the bidder's service. The County will consider the bidder's past performance on contracts with Boulder County or on projects of a similar nature outside the county.

References - What criteria will be used to award the 10 points and the follow-up scores for lower points?

ANSWER: The County will consider information received from bidders' references, consisting of similar project customers, in determining the quality and value of services bid.

36. Question: Will there be a separate bid item for "Per Parcel" commercial and public parcels? If so, will it be paid per parcel, per cubic yard, or per ton?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #11.

37. Question: On the rate sheet there is an estimated quantity of each waste stream, which is extended to a per parcel cost. Is it the county's intention to pay for actual

units per cubic yard or a flat per parcel rate based on the estimated quantities listed?

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #6.

38. Question: The RFP defines that the equipment makeup per crew consists of at least one 1 excavator, 1-wheel loader, and 1 skid steer. Is this a requirement or a recommendation to provide this type of equipment for each crew?

ANSWER: This is the minimum requirement for each debris crew. The resources listed in bullet points under "Disaster Debris Removal Crews" on page 13 are the minimum required for each debris crew. Contractors can otherwise determine the makeup of each crew.

39. Question: The RFP references temporary safety fencing will be required for potential safety hazards, such as swimming pools. What are the approved specifications for the type of fencing required?

ANSWER: The nature and installation of temporary safety fencing must comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fall protection standards.

40. Question: Under the "Per Parcel for Concrete" section it references placing compatible fill dirt in ruts and holes created by the removal of concrete. Will the contractor be required to place the fill dirt immediately after debris removal or will we need to wait for soil sampling results to come back prior to placing any fill dirt?

ANSWER: The contractor will not be required to backfill foundation excavations unless unnecessary over-excavation is performed.

41. Question: Will concrete asbestos sampling be completed by a third party <u>prior</u> to debris removal crew mobilization to the parcel?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

42. Question: Several sections of the RFP state that disposal and/or facility costs should be included in the rate sheet line item such as "Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape and Disposal". Do the disposal costs need to be included in the Per Parcel rate sheet line items or will all disposal fees be billed "at cost" as listed near the bottom section of the rate sheet (Page 20)?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #4.

43. Question: How will the contractor be compensated for crew and trucking delays caused by the oversight monitor, unforeseen hazards, or hourly weather delays? How will the contractor be compensated if weather conditions do not allow for safe work conditions for extended periods of time?

ANSWER: Contractor may seek additional compensation for County-caused delays only.

44. Question: Will the export debris trucks be required to scale at the final disposal facilities if the disposal facility charges per cubic yard? If so, can the trucks have an established one time lightweight to avoid unnecessary wait times at the disposal facilities?

ANSWER: Each export debris truck must be inspected at the final disposal facility for cubic yard loads and receive a load ticket. An inspection tower and monitor will be available for this purpose at each disposal facility.

45. Question: Who will be responsible for disconnects of utilities?

ANSWER: Utility companies are responsible for disconnecting or capping utilities, and a third party monitor will confirm the disconnecting or capping of utilities. Notwithstanding, Contractor is responsible for disconnecting or capping each propane, well, and septic system on properties located in unincorporated Boulder County; Contractor must work with Boulder County Environmental Health, the Division of Water Resources, and the property owners at these locations during such work. No work will commence until the third party monitor has confirmed that all utilities have been disconnected and/or capped as required.

46. Question: Does the hole left from the removal of basement foundations need to backfilled? Will it be acceptable to bowl the holes left from the basement removal to make it safe with acceptable slopes at a 3/1 or less?

ANSWER: The hole does not need to be backfilled. Each hole must meet OSHA fall protection standards.

47. Question: Can the vehicles be transported directly to a final receiving facility? We are assuming that most VIN numbers will not be legible, therefore what is the process for verifying ownership and approval to scrap the vehicles? Who will be responsible for any verification process, the monitor? Also, will they be required to be transported to a vehicle aggregation yard prior to disposal? Whose responsibility will it be to provide the vehicle aggregation yard?

ANSWER: For any vehicle removal, Contractor must transport the vehicle to an aggregation yard, which may be located at a final receiving facility or other approved site. If VINs are unidentifiable, the contractor must comply with any required local and State abatement processes. It is the contractor's responsibility to obtain county approval of the vehicle aggregation yard.

48. Question: If the DMS option is requested by the County, who's responsibility will it be to provide a site for the DMS?

ANSWER: A single DMS site has been identified and approved in Louisville. Contractor must cooperate with the County to make any necessary permitting changes as may be required.

49. Question: Line item 1 " Disaster debris removal crews" has a unit rate of \$/crew. Is this intended to be \$/crew/day?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #5.

50. Question: Line item 5 "Scissor lift" has a unit rate of \$/lift. Is it intended to be \$/lift/month?

ANSWER: The "Per Lift" unit rate is a one-time cost for each scissor lift to be stationed at each disposal facility for the duration of the project.

51. Question: Please confirm the 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitoring firm will be a separate contract held and managed by the county.

**ANSWER: Confirmed.** 

52. Question: Will the County consider changing the unit rates of "Per Parcel" to "per Cubic Yard?"

ANSWER: No.

53. Question: If the answer to question #3 above is no, what will the process be where actual quantities are significantly greater than the estimated quantities on specific parcels? Will the Contractor be able to negotiate a change order on a

case-by-case basis?

ANSWER: No.

54. Question: Can the county confirm that the Debris Management site is intended only for vegetative debris?

ANSWER: Confirmed, that is the current intention. The Contractor must cooperate with the County in the event that changes to the use of the DMS are required.

55. Question: Will the County consider allowing Non-vegetative debris to be hauled to the DMS for processing and segregation. This would allow for a more efficient segregation and disposal process?

ANSWER: The County will consider proposed changes to use of the DMS, but in no event may structural debris, ash or any other hazardous waste be delivered to the DMS.

56. Question: If the answer to question #7 above is yes, will the County change the scope of work for line item #2 Debris Management Site (DMS) to allow for all debris?

ANSWER: No, as not all debris can or should be delivered to the DMS. If changes to use of the DMS permit are made, the parties will negotiate in good faith to amend contract pricing to reflect such changes.

57. Question: Disposal fees can fluctuate daily making it hard to get an exact disposal fee, since lines 20 – 25 have unit rates of "at cost" and will be treated as a pass-through expense will it be acceptable to write Direct Passthrough on bid form?

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #3.

58. Question: Please confirm the Boulder County Haulers License can be acquired post award?

**ANSWER: Confirmed.** 

59. Question: Regarding the COVID Vaccine requirement on page 4, paragraph 1, please verify that this mandatory vaccination requirement only applies to those working in "county facilities" and not the private property in which this work will be performed. Also, please indicate whether any portion of this work performed will be performed on any county property which will cause this requirement to be enacted.

ANSWER: Correct, the COVID-19 vaccine requirement only applies to persons that "perform county work in a county facility" more than 15 hours per month "in a county building." Based on the current, anticipated services needed, the County does not expect Contractors or their employees to work more than 15 hours per month in a county building when performing this work.

60. Question: Please confirm that disposal costs are to be included in each material line item?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #4.

61. Question: Per parcel line items express estimated quantities in cubic yards rather than tons. Typical practice for post wildfire work is to use tonnage to eliminate subjective load calls and because the weight of soils and fire debris don't allow for the transportation of full loads (the sample contract calls for compaction and full loads). Unless the County intends to use a flat "per parcel" amount, will the County consider the use of tonnage?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #6.

62. Question: The sample contract (pg. 3 #11) indicates that the Contractor will track daily material quantities rather than the Monitoring firm. This is not common practice particularly because the monitoring firm provides software that automatically tabulates the required information. Please consider eliminating this requirement.

ANSWER: The Contractor should track their own quantities. The third-party monitor will also be tracking.

63. Question: Our office would like to be included and or allowed to present a bid for this project as pertains to NIGP Category 96888 (Tree and Shrub Removal Services). Can we bid on just this service?

ANSWER: No.

64. Question: How will the contractor be notified when the ROE's are received and for which properties?

ANSWER: The County will provide this information to the Contractor.

65. Question: Is there a place identified that will accept vehicles requiring abatement?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

66. Question: Will there be a designated time where contractors will be able to access/view the sites?

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ANSWER: No.

67. Question: Will contractors need to disconnect utilities at the main or do we leave stubs for new construction?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #45.

68. Question: Will any ACM testing/sampling be completed before demolition begins?

ANSWER: See answers to Question #22 and #41.

69. Question: Can a copy of the wage determination documents or general decision numbers be provided for this project?

ANSWER: In the event of federal funding, the County will provide wage information as required by law. According to the FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, "[t]he Davis Bacon Act, which requires 'prevailing wage' payment to contracted workers based on the local union wage scale defined by the U.S. Department of Labor, does not apply to State, Territorial, Tribal, local government, or PNP contracts for PA-funded projects." (emphases added) Guide available at: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\_pappg-v4-updated-links\_policy\_6-1-2020.pdf.

70. Question: Does the contractor have to bid the entire project or are they able to bid the areas that they specialize in?

**ANSWER: Entire project.** 

71. Question: What is the performance period for this project?

ANSWER: One year, which the County may extend.

72. Question: Can additional clarification be provided for Boulder County's intent to award debris removal? Specifically, does Boulder County intend to award Contractor(s) 'Operation' areas or at a minimum, neighborhoods? This information will be helpful in establishing the Construction schedule concerning lot mobilizations.

ANSWER: The County intends to establish 'operation' areas, the details of which have not been decided. Please see answer to Question #26.

73. Question: Can the order of precedence for the overall scope of work be provided? Specifically, is there an order of precedence for completion of Operational Areas?

ANSWER: Not prior to bidding; this will be provided after the contract award is made.

74. Question: Can additional clarification be provided for the detailed project schedule required to be submitted with the Bidders Proposal? Specifically, what shall be the basis of the detailed project schedule (Completion Milestones, NTP date, etc.)? Shall Bidders illustrate the sequence of work based on the Table as provided on Page 8 of the RFP?

ANSWER: The actual start date will be determined by the County pursuant to issuance of a Notice to Proceed. A bidder must indicate its resource availability, timing and quantity, in its proposal. Bidders should use the Table on Page 8 to develop the sequence of work and establish milestones. Bidders should otherwise consider the entirety of the RFP in developing a detailed project schedule as requested.

75. Question: Please provide a budgeted price or rough order of magnitude for the required bid guarantee?

ANSWER: Approximately 1,064 "opt-in" ROEs have been received so far. It is possible that properties will be added to and removed from the Program over time, as determined by the property owner and/or County. The number of current "opt-in" ROEs should be used to estimate the number of participating parcels, with the understanding that this number may go up or down. The number and distribution of Destroyed Structures listed on the Table on page 8 may also be informative.

76. Question: Will Boulder County require a bonding capability letter from Proposer's surety to ensure they are financially capable of bonding up to the estimated contract value?

ANSWER: Yes.

77. Question: Can the requirement for Contractor to be licensed with Boulder County Hauler Licensure be met through Contractor's subcontracted hauler or teaming partner?

ANSWER: Every company and every truck utilized must be licensed through Boulder County.

78. Question: Attachment 2 – Air Monitoring – CDPHE Guidance. It appears this attachment was not included with the RFP documents – can this attachment please be provided?

ANSWER: Attachment 2, CDPHE Guidance is pages 51-58 of the RFP document.

79. Question: Who is responsible for obtaining the Department of Public Health & Environment and Stormwater Division Permit for the Temporary Debris Management Site (DMS)?

ANSWER: The County will assist Contractor with obtaining the DMS permit, although Contractor is ultimately responsible for obtaining it, taking it over, and fulfilling the permit requirements.

80. Question: Can clarification please be provided for asbestos inspection? Specifically, who is responsible for performing these inspections (e.g., partially damaged buildings, concrete)?

ANSWER: The County will contract with third party monitors who perform asbestos inspections for concrete. See answer to Question #23.

81. Question: Can Proposer's submit a red-lined version of the contract or propose additional terms and the current agreement?

ANSWER: Yes, bidders must submit with their proposals any exceptions to the County's sample contract and additional contract terms that they would like the County to consider in contract negotiations. Failure to do so will waive the contractor's right to pursue such changes/additions during contract negotiations. See Updated Submittal Checklist, attached.

82. Question: Provided that quantities are subject to change at the discretion of the County, please consider a quantity variation clause with a defined threshold for either the County or Contractor to seek a rate change.

