

# ADDENDUM #1

DATE: December 12, 2019  
TO: All Prospective Bidders  
FROM: Kathleen Susca, Purchasing Agent  
RE: **ITB# KS100919 Fertilization Service of Lawn Areas for Storrs Campus**

All respondents are hereby advised of the following amendment to the Invitation to Bid documents which are hereby made an integral part of the bid documents for the subject contract, prepared by the University of Connecticut Procurement Services Department.

Proposals submitted shall be deemed to include the following document information as shown in Addendum No. 1. Respondents shall be required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum in their proposal response. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this addendum by the respondent may result in the rejection of their proposal response.

**BIDDER NOTE:** This addendum must be completed, signed and submitted with your proposal response to be considered for award. If you have already submitted a proposal, please complete the addendum and submit same in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the bid number, response date, and return address. This will be accepted as part of your proposal response, **PROVIDING IT IS RECEIVED BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BY THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED IN ITEM NUMBER ONE (1) OF THIS DOCUMENT.**

**Refer to the following clarifications:**

- 1. Refer to the attached RFI log for answers to the questions submitted.**

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Name of Bidder

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Date

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Address

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Signature and Title

## RFI LOG: KS100919 Fertilization Service of Lawn Areas for Storrs Campus

### Questions 1-16

RFI No.	Questions	Answers
1	Do we need to bid according to the Uconn schedule/scope of work? Can we provide a bid for the program we utilize, that would provide similar results?	Yes, you must bid according to the UConn schedule and scope of work, do not submit an alternate schedule. Other services may be requested as needed but will be priced as Additional Services.
2	The second application calls out Acelepryn or equivalent product. Acelepryn is still under patent and very expensive (works fantastic). The equivalent product is Merit (has failures) and cost pennies compared to Acelepryn. I believe you will see some huge price variances in bids depending on which product contractors use (Acelepryn vs Merit). What product should each contractor price to use?	Firms are to provide pricing for the Acelepryn and also for any proposed alternate. SDS must be submitted with alternates for University approval.
3	As the contractor, would we be responsible to the treatment of Nutsedge? Or would it be an additional application	If Nutsedge or equivalent is requested it would be an "Additional Service", the contractor is responsible for purchase and application. Pricing must be entering the the Pricing Workbook, Appendix F.
4	"The University reserves the right to request additional applications or spot treatments as necessary". Would this be an Additional charge to the university, or part of the contract pricing?	All Additional Services are an additional charges to the University. Pricing for "Additional Services" must be entered in Appendix F the Pricing Workbook.
5	Per the pricing schedule, Lime is asked to be priced out per #. The lime application would be an additional charge?	Yes, state the pricing for the lime and the application cost separately. Enter in the Additional Services area of Appendix F, the Pricing Workbook.
6	As with Nutsedge, the bid does not specify whether post emergent treatment of crabgrass is included in this bid. Can you clarify that?	Post emergent treatment of crabgrass is not included in the Scope of Work, if the University requests it, it would be considered an "Additional Service". Pricing for Additional Services must be entered in Appendix F the Pricing Workbook.
7	Is there a timeline to get each application round completed?	No, this is to be determined, we have not had the entire campus treated at one time before.
8	Are there times of the day that the contractor is not to be on campus?	All treatments must be done overnight between midnight and 7:00 am. Vendor should have equipment and personnel loaded and off campus by 8:00 am.
9	What is the value of the current contract?	There is no current or existing contract.

10	Is there a timeline to get each application round completed?	No, this is to be determined, we have not had the entire campus treated at one time before.
11	Is the current contract roughly the same acreage?	There is no current or existing contract, acreage is per the scope of work and the maps provided in Appendices H and I.
12	Is nutsedge weed control included and if so has it been a concern in the past?	No, Nutsedge weed control is not included in the scope of work. It is not currently a concern.
13	The bid lists the treatable lawn areas at the University to be about 200 acres. However, during our regular lawn treatments we typically only treat about 45 acres. Is it the case that the scope of work is now being expanded and needs to be priced accordingly?	Yes, the scope of acreage being treated has expanded since previous treatments. Price according to the Scope in the ITB and the maps provided as Appendices H and I.
14	Most of the treatments that we've done for the university have been over-night applications and we are typically off the campus by 8am at the request of the university. I noticed this was not a part of the bid – if awarded, should we plan not plan on this anymore?	All treatments should be done overnight between the hours of midnight and 7:00 am. Vendor must have personnel and equipment loaded and off campus by 8:00 am.
15	During the season, we have been doing a 2 crab grass control treatments (pre-emergent and post-emergent). As written, the bid does not allow for us to continue doing that and we are concerned that this might lead to crab grass activity. Would the university entertain a 2nd crab grass control application during Mid May?	Yes, the University may request an additional crab grass application, it would be considered an Additional Service. Pricing for Additional Services must be entered Appendix F, the Pricing Workbook.
16	Finally, we also typically use a combination of liquid and granular products on each treatment to allow for best coverage and adequate nitrogen levels. The bid lists a description of the fertilizer as "slow release or equivalent". Is the university opposed to us continuing to use a combination of liquid and granular products?	Yes, the University is opposed to the combination, fertilizer must be slow release.