

## SECTION 905 -- PROPOSAL (CONTINUED)

I (We) hereby certify by digital signature and electronic submission via Bid Express of the Section 905 proposal below, that all certifications, disclosures and affidavits incorporated herein are deemed to be duly executed in the aggregate, fully enforceable and binding upon delivery of the bid proposal. I (We) further acknowledge that this certification shall not extend to the bid bond or alternate security which must be separately executed for the benefit of the Commission. This signature does not cure deficiencies in any required certifications, disclosures and/or affidavits. I (We) also acknowledge the right of the Commission to require full and final execution on any certification, disclosure or affidavit contained in the proposal at the Commission's election upon award. Failure to so execute at the Commission's request within the time allowed in the Standard Specifications for execution of all contract documents will result in forfeiture of the bid bond or alternate security.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of and has added to and made a part of the proposal and contract documents the following addendum (addenda):

ADDENDUM NO.	<u>1</u>	DATED	<u>1/17/2025</u>	ADDENDUM NO.	_____	DATED	_____
ADDENDUM NO.	<u>2</u>	DATED	<u>1/21/2025</u>	ADDENDUM NO.	_____	DATED	_____
ADDENDUM NO.	<u>3</u>	DATED	<u>2/03/2025</u>	ADDENDUM NO.	_____	DATED	_____

Number

Description

- 1 Revised Table of Contents; Deleted NTB No. 14, Revised NTB No. 6598; Deleted SP No. 907-899-1; Delete Progress Schedule; Revised Bid Items; Amendment EBSx Download Required.
- 2 Revised NTB No. 6601; Section 903 replaces same; Amendment EBSx Download Required.
- 3 Revised Table of Contents; Added NTB No. 6602; Amendment EBSx Download Required.

TOTAL ADDENDA: 3

(Must agree with total addenda issued prior to opening of bids)

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

(To be filled in if a corporation)

Our corporation is chartered under the Laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and the names, titles and business addresses of the executives are as follows:

President

Address

Secretary

Address

Treasurer

Address

The following is my (our) itemized proposal.

MP-7000-16(342)/ 309621316000, MP-7000-64(343)/ 309621364000 & MP-7000-65(344)/ 309621365000

Covington, Simpson & Smith County(ies)

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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SECTION 904 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 6602**

**CODE: (SP)**

**DATE: 1/31/2025**

**SUBJECT: Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes**

**PROJECT: MP-7000-16(342) / 309621316, MP-7000-64(343) / 309621364, & MP-7000-65(344) / 309621365 – Covington, Simpson, & Smith Counties**

MDOT District 7 hosted a Voluntary Pre-Bid Meeting for all potential Bidders on January 22, 2025. The following are the minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting:

## Minutes for Pre-Bid Meeting for District 7 Tree Removal Projects

### January 22, 2024

#### General Discussion of Projects:

- What it is: Dead trees, both pine and deciduous – All dead and dying trees are to be cut from MDOT ROW and mulched in place.
- What it isn't: Clearing/delimbing – No living trees are included in this scope of work.
- Traffic Control: Must be a priority (including certifications) – MDOT has discussed hosting/schedule traffic control classes if a contractor secures the contract and needs certification. Contractor would have to pay cost of attendance/certification.
- Discussion of Pay items: How the District arrived at this item and what is our intention. – Using the available pay items and understanding that MDOT pays estimates monthly, it was decided to use a per mile pay item. It is likely that a Contractor will view this as a “lump sum” or “total cost” type of project and those costs would be averaged out “per mile”. This ensures that every mile of every route is addressed and that the Department is able to pay an accurate estimate on a monthly basis.
- Interstate overview: Lane/Log Mile x3 – Due to the size and scope of the work, the Interstate is set up for 3 payments per Log mile. (Outside Northbound/ Median/ Outside Southbound). This is again to let a contractor work in areas and still be paid a verifiable amount monthly.
- 2-lane/4-lane overview: Lane/Log mile x1 – 2 lane and 4 lane payments will be paid per mile and that will include left and right of the roadway. US 84 east of Collins is the only 4-lane section with trees in the median and that median section will also be included in the per mile cost.
- Discussion of Addendums – Time and Pay Item – Some addendums are already in place: **Time adjustments** – Completion Dates have been moved up to October 17, 2025. These trees are dangerous and effectively an emergency. The Department needs these removed in an expedited timeframe. **Highway Railway Provisions** – Pay item has been removed. We will not encroach on Railroad ROW. **Future Addendum** – The Interstate project total will be reduced due to omitting sections already under contract.