ANSWER: Noted.

83. Question: What are the progress payment terms? Currently not provided in the contract.

ANSWER: Contractor shall invoice County in accordance with the Payments section on p. 19. The County will remit 90% of undisputed invoiced amounts, and withhold 10% retainage.

84. Question: What are the requirements for final payment?

ANSWER: The County will remit final payment upon satisfactory completion of the project by the Contractor as determined in County's discretion. Prior to final payment, Contractor must return each ROE to the County, close each site, and each site must pass final inspection.

85. Question: Will retention be held on this contract?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

86. Question: The contract requires Contractor to comply with Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148) however, no wage determination was provided with the bid documents. Please provide the wage determination that will govern this project (i.e. Heavy, Highway, Residential, or Building).

ANSWER: See answer to Question #69.

87. Question: How are Certified Payroll reports to be submitted and to what agency?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #69.

88. Question: Please provide anticipated mobilization and project completion dates for the schedule requirement.

ANSWER: Bidders must provide proposed mobilization and project completion dates. The actual start date will be determined by the County based on the responses and other factors.

89. Question: Current Contract states: "County may designate the hours (on a daily or weekly basis) during which Contractor may perform the Work, strictly for the purposes of minimizing inconvenience to the County and interference with County operations. Contractor will otherwise set its own work schedule." Please provide a clear definition of working hours and days.

ANSWER: Contractors should propose working hours and days as part of the project schedule. Proposed working hours should not extend outside of daylight hours and should also account for disposal site closures on Sundays.

90. Question: RFP states: "No tracked equipment shall be allowed on public streets without the written permission of the County."? Are rubber tracked equipment allowed on public streets without County approval?

ANSWER: No.

91. Question: Can Bidder install rubber grousers on metal excavator tracks and utilize these excavators on public streets without County approval?

ANSWER: No.

92. Question: Will Contractor or Boulder County perform final site restoration (hydro mulch, etc.) following debris removal?

ANSWER: Contractor. See the "Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative and Incidental Soil" section of the RFP.

93. Question: When is it expected that FEMA will rule on Boulder Counties eligibility for the PPDR program?

ANSWER: Unknown.

94. Question: Will inspection towers be mandatory or can Contractor plan on using scissor lifts in lieu of inspection towers?

ANSWER: Contractors can use a scissor lift as an inspection tower. Contractor's proposal must still provide pricing for both.

95. Question: If more than 1 Bidder receives an award, will parcels be consolidated per Contractor?

ANSWER: To the extent practical, yes.

96. Question: Can clarification be provided for the following statement; "For purposes of this policy, "perform county work in a county facility" means any employee of an independent contractor that routinely performs more than fifteen (15) hours per month of county work that takes place in a county building. Under the county's COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy, these individuals are required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine unless a reasonable accommodation based on medical reasons or due to a sincerely held religious belief is requested and approved". Since the subject scope of work is NOT performed indoors or within a County Facility, is the COVID vaccine requirements applicable to this solicitation?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #59.

97. Question: The RFP instructs Proposers to not include State or Federal taxes in its bid price provided that Boulder County is legally tax exempt. Will Contractor be provided a Tax Exemption Certificate from Boulder County for this project?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

98. Question: Are all utilities (i.e., gas, electrical, communication) shut off at each

parcel?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #45.

99. Question: Is the Contractor required to fill basements to original grade? Is 'original grade' considered grade prior to home construction? Furthermore, are there any material or compaction requirements for fill placement?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #46.

100. Question: Will the County provide bid incentives to socio-economic disadvantage bidder's such as HUBZone Contractors?

ANSWER: No.

101. Question: Will the 3rd party 'Monitors' referenced on page 10 (Monitoring) be contracted to an engineering or CM firm with experience in large-scale debris removal tracking? And can this consultant be identified to the bidders?

ANSWER: Third-party monitors will be experienced and qualified to perform the work.

102. Question: What formula will be used to determine the number of points allocated to each bidder, based on their price-ranking? For example, would bidder #2 (if 10% HIGHER than bidder #1) still receive 45 points out of 50, based on percentage-difference from low bid? Similarly, will ALL the rates be combined to determine the 'Low Bidder', and therefore received the maximum allowable points (50). Or will only the 'Per-Parcel' rates be evaluated?

ANSWER: The County will utilize a consistent method for allocating the appropriate amount of points to each bidder. Please see answer to Question #7.

103. Question: What formula will be used to determine the number of points allocated to each bidder, based on their Proposed Schedule? For example, would bidder #2 (if 10% SLOWER than bidder #1) still receive 18 points out of 20, based on percentage-difference from fastest schedule? Similarly, is it correct to assume that the bidder with the earliest proposed completion date, would receive the highest possible value (20 points) during the scoring process?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #102.

104. Question: Are bidders to provide 3 different rate-sheets for the three different Operations (Unincorporated Boulder County, Town of Superior, & City of Louisville)? Or a single rate-sheet that is applicable to all Operations? Parcel sizes vary substantially between all 3 Operations.

ANSWER: A single rate sheet.

105. Question: If awarding multiple agreements, will all contractors performing work be given equal consideration to the number of Monitors assigned to their work areas?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

106. Question: Please define "Work Area" as it relates to the minimum flag person requirement on page 10 (Traffic Control). Is each crew anticipated to need at least 1 flag person? Or will only 1 flag person be required at the entrance to each block and/or neighborhood?

ANSWER: Traffic control must comply with the Colorado Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). A copy of it can be found here https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/assets/documents/mutcd.

107. Question: Will independent contractors who have separately contracted with homeowners (outside of the County's Consolidated Debris Removal Program) be issued permits in/around the same areas and timeframes that we will be assigned to work? Or will each successful bidder have the ability to coordinate ALL traffic/truck flows within a discrete area (street/neighborhood) to avoid potential congestion and delays caused by other nearby contractors?

ANSWER: Yes, it is possible that independent contractors are performing similar work in similar areas.

108. Question: Will there be a public bid-opening for at least the pricing portion of the proposal? As stated in the RFP: "Pricing totals... are not considered confidential". Additionally, will final scoring/rankings be published for all bidders who submit a proposal?

ANSWER: Boulder County will share via email the names of firms that have submitted proposals. Pricing information will not be mentioned. All other information contained in the proposal shall not be disclosed until after an award is made by the Board of County Commissioners. Evaluation materials will be available for public disclosure in accordance with the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA).

109. Question: Please provide the total ROE's that have been received thus far, by Operation. What is the anticipated percentage of impacted homeowners who will participate in the County's Consolidated Debris Removal Program?

ANSWER: Approximately 1,064 "opt-in" ROEs have been received so far. It is possible that properties will be added to and removed from the Program over time, as determined by the property owner and/or County. The number of current "opt-in" ROEs should be used to estimate the number of participating parcels, with the understanding that this number may go up or down. The number and distribution of Destroyed Structures listed on the Table on page 8 may also be informative.

110. Question: What method will be used to determine the volume of 'debris hauling units' (Contractors Equipment – Section A)? Will total 'airspace' volume of the trailer or truck-bed be calculated, inclusive of any sideboards? Some specialty 'high-side' demolition trailers can exceed 60+ CY's of total capacity. However, it is our experience that this type of debris (especially when mixed with surrounding soils) will be heavy enough to cause a truck to max-out on weight restrictions, prior to maxing-out on the trailer's volume/capacity limits. In these cases, would a "Full" load be calculated as 60+ CY's of debris (for measurement/payment purposes), or would the total volume be pro-rated VISUALLY by the 3rd party Monitor?

ANSWER: The County will use the measurements of the inside dimensions of the hauling unit to calculate volume. Additions, such as side boards, and deductions, such as "dog houses", will be taken into account during such calculations. Though load calls for quantification documentation may be issued, debris removal will be paid on a per parcel basis, regardless of quantity. The Contractor is responsible for determining "full loads" in accordance with applicable weight limit regulations.

111. Question: Can trucks be loaded with debris from multiple addresses in order to minimize the amount of trucking required to complete the work? Or will partial-loads need to be tracked for each individual address?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #27.

112. Question: If debris-loads need to be address-specific (no co-mingling multiple addresses), can metal loads at least be combined for multiple addresses?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #27.

113. Question: Can concrete loads be combined for multiple addresses?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27.

114. Question: Can Re-scrape loads be combined for multiple addresses?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27.

115. Question: Will the 3rd Party Monitor be responsible for issuing the Landfill Manifests for each address? Who will be considered the 'Generator' of the waste (Boulder County, Homeowner, or 3rd Party Monitor)? Will the 3rd Party Monitor be capable of providing manifest tickets for multiple landfills (based on the decision/choice of the contractor)?

ANSWER: Boulder County will work collaboratively with Landfills and a third-party contractor to issue Landfill Manifests for each address. Boulder County shall be considered the "Generator" of the waste. The County has made arrangements for manifest tickets to be provided through Front Range Landfill; other landfills will be considered based on cost reasonableness, greenhouse gas impact, and other factors.

116. Question: If built after 1979, is the debris from these properties still required to be treated as friable asbestos (Page 61 – Building Debris)? Similarly, can Level 'C' PPE requirements for these properties be waived (respirators & Tyvek suits)?

ANSWER: All debris must be treated as friable asbestos waste. Level C PPE requirements cannot be waived.

117. Question: Does handling of ash-debris (without the risk of containing asbestos – built after 1979) require HAZWOPER certified workers? If so, would truck drivers also be required to have this training as well?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #116.

118. Question: The RFP lists only 4 landfills capable of receiving this waste (page 52 of the RFP – Page 2 of 3 of the Asbestos Information Sheet) states that "No other landfills are currently approved to accept ash and debris from buildings completely destroyed by these fires" and stated again on pages 57 & 58. However, Attachment 4 (page 65) indicates that this is only a "list of potential disposal sites... (and) may not be all encompassing, and bidders are encouraged to research their most cost reasonable disposal options while

maintaining the highest rate of landfill diversion." Please clarify if bidders can propose to haul to any landfills other than the 4 landfills listed in the RFP?

ANSWER: Please see page 52 of the RFP which identifies the four landfills approved by CDPHE to accept ash and debris. Attachment 4 was included to show examples of other recycling and disposal options outside of the landfills.

119. Question: CDPHE recommends that building debris be direct hauled from the point of generation to a landfill (Page 62 – Temp Storage of Debris). Therefore, what circumstances would trigger the County to request a Temporary Debris Management Site (DMS), as detailed on page 13 & 14 of the RFP?

ANSWER: The County may request that vegetative debris be hauled to the DMS. Please see answer to Questions #54 and #55.

120. Question: Is the Measurement/Payment for debris removal anticipated to by 'Per-Parcel' (Lump-Sum), or 'Per Cubic Yard' (Unit Price)? Page 16 specifically states that "The bid unit is per parcel", but the rate sheet is requesting a unit-price per cubic-yard of debris. Additionally, the "Payments" section on page 19 indicates that the contractor will submit an invoice "calculated from load tickets issued by the Monitor", which seems to indicate a unit-price payment process.

ANSWER: Please see answer to question #6.

121. Question: If the payment method will be based on a 'unit-price' rather than 'per-parcel', we suggest that the pricing (and subsequent measurement/payment) be provided 'by-the-Ton', to avoid any ambiguity with respect to quantifying 'Cubic-Yards' (Visually – by 3rd Party Monitor).

ANSWER: Please see answer to question #6.

122. Question: Page 15 states that "Fencing will be installed after the Contractor has demobilized from the area and the property has passed its soil sampling and analysis testing." What are the testing requirements needed to pass this soil sampling and analysis? Who is responsible for performing soil sampling/analysis? Will the entire lot be required to be enclosed with fencing? And if so, what type of fencing is required?

ANSWER: Contractor must install fencing in accordance with OSHA fall protection standards. See Note #2, at top. Any soil sampling requirements will be conducted by the County's third party contractor.

123. Question: Page 16 indicates that the contractor shall dispose of additional soils from parcels that have been determined to still be contaminated with ash and other harmful materials. And that the contractor will NOT be compensated for any 're-scrapes' beyond 25% of the total parcels. Please provide the recommended depth of soils that should be removed during the initial debris-removal phase, in order to minimize the potential for these re-scrapes?

ANSWER: Please see Note #2, at top.

