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1	1.3 (Bullet Point #1)	7	Can one or multiple of the references be staff members of NYSOPRHP?	Bidders are limited to only one NYS OPRHP reference of the three total required.
2	1.3 (Bullet Point #1)	7	Do the references and services need to be strictly Hemlock Woolly Adelgid treatments or other insect treatments? Or can they include invasive plant treatments utilizing an herbicide?	References and services can include invasive plant treatment utilizing an herbicide- however, at least one reference must demonstrate experience treating Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.
3	1.3 (Bullet Point #2)	7	Does the contractor need to have an applicator whose primary office is located within the Lot to be able to bid on that Lot? Or does the contractor just need to have enough applicators on staff that are able to travel to each of the Lots (i.e. to bid on all 5 lots the contractor would need to have 5 applicators on staff regardless of their office location)?	As per IFB Section 1.3 Minimum Qualifications to Bid, "Contractors bidding multiple Lots must demonstrate they have at least one (1) certified applicator on staff per Lot awarded (see Section 3.4 Method of Award for process on awarding multiple Lots). Bidders may use a subcontractor's certified pesticide applicators qualifications to meet these requirements." There are no location restrictions for certified applicators. If a Contractor bids on 5 Lots, then the Contractor must have 5 certified applicators on staff or subcontracted in order to be awarded all 5 Lots.
4	2.3	11	If the contractor has existing Field Maps data collection forms and reporting dashboards used during previous HWA treatment contracts, would OPRHP be willing to continue use of the existing geospatial tools provided 1) the contractor give OPRHP real-time access to all web-based ArcGIS Online tools and data and 2) data recorded through FieldMaps continue to meet OPRHP data collection and spatial accuracy requirements?	We would prefer for all contractors to use the FieldMaps form provided by NYSOPRHP so that all treatment data is being collected in one location. If the treatment data collected by the contractor in their own tool would be automatically added to our treatment data, then we could discuss.
5	Section 2.4 (In-Person Site Visits)	12	Does the individual attending the site visits need to be the Administrative (back-office) Project Manager assigned to the Project or can it be a Field Lead/Applicator?	Individual attending the Site Visit(s) does not need to hold a specific title.

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6	2.5	13	Confirm "Type 1-4" nomenclature used to describe each Treatment Method. For example, previous HWA treatment contracts referred to Basal Bark Application w/Ropes as "Type 2 Treatment." The current table would suggest that this same treatment method is now "Type 3." Is this an intentional change in naming, or do previous definitions still apply?	Previous Contracts do not pertain to this IFB. Only information included in this IFB are relevant.
7	3.7.1	16	Is there a file size restriction on email submissions?	Depending on email server/service utilized, there may be file size restrictions. If any bidder encounters file size errors in their submissions they may separate their submission into multiple smaller emails as provided in IFB Section 3.7.1 E-Mail Bids.
8	Section 5.13 (Last Paragraph)	28	Can you please disclose which labor rates are covered under the CPI increase? The IFB document states "CPI rate adjustments made pursuant to this section should only pertain to non-labor items (i.e. supplies and materials) or labor rates not covered under Section Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found. (if applicable)."	All rates are covered under CPI increase as Prevailing Wage is not applicable to this IFB. See IFB Amendment 1 and Amentment 1 Memo for "Section Error! Reference source not found." correction.
9	12	41	No wage rate determination was attached to the IFB, is this project subject to prevailing wage rates? If so, are there certain tasks that are or are not subject to prevailing wage rates?	This Contract is not subject to Prevailing Wage.
10	49	46	Are there any bonds required with this contract (i.e. Bid or Performance)?	There are no Bonds required for this Contract.
11	5	58	What information shall be included in the Annual Report?	The "Annual Report" is a summary of the work completed during the year to help interpret the rest of the data collected via GIS. Per IFB Section 2.4 Administrative Deliverables, "Each annual report will provide the following: o Parks where treatment occurred, and dates of work completed in the calendar year. o Trade names and amounts of chemicals used. o Notes about challenges or successes during the year. OPRHP reserves the right to request revisions or corrections to the annual report until a satisfactory report is provided."
12	Footnote 1	58	Are there any requirements/thresholds of small or disadvantaged business utilization with this contract?	There are no requirements/thresholds of small or disadvantaged business utilization for this Contract.