#### Notes from Contract Administration

- Neal Dougherty – Provided detailed information regarding the MDOT bid processes including securing bid bonds and how to submit a bid. He can share the power point presentation with interested parties.
- Contact : [ndougherty@mdot.ms.gov](mailto:ndougherty@mdot.ms.gov)

### Notes from Civil Rights

- Andrea Hendricks and Stacy Slay – This is a state funded project and there will be no DBE goal.

### Q/A

- **Discussion of the “Omitted Sections” that will be shown on the Interstate Project-** The Department has contracts in place for those sections of interstate and clearing (both dead and random/alive) will be addressed in those current contracts. No work within those sections will be considered for these projects.
- **Stump Grinding** – Stumps that are outside standing tree lines must be ground. Anything that is within a normal maintenance or mowing area should be ground. For the interstate project it is anticipated that most stumps in the median would be ground for the ability to access the amount of trees impacted in that area. For 2-lane / 4-lane routes will use an “inside/outside” tree line approach to determine grinding.
- **If a tree dies later in the project will the contractor be asked to go back and remove?** No, once it is agreed that an area has been cleared and an estimate has been processed for that section, the contractor will not be required to go back.
- **Will there be fuel adjustments?** – No, there is no haul included so there is no fuel adjustment costs for the contract.
- **If there is a dead tree behind live trees how should it be accessed?** Live trees can not be cut and all dead trees must be taken down. Some common sense approaches will be considered when it comes to removing trees that are in wooded areas. The dead tree must come down, but if it would cause more damage to the ROW to remove that tree that it would to leave it down and out of sight, considerations will be made.
- **Can multiple crews be working on contracts?** YES! It is the Departments anticipation that multiple crews will work on these projects in order to meet the deadlines. The Department also understands that there are a wide range of interested parties in these contracts both large and small and it is anticipated that many interested parties may work as subcontractors on these contracts. That type of work is encouraged to help the Department arrive at the best possible cost.
- **Is advance signage and bulletin board required?** No we will work under standard temporary lane closures. No bulletin board requirements as this is State funded.

### Attachments:

1. **Sign In Sheets** – In person and online attendees
2. **Tree Counts for non-interstate routes-** For informational purposes only. Not intended to be accurate or used for bidding. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to verify the volume of anticipated work and to bid accordingly. The Department issued a 2 month advertisement in an effort to provide additional time for review.

# **Sign In Sheet** **Pre-Bid Meeting for D7 Tree Removal**

Name	Company/Organization
ALBERT WHITE	MDOT - DISTRICT 7
Neal DOUGHERTY	MDOT - Contract Administration
CRAIG STERLING	Stumps Unlimited & TREE Removal
CRAIG GILBERT	Good Hope Recovery
Ethan GUNN	good hope Recovery
Bradley Kent	Bradley Reed INC
Anita Smith	AJ's Tree Service
Huges Smith	"
Mark Smith	"
SCOTT Johnson	STSS LLC
Sturgis Cackrill	STSS LLC
Max Elkins <small>maxelkins@looksgreatservices.com</small>	Looks Great Services
Don Lucas <small>donlucas@looksgreatservices.com</small>	Looks Great Services
Eddie Beach	Midway Const.
Byrd	Midway Const.
Phil Reed	Midway Const.
Shelly Reed	Midway
<del>Reed</del> Beachie Reed	O.B.R. Trucking LLC.
Paige Alexander	Land Company Development

