

Addendum No. 1 – Pre-Bid Meeting Summary & Q&A

Project: NCDOT STIP U-2817 PH 1 – Evans Street, Phase 1 (Old Tar Rd from Worthington Rd to Firetower Rd)

Pre-Bid Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Summary of Key Points from Pre-Bid Meeting

- **Scope of Work:** Tree clearing, grubbing, stump removal/treatment, and disposal of debris within the right-of-way and permanent utility easements as marked in the field.
- **Environmental Compliance:** All provisions and specifications outlined in the environmental permits must be strictly followed. Permits will be provided by GUC and must be kept on-site at all times.
- **Debris & Logs:** All debris must be removed from the site. Logs cannot be left on-site and must be hauled away.
- **Stump Grinding & Reclamation:** Stumps must be ground a minimum of 12" below grade, backfilled with topsoil, and covered. Reclamation is required.
- **Vegetation/Danger Trees:** Danger trees will be reviewed during the walkthrough and are defined by GUC's vegetation management guidelines. Distribution danger trees are those encroaching into the ground-to-sky clearing limits.
- **Clearing Standards:** Ground-to-sky clearing is required for all trees encroaching into the PUE.
- **Traffic Control:** Lane closures are permitted only between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Contractors must provide flagging as necessary and follow all applicable DOT safety regulations.
- **Customer Notifications & Service:** Contractors must assume customers have not been notified of the work. The contractor is responsible for ensuring customers are notified in advance. As a local utility, GUC places high importance on customer service and expects the contractor to perform work with this in mind.
- **Work Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM unless otherwise approved by GUC.
- **Staging & Access:** Contractors may use PUE limits and NCDOT-acquired parcels (25, 59, 66, 78A). Equipment may be stored within acquired easements but should not be left directly beside the road when not in use.

- **Safety Requirements:** All personnel must comply with OSHA and DOT safety standards. PPE must be worn at all times.
 - **Bid Instructions:** Bids must follow the Tree Removal and Locations cost form (page 10 of the RFB). Pricing should include tree removal, stump grinding (minimum 12" below grade), erosion control, and reseedling. The awarded contract will operate under NCDOT's environmental permits. A lump-sum payment will be issued upon completion.
 - **Key Dates:**
 - **Written questions due:** August 26, 2025
 - **Bids due:** September 4, 2025, by 2:00 PM
 - **Anticipated start:** September 22, 2025
 - **Required completion:** October 20, 2025
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Questions & Answers

Q1: Will the environmental permits be provided?

A1: Yes. Environmental permits will be provided and are included as part of this Q&A addendum.

Q2: What is the difference between the green shaded areas versus the yellow shaded areas shown on the plans?

A2: The green shaded areas represent parcels requiring clearing that have already been acquired. The yellow shaded areas represent parcels requiring clearing that have not yet been acquired. If parcels are acquired prior to the start of construction, they will be cleared and bidders must include pricing for that work. However, if parcels remain unacquired at the start of construction, they may be excluded from the contractor's scope.

Q3: On what street is the work located?

A3: The work is located along Old Tar Road.

Q4: Will DOT parcels be withheld, requiring the contractor to return at a later date to clear them?

A4: No. The contractor will not be responsible for returning to clear parcels that have not been acquired by the end of construction.

Q5: Is there a specification for stump grinding that includes instructions for reclamation and backfill?

A5: Stumps shall be ground to a minimum of 12" below grade, additional grinding may be required depending on tree size and stump depth. The contractor and Engineer will discuss potential impacts of UG utilities for each occurrence. Stump mulch shall be removed and back filled with topsoil to be level with the surrounding area.

Q6: What areas are available for staging and access?

A6: The awarded bidder may use Public Utility Easement (PUE) limits and all parcels fully acquired by NCDOT, specifically parcels 25, 59, 66, and 78A. The awarded bidder may also park and store equipment inside any easements acquired by NCDOT. However, equipment should not be left directly beside the road when not in use and must be moved off the edge of the road for safety and traffic considerations.

Q7: Are there any lane or working hour restrictions?

A7: Yes. All work shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, unless otherwise approved by GUC. Lane closures or restrictions may only be performed between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Q8: If the yellow parcels shown as “not acquired” are still unacquired by the time construction starts, will they be broken out of the contract? If so, how will they be broken out of the contract?

A8: This is a lump sum bid. The contractor will be paid the total bid upon completion.

Q9: What is the difference between green shaded areas versus green tree symbology on the drawings?

A9: The green shaded areas were used for parcels with more dense vegetation. The green tree symbology was used to identify individual trees. Contractors will need to include costs for both in their bid.

Q10: Is the contractor responsible for damage to driveways?

A10: Yes, the contractor is responsible for all property damage. See bid document Section II, “Damage to Facilities”.

Acknowledgment:

All bidders shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum with their bid submission.