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13	General	N/A	Would parks be able to provide mapping of the hemlock stands of each park listed on the Park Location map in the IFB? Or the total acreage of hemlock stands per lot?	Mapped hemlock forest acreage per Lot is provided below. It should be noted, however, that these numbers do not provide a clear reflection of the amount of work per Lot because not all hemlock stands are mapped, not all mapped stands are infested, and not all infested stands will be treated. The estimated annual metrics provided in the IFB are the most accurate estimate of work to be completed under this contract. Lot 1: 15,625 acres Lot 2: 4,237 acres Lot 3: 2,054 acres Lot 4: 4,872 acres Lot 5: 11,714 acres
14	General	N/A	Is there an Appendix C that is missing?	There is no Appendix C for this IFB.
15	General	N/A	Does NYSOPRHP plan to provide Q&A in a rolling format up to the response date or will a single addendum with answers to all questions be issued on the response date?	A single addendum (this pdf) with responses to all questions will be sent to the Bidder's List and posted to the OPRHP Procurements Opportunities page in accordance to the IFB Timeline.
16			Do vendors need an applicator per lot to bid? Ex) Can a company with only 1 applicator bid multiple lots?	As per IFB Section 1.3 Minimum Qualifications to Bid, "Contractors bidding multiple Lots must demonstrate they have at least one (1) certified applicator on staff per Lot awarded (see Section 3.4 Method of Award for process on awarding multiple Lots). Bidders may use a subcontractor's certified pesticide applicators qualifications to meet these requirements." Additionally, as per IFB Section 3.4 Method of Award, "Should a Bidder submit a low Bid for more Lots than it has appropriately certified Pesticide Applicators on staff, then OPRHP, in its sole discretion, shall determine which Lots to award such Bidder, up to the number of certified Pesticide Applicators on Bidder's staff."
17			How is the award determined if a vendor with only 1 applicator is the lowest bid for multiple lots? Who decides which lot they will be awarded?	As per IFB Section 3.4 Method of Award, "Should a Bidder submit a low Bid for more Lots than it has appropriately certified Pesticide Applicators on staff, then OPRHP, in its sole discretion, shall determine which Lots to award such Bidder, up to the number of certified Pesticide Applicators on Bidder's staff."
18			Does the applicator need to reside within the lot being bid?	The applicator does not need to reside in the lot being bid.
19			Can a vendor bid some but not all of the lots?	Yes, a vendor can bid some of the Lots and does not need to bid on all of the Lots.
20			Does the project manager need to be the same individual as the applicator?	No, the project manager does not need to be the same individual as the applicator.

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21			If awarded multiple lots, would a different project manager be required for each lot (for virtual meetings, site visits, etc.)	No, a different project manager would not be required for each Lot, if awarded multiple Lots. The same project manager could cover multiple Lots.
22			Whose responsibility is it to provide water for treatments?	As per IFB Section 2.2 Access, "Access to water for mixing chemicals will vary for each site and is the responsibility of the Contractor. OPRHP will make accommodations, when possible, including allowing Contractors to access water at park facilities, although access may be limited by operating hours and seasonal restrictions."
23			Who handles wetland permits?	OPRHP will take care of wetland permits and provide to the Contractor prior to treatment.
24			How would an extremely low bid price be handled? I.e., price per inch less than the cost of the product required to perform work.	Awards will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders. A contractual relationship will be formed and the Contractor will be held to all provisions of the contract, including providing services at the rates bid.
25			If an area is specified as rope access, does the contractor need to treat throughout the whole area, or only as far as a ~150 foot rope will reach?	The Contractor would need to treat throughout the entire area.
26			Is this work subject to prevailing wage?	See response to Question 9.
27			If this work is determined not to be subject to prevailing wage but the determination is later reversed after bids have been submitted, how would that be handled?	If this Contract is later reversed to include Prevailing Wage, an Amendment will be performed and the Contractor will be able to propose a pricing increase to accommodate Prevailing Wage.
28			What are the operating hours allowed to perform the work?	As per IFB Section 2.2 Access, "The Contractors can access the Parks during normal park hours (typically sunrise to sunset) unless otherwise specified by OPRHP."
29			Can inches be converted from one treatment type to another?	Yes, at OPRHP's sole discretion, within the Not to Exceed value set by the contract.
30			Where previously treated trees are growing over old tree tags, should contractors replace the tag?	If the numbers on the existing tag are legible, that tag should be reused. If the tree has grown over the tag to the point the tag number cannot be identified, the old tag should be left in place and a new tag added and recorded.
31			The IFB requires Pollution Legal Liability coverage at least 2 million dollars in addition to the general liability requirement. Multiple vendors stated that they have not been able to find this coverage in this amount, and this may be prohibitive for any vendor to be awarded the contract.	Insurance requirements must be met by the Contractor in accordance with 5.19 Insurance Requirements. The language of Pollution Legal Liability coverage as been amended in Amendment 1.