124. Question: Will landscape rock/paver areas require removal if no visible a additional soils from parcels that have been determined to still be contaminated with ash and other harmful materials. And that the contractor will NOT be compensated for any 're-scrapes' beyond 25% of the total parcels. Please provide the recommended depth of soils that should be removed during the initial debris-removal phase, in order to minimize the potential for these rescrapes?

ANSWER: Please see Note #2, at top, and answer to Question #1.

125. Question: Will soil sampling/analysis be completed after ash removal, but BEFORE foundation removal? If so, what is the anticipated turn-around time for these test results?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top. Please note that FEMA is considering funding for debris removal separate from foundation removal and FEMA approval for PPDR work may not include foundation removal.

126. Question: If soil sampling is performed prior to foundation removal, may the contractor perform concrete removals without Level C PPE requirements (respirators & Tyvek suits)?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #125.

127. Question: Please define the first item of the rate sheet (Disaster Debris Removal Crews – Estimated QTY = 20). Is this intended to be Mobilization/Demobilization to the Operation Area (paid once per crew)?

**ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #5** 

128. Question: Bidders respectfully request access to the various Operational Areas, to properly evaluate the level of effort required to complete the work. Please advise how access can be obtained?

ANSWER: The Operational Areas include many public thoroughfares, rights of way, and properties that are freely accessible and provide unrestricted access to the project areas. Contractors are able to view most, if not all, private properties from public places.

129. Question: To date, how many ROE permits has the Resource Conservation Division (RCD) received from the impacted property owners in Unincorporated Boulder County, the City of Louisville, and the Town of Superior?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #109.

130. Question: How long will the impacted property owners have to sign up for the PPDR program?

ANSWER: The sign up period is anticipated to end February 8. Properties will not be added upon closure of the sign up period, but it is possible that properties may disensel over time.

131. Question: Has FEMA approved the PPDR program for the County yet?

ANSWER: No.

132. Question: Will awards be made for each of the Operational Areas individually, or will one award be made encompassing all three Operational Areas?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #26.

133. Question: Has FEMA approved the inclusion of Mobile Home Parks in the PPDR program yet?

ANSWER: The PPDR request has not been approved at this time.

134. Question: On page 10 of the RFP, it states the Contractor will be responsible for conducting waste profiling and characterization if requested. The third-party Monitor typically performs this service. Is it an accurate statement that the County will have the debris removal contractor perform this service instead of the Monitoring firm?

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #29.

135. Question: Will the Contractor be required to secure business licenses in all jurisdictions?

ANSWER: Contractors are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and licenses and otherwise complying with applicable laws.

136. Question: Can the County clarify the public assistance program process on this project?

ANSWER: The FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide can be found at this link: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\_pappg-v4-updated-links">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\_pappg-v4-updated-links</a> policy 6-1-2020.pdf.

137. Question: Since the removal of HHW is part of the scope of work, will the County consider adding a line item to the bid schedule that addresses this requirement?

ANSWER: No.

138. Question: Will the Contractor be allowed to use tracked equipment if rubber street pads are used?

ANSWER: Only with prior, written County approval. See answers to Questions #90 and #91.

139. Question: If an arborist deems a tree a high hazard, will the County require that tree(s) be removed prior to any other work being performed on the property?

ANSWER: The Contractor is responsible for directing and controlling the work in accordance with applicable safety standards, regulations, codes, and laws.

140. Question: Will the Contractor be able to retain any revenue from recycling concrete, metals, etc.?

ANSWER: No. Please see answer to question #14.

141. Question: Typically, contaminated soil is treated as a separate line item, apart from the ash and debris. However, in the scope of work, it is to be scraped and collected simultaneously as the ash and debris. Is this a mistake in the scope of work?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

142. Question: Our understanding is that the County and/or State will not require asbestos testing on properties that may contain asbestos but are not evident to the naked eye, is this assumption correct?

ANSWER: Contractor is required to cooperate with third party monitor to test concrete for asbestos before recycling. Asbestos testing must be conducted in accordance with CDPHE Guidance. See answer to Question #23 and see CDPHE Guidance.

143. Question: Historically, a typical excavation of a property involved in these FEMA-funded programs is 6" for contaminated soil removal. Does County have a proposed initial soil scrape per parcel, before soil testing is performed?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

144. Question: Would the County be against adding line items to the pricing schedule for Community Traffic Control, Community Air Monitoring, and Community Dust Control, with a unit of measure being crew days? This tends to be more advantageous when working in subdivisions where many of the homes have burned.

ANSWER: No, these costs should be included in the "Disaster Debris Removal Crews" line item unit price on the Rate Sheet.

145. Question: SWMP – Will the Contractor be able to transfer the permit to the municipalities for the SWPPP following acceptance of the work?

ANSWER: No. Property owners are responsible for complying with stormwater rules, regulations, and best management practices upon completion of the Contractor's work.

146. Question: It appears that traffic control will be handled on a per parcel basis. Should traffic control be handled on a community basis?

ANSWER: At a minimum, Contractor must post one flag person at each entrance to the work area to direct traffic. Contractor is responsible for directing and controlling traffic control activities in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition and the Colorado Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition.

147. Question: On page 13 of the RFP, it states that erosion control crews are NOT to be included in the disaster debris removal, but on page 15, it states that erosion

control crews ARE to be included in the parcel rate for debris removal. Please clarify.

ANSWER: Erosion control crews may be necessary on a parcel-by-parcel basis and should be taken in consideration for the per parcel rates for Line Items #7-12.

148. Question: Who is responsible for identifying the DMS site, and will there be at least one per operational area?

ANSWER: Please see answer to question #48.

149. Question: Can the contractor chip (mulch) vegetative material before hauling to the compost processing facility?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

150. Question: Will asbestos testing be required on all chimneys?

**ANSWER: Yes.** 

151. Question: Payments – The RFP states that invoicing shall occur no less than every two weeks; however, the contract states invoicing shall occur monthly. What is the frequency of the invoicing?

ANSWER: RFP language is correct; invoicing is required no less than every two weeks.

152. Question: Threshold – The RFP states properties must pass soil sampling and analysis. What are the testing criteria, and how quickly will the analytical results be available following completion of the initial work by the Disaster Debris Removal crew?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

153. Question: Will the Contractor or the Monitoring Firm provide soil testing for the County?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

154. Question: Can the County provide the Davis Bacon wages for Boulder County?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #69.

155. Question: On page 13 of the RFP, it states that erosion control crews are NOT to be included in the disaster debris removal, but on page 15, it states that erosion control crews ARE to be included in the parcel rate for debris removal. Please clarify.

ANSWER: Please see answer to question #147.

156. Question: Is there any reason to believe that water protection coatings on basements will be asbestos containing?

ANSWER: All debris must be treated as friable asbestos waste. If asbestos testing is necessary, it will be conducted by a third party monitor.

157. Question: Does that trucking lining need to be completed by a CDPHE General Abatement Contractor (GAC)?

ANSWER: No.

158. Question: Can concrete be crushed at a DMS?

ANSWER: Please see answers to Questions #54 through 56.

159. Question: How shall Boulder County include pay items for all fixed cost recovery if this project is not awarded to totality to one qualified Contractor?

ANSWER: Fixed costs should be included in the most appropriate line item with a "Per Parcel" unit price.

160. Question: May the Contractor add additional pay items to the existing Schedule of Values to accommodate payment for substantial items of work that presently are incidental to the un-defined and estimated quantification of the present pay items?

ANSWER: No.

161. Question: Will Boulder County encourage and accept the reuse of on-site recyclable inert resources for project inclusion per Colorado Department of Transportation structural embankment specifications?

ANSWER: The County will consider all proposals for reuse of materials.

162. Question: Will the County be accepting best and final offers concerning pricing?

ANSWER: The proposal is the bidder's opportunity to submit its best and final offers for this project.

163. Question: Has the County decided if you will require presentations from Offerors?

ANSWER: The County will not require presentations. The County may request additional information from bidders or request interviews with one or more bidder.

164. Question: Can you please provide a list of local landfills that will accept asbestos-containing material?

ANSWER: Please see page 52 of the RFP and answer to Question #118.

165. Question: With price being 50% of the evaluation criteria, it makes it tough for the rest of the evaluation criteria to make a difference in the overall evaluation, more or less making this a low-bid contract. Would the County consider redistributing the percentage points so that price is not weighted so heavily? Doing so would allow the County to arrive at a "best value" evaluation and give the other very important criteria more consideration.

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #7

166. Question: Are you able to provide the names and titles of the evaluation committee members?

ANSWER: Not at this time. This information will be included in the award recommendation memo that will be submitted for Board of County Commissioner approval at a public business meeting.

167. Question: Will there be a public posting of the evaluation committee meeting?

ANSWER: No.

168. Question: When will the intent to award be made, and how will it be communicated to proposers?

ANSWER: Bidders will be advised by Purchasing via e-mail after evaluation is complete and an award has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

169. Question: Are you able to provide an average square footage estimate for the destroyed/damaged homes?

ANSWER: Operation 1 = 3,190; Operation 2 = 2,690; Operation 3 = 2,647.

170. Question: Based upon the average age of structures that were destroyed/damaged, what percentage do you believe may contain asbestos?

ANSWER: Unknown. See answer to Question #116 and see CDPHE Guidance.

171. Question: Will completed parcels be required to be graded to drain to avoid ponding of water?

ANSWER: Grading would only be required for concrete removal or stump removal. See answer to Question #46.

172. Question: If awarding multiple agreements to perform this work, is there a prioritization of which Operation will be awarded (in what sequence) to the relative Bidder Rankings? For example, would the #1 ranted bidder be awarded the City of Louisville, #2 awarded Superior, etc.? If so, what is the sequence/order of award for the different Operations.

ANSWER: It depends on the quantity, quality, and contents of the bids we receive.

173. Question: It is well known that Boulder County has already been working with certain contractors prior to this advertisement for bids and related to the development of this RFP (DRC, Forgen, & others). What assurances do bidders have that this will be a fair and open procurement, and not just a 'check-bid'?

ANSWER: Boulder County has not worked with any potential bidders in preparation of this RFP. The RFP does not incorporate any information from potential bidders, and the County has not provided any competitive advantage in this RFP process to any potential bidder. The County will make an award as determined to be the best value for the County and in the County's best interest.

174. Question: Is there a limit to how many cleanup crews we can have?

ANSWER: No.

175. Question: Will there be multiple contractors for this project?

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #26.

176. Question: Will each contractor get more work as they finish?

ANSWER: The County may reallocate work among contractors until the project is complete.

177. Question: Will the insurance and bonding needed be something that has to be in place before Bidding, or will contractor have time to add these things and adjust their policies for the project? Having it in place before work can start?

ANSWER: Bid bonds must be submitted with the proposal. Required insurance coverages and performance and payment bonds must be procured prior to execution of the contract and commencement of the work, and in no event later than 5 days after the award is made. Contractor is responsible for ensuring that performance of these obligations does not result in any delays. See also answer to Question #76.

178. Question: Will there be a supervisory site visit to go over the expectation and scope of work prior to bidding?

ANSWER: No.

179. Question: Per scope of service on page 7 of the RFP "RCD anticipates awarding one(1) or more agreement(s) to perform work within the following operation areas...". Please confirm if for bidding purposes we should assume this contract will be split into 1, 2 or 3 contractor that the entire project will be awarded to one contractor?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #26.

180. Question: Please confirm that the requirement to be licenses with Boulder County Hauler Licensure can be satisfied after award. If required at bid time can a trucking firm be listed as a subcontractor, or does the general contractor need to have this Licensure?

ANSWER: License can occur after award. See also answer to Question #77.

181. Question: Per page 10 of the RFP "Parcels may also require waste profiling and characterization prior to debris removal. The Contractor will be responsible for conducting any required waste profiling and characterization if requested..." Please confirm what portion of lots we will need to characterize the waste profile, and what should be assumed for bid purposes? This is typically not required on Structural Debris and Hazard Tree Removal Projects.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #29.

182. Question: Per page 15 of the RFP Please confirm if snow fencing with T-posts will be adequate for the temporary safety fence, or does the contractor have to assume purchasing temporary chain link fence to be left onsite to become the property of the owner.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #39.

183. Question: Please provide a formula or explanation for how the Project Cost points will be assigned and if the bid form is corrected, how are the points awarded (i.e. low bidder gets 50 points, second bidder gets 45 points, etc.??) Per this breakdown, there is no explanation how each item will be scored. For instance how is the Project Cost Calculated as the unit rates don't total to a total project cost?

