

Call 08 Mill & Overlay approximately 12.4 miles of SR 9 from SR 9W to the Pontotoc County Line, known as Federal Aid Project No. STP-0050-01(043) / 109755301 in Calhoun County.

- Q1. Can the mulch created be disposed of onsite if spread out to a depth of 4" or less.
- A1. See Addendum 2.
- Q2. Would a short term road closure be feasible in some areas on this site where the removal of trees would pose a danger to pass thru traffic?
- A2. The Contractor will be allowed to shut the road down in increments of 15 minutes to allow for tree clearing operations to be done, that would be unsafe to the travelling public under a single lane closure. The traffic queue must be cleared after the 15 minutes before continuing with tree clearing operations.
- Q3. Do you have any widths to accompany the random clearing stationing?
- A3. ROW widths vary from 60' to 100' off centerline plus sight flares. As-builts can be found at the following link:
- <https://file-exchange.mdot.state.ms.us/dl/?f=4e530ef40288d8a8bbeb41c963942a97d936a3ee>
- Q4. 1.) Will any mulching be allowed or will all vegetation be required to be removed from the site? 2.) How will the trees that encroach with the overhead power lines be addressed? I noticed that a decent amount of them may come in conflict and with my past experiences, the power utility provider doesn't want an unauthorized contractor within 10 feet with any piece of equipment or us handle any tree that may come within 10 feet. 3.) How long will MDOT allow for both lanes of traffic to be stopped while cutting trees that are close to the edge of pavement?
- A4. 1.) See Addendum 2. 2.) As per our tree clearing policy, "Careful consideration should be given to any above-ground utilities within the above-described limits, with clearing activities near those adhering to all applicable safety standards." 3.) See Answer 2.
- Q5. 1.) Does MDOT have a place to dispose of the material generated from the Clearing operations? 2.) Per MDEQ regulations once the material is loaded onto a truck it has to be disposed of at a Class I permitted sight, which is costly to the project. Would MDOT allow the material to remain on-site? 3.) If MDOT does not have a site to dispose of the material can the Department issue a special provision absolving the Contractor from having to follow the MDEQ guidelines?
- A5. 1.) No. 2.) See Addendum 2. 3.) No, MDOT is also required to follow MDEQ guidelines. See Addendum 2.

- Q6. Note 1 in the Scope of Work states, "It is the intent of this Contract for vegetation and trees to be fully removed from the project site." Per MDEQ to dispose of the material generated in this operation, the Contractor would have to dispose of the material at a "Permitted Class I" site. Being that this quantity is almost impossible to quantify would the Department be open to reconsidering the removal of the material or add a special pay-item and quantity to bid this item?
- A6. The Contractor will need to account for all work associated with the Random Clearing within the 201-D001 pay item.
- Q7. Can the Department provide the leveling schedule for the curves?
- A7. See Addendum 2.
- Q8. **1.)** The Scope of Work states, "It is the intent of this Contract for vegetation and trees, to be fully removed from the project". Is it the Departments intent for this material to be disposed of at a MDEQ approved facility for the trees, mulch and chips? **2.)** The Scope or Work states that all cut stumps with a diameter greater than 15" do not require spraying for sprout control. Is it the Departments intent to spray all disturbed areas or just visible stumps? **3.)** Can the Department provide ROW widths with the schedule in the proposal?
- A8. **1.)** MDOT is required to follow all MDEQ guidelines. See Addendum 2. **2.)** The requirement on spraying of stumps will be for all freshly cut trees that are 15" or smaller in diameter, and excluding pine stumps. **3.)** See Addendum 2.