

Call 01 Removal & Disposal of Debris on various routes throughout District 1, known as Federal Aid Project Nos. MEP-1000-02(228) / 310225302 in Alcorn County, MEP-1000-41(229) / 310225341 in Lee County, MEP-1000-58(230) / 310225358 in Pontotoc County, MEP-1000-59(231) / 310225359 in Prentiss County, MEP-1000-70(232) / 310225370 in Tippah County, MEP-1000-71(233) / 310225371 in Tishomingo County, MEP-1000-73(234) / 310225373 in Union County & MEP-1000-78(235) / 310225378 in Webster County.

Q1. Given that disposal rates fluctuate by county and are outside of the contractor's direct control, would you consider making tipping fees a pass-through cost to ensure transparent and accurate billing of actual incurred expenses?

A1. No.

Q2. Please confirm whether the quantities provided in the proposal documents represent the remaining debris to be collected and hauled, or if they reflect total estimated project quantities.

A2. Quantities reflect total estimated project quantities and shall be performed as described in Notice to Bidders No. 7808, Scope of Work. See Notice to Bidders No. 7809, Estimated Quantities.

Q3. Does the contractor take ownership of the debris?

A3. Yes.

Q4. Is the debris removal line item all-inclusive of hauling, reduction, haulout, and disposal fees?

A4. Yes.

Q5. Is MSDOT requiring a minimum number of crews per County/District?

A5. There is no requirement for a minimum number of crews per County or District.

Q6. **1.)** What methodology will the monitoring company be using to mark eligible trees for identifying hanging limbs and leaning trees? Will this begin pre-award? Has it been done already? **2.)** Please clarify that all payments will be based on actual quantity of debris removed as determined by the Independent Monitor and actual number of hazardous trees cut as determined by the monitor. **3.)** On Page 66 Subject Estimates Quantities - Please clarify the statement "Regardless of the final quantity for debris removed, no adjustment in bid price will be allowed." - Does this refer to unit prices or the final bid price?

A6. **1.)** The Monitor and the successful bidder will determine a method in the field for marking eligible trees that is acceptable to both parties. **2.)** All payments will be made based on actual quantities removed. **3.)** This refers to the unit prices.

Q7. Is MDOT willing and prepared to write a letter to DEQ stating that due to emergency, there is a need for a TDMS in each county, preferably a burn site?

A7. No

Q8. Page 58, Line #3 states that the contractor shall remove all Tree Debris on the state highway system that is in the county as well as within any city limits, for areas where a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is not in place. Please provide a list of all MOU's in place and the cities that are covered.

A8. A statewide list of MOUs currently in place is available at the following link. The Contractor is not responsible for two lane routes listed in the chart at the link below. The Contractor **IS** responsible for four lane routes listed in the chart at the link below.

<https://file-exchange.mdot.state.ms.us/dl/?f=2a71c26dec326cd0becd895cf875efbfc08e8832>

Q9. I am seeking information on this letting project. I am interested in this project and have questions about it. I would like to speak to someone via phone to get more information.

A9. Contractors may request permission to bid online at <http://shop.mdot.ms.gov> at no cost. Upon approval, Contractors shall be eligible to submit a bid using Bid Express at <http://bidx.com>. Specimen proposals may be viewed and downloaded online at no cost at <http://mdot.ms.gov> or purchased online at <http://shop.mdot.ms.gov> at a cost of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per proposal plus a small convenience fee. Cash or checks will not be accepted as payment.

If you have any questions, you can contact the MDOT Contract Administration Division at (601)359-7700.