ANSWER: See answers to Questions #7, #8, and #102.

184. Question: Will the bids be publicly opened?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #108.

185. Question: Based on the rate sheet on page 20 of the RFP, there is no total included for the project cost, furthermore there are no est quantities in order to Total the line items to come up with a total project cost.

ANSWER: Estimated "quantit[ies] per parcel" or "[number of] units" are listed in the second column of the Rate Sheet. Please see answers to Questions #6, #7, and #8.

186. Question: Line item 2 on the rate sheet for the Debris Management Site (DMS) Management has an Est quantity of 1 and a unit price per CY. Should the actual unit be per Each, or will we get paid per CY taken to the DMS site?

ANSWER: The County does not currently anticipate that Contractor will be authorized to reduce material at the DMS or otherwise. Bidders should a unit price Per CY for material reduction at the DMS in the event that this work is authorized.

187. Question: Line item 7 on the rate sheet for the Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil has an Est quantity of 89 c.y. but a unit of Parcels. These two units do not match, nor does the bid form include the estimated number of parcels expected to opt into the program, making it impossible to come up with a total cost.

ANSWER: Please see answers to Question #6, #7, #8, and #109.

188. Question: Line item 8 on the rate sheet for the Concrete Removal without fill has an Est quantity of 40 c.y. but a unit of Parcels. These two units do not match, nor does the bid form include the estimated number of parcels expected to opt into the program, making it impossible to come up with a total cost.

#### ANSWER: Please see answers to Question #6, #7, #8, and #109.

189. Question: Line item 9 on the rate sheet for the Concrete Removal with fill has an Est quantity of 81 c.y. but a unit of Parcels. These two units do not match, nor does the bid form include the estimated number of parcels expected to opt into the program, making it impossible to come up with a total cost.

#### ANSWER: Please see answers to Question #6, #7, #8, and #109.

190. Question: Line item 10 on the rate sheet for the Metal Removal has an Est quantity of 79 c.y. but a unit of Parcels. These two units do not match, nor does the bid form include the estimated number of parcels expected to opt into the program, making it impossible to come up with a total cost.

#### ANSWER: Please see answers to Question #6, #7, #8, and #109.

191. Question: Line item 11 on the rate sheet for the Asbestos Removal and Disposal has an Est quantity of 39 c.y. but a unit of Parcels. These two units do not match, nor does the bid form include the estimated number of parcels expected to opt into the program, making it impossible to come up with a total cost.

### ANSWER: Please see answers to Question #6, #7, #8, and #109.

192. Question: Line item 12 on the rate sheet for the Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape, Disposal as needed has an Est quantity of 50 c.y. but a unit of Parcels. These two units do not match, nor does the bid form include the estimated number of parcels expected to opt into the program, making it impossible to come up with a total cost. Furthermore this item is limited to 25% of the total parcels stripped and should represent that qty in the estimated parcel quantity.

# ANSWER: Please see answers to Question #1, #6, #7, #8, and #109. See also Note #2, at top.

193. Question: Multiple Hazard Tree Removal items on the rate sheet on page 20 have a quantity of <1, are we to assume these items have a quantity of 1 when multiplying the unit cost to come up with a total?

#### ANSWER: Yes. Please see answer to Question #33.

194. Question: Line item 20 on the rate sheet on page 20 is for the Unit Rate for Debris, Ash, and Incidental Soil Disposal with a quantity of 89 C.Y. Are we to assume this item is for hauling and disposal of the Debris, Ash, and Soil only? Also, shouldn't this be for the total CY of all expected Parcels and not just one parcel? Finally, these fees are usually paid per ton.

ANSWER: "Unit Rate for Debris, Ash, and Incidental Soil Disposal" includes the costs of disposing of debris, ash, and incidental soil, excluding transportation costs which are built into the Per Parcel line item. See answer to Question #232-8. "Unit Rate for Debris, Ash, and Incidental Soil Disposal" has a Unit Price of "At Cost," meaning that the Contractor should estimate its actual cost of disposal of the identified estimated quantity. The County will choose a multiplier for its calculations based on the most up-to-date property enrollment data at such time. Please also see answer to Question #8.

195. Question: Line item 21 on the rate sheet on page 20 is for the Unit Rate for Unit Rate for Concrete and Brick Disposal/Recycling with a quantity of 81 C.Y. Are we to assume this item is for hauling and Concrete and brick only? Also, shouldn't this be for the total CY of all expected Parcels and not just one parcel? Finally, these fees are usually paid per ton.

ANSWER: "Unit Rate for Concrete and brick disposal/recycling" includes the costs of disposing and recycling of concrete and brick, excluding transportation costs which are built into the Per Parcel line item. See answer to Question #232-8. "Unit Rate for Concrete and brick disposal/recycling" has a Unit Price of "At Cost," meaning that the Contractor should estimate its actual cost of disposal of the identified estimated quantity. The County will choose a multiplier for its calculations based on the most up-to-date property enrollment data at such time. Please also see answer to Question #8.

196. Question: Line item 22 on the rate sheet on page 20 is for the Unit Rate Metal Recycling with a quantity of 79 C.Y. Are we to assume this item is for hauling and disposal metal recycling only? Also, shouldn't this be for the total CY of all expected Parcels and not just one parcel? Finally, these fees are usually paid per ton.

ANSWER: "Unit Rate for Metal Recycling (include rebate if applicable)" includes the costs of recycling metal, excluding transportation costs which are built into the Per Parcel line item. See answer to Question #232-8. "Unit Rate for Metal Recycling (include rebate if applicable)"

has a Unit Price of "At Cost Per Ton," meaning that the Contractor should estimate its actual cost of disposal or recycling of the identified material on a per-ton basis. The County will choose a multiplier for its calculations based on the most up-to-date property enrollment data at such time. Please also see answer to Question #8.

197. Question: Line item 23 on the rate sheet on page 20 is for the Unit Rate for vegetative Debris Disposal with a quantity of 10 C.Y. Are we to assume this item is for hauling and disposal of the vegetative debris only? Also, shouldn't this be for the total CY of all expected Parcels and not just one parcel? Finally, these fees are usually paid per ton.

ANSWER: "Unit Rate for Vegetative Debris Disposal" includes the costs of disposing of vegetative debris, excluding transportation costs which are built into the Per Parcel line item. See answer to Question #232-8. "Unit Rate for Vegetative Debris Disposal" has a Unit Price of "At Cost," meaning that the Contractor should estimate its actual cost of disposal of the identified estimated quantity. The County will choose a multiplier for its calculations based on the most up-to-date property enrollment data at such time. Please also see answer to Question #8.

198. Question: Line items 24 and 25 show <1 and <10 respectively on the rate sheet, should the total for these line items represent the unit cost multiplied by 1 for the Appliances with CFCs and the unit cost multiplied by 10 for E-Waste?

ANSWER: Yes. Please see answer to Question #33.

199. Question: Please provide an engineer's estimate for this project.

ANSWER: The County will not provide an engineer's estimate to bidders. An engineering estimate may be provided to the contractor after an award is made.

200. Question: RFP states equipment and crew make-up - are these requirements or suggested mean and methods? On past fires we have had larger crews and equipment and, in some cases, smaller crews and equipment depending on the parcel size and make-up.

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #38.

201. Question: Who pays rent for TDMS site? Will County provide location for DMS or is contractor responsible to source this location? What is the estimated size and capacity of DMS site required?

ANSWER: There are no rental charges associated with the DMS. Please see answer to Question #48. The DMS is approximately 4 acres in size.

202. Question: How many debris crews are anticipated? What is the anticipated debris crew rollout (i.e.- 5 days within first 10 days, 5 additional at 15 days from NTP).

ANSWER: The Rate Sheet estimates 20 debris crews, although bidders can include fewer or more crews in their proposals. Bidders should propose anticipated debris crew rollout timelines in their project schedule.

203. Question: Please confirm that Boulder County will cover the disposal fee associated with Household Waste?

ANSWER: Confirmed.

204. Question: Asbestos crew is defined as a 3-man crew. Is the trained supervisor in asbestos NESHAP required to be one supervisor for each crew? If so, is this a 4th crew member or will the supervisor be considered 1 of the 3-man asbestos crew?

ANSWER: Composition of asbestos abatement crews must comply with CDPHE guidance.

205. Question: Please provide a list of structures damaged or destroyed in the Middle Fork fire similar to the list provided for the Marshall Fire.

ANSWER: Damaged and destroyed structures for both fires are included in the Table on page 8.

206. Question: Can all units of disposal match and be measured per ton and not per cubic yard?

ANSWER: No.

207. Question: Who has been awarded the management contract?

ANSWER: Boulder County is managing this project in-house.

208. Question: When is NTP anticipated and when is work expected to start?

ANSWER: The County expects to issue the NTP in late February. The Contractor should be prepared to commence work within three days of NTP issuance.

209. Question: When will the FEMA funding be approved?

ANSWER: Unknown.

210. Question: For bid purposes, should we assume that concrete does not contain asbestos?

ANSWER: No. See answer to Question #116.

211. Question: If concrete does contain asbestos, what will be the disposal process and payment process for this work?

ANSWER: Please see rate sheet. The line item "Per Parcel Asbestos Removal and Disposal" should reflect the cost of removing and disposing of asbestos, including concrete containing asbestos, per parcel.

212. Question: How will debris crews be split up between 3 operations? For example, will there be 20 debris crews for all 3 operations or 20 debris crews for each operation?

ANSWER: Bidders must propose the number of debris crews and propose a project schedule. The County will award the work based upon the proposals submitted, including the proposed operations plans.

213. Question: How many tree crews are anticipated?

ANSWER: Bidders must propose the number and composition of tree crews. Bidders should use the number of hazard trees as listed in the Table on page 8 in determining the number of tree crews.

214. Question: How will tree crew mobilization be paid?

ANSWER: Tree crew mobilization costs should be included in the Disaster Debris Removal Crews line item. Please see answer to Question #5.

215. Question: What is the anticipated contract end date?

ANSWER: December 31, 2022 or 12 months after contract start date, depending on the proposed project schedule.

216. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet

Based on historical data on fire response in other states such as California and Oregon, the quantities per Parcel identified in the rate sheet are significantly understated. Please clarify the following:

- 1. How were the quantities determined?
- 2. How are the quantities used by Boulder County to arrive at an overall project cost for price evaluation as there is no total price calculation on the Rate Sheet?

ANSWER: The County determined estimated quantities on a "per parcel" or "unit" basis based on the findings of damage assessment teams and other considerations. See answers to Questions #6, #7, #8, and #10.

217. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet

The RFP requires both a 5% bid bond and a 100% performance and payment bond. Bond prices are based on total contract value. Total quantities are needed to arrive at a total price. How should the contractor arrive at a total project price using the Rate Sheet provided in the RFP?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #75.

218. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Schedule

Suggest the bid line items be numbered in the future for easier identification and discussion.

ANSWER: Noted.

219. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet Scissor Lift Price

Is the price a daily rate for a scissor lift?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #50.

220. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet Pricing per CY

The disposal pricing is given as a per cubic yard (CY) price. However, disposal sites invoice on a per ton basis. Suggest all disposal be paid on a per ton basis.

ANSWER: See answers to Questions #194 through #197.

221. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet Concrete and Brick disposal/recycling

If concrete and bricks/mortar are contaminated with asbestos, it cannot be recycled. We assume this will be paid under the Asbestos Removal and Disposal line item. Please confirm.

#### ANSWER: Confirmed.

222. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet. All line items that contain and estimated quantity per parcel units.

We assume the line items that contain estimated quantities or units are only estimates and payment will be paid based on actual units performed at the fixed unit price proposed in the Rate Sheet. Please confirm or clarify.

Further, the line items that are based on a per parcel price will be paid for each parcel where work is performed, regardless of the quantities remove. Please confirm.

ANSWER: The estimated quantity per parcel or units in column 2 is only an estimate and payment will be based on actual parcel and unit amounts. See answer to Question #6. Line items that are based on "Per Parcel" unit price will be paid on a "per parcel" basis, regardless of the quantity of material removed.

223. Question: RFP Page: 9 - Section Title: Contractor General Conditions Boulder County Hauler Licensure

If the contractor uses subcontractors for hauling does the contractor still need a Hauler License?