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32			When working on slopes above trails and areas where park patrons are and staff may be present, whose responsibility is it to provide for traffic control?	Staffing for traffic control is not the Contractor's responsibility. The Contractor must coordinate with OPRHP to schedule work in these areas.
33			When are orders given to contractors prior to treatment?	As per IFB Section 2.1 Treatment Details and Deliverables, "At the beginning of each treatment calendar year, OPRHP will provide a list to the Contractor with a total number of diameter inches to treat within the boundaries of each treatment area which will include diameter inches, totals, and locations." Additionally, per the same Section, "About four (4) to six (6) weeks before treatment seasons begin in the Spring and Fall, OPRHP will provide more detailed information including GIS layers, maps, and work orders."
34			Are specific trade names required to be used for treatment?	No, only the listed active ingredient is specified.
35			Would tree climbing be considered similar services in a reference for rope access lots?	Per Section 1.3 Minimum Qualifications to Bid, "For bids on Lots that include rope access, one reference must show that rope access was used as a means of access for pesticide application." If rope access while tree climbing was performed as a means of access for pesticide application, that would be sufficient.
36			Is work anticipated to start in the spring 2026 treatment season?	Yes, work is anticipated to start in the spring 2026 treatment season.
37			Is it expected that the contract will be maximized every year?	The contract maximums are estimates based on need. Annual work will be determined based on funding availability and priority needs. OPRHP guarantees no minimum or maximum amount of work.
38			Would you be able to provide me with the pricing for the last time this bid was awarded?	See attached Previous Contract Bid Rates table for summary of DBH rates awarded under C003519.
39	3.8.2	9	Form ST-220-TD "Contractor Certification" is included on page 9 of the IFB. Sections 3.8.2 Completed Forms Due with Bid and 3.8.3 Completed Forms Due Upon Tentative Award do not indicate a submittal of Form ST-220-TD. Please clarify.	Form ST-220-TD Contractor Certification is a Department of Taxation and Finance form. Per Form ST-220-TD, "Contractors must also file Form ST-220-CA, Contractor Certification to Covered Agency, certifying to the procuring state entity that they filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department and that the information contained on Form ST-220-TD is correct and complete as of the date they file Form ST-220-CA." The Contractor is responsible for submitting the ST-220-TD to the NYS Tax Department Data Entry Section to the address listed on the form upon tentative award.
40	Appendix B	46	Will a bid or performance bond be required?	See response to Question 10.
41	Appendix B	34	Will the work be prevailing wage?	See response to Question 9.

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42	1.3	7	If the applicator changes, can we update the applicator upon award?	If the applicator changes after awarded, the new applicator must also be NYS DEC certified as a pesticide applicator in categories 2 or 3A, and the Contractor must provide a copy of such pesticide applicator ID(s) to OPRHP. As per IFB Section 3.4 Method of Award, "Any Successful Bidder will be found nonresponsible if OPRHP determines that they do not have sufficient resources."
43	1.3	7	Can a company identify subcontractors after award?	Yes; however, all IFB Section 1.3 Minimum Qualifications to Bid must be met at the time of bid submission.
44			Confirming that this project is NOT prevailing wage and will continue to be exempt for the duration of the 5 year contract?	This Contract is not subject to Prevailing Wage. If this Contract is later reversed to include Prevailing Wage, an Amendment will be performed and the Contractor will be able to propose a pricing increase to accommodate Prevailing Wage.
45			Is the pollution insurance a separate liability policy or included under our business liability policy. In years passed it has been ok to have it included but now it seems like it's a separate policy with 2 million in coverage?	See response to Question 31.
46			In the RFQ it mentions to use the low rate of imidacloprid ...does that low rate also pertain to safari?	The IFB does not specify the rate of Safari. The chemical label or applicable SLN (Special Local Needs) or 2ee label must be used to determine the rate of Safari or other dinotefuran products. If a range is indicated, the low rate may be used.
47			Is there a standard date as to when the total inches for the year will be released to the contractor?	As per IFB Section 2.1 Treatment Details and Deliverables, "At the beginning of each treatment calendar year, OPRHP will provide a list to the Contractor with a total number of diameter inches to treat within the boundaries of each treatment area which will include diameter inches, totals, and locations." Additionally, per Section 2.1, "About four (4) to six (6) weeks before treatment seasons begin in the Spring and Fall, OPRHP will provide more detailed information including GIS layers, maps, and work orders."
48	2.1	10	Is there is a preference between liquid or solid formulations of the pesticide, assuming the active ingredient is the same (Imidacloprid and Dinotefuran) and the label specifies treatment for HWA? Are there specific manufacturers or brand names of pesticides that OPRHP would prefer contractors to utilize?	The IFB does not specify brands or liquid vs solid formulations.

