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All inquiries must include the contract number.

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Inquiry No.	Inquiry/Response
1.0	<p>Please call me at 760/504-xxxx, I have some questions regarding insurance requirement and some other specific questions regarding this project. Thank you.</p> <p>Response: Please specify the questions regarding insurance requirement and other specific questions regarding this project. Caltrans will not provide answers to the contractor over the phone. After inquiries from contractors are received by Caltrans, the questions will be investigated, and answers will be posted on the Caltrans website www.dot.ca.gov so that all bidders/plan holders will be able to review the Inquiries/Responses list regarding the contract at same time.</p>
2.0	<p>Special Provisions Specific: Since this project is about \$300,000.00 or so, do you still require \$5,000,000.00 umbrella excess liability insurance? It appears to be a bit high for small project such as this project.</p> <p>Response: Yes, \$5,000,000.00 umbrella excess liability insurance is required.</p>
2.1	<p>Please clarify the bridge number: on location map: the bridge number you indicated "Bridge No. 54-0426, I inspected the site and I found the bridge number on both side of the road reads: 54-1248, please let me know if I inspected a wrong location or on the plan that you sent me there is a typo?</p> <p>Response: The correct bridge No is 54-1248- the bridge number on plan is incorrect.</p>
2.2	<p>On plant list and planting specification you specified for Box Elder and Mulefat size No.1, please clarify do you mean one gallon for size and if one gallon, can the contractor substitute to 5 gallons if one gallon plant is not available?</p> <p>Response: Per section "Routine Plant Maintenance", subsection "Plant Replacement", the size of replacement plants that were originally a division, cutting, No. 1 container size, shall be a No. 1 container size (which is a 1 gallon size container). If the 1 gallon size container is unavailable, then a 5 gallon size may be substituted. During the initial plant inspection phase of the work, the cost for such container will be borne by the Department. However, during the routine maintenance portion of the work, the additional cost for providing a container size larger than the No. 1 container size specified, will be at the Contractor's expense.</p>
2.3	<p>For California Blackberry and Bulrush, size indicated "Division" please clarify what do you mean?</p>

	<p>Response: Explanation of "Division" is irrelevant as the replacement size for a plant originally planted as a division is specified to be a No. 1 container. Please see section "Routine Plant Maintenance", subsection "Plant Replacement" of the special provisions. As the contract work involves routine plant maintenance of existing plants previously planted, no "Division" size replacement plants are required to be planted.</p>
2.4	<p>For all three Willows, Black, Red and Arroyo you indicated for "size" Cutting, please clearly what do you mean and if you indeed need cutting not plan from seed, since it is very difficult to re-establish willow from cutting, can the contractor substitute actual root plan instead of cuttings?</p> <p>Response: Please see section "Routine Plant Maintenance" subsection "Plant Replacement" of the special provisions. The replacement size for a plant that was originally planted as a cutting shall be a No. 1 container size. As the contract work involves routine plant maintenance of existing plants previously planted, no "Cutting" size replacement plants are required to be planted.</p>
2.5	<p>Lastly, I have contacted at least 10 different nurseries in southern California specializing in native plans and the plans specified on the plan list are difficult to find, do you allow substitutions?</p> <p>Response: Only in the event that all avenues have been exhausted to find sources of needed replacement plants for those plants that have died or, in the opinion of the Engineer, have deteriorated to a point beyond which the plants will not mature as typical examples of their species. In this case, the Contractor and the Engineer may agree to the substitution of alternative species to be used as replacements in accordance with Section 20-4.07 "Replacement" of the Standard Specifications.</p>
3.0	<p>Is it Caltrans intent that an employee of the Contractor be on site all day everyday for the 500 day duration? The site is less than one half acre.</p> <p>Interpretation: Our interpretation at this point is that an employee of the contractor would meet with the engineer every working day and at that point it would be determined if there was work to perform that day.</p> <p>Response: The intent of the contract is for the contractor to provide routine plant maintenance and litter control. "Routine" is considered that level of attention required, as often as necessary, to complete the required work specified in the special provisions. The level of effort may change based on the time of year, size of work force, productivity of workers, etc. and specific needs of the existing planting site. Some weeks, more effort may be needed to address work requirements while other weeks less attention may be necessary. If all contract requirements are being met and the site looks presentable, as determined by the Engineer, some days no work may be necessary.</p> <p>Please see section "Routine Plant Maintenance"; pg. 154 of the special provisions in regards to the work schedule to be submitted to the Engineer concerning workers present on the work site and any subsequent changes to be made. Also, see section "Routine Litter Control"; pg. 156 of the special provisions pertaining to the 2 times/month litter control.</p>
3.1	<p>As of 01/08/2008 a section of chain link fence on the South West side of the project was knocked over by a large amount of debris. Will the repair be the contractor's responsibility; and will it fall under "extra work"?</p> <p>Response: Damage to slopes or other existing facilities occurring PRIOR to the performance of the work provided for in the contract shall be repaired or reconstructed by the Contractor, as directed by the Engineer. Damage repair will be paid for as extra work. Please see section "Damage Repair"; pg. 127 of the special provisions.</p>

3.2	<p>Question_3.2: It appears the site recently was under water and there is evidence of strong "turbulent flow" events. Will the contractor be responsible and bear the cost of replacing plants, temporary irrigation and BMP's after these events? It appears that sections of the site were under 4 to 6 feet of water.</p> <p>Response: Please see section "Damage Repair", pg. 127 of the special provisions.</p>
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