#### ANSWER: See answer to Question #77.

224. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Paragraph 3 – Non-Residential properties added to the program

Non-residential properties are often much larger and more complex than residential parcels. With this understanding, which line items on the Rate Sheet will be used to pay for non-residential properties? Suggest creating a daily rate for the crews needed to address these properties and separate line items for 1) transportation and disposal of ash/debris, 2) concrete, and, 3) metal.

## ANSWER: See answer to Question #11.

225. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Monitoring Truck Certifications

Please confirm the inspection performed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party Monitor will be a DOT Level I inspection.

Please also confirm that truck inspections will be performed in a central location selected by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party Monitor.

# ANSWER: Confirmed.

226. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Monitoring

Please provide the defined scoped of work that the 3<sup>rd</sup> party Monitor will perform.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #136 for a link to monitoring requirements.

227. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Air Monitoring

In which line item the cost for air monitoring should be included. Our understanding is the line item for disaster debris removal crews (the first item on the rate sheet) is for mobilization only. It is suggested that the air monitoring costs be included in the per parcel debris removal line item.

#### ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #144.

228. Question: RFP Page: 10-11 - Section Title: Traffic Control

Please clarify which line item the cost for traffic control should be included in. Our understanding is the line item for disaster debris removal crews (the first item on the rate sheet) is for mobilization only. Suggest that the traffic control costs be included in the per parcel debris removal line item

# ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #144.

229. Question: RFP Page: 11 - Section Title: Dust Control Material cleaning before recycling

Please confirm that cleaning before recycling is limited to removal of ash. For example, concrete contaminated with asbestos cannot be cleaned of asbestos.

ANSWER: Confirmed.

230. Question: RFP Page: 11 - Section Title: Dust Control

Please clarify which line item the cost for dust control should be included in. Our understanding is the line item for disaster debris removal crews (the first item on the rate sheet) is for mobilization only. It is suggested that the dust control costs be included in the per parcel debris removal line item.

ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #144.

231. Question: RFP Page: 13 - Section Title: Property Damage

Please confirm that the limits of liability identified in the ROE extends to the contractor also.

ANSWER: The ROE designates the County and its agents, contractors, and subcontractors as Permitees to whom the indemnification and hold harmless provision applies.

232. Question: RFP Page: 13 - Section Title: Temporary Debris Management Site

There is insufficient information to price the cost of building and managing a DMS.

- 1. Will Boulder designate the DMS location(s) and have any been identified yet? **See answer to Question #48.**
- Please provide a design for the DMS, including specifications for the plastic liner, sacrificial layer and the perimeter berm. Bidders must propose their DMS design to the County.
- 3. Will the DMS be used for RACM material? No.
- 4. Is 24-hour security required for the DMS? The DMS must be secure in some manner 24/7 to prevent authorized entry, whether through fencing, security personnel, or otherwise.
- 5. Is a premier fence required for the DMS and if so, please provide the specifications? **See answer directly above.**
- 6. In how many locations should community air

monitoring take place? No less than 3 air monitors should be placed at each work area. More may be required depending on the size and scope of the work area.

- 7. How large will the DMS be? See answer to Question #201.
- 8. How will transportation of material to the DMS be paid? Which line item will be used for this? **Transportation costs must be built into the per parcel cost regardless of final destination, including the DMS, disposal sites, landfills, and recycling sites.**
- 9. How will transportation of material from the DMS to the disposal facility be paid? Which line item will be used? **Please see answer directly above.**
- 10. To properly develop a price for DMS management an approximate quantity of debris going to the DMS is needed. What quantity should the contractor assume?

ANSWER: Estimated debris, hazard tree, hazard limb, and stump quantities per parcel are included in the rate sheet column 2; estimated quantities of other materials are also listed. Please see answers to Questions #54 - #56.

233. Question: RFP Page: 20 - Section Title: Rate Sheet Backfill costs

The cost for backfill is included in several line items but it is unclear how much backfill is needed. For example, if a basement is removed as directed by RCD, is the entire basement to be backfilled to the surface? Please provide specification for the backfill along with requirements for lift thicknesses and compaction requirements.

Given the uncertainty associated with what is to be backfilled and how much, it is suggested that a separate line item is created to cover backfill costs. This approach allows RCD to direct the contractor regarding all aspects of backfill.

ANSWER: Back filling incidental soil must be included in the Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative and Incidental Soil per parcel rate. Bidders must provide a price for "Per Parcel Concrete Removal with fill" consistent with fill requirements set forth in the corresponding Specification provision. Bidders

should describe their proposed means and method of backfill in their proposals.

234. Question: RFP Page: 17 - Section Title: Unit Rate for Debris, Ash, and Incidental Soil Removal

Please confirm this line item is for non-asbestos contaminated material.

Disposal facilities charge by the ton. Please consider changing the payment term to a per-ton price.

ANSWER: Confirmed. See answer to Question #3.

235. Question: RFP Page: 18 - Section Title: Unit Rate for Concrete

Is this line item for non-asbestos contaminated concrete?

The cost for recycling concrete with rebar is higher than the cost if rebar is absent. Please consider establishing a separate line item for concrete containing rebar.

ANSWER: Confirmed. A separate line item for concrete containing rebar will be added to the rate sheet. Updated Submittal Checklist and Updated Rate Sheet, attached.

236. Question: RFP Page: 41 - Section Title: Davis Bacon Act

Is this project subject to specific labor rates as published by the Department of Labor, such as Davis Bacon Act wages? If so, please provide the applicable wage determinations.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #69.

237. Question: RFP Page: 10 Paragraph 4 - Section Title: Site Eligibility

The contractor requests the quantity of properties per operational branch that will require characterization and please provide the specifications for characterization.

ANSWER: Any characterization that is required will be conducted by a third party contractor of the County.

238. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Site Eligibility

Typically, wildfire debris removal projects do not require waste profile sampling and reporting. Please provide the Waste profiling requirements for each operational branch and frequency (volume or weight) for ongoing confirmation sampling to verify compliance with the established waste profile parameters, as Attachment 2 CDPHE specifications do not list the requested parameters.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #29.

239. Question: RFP Page: 11 - Section Title: Contractors Equipment

Based on the nature of wildfire debris removal performed under FEMA PA reimbursement, typically all loads are weighed, and volume measurements aren't performed. The contractor suggests Cubic Yardage for each truck is not required to be listed on truck placards and all material measurements be performed on a weight basis.

**ANSWER: Noted.** 

240. Question: RFP Page: 13 - Section Title: Temporary Debris Management Site (DMS)

What triggers Boulder County to request the contractor to setup and manage an Ash Debris DMS?

ANSWER: Use of the DMS will depend on various factors, including FEMA approval. See answers to Questions #54 and #55.

241. Question: RFP Page: 13 - Section Title: Weight Scales and Inspection Towers

Typical Wildfire FEMA debris removal projects only utilize weights as the measurement of all debris loads due to the imprecise nature of volumetric load estimates. Suggest RCD require disposal site and recycling facility scale weights be used for all debris load tracking as commonly done on FEMA Wildfire debris projects.

ANSWER: Noted.

242. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Site Eligibility

What agency or project stakeholder will request waste profiling and characterization?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #29.

243. Question: RFP Page: 19 - Section Title: Specification Section Bonding requirements (2 C.F.R. & 200.326)

This section states" Except where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that alternative bonding policy and requirements adequately protect the Federal interest, Contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum bonding requirements:"

1. Please confirm that both a bid bond and a performance and payment bond is required.

ANSWER: Confirmed.

2. If a Bid Bond is required, shall Contractors use the GSA Standard Form 24 for the 5% Bid Guarantee or does RCD/Boulder County have a specific form we should use?

ANSWER: GSA Standard Form 24 is acceptable.

3. If we are to use GSA Standard Form 24, the Contractor's Bid value will not be determined until the proposal is finalized on bid day, please confirm that only the Percentage (%) item is required to be completed on the Bid Bond per the instructions in item (a) and that the "Amount" is to be crossed out or marked "not applicable" or such.

ANSWER: See answers to Questions #75 and #177.

4. Please confirm that only an electronic bid bond is required since this is an electronic proposal submission.

ANSWER: Confirmed.

5. How many days after award will the 100% Payment/Performance Bonds be due?

ANSWER: As soon as possible, as payment and performance bonds are required prior to contract execution and time is of the essence. In no event later than 5 days after the award.

244. Question: RFP Page: 23 - Section Title: Submittal Section

The checklist of items to be submitted in the proposal does not include a Bid Bond. Suggest adding the bid bond to the submittal checklist.

ANSWER: Updated Submittal Checklist, attached. Bidders shall use this updated Submittal Checklist for their proposals.

245. Question: RFP Page: 10 - Section Title: Air Monitoring

- 1. Please define "Community Air Monitoring" For this RFP, community air monitoring means "On-Site Monitoring" of the debris removal work area.
- 2. Does it include perimeter monitoring of sites during debris removal, real-time data telemetry monitoring stations of nearby sensitive community sites (i.e., schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.)? BCPH will be establishing community-wide particulate air monitoring off-site of the debris removal area. The contractor(s) is only required to provide air monitoring in the immediate/impacted vicinity of the debris removal work area.
- 3. Do we need to establish background prior to starting debris removal? More specification regarding community air monitoring is Needed.

ANSWER: Yes. Air monitoring for at least two days prior to the start of soil activities must be conducted to determine baseline concentrations; a longer period may be needed to capture seasonal fluctuations in wind direction. Daytime air monitoring should be conducted for 8 to 10 hours during the baseline period to represent a construction work shift.

- 246. Question: RFP Page: 10 Section Title: Air Monitoring
  - 1. What is the frequency of personnel air monitoring? **Personnel air monitoring** should be conducted in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.120
  - 2. Should standard industrial hygiene standards be followed or does RCD have specific requirements for personnel air monitoring. All appropriate and applicable industrial hygiene standards should be followed. RCD does not plan to implement any more stringent standards.

**ANSWER:** 

- 247. Question: RFP Page: 16 Section Title: Per Parcel Soil Removal, Rescrapes and Disposal
  - 1. What are the cleanup goals for the soil that would trigger a re-scrape?
  - 2. Please confirm that the 3rd party Monitoring contractor will perform soil sampling after ash/debris removal and after any re-scrapes are performed.

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

248. Question: RFP Page: 16 - Section Title: Vehicle Abatement

Who is the lead agency doing the vehicle adjudicating?

ANSWER: It varies depending on the jurisdiction where a vehicle is located (unincorporated Boulder County, City of Louisville, or Town of Superior).

- 249. Question: RFP Page: 56 Section Title: Attachment 2 Disposal Notification Form Residential Buildings
  - 1. Will the contractor have to submit this form for each parcel?
  - 2. Will RCD allow properties under this contract to fall under a single "blanket" submittal?

ANSWER: 1. Not necessarily. CDPHE has indicated they will work with Boulder County to submit a modified form with each parcel listed. 2. Yes, as long as it meets CDPHE requirements.

- 250. Question: RFP Page: 58 Section Title: Attachment 2 Recycling concrete
  - Do all parcels that have concrete need to be inspected by a Colorado Asbestos Building Inspector prior to debris removal to determine if it can be recycled?
     Is the CABI contracted by the removal contractor or the 3rd party Monitoring contractor?

ANSWER: 1) Only structural concrete needs to be inspected. Please also see answers to Questions #23 and #41; and 2) Third party contractor of the County.

251. Question: RFP Page: 18 - Section Title: Access and Audits

The sections list seven (7), but does not specify if it is months or years. What is the length of time records are to be held?

# ANSWER: Years. Paragraph 11 of the contract shall be amended accordingly.

252. Question: RFP Page: 26 - Section Title: Sample Contract

Details Summary is incorporated into the contract but is not provided in the RFP documents. Please provide the Details Summary.

# **ANSWER:**

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Document Type	Choose an item.
OFS Number-Version	
County Contact Information	
Boulder County Legal Entity	Choose an item.
Department	
Division/Program	
Mailing Address	
Contract Contact – Name, email	
Invoice Contact – Name, email	
Contractor Contact Information	
Contractor Name	
Contractor Mailing Address	
Contact 1- Name, title, email	
Contact 2- Name, title, email	
Contract Term	
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253. Question: RFP Page: 27 - Section Title: Payment

Payment terms are not provided in the RFP. What is the anticipated time for payments once an approved invoice is submitted?

ANSWER: Within 45 days.