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49	2.1	10	If the pesticides chosen by the contractor do not require the use of a constant-agitation backpack, will OPRHP still require the use of said backpacks?	Per Section 2.1 Treatment Details and Deliverables, "Contractors will use a motorized, constant agitation backpack sprayer to perform all basal bark spray treatments."
50	2.3	11	If the contractor is awarded some, but not all lots, and currently possesses their own Field Maps data collection tools that were used in previous HWA treatment contracts, is it acceptable for the contractor to continue use of their existing tools for real-time data collection provided an automatic daily sync with OPRHP's master data repository used by other contractors in different lots?	See response to Question 4.
51	5.19-C	31	Regarding the pollution legal liability coverage. As per my agent this is a standard part of my vehicle policy. Will this suffice if the carrier can state this in writing or is a separate policy required?	See response to Question 31.
52	Appendix B, 12	41	What is the PRC # for this project?	See response to Question 9.
53	Appendix B, 12	41	In past years similar work has been declared subject to Prevailing wage for the injection portion. NYSDOL has changed their position on this several times. If the project is not subject to prevailing wage and NYSDOL changes their position on the injection portion after the work is awarded, can the per inch price for injections be modified? Prevailing wage rates are typically 2-3x standard labor rates.	This Contract is not subject to Prevailing Wage. If this Contract is later reversed to include Prevailing Wage, an Amendment will be performed and the Contractor will be able to propose a pricing increase to accommodate Prevailing Wage.
54	5.13	28	Please clarify the sections in bold" Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found." Please clarify under which specific circumstances labor rate can be increased based on CPI.	All rates are covered under CPI increase since Prevailing Wage is not applicable to this IFB. See IFB Package - Amendment 1 and Amendment 1 Memo for reference correction language.
55	5.19-A	31	As the contract does not require the rental of any properties, can the "Damage to Rented Premises" portion of the insurance requirements be waived?	OPRHP declines this request.

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56	2.2, 2.5	11,13	Our company has completed contracts with NYSOPRHP to treat hemlocks on a wide variety of sites so we understand the ropes access requirements. Can the contractor refuse to treat, without penalty, any trees that they deem are too dangerous to access? (for example: undercut cliff edges or unstable trees)	Yes, the Contractor can refuse to treat, without penalty, trees that they deem are too dangerous to access. If numerous trees are deemed too dangerous to access, OPRHP must be notified and an explanation given as to why these areas are being avoided and are otherwise outside the scope of services. The Contractor is expected to normally be able to safely treat areas similar in composition to those visited during the site visits and pictured in Exhibit B: Examples of Rope Access Locations and as described in Section 2.2 Access: "hemlock trees... located on terrain that is steep enough where rappelling gear must be used for safe access up and down the slope. These areas include steep slopes, often located above cliffs and gorges."
57	2.2	11	Where trees are being treated on steep slopes over trails will NYSOPRHP provide staff to temporarily close the trails below if a safety concern exists or is the contractor required to provide this staff?	See response to Question 32.

Previous Contract Bid Rates

C003775 Lot #	Region	Treatment	C003519 DBH Rate (Initial Award)
1	Allegany	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.19
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	2.23
1	Niagara	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.19
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	2.23
2	Finger Lakes**	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.18/1.18
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.31/3.48
		Basal Bark - Rope Access	1.37/1.38
		Trunk Injection - Rope Access	4.01/4.00
2	Genesee	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.19
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	2.23
		Basal Bark - Rope Access	1.38
		Trunk Injection - Rope Access	2.46
3	Central	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.18
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.31
3	Western Thousand Islands	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.18
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.31
4	Saratoga/ Capital Region	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.24
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.43
		Basal Bark - Rope Access	1.49
		Trunk Injection - Rope Access	4.65
4	Eastern Thousand Islands	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.18
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.31
		Basal Bark - Rope Access	1.37
		Trunk Injection - Rope Access	4.01
5	Palisades	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.24
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.43
5	Taconic	Basal Bark - Non-Ropes	1.24
		Trunk Injection - Non-Ropes	3.43

*** Finger Lakes was separated in 2 Lots, with Taughannock Falls, Buttermilk Falls, Robert H. Treman State Parks as part of a second Lot. These rates are reflected*