## Sign In Sheet

### Pre-Bid Meeting for D7 Tree Removal

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Meeting title	Voluntary Pre-Bid Meeting for Tree Removal Projects		
Attended participants	24		
Start time	1/22/25, 8:41:15 AM		
End time	1/22/25, 10:22:25 AM		
Meeting duration	1h 41m 10s		
Average attendance time	1h 6m 37s		
Participants			
Name	First Join	Email	Organization
Whittington, Jordan S.	1/22/25, 8:41:16 AM	jswhittington@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT D7
John Lee (Unverified)	1/22/25, 8:46:46 AM		Holiday Construction
Greg Valley (External)	1/22/25, 8:47:06 AM	gvalley@drcusa.com	DRC Emergency Services
Glenn, Earl	1/22/25, 8:48:59 AM	eglenn@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT Chief Engineer
Bellpanni, Joel	1/22/25, 8:53:14 AM	jbellpanni@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT3D#
Bill Jones (Unverified)	1/22/25, 8:53:24 AM		Dozer LLC
McDaniel, Adam L	1/22/25, 8:54:22 AM	amcdaniel@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT D5
Blaise Thomas (External)	1/22/25, 8:54:41 AM	blaise.thomas@simmonserosion.com	Simmons Erosion Control
Martin, Shane	1/22/25, 8:55:10 AM	SMartin@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT Construction Division
Christian Carver (External)	1/22/25, 8:55:59 AM	ccarver@drcusa.com	DRC Emergency Services
Collin Burnham (Unverified)	1/22/25, 8:57:04 AM		MDOT D7
Wedgeworth, Randy	1/22/25, 8:57:21 AM	Rwedgeworth@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT D5
Pierce, Robby L.	1/22/25, 8:58:54 AM	rpierce@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT D5
Rebecca Connor (External)	1/22/25, 8:59:04 AM	Rconnor@drcusa.com	DRC Emergency Services
Hendricks, Andrea	1/22/25, 8:59:12 AM	ahendricks@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT Civil Rights
Jerry Day (External)	1/22/25, 8:59:17 AM	JerryDay@LooksGreatServices.com	Looks Great Services
16628715377 (Unverified)	1/22/25, 8:59:24 AM		
16625870620 (Unverified)	1/22/25, 9:00:26 AM		
Chris Lefler	1/22/25, 9:01:14 AM		Patriot Contracting Group, LLC
Slay, Stacy	1/22/25, 9:04:40 AM	sslay@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT Civil Rights
Chris Price (External)	1/22/25, 9:05:04 AM	cprice@drcusa.com	DRC Emergency Services
Patterson, Neil	1/22/25, 9:10:13 AM	npatterson@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT D5
Holiday Const. (Unverified)	1/22/25, 9:37:42 AM		Holiday Construction
Smith, Anthony	1/22/25, 9:49:36 AM	asmith@mdot.ms.gov	MDOT Southern District

**\*\* For General/Informational Purposes Only\*\***

**These counts are not official and are many months old. These are not intended to be accurate for bid purposes but are provided to indicate the scope of the work that may be expected.**

Covington	MS 35	162	Smith	MS 13	17	Simpson	MS 13	185
Covington	MS 37	13	Smith	MS 18	75	Simpson	MS 28	350
Covington	US 49	44	Smith	MS 28	85	Simpson	MS 43	135
Covington	US 84	70	Smith	MS 35	125	Simpson	US 49	1275
Covington	MS 532	35	Smith	MS 37	15	Simpson	MS 149	125
Covington	MS 535	17	Smith	MS 481	58	Simpson	MS 469	95
Covington	MS 588	36	Smith	MS 501	48	Simpson	MS 478	70
Covington	MS 589	154	Smith	MS 531	30	Simpson	MS 540	110
Covington	MS 590	11	Smith	MS 541	10	Simpson	MS 541	150
Covington	MS 598	13	Smith	MS 902	17	Simpson	MS 545	10

Lawrence	MS 42	45	Lincoln	US 51	490	Pike	MS 24	50
Lawrence	MS 43	504	Lincoln	US 84	376	Pike	MS 44	10
Lawrence	MS 27	665	Lincoln	MS 184	30	Pike	MS 48	18
Lawrence	MS 44	30	Lincoln	MS 550	562	Pike	US 98	275
Lawrence	MS 184	190	Lincoln	MS 583	165	Pike	MS 570	64
Lawrence	MS 587	396				Pike	MS 568	10
Lawrence	US 84	275				Pike	US 51	70