254. Question: RFP Page: 27 - Section Title: Payment

Will FEMA approval of the invoice be required before payment is made?

ANSWER: No.

255. Question: RFP Page: 19 - Section Title: Debris Work Sites

Please clarify the work the contractor will do in the ROW. How will work in the ROW be paid?

ANSWER: Per the RFP, ROW is not included in the scope. Contractors will not perform any work in the ROW and likewise will not be compensated for any work performed in the ROW.

256. Question: RFP Page: 18 - Section Title: Unit Rate for Concrete

Will concrete that has been waterproofed with asbestos containing coating be considered asbestos contaminated or RACM?

ANSWER: It depends on the results of concrete asbestos testing before recycling. See answer to Question #23.

257. Question: RFP Page: NA - Section Title: NA

Please provide the wind conditions that would cause Boulder Co. RCD to shut down debris operations for the following:

- a. RACM removal
- b. Concrete
- c. Scrap metal
- d. C&D operations

ANSWER: For all material being delivered to the Front Range Landfill, disposal and compaction, if applicable, of the debris shall only occur when wind speeds are below 20 mph sustained and below 30 mph gusts.

258. Question: RFP Page: NA - Section Title: NA

Please provide the container liner requirements and specifications for:

- a. RACM loads
- b. Ash Debris (non RACM)
- c. Soil and Re-scrape loads
- d. C&D
- e. Concrete for recycling
- f. Scrap metal
- g. Vegetative debris

ANSWER: Container liners must be compliant with CDPHE Guidance.

259. Question: RFP Page: 24 - Section Title: Evaluation Criteria

The Evaluation Criteria calls out 4 items that are being evaluated for a total of 100 points; the Checklist has 9 items. These items do not fully align. Missing items from the checklist include the Past Experience with Similar Projects. Missing items from the Evaluation Criteria include "information on the relevant experience of key personnel." However, nowhere in the document does it provide any criteria or requirements of what is needed for the key personnel or for the past experience. Can RCD please explain what they are looking for in terms of these two missing items?

- a. Past Experience with Similar Projects
- b. Information on the Relevant Experience of Key Personnel

ANSWER: The County will consider the bidder's past performance in compliance with laws and ordinances relating to the service, the quality of the bidder's past performance on contracts with Boulder County or on projects of a similar nature outside the county, and the experience of the bidder and its key personnel.

260. Question: RFP Page: 24 - Section Title: Evaluation Criteria

Past performance should be limited to experience performing wildfire debris removal projects due to the nature of the hazardous materials on each parcel, the potential exposure to hazardous materials such as heavy metals, asbestos, household hazardous waste, and the special training required to do this work (ie: 40-hour HAZWOPER). This specialized past performance will ensure RCD selects a contractor who has the proven capabilities with wildfire debris removal minimizing operational performance risks.

ANSWER: Noted.

261. Question: RFP Page: 12 - Section Title: Individual Property Assessments

Please confirm that all property assessments will be performed by the 3rd party Monitor.

#### ANSWER: Confirmed.

262. Question: RFP Page: 15 - Section Title: Temporary Safety Fence (4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph)

Where basements are not removed as part of the clean-up, will safety fence surrounding the basement structure be required?

ANSWER: Fencing must be installed pursuant to and in compliance with OSHA fall protection standards. See answer to Question #46.

263. Question: RFP Page: 13 - Section Title: Disaster Debris Removal Crews

Please confirm that the size and make-up of the crews listed in this section is notional and that the actual crew make-up will be determined by the contractor and may be adjusted for the specific needs of each parcel and Operational area.

ANSWER: Confirmed. However, see answer to Question #38.

264. Question: What is the projected start date and anticipated completion date?

#### ANSWER: See answers to Questions #74 and #208.

- 265. Question: Has the County selected and contracted with a monitoring firm for the monitoring of this contract?
  - a. Does the monitoring firm have an automated debris management system (ADMS)?
  - b. How quickly will the ticket data be available to the contractor?
  - c. Will the contractor receive daily production reports?
  - d. Can you provide a copy of the monitoring firm's scope of work?

ANSWER: The County has a monitoring firm. a) yes; b) daily; c) yes; d) see answer to Question #136.

266. Question: Will vegetative debris that has fallen into the ash footprint be hauled to the landfill as contaminated debris or will it have to be

decontaminated and hauled to the designated disposal? Vegetative debris that has fallen into the ash footprint does not need to be hauled to the landfill as contaminated debris.

- a. If vegetative debris must be decontaminated, what are the procedures for decontamination? **N/A**
- b. What are the testing parameters to verify it is decontaminated? N/A
- c. Who is responsible for the testing costs? N/A

#### ANSWER: See above.

267. Question: Reviewing the RFP scope concerning stumps, does the County intend to have any non-eligible stumps that are not 50% uprooted removed as well?

#### ANSWER: No.

- 268. Question: On the Rate Sheet, the quantities in the multiplier (column for "Est quantity per parcel or units") are only for one parcel while the vehicles are across the whole project.
  - a. Does the County intend to re-issue the Rate Sheet with quantities reflecting the total number of parcels, the total estimated hazard trees, etc. in the program?

ANSWER: No. On the Rate Sheet, estimated quantities of hazard trees reflect the estimated number of trees on each parcel. The estimated quantity of Vehicle Abatement applies across the entire project.

- Question: The Rate Sheet provides an estimated quantity per cubic yard (CY) of each debris type. Historically, this work is assessed, estimated, and compensated per ton (TN). However, the Unit of Measure is per parcel cost for each debris type?
  - a. How is the contractor compensated for quantities that exceed the estimated quantities per parcel as provided in the Rate Sheet?
  - b. Does the County intend to compensate the contractor for actual units hauled (per CY or per TN) or to compensate the contractor on a per parcel basis regardless of the quantities loaded, hauled, and disposed of?

c. If the contractor is compensated for actual units hauled, how is the contractor paid when the actual quantities vary (higher or lower) than the estimated quantities?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #6.

270. Question: In the Rate Sheet, the units and estimated quantities are combined in the column for "Est quantity per parcel or units." Should these two items be separated? Will the County extend totals as a Unit Cost per 1 unit (unit either being ton or CY) or is the unit considered as "89 CY", "40 CY", "81 CY", "79 CY", "39 CY" and 50 "CY" for these line items?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #6.

271. Question: In the Rate Sheet for the Unit Rate of Metal Recycling, the line item identifies both CY and TN. Which is it?

ANSWER: It is estimated that 79 CY of metal will be *removed* per parcel. Bidders should use this estimate to determine and provide their recycling / disposal rate per ton.

272. Question: How is pricing evaluated? Are the total extended prices added together with a total price for evaluation purposes? If so, how does the County intend to calculate and award evaluation points to the second low bidder, third low bidder and so on?

ANSWER: See answers to Questions #7, #8, and #102.

273. Question: What are the technical specifications for safety fencing? At what steepness of slope and depth will fencing be required? For example, temporary fencing around basements and other open cavities.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #39.

- 274. Question: Were any historical structures destroyed in the fire?
  - a. If so, what is the salvage plan and protocols for salvage of the brick and metal of historical significance?

ANSWER: Four residential historical structures were destroyed in the fire. Two of these essentially have nothing left to preserve, but the other two have some stone walls and stone fencing to preserve. Protocols related to historic preservation are set forth in the Green Sheet attachment and Contractors may

be subject to further instructions from FEMA, Environmental & Historic Preservation, and State Historic Preservation Office.

275. Question: Is the plan to have air monitoring on every asbestos and debris removal crew? Generally, the contractor will monitor 20% of its crews with personal air monitors and provide that data back to the County.

ANSWER: Personnel air monitoring should be conducted in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.120.

276. Question: What are the air monitoring testing requirements? On previous projects, contractors test for the following: asbestos, silica, and metals (antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, thallium, vanadium, and zinc) per OSHA requirements for hazardous waste assessment, and potentially chromium +6 and mercury will be required in the operator breathing zone.

ANSWER: Air monitoring should be conducted in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.120. Sampling should be conducted for the following contaminants of concerns: Particulate Matter PM10, Asbestos, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Molybdenum, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Vanadium, Zinc

277. Question: How many community air monitors are required? Where will the community air monitors be placed? In the immediate work areas, along truck haul routes?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #232 (6).

278. Question: Has the County commissioned a traffic study and determined haul routes to designated landfills that trucks must follow? If so, can this be provided?

ANSWER: A traffic study has not been commissioned. The County and each Contractor will collaborate to develop a haul route that includes proposed disposal sites.

279. Question: Does the County maintain a list of County debarred contractors?

ANSWER: No.

280. Question: Does the County intend to add Foothill Landfill to the approved landfills list?

ANSWER: For the County to provide written permission for a contractor to use a landfill not listed in the RFP, the landfill must be approved by CDPHE to accept ash and debris that cannot be safely characterized for the presence of asbestos and the contractor must submit a request to the County to use such landfill.

281. Question: What percentage of the foundations does the County expect remain? What are the criteria for leaving foundations? This would include basement walls, footers, caissons, and slabs?

ANSWER: The County estimates that 90% of destroyed structure foundations are destroyed. If needed, criteria related to foundation removal will be determined by engineering evaluation. If requested, foundation removal would include basement walls, footers, caissons, and slabs. Please note that FEMA is considering funding for debris removal separate from foundation removal and FEMA approval for PPDR work may not include foundation removal. Bidders should describe in their proposals how foundation removal, or the lack thereof, impacts the project schedule and costs and how project schedules and costs with and without these services compare.

282. Question: The County has a contractor currently hauling ROW vehicles and ROW debris. Will the current contractor be cutting hazard trees along the ROW and removing the resulting debris if the County or it's debris monitor deem the hazard trees in the ROW?

ANSWER: All hazard trees and other debris in the ROW are currently being removed.

283. Question: The County has a contractor currently hauling ROW vehicles. The contractor has left ash and debris underneath and around vehicles along the ROW. This is a hazard to the general public. Who is responsible for the left ash?

ANSWER: This RFP does not involve ROW debris removal or any other work in the ROW.

284. Question: Following the removal of foundations and resulting concrete, what depth of soil removal does the County expect to remove all contaminants?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top.

285. Question: The County requests the contractor to provide 20 debris removal crews.

- a. What is the ramp up timeline?
- b. What is the onboarding process?

ANSWER: The County estimates that 20 crews will be required, but bidders must propose a number of debris removal crews. Contractors are responsible for the ramp up timeline and onboarding process.

286. Question: How many asbestos removal crews are expected?

ANSWER: Contractors are responsible for identifying the appropriate number of asbestos removal crews.

287. Question: What are the asbestos removal requirements? Will each individual site be tented (full containment) for asbestos removal?

ANSWER: The Contractor is responsible for conducting asbestos removal in accordance with CDPHE Guidance.

288. Question: The RFP requires ACM loads to be properly burrito wrapped. Will the County require the contractor to burrito wrap ash/debris and contaminated soil loads?

# ANSWER: Yes.

- 289. Question: The RFP requires compatible fill dirt in ruts created and holes created by the removal of concrete.
  - a. Does the County have an estimated amount of fill for each lot?
  - b. Is it the County's intention with this line to backfill entire basement holes?
  - c. Please detail in what situations the County intends the contractor to backfill holes created by removal.
  - d. The RFP states the contractor shall restore ground to the original slope and grade with compacted fill. How will the state validate completion of restoring the original slope and grade?
  - e. Please provide specifications for the fill dirt. Can clean crushed concrete be recycled and utilized as backfill?
  - f. Will the contractor be required to place the fill dirt immediately after debris removal or can the contractor wait for confirmation

soil sampling prior to placing any fill dirt and before installing erosion control?

ANSWER: a. No; b. See answer to Question #40; c. See answer to Question #40; d. See answer to Question #40; e. No; f. See Note #2, at top. The contractor will not be required to place the fill dirt immediately after debris removal.

290. Question: If the County requires the contractor to slope basements, drop offs and other cavities, what is the slope requirement? 2:1?

ANSWER: The contractor is not required to slope basements, drop offs, or other cavities.

291. Question: If the contractor fences an open cavity prior to confirmation soil sampling, what trench safety measures are required to allow safe access by the confirmation sampling crew from the monitoring firm?

ANSWER: See Note #2, at top. Contractor is responsible for implementing fall protection measures in accordance with OSHA requirements. Contractors must work with the third party monitoring firm on a parcel-by-parcel basis to facilitate access as needed in accordance with applicable safety standards.

