

ADDENDUM #1 Parks and Open Space Prescott Wetland Restoration Design – Build Project RFP # 7368-22

August 10, 2022

The attached addendum supersedes the original Information and Specifications regarding RFP # 7368-22 where it adds to, deletes from, clarifies or otherwise modifies. All other conditions and any previous addendums shall remain unchanged.

Attention: The submittal due date has changed. Submittals are due at the email box only, listed below, for time and date recording on or before 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on August 23, 2022.

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

1. Question: Did the County perform a wetland delineation of the site?

ANSWER: The County has not performed a regulatory level Army Corps of Engineers wetland delineation of the site. However, the site has been mapped and assessed in 2020 by a consultant, as part of a County-wide effort to assess emergent and wet meadow wetlands. The mapped boundaries of the existing wetland were delineated in the field based on the presence and prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation as defined by the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetlands Delineation Manual. Limited soil samples were taken within the wetland, some of which showed histosols of 40cm or more, defining those areas as a fen, but the boundaries were not delineated with paired pits to determine soil and hydrological characteristics. The intact fen and much of the associated wetlands and meadows are saturated, or have a high water table, throughout the growing season. BCPOS can share that report and spatial data with the selected consultant.

2. Question: Did the County perform a vegetation assessment of the site? If yes, are there any invasive/non-native species they are concerned about?

ANSWER: As part of the assessment, a 0.5 ha vegetation plot was established and assessed. The vegetative quality of the wetland is high, with 60 species of plants found within the plot, including many uncommon species and species with high conservation 'C' values, and very little cover of non-natives. Only five species were listed as non-native. The most dominant of those was Kentucky bluegrass (Poa pratensis) at less than 5% cover. The most concerning non-natives would be Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and timothy (*Phleum pretense*) at less than 1% and 2% cover respectively. While areas of intact fen are primarily *Carex utriculata*, the area of ditching were transitioning to a willow and shrubby cinquefoil (*Salix* and *Pentaphylloides*) shrubland.

3. Question: How long have the monitoring wells been in place?

ANSWER: There are 10 wells. They have only been in place since early July 2022.

4. Question: Does the County have topographic survey of the site? If yes, is it LiDAR or ground survey?

ANSWER: The County can provide 1' and 2' contours and DEM's for the project site. This data is from the State of Colorado, or DRCOG and generated from LiDAR for use with GIS. However, we do not have the raw data to share. The raw data may be available on the Colorado Information Marketplace or from the State of Colorado Hazard Mapping and Risk MAP Portal. No ground surveys have been completed.

5. Question: The RFP says there is a limited budget for design in 2022. Does this mean more funding for design will be acquired for 2023?

ANSWER: It is strongly anticipated that additional funding will be available for 2023. If 2022 funds are not enough for design work, then those funds may be utilized for design and/or construction, though our hope is to have enough funding and time in 2022 to complete the design process.

What is your budget for 2022?

ANSWER: Boulder County has dedicated funding for this project and multiple options for additional funding. We are seeking the most responsive and responsible Contractor and we evaluate proposals based on multiple criteria, cost being just one factor. In an effort to solicit a wide range of innovative proposals, we are not prepared to advertise the budget.

Since it is limited, what tasks do you anticipate completing in 2022?

ANSWER: We would hope to finish the design process by the end of 2022. Permitting and construction could occur in 2023.

6. Question: Given that design and construction costs go up with the increasing number of acres of wetlands you want to create, how many acres of wetlands do you want to create?

ANSWER: The overall wetland on the property is mapped at 17.57 acres. There are approximately 1,100 feet of ditches that appear to have an immediate impact on approximately 1.2 acres of wetland. This project is not seeking to necessarily create 1.2 acres of wetlands through grading and planting, but rather to address the ditches and in turn the hydrology and groundwater, which should promote a natural restoration to the processes and vegetation on site of that currently impacted area of the wetland.

7. Question: Will you push back the due date for the proposals since you are not providing the answers to the questions until August 11th?

ANSWER: The County has changed the submittal date for proposals. Submittals are due at the email box only, for time and date recording on or before 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on August 23, 2022.

8. Question: What's your budget for this project?

ANSWER: Boulder County has dedicated funding for this project and multiple options for additional funding. We are seeking the most responsive and responsible Contractor and we evaluate proposals based on multiple criteria, cost being just one factor. In an effort to solicit a wide range of innovative proposals, we are not prepared to advertise the budget.

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<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 # 7368-22** 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.



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RECEIPT OF LETTER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Dear Vendor:

This is an acknowledgment of receipt of Addendum #1 for RFP #7368-22, Prescott

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 purchasing@bouldercounty.org 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 purchasing@bouldercounty.org.

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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