292. Question: Following debris removal, may the contractor utilize onsite soils to restore ground to the original slope and grade?

ANSWER: Yes, except where soil sampling is conducted and soil is found to be contaminated.

- 293. Question: In the RFP under Dust Control, does the County intend to hydromulch before debris removal or after debris removal?
  - a. If hydromulching is provided before debris removal, is the contractor responsible for the maintenance of the hydromulch between the time of hydromulching and debris removal begins?

ANSWER: The County intends to hydromulch before debris removal. Contractors are not responsible for maintaining hydromulch that they did not apply.

294. Question: The RFP states Boulder County or the State of Colorado are responsible for hydromulching. Will this be done by a third-party contractor from Boulder County or the State of Colorado, or is this the contractor's responsibility?

ANSWER: The RFP states that erosion control is the responsibility of the contractor during debris removal.

295. Question: What is the specification for erosion control following completion of debris removal operations? Is this hydromulching or hydroseeding? If hydroseeding is applied what type of seed and the seed rate? Once erosion control is established, is the contractor responsible for maintaining wattles and other erosion control measures till project completion even though the individual parcel is complete?

ANSWER: Contractors must adhere to the construction stormwater permit specifications. Following completion of the Contractor's work on a parcel, responsibility for management of erosion control returns to the homeowner.

296. Question: If the County intends to solicit pricing on a per parcel basis, the contractor will need to properly sequence the debris removal. Generally, the sequencing is as follows: vehicles, metals, ash/debris, concrete, and contaminated soils. Does the County intend to require the contractor to follow this sequencing as customary on other wildfire structural debris removal projects? Or, will the contractor be allowed to load and haul debris types out of sequence? If the contractor can load and haul debris types out of sequence, how will the County and its debris monitor track the debris types and their proper disposal to prevent improper contractor mixing of debris types?

ANSWER: The Contractor is responsible for developing a work sequence and performing the work in a manner such that necessary tracking activities can occur.

297. Question: Will the contractor be able to combine metal from multiple parcels in a single load to create greater efficiencies, minimize number of trucks on the road, and lower contractor costs to the County?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27.

298. Question: Will the contractor be able to combine ash/debris from multiple parcels in a single load to create greater efficiencies, minimize number of trucks on the road, and lower contractor costs to the County?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27.

299. Question: Will the contractor be able to combine concrete from multiple parcels in a single load to create greater efficiencies, minimize number of trucks on the road, and lower contractor costs to the County?

## ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27.

300. Question: Will the contractor be able to combine contaminated soils from multiple parcels in a single load to create greater efficiencies, minimize number of trucks on the road, and lower contractor costs to the County?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27. Also see Note #2, at top.

301. Question: Will the contractor be able to combine contaminated soils from rescrapes from multiple parcels in a single load to create greater efficiencies, minimize number of trucks on the road, and lower contractor costs to the County?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27. Also see Note #2, at top.

302. Question: Will the contractor be able to combine vegetative debris/logs resulting for tree removal from multiple parcels in a single load to create greater efficiencies, minimize number of trucks on the road, and lower contractor costs to the County?

ANSWER: Yes. See answer to Question #27.

303. Question: Will County allow the pre-loading and staging of trucks overnight of non-ACM containing loads?

ANSWER: The County will consider these requests on a case-by-case basis.

304. Question: Will County allow the pre-loading and staging of trucks overnight of ACM containing loads?

ANSWER: No.

305. Question: Does the County intend to issue a detailed Debris Removal

Operations Plan prior to bid submittal?

ANSWER: No.

306. Question: If the County encourages recycling of various waste throughout the County. If the contractor identifies opportunities to recycle various debris types, is the contractor allowed to the keep the recycling revenue?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #14.

307. Question: Commercial properties are different than residential properties with different considerations. Will the County provide a separate bid item within the Rate Sheet for commercial or public parcels? If yes, will the commercial or public parcels be compensated on a per parcel, per cubic yard, or per ton basis?

## ANSWER: See answer to Question #11.

- 308. Question: The RFP defines that the equipment makeup per crew consisting of at least 1 excavator, 1 wheel loader, and 1 skid steer.
  - a. Is this a requirement or a recommendation to provide this type of equipment for each crew?
  - b. May the contractor propose an alternative crew configuration with specific sizing of equipment in the proposal write-up that affords the contractor greater flexibility and lowers costs to the County?

# ANSWER: See answer to Question #38.

309. Question: The RFP references temporary safety fencing will be required for potential safety hazards, such as swimming pools. What are the approved specifications for the type of fencing required?

# ANSWER: See answer to Question #39.

310. Question: Will concrete asbestos sampling be completed by a third party <u>prior</u> to debris removal crew mobilization to the parcel?

#### ANSWER: See answer to Question #41.

311. Question: Please clarify disposal costs. Several sections of the RFP state disposal and/or facility costs are included in the Rate Sheet line item for each debris type per parcel. Further down the Rate Sheet, the contractor is directed to invoice the disposal cost for each debris type at cost.

#### ANSWER: See answer to Question #4.

312. Question: How will the contractor be compensated if weather conditions do not allow for safe work conditions for extended periods of time?

#### ANSWER: See answer to Question #43.

313. Question: Will outbound debris trucks be required to scale at the final disposal facilities if the disposal facility charges per cubic yard? If so, will the

County allow the trucks to establish a tare weight to avoid unnecessary wait times at the disposal facilities?

ANSWER: See answer to Question # 44. Tare weights will be collected during the truck inspection and utilized for per ton rate disposal.

- 314. Question: How will the County compensate the contractor for hourly crew or trucking delays? What qualifies? Examples follow below.
  - a. Monitor issues
  - b. Unforeseen hazards not provided in the site inspection reports
  - c. Weather delays

ANSWER: See answer to Question #43.

315. Question: How will the County compensate the contractor for non-working days resulting from prolonged weather events, unsafe work conditions or other unforeseen issues? What qualifies?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #43.

316. Question: How will the County compensate the contractor for special assistance to homeowners? For example, a homeowner maintained a safe with heirloom jewelry in one corner of the house. The crew may spend 2 hours delicately combing through the ash/debris to help the homeowner located the heirloom jewelry.

ANSWER: Contractor must include this work in the "Per Parcel Debris, Ash Vegetative, and Incidental Soil" line item. Most ash sifting will be completed before PPDR begins.

- 317. Question: How will the County resolve differences of opinion onsite between contractor and debris monitor? Examples follow below.
  - a. Whether a wall is considered a retaining wall or not and whether the wall should remain?
  - b. How much concrete to remove?

ANSWER: a. The County will obtain necessary professional opinions from structural engineers and building officials when appropriate, such as determinations related to retaining walls. The monitor will not make a determination re: retaining walls but rather will be determined in the site assessment. Discrepancies will be addressed during site assessment by a

structural engineer or building official. b. The FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide will govern disputes such as determining how much concrete to remove; see answer to Question #136.

318. Question: Will the County issue the contractor a blanket demo permit for all properties in the Program?

ANSWER: {Ron we talked about this, where did you land?}

319. Question: Does the County require encroachment permits? Will the County waive associated permit fees?

ANSWER: Contractors are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits for the project at their expense. To the extent applicable, the County will consider fee waiver requests on a case-by-case basis.

320. Question: Given the vastly different operation areas in terms of home types and the County's potential to award more than 1 contractor, will the County consider 3 different rate sheets corresponding to the 3 operational areas? For example, vastly greatly quantities of concrete will be removed per parcel in Operation 1 than in Operation 2.

ANSWER: No.

321. Question: The RFP maintains a COVID clause in the contract. What constitutes County property? Is an individual parcel actively worked by debris removal crews considered County property?

ANSWER: Parcels actively worked on by debris removal crews are not considered County property. See answer to Question #59.

- 322. Question: The FEMA Addendum of the RFP states the contractor must fully comply with the Davis Bacon Act.
  - a. Does the Davis Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Law apply to this solicitation and resulting contract? Or does this work full under the Service Contract Act?
  - b. If either the Davis Bacon Act or the Service Contract Act applies to this procurement, where can I find a copy of the Wage Determination applicable to this work? Generally, the Government provides the Wage Determination when a solicitation requires Davis Bacon Act or Service Contract Act.

c. If the Davis Bacon Act applies to this procurement, will you incorporate the applicable wage determination into the solicitation as required by 40 USC 3142?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #69.

323. Question: What is the "parcel" size?

ANSWER: Parcel sizes vary. See answer to Question #169.

324. Question: Will there be any charges for water from the fire hydrants?

ANSWER: {Darla asked Louisville.}

325. Question: There is a crew size of 20 listed per parcel. However, the document details (3) operators, (2) Labors & (2) traffic control personnel, that is (7) per parcel. Does this 20 include supervision & management?

ANSWER: The RFP identifies the estimated *number* of crews as 20. See answer to Question #38.

326. Question: In respect of the Inspection Towers, there is quantity of 6 listed per parcel. If a parcel is 1 house, or block will this be reduced to 1 tower?

ANSWER: The RFP estimates six inspection towers total for the project (i.e. one for each disposal site).

327. Question: What specific services & related costs for the cleanup are covered by the city, county, state, or federal government entities? (i.e.; air monitoring, arborists, soils sampling, etc. per Jan.20, 2022 zoom meeting)

ANSWER: The RFP describes services that are covered by governmental or third-party entities. Contractors are only responsible for the services described in the RFP.

328. Question: Will there be a place we can use for secure storage?

ANSWER: Contractor is responsible for its own storage.

329. Question: Do the recycled materials that are required to be taken to specific locations need to be burrito wrapped?

ANSWER: No.

330. Question: Do metals & concrete need to be burrito wrapped?

ANSWER: No, unless the concrete tests positive for asbestos in which case such concrete must be burrito wrapped.

331. Question: Will capping of utilities be required to be done by licensed plumber or can it be done by the contractor?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #45.

332. Question: Are driveways included in the total concrete removal per parcel?

ANSWER: Yes.

333. Question: How is the county determining property damage in relation to asbestos sampling? (i.e. property is 70% ash & debris, cannot safely sample building materials for asbestos.)

ANSWER: Property damage in relation to asbestos sampling must be determined in accordance with CDPHE guidance.

334. Question: Even if asbestos sampling can be done safely, can certified inspectors assume ACM among building materials without sampling, and dispose of waste utilizing ACM procedures?

ANSWER: No. All structural ash and debris must be handled according to the guidance provided.

335. Question: Within the Rate Sheet on page 20 of the RFP, can you please clarify why there is a line item asking for parcel asbestos removal and disposal rates when there is already a line item asking for disaster debris removal crews rates (which seemingly covers asbestos removal).

ANSWER: The "Disaster Debris Removal Crews" line item does not include costs specific to asbestos removal and disposal, which are included in the "Per Parcel Asbestos Removal and Disposal" line item. These line items were determined based on the nature of the project.

336. Question: Please confirm per line item 5 "Scissor Lift" on the rate sheet how long the scissor lift will be required to be onsite in order to be considered for payment (i.e. if we are asked to mobilize a scissor lift for one day will we be paid 1 ea or are we to assume the scissor lift will be onsite for the entire duration)?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #50.

337. Question: How long should we assume the DMS Debris Management Site is to remain active for bid purposes?

ANSWER: The DMS should remain active until the project is complete.

338. Question: How long should we assume the DMS Debris Management Site is to remain active for bid purposes?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #337.

339. Question: Please define flush cut for stumps with less than %50 root ball exposure? 6" above grade for flush cuts? Ground flush?

ANSWER: As close to the ground as possible without disturbing the ground.

340. Question: Will the Hazard Limb line item be paid per/tree regardless of quantity of Hazard Limbs in each tree?

ANSWER: Yes.

341. Question: Are Hazard Trees/Hazard Limbs to be removed before, after or concurrent to debris removal?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #139.

342. Question: Is there an expected minimum number of hours/day and days/week to be worked by contractors' disaster debris removal crews?

ANSWER: No. See answer to Question #89.

- 343. Question: Please provide clarification in the Per Parcel Metal Line Item v.s. the Unit Rate for Metal:
  - a. (Pg. 16 Specifications) This item includes the removal and transport of metals (such as white goods, household appliances, and patio furniture, etc.).
  - b. (Pg. 18 Specifications) The unit cost is intended to include all activities and equipment related to excavating, separating, and loading metal at the site into trucks and includes trucking and receiving facility fees.
     Contractor is required to recycle all eligible metal. Metal from damaged historic buildings should be salvaged if possible.

The line items are overlapping in removal and transport of metal. Please clarify.

ANSWER: a. Correct, transportation costs for metals (regardless of destination) should be included in the "Per Parcel Metal Removal" line item. B. Unit cost is for disposal / recycling only (excluding transportation) – The Unit Rate for Metal will now read: The unit cost is intended to include disposal / recycling of metal. Contractor is required to recycle all eligible metal. Metal from damaged historic buildings should be salvaged if possible.

- 344. Question: Please provide clarification on the Unit Rate Vegetative Debris Disposal:
  - Provide unit pricing for disaster-related debris consisting of vegetative debris including hazard trees, limbs and stumps. Material will be hauled directly to a compost processing facility, biochar or other facility approved by the County.

The line item does not specify what costs are to be included in the unit price. Please clarify?

ANSWER: This line item is for activities related to disposal of vegetative debris as indicated in the section header "Unit Rate Vegetative Debris Disposal", excluding transportation and any activities that are otherwise captured in the "Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil" line item that includes handling and removal.

345. Question: The current structure of the rate sheet does not reflect the total amount of work to be performed by contractor over the entire project. This will significantly reduce the bonding amount required. Is this by design or is an adjustment to the rate sheet necessary?

ANSWER: See answers to Questions #75 and #217.

346. Question: Is stump removal for stumps greater than 24" DBH and taller than 2' with %50 of root ball exposed referring to preexisting stumps, or is it in reference to stumps made by hazard tree removal program?

ANSWER: Only hazard stumps created by the disaster, as Contractor must flush cut when conducting hazard tree removal.

347. Question: Specifically, which monitors are the Contractor responsible for providing at their cost? Which monitors will the State, County, or other entities provide for the duration of this project at their costs?

ANSWER: The monitors and technical assistance to be provided by any governmental or third-party entities are set forth in the RFP. Contractor is responsible for identifying any additional, necessary monitors that it should provide for quality assurance or other purposes.

348. Question: The RFP specifically states that tracked equipment cannot travel on county roads. Will rubber tracked equipment be allowed?

ANSWER: Only with prior written approval from County. See answer to Question #90.

349. Question: Please confirm if trailer parks end up being included in the scope of work, will the Contractor have the ability to adjust pricing? (Change order)

ANSWER: Confirmed. At this time there is one mobile home *unit* that is being considered for inclusion but approval is still pending. If approved, the parties will work in good faith to enter into a mutually agreeable change order for this work.

350. Question: Currently the RFP requires (1) front end loader on each disaster debris removal crew, would it be possible to exclude this equipment/operator from the crew?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #38.

351. Question: Will combining the same waste stream from multiple parcels into the same truck load be allowed?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #27.

352. Question: Should transportation costs be included for the Unit Rate Disposal fees? Or does this item consist of only fees at End Use Facilities?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #4.

353. Question: Will chipping and broadcasting of vegetative matter be considered as an approved method of removal?

ANSWER: Vegetative debris must be removed and disposed of in accordance with the RFP. See answers to Questions #54 and #119.

354. Question: Is there an estimated start date for this project? Is there an estimated termination date for this project?

ANSWER: See answers to Questions #74, #88, and #208.

355. Question: Which COVID 19 vaccine requirement for contractors should be utilized:

a. Pg. 4 Proposal Instructions) For purposes of this policy, "perform work in a county facility" means any employee of an independent contractor that routinely performs more than fifteen (15) hours per month of county work that takes place in or on a county facility/property.

b. (Pg. 8 Sample Contract) For purposes of this policy, "perform county work in a county facility" means any employee of an independent contractor that routinely performs more than fifteen (15) hours per month of county work that takes place in a county building.

ANSWER: See answer to Question #59.

356. Question: For the schedule since we do not have any idea of the number of foundations/properties that we could be doing do you just want to see a schedule based on what it would take for an average lot and then you would multiply that times the number of lots that we would potentially be responsible for?

ANSWER: See answer to Question #109.

357. Question: Does the county plan or need to do any demolition on any of the public streets or sidewalks that was in the affected areas and if so, is that to be factored into this RFP for pricing or scheduling purposes?

ANSWER: No.

358. Question: What is the plan as it relates to existing utilities (electrical, gas, water, sewer, cable, etc.)? Is the county just capping those off or what is expected of the contractor for those needs?

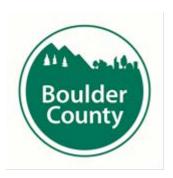
ANSWER: Please see answer to Question #45.

359. Question: Are out-of-state trucks eligible for licensing with the Boulder County Hauler Licensure program?

ANSWER: Yes.

360. If so, can out-of-state trucks that are licensed with the Boulder County Hauler Licensure program perform work on this project?

ANSWER: Yes.



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# **UPDATED SUBMITTAL SECTION**

The proposer's attention is especially called to the items listed below, which must be submitted in full as part of the PROPOSAL. Failure to submit any of the documents listed below as a part of your PROPOSAL, or failure to acknowledge any addendum in writing with your PROPOSAL, or submitting a proposal on any condition, limitation or provision not officially invited in this Request for Proposal (RFP) may be cause for rejection of the PROPOSAL.

# **THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL PACKAGE:** Proposer will check each box indicating compliance:

INCLUDED	ITEM
	Name and Address of the Partners and Subcontractors if
	applicable
	A detailed project schedule with a completed updated rate
	sheet
	Information on the relevant experience of key personnel
	State your compliance with the Terms and Conditions in the
	Sample Contract contained in this BID. Specifically list any
	deviations and provide justification for each deviation.
	Submit three references for similar projects your company has
	completed within the last three years and contact information
	Sample Contract exceptions and additional terms
	Insurance Certificate
	Bid Bond
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	Signature Page
	Addendum Acknowledgement(s) (If Applicable)

UPDATED RATE SHEET						
	Description	Est quantity per parcel <sup>1</sup> or units	Unit price		Total	
A	В	C 1	D	Е	F	
1	Disaster Debris Removal Crews <sup>2</sup>	20	\$	Per Crew	\$	
2	Debris Management Site (DMS) Management <sup>3</sup>	1	\$	Per CY	\$	
3	Scale Set-up (if needed)	1	\$	Per Scale	\$	
4	Inspection Tower	6	\$	Per Tower	\$	
5	Scissor Lift	6	\$	Per Lift	\$	
6	DMS Closure	1	\$	Per DMS	\$	
7	Per Parcel Debris, Ash, Vegetative, and Incidental Soil <sup>4</sup>	89 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$	
8	Per Parcel Concrete Removal without fill <sup>4</sup>	40 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$	
9	Per Parcel Concrete Removal with fill <sup>4</sup>	81 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$	
10	Per Parcel Metal Removal <sup>4</sup>	79 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$	
11	Per Parcel Asbestos Removal and Disposal <sup>4</sup>	39 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$	
	Per Parcel Soil Removal, Re-Scrape, Disposal as needed <sup>4</sup>	50 c.y.	\$	Per Parcel	\$	
13	Vehicles Abatement <sup>5</sup>	1,336	\$	Per Vehicle	\$	
14	Hazard Trees removed 6-12"6	1	\$	Per Tree	\$	
15	Hazard Trees removed 12.1-24" <sup>6</sup>	1	\$	Per Tree	\$	
16	Hazard Trees removed 24.1-36" <sup>7</sup>	<1	\$	Per Tree	\$	
17	Hazard Trees removed 36.1"+7	<1	\$	Per Tree	\$	
18	Hazard Limbs (2"+ in diameter) <sup>7</sup>	<1	\$	Per Tree	\$	
19	Stumps (24"+ in diameter) <sup>7</sup>	<1	\$	Per Stump	\$	
20	Unit Rate for Debris, Ash, & Incidental Soil Disposal <sup>8</sup>	89 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$	

21.a	Unit Rate for Concrete and brick disposal/recycling 8	81 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$
	Unit Rate for Reinforced Concrete disposal/recycling 8	81 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$
	Unit Rate for Metal Recycling (include rebate if applicable) <sup>8</sup>	79 c.y.	\$	At Cost Per Ton	\$
23	Unit Rate for Vegetative Debris Disposal 8	10 c.y.	\$	At Cost	\$
24	Appliances with CFCs 8, 9	<1	\$	At Cost	\$
25	E-Waste <sup>8, 10</sup>	<10	1'	At Cost Per Pound	\$

#### NOTES:

- 1. Refer to column E to determine if price requested is per unit (such as per vehicle or per tree) or per parcel.
- 2. This is a one-time mobilization (including traffic control, tree hazard crews, asbestos crews, air quality monitoring, and dust control) rate per Disaster Debris Removal Crew for the entire project.
- 3. The unit price refers to each cubic yard of material that is reduced. The County does not currently anticipate that Contractor will be authorized to reduce material at the DMS or otherwise. Bidders should include a unit price Per CY for material reduction at the DMS in the event that this work is authorized.
- 4. These items will be paid per parcel. The "Est quantity per parcel" column includes the average estimate of the quantity of each type of material per parcel to help guide your proposal. Calculate the Unit Price using the estimated CY of material multiplied by your proposed CY rate to develop your per parcel rate. For example, in line item 7, there is an estimate of 89 CY of "debris, ash, vegetative, and incidental soil" on each parcel. For a price of \$2.00 per CY, Enter \$2.00 in Column D x 89 = \$178. Enter \$178 in column F.
- 5. Please calculate line item 13 by multiplying 1,336 by your per vehicle price (Column D) and enter the total into column F.
- 6. For line items 14 and 15, Column C estimates that there is approximately 1 tree on each parcel.
- 7. For purposes of calculating line items 16-19, use the whole number 1 as the multiplier, even though column C indicates less than one. It is estimated that there will be less than 1 tree of each size or stump per parcel.
- 8. For purposes of calculating line items 20-25, please provide your estimated actual costs for disposal or recycling.
- 9. For purposes of calculating this line item, use the whole number 1 as the multiplier, even though column C indicates less than one. It is estimated that each parcel has less than 1 appliance with CFCs. Most properties with CFC appliances no longer contain CFCs.
- 10. For purposes of calculating this line item, use the whole number 10 as the multiplier, even though column C indicates less than 10. It is estimated that each parcel has less than 10 items of E-Waste. Most electronics were destroyed in the fire.

## **Submittal Instructions:**

Submittals are due at the email box <u>only</u>, listed below, for time and date recording on or before **10:00 a.m. Mountain Time on February 1, 2022**.

<u>Please note that email responses to this solicitation are limited to a maximum of 50MB capacity.</u>

NO ZIP FILES OR LINKS TO EXTERNAL SITES WILL BE ACCEPTED. THIS INCLUDES GOOGLE DOCS AND SIMILAR SITES. ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED AS AN ATTACHMENT (E.G. PDF, WORD, EXCEL).

Electronic submittals must be received in the email box listed below. Submittals sent to any other box will NOT be forwarded or accepted. This email box is only accessed on the due date of your questions or proposals. Please use the Delivery Receipt option to verify receipt of your email. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure their documents are received before the deadline specified above. Boulder County does not accept responsibility under any circumstance for delayed or failed email or mailed submittals.

**Email** <u>purchasing@bouldercounty.org</u>; identified as **RFP # 7301-22** in the subject line.

All proposals must be received and time and date recorded at the purchasing email by the above due date and time. Sole responsibility rests with the Offeror to see that their bid is received on time at the stated location(s). Any bid received after due date and time will be returned to the bidder. No exceptions will be made.

The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the Board and of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado.



# RECEIPT OF LETTER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

January 26, 2022
Dear Vendor:
This is an acknowledgment of receipt of Addendum #1 for RFP #7301-22, Private Property Structural Debris and Hazard Tree Removal Operations.
In an effort to keep you informed, we would appreciate your acknowledgment of receipt of the preceding addendum. Please sign this acknowledgment and email it back to <a href="mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.org">purchasing@bouldercounty.org</a> as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or problems with transmittal, please call us at 303-441-3525. This is also an acknowledgement that the vendor understands that due to COVID-19, BIDS will only be accepted electronically by emailing <a href="mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.org">purchasing@bouldercounty.org</a> .
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This information is time and date sensitive; an immediate response is requested.
Sincerely,
Boulder County Purchasing
Signed by: Date:
Name of Company
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