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DATE: May 29, 2015
ADDENDUM NO.: 2
BID NO.: FWC 14/15-136
BID TITLE: Spiny Lobster, Stone Crab and Blue Crab Trap Retrieval Program
UPDATE: Revised Calendar of Events and Questions/Answers

If the Commission finds it necessary to supplement, modify or interpret any portion of the specifications or documents during the ITB period an addendum shall be issued. An Addendum Acknowledgment Form shall be signed by an authorized vendor representative, dated, and returned to the Commission prior to the opening date and time specified in the Calendar of Events.

Betty C. Dennis,
Procurement Manager

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

VENDOR NAME: _____

VENDOR FEID#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

PHONE #: _____

FAX #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

INVITATION TO BID CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(PLEASE NOTE NEW PURCHASING OFFICE LOCATION AND MAILING ADDRESS)

SCHEDULE	DUE DATE	METHOD
Bid Advertised	May 28, 2015	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu
Deadline for Questions	Must be received PRIOR to: May 21, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.	See Deadline for Questions Clause
SEALED BIDS DUE (REMEMBER: Bid Number should be clearly marked on envelope)	Must be received PRIOR to: June 4, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.	Submit BEFORE the due date and time to the following address: Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Attn: Purchasing 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 100 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Public Bid Opening	June 5, 2015 @10:00 p.m.	
Anticipated Date of Intended Award	June 10, 2015	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu

1. Is there an expected number of traps to retrieve per day or is there any associated quota with this project?

No, there is no daily quota or minimum number of traps to be removed each day.

2. Are there any requirements of the selected contractor for data keeping or deliverables such as progress reports or other reporting?

The Commission will be responsible for recording and maintaining all data from each trap retrieved, as well as the total number of traps retrieved by each participating vessel at the end of each work day. As described in section II.3. of the Scope of Work, the Contractor will be required to provide a detailed trap retrieval schedule for each region prior to the proposed commencement date of trap retrieval operations within that region.

3. Will an FWC official be required on all vessel trips associated with trap collection?

Yes, an FWC-appointed observer must be aboard all vessels participating in trap retrieval operations.

4. The bid mentions “performing service within 1 or more of the regions.” Are interested contractors expected to submit a bid response for all regions, or is it possible to submit a bid response for a specific region?

Interested contractors must submit a bid for at least one of the six regions. Contractors are not required to submit a bid for each of the six regions; however, contractors may choose to submit a bid for more than one region or bids for all six regions.

5. Will FWC provide information on potential sites with high numbers of derelict traps/trap debris in the area?

Yes, if locations of derelict traps are reported to the Contract Manager by members of the public or by FWC Law Enforcement officers, this information will be provided to the contractor.

6. Will the selected contractor be responsible for conducting reconnaissance of specific regions to locate potential derelict traps?

Contractors are responsible for locating and removing derelict traps within any given region for which a bid is awarded. It is recommended that contractors conduct reconnaissance or work with local commercial trap fishers to identify areas where derelict traps are located.

7. Does FWC anticipate soliciting a future contract to locate and recover illegal debris dumps and/or ghost traps?

This information is not known at this time.

8. Is the interested contractor able to operate more than one vessel? If so is the per diem rate per vessel or single work day?

Yes, a contractor may operate more than one vessel at a time. The Per Diem rate with section IV of the Scope of Work.

9. If operating more than one vessel, will an FWC official be required on both vessels?

Yes, an FWC-appointed observer must be aboard each participating vessel.

10. What is the definition of a trap?

For purposes of this Invitation to Bid, a trap is any spiny lobster, stone crab, or blue crab trap as authorized in Rule 68B-4.020, Florida Administrative Code.

11. Is there any documentation or report of the number of traps deployed (set) per region?

a. Number of permits issued?

Commercial saltwater license data can provide a general idea of how many commercial trap fishers live within a given region; however, license holders may not necessarily fish within their home county. In addition, regions 4 and 6 (northern Monroe County and the Marquesas Keys, respectively) are remote areas that are most likely accessed by fishers that live in other adjoining regions. For this reason, I have combined the license information for license holders who live in regions 4, 5, and 6. The “total tag allotments” listed in the table below indicate the maximum number of trap tags that are available to be purchased for the license year; however, this does not represent the number of traps that are actually fished in state waters. Please note that these data do not include recreational stone crab or blue crab traps.

Commercial licenses and trap tag allotments for license year 2014-2015.

	Stone Crab		Spiny Lobster		Offshore Blue Crab	
Region	# Licenses	Total Tag Allotment	# Licenses	Total Tag Allotment	# Licenses	Total Tag Allotment
1	172	142,872	20	8	143	57,200
2	259	173,872	61	1,910	66	26,400
3	160	238,390	113	8,934	72	28,800
4, 5, and 6	648	491,083	1,213	447,225	16	6,400

b. Expected number of traps to be retrieved?

The number of traps retrieved can vary from year to year. To provide a general estimate of the number of traps that may be retrieved during this contract period, I have provided the average and maximum number of traps retrieved annually from each region over the past 4 years (without any major tropical storms or hurricanes):

Average and maximum number of traps retrieved annually between 2011 and 2014.

Region	Average # of traps retrieved (2011-2014)	Maximum # of traps retrieved (2011-2014)
1	105	166
2	320	457
3	100	101
4	143	278
5	2,500	3,553
6	169	289

c. Estimation of the number of traps left in the water?

Estimated trap loss rates vary between trap fisheries, and can fluctuate each year. In the commercial spiny lobster trap fishery, it has been estimated that an average of 18% of lobster traps are lost annually (Matthews and Uhrin, 2009).

Source:

Matthews, T. R., and Uhrin, A. V. 2009. Lobster trap loss, ghost fishing, and impact on natural resources in Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. In Proceedings of the NOAA Submerged Derelict Trap Methodology Detection Workshop. 2–4 June 2009, pp. 35–36. Ed. by S. Morison, and P. Murphy. NOAA Technical Memorandum, NOS-OR&R-32.

12. What are major landing ports per indicated regions?

Participating vessels may be launched from any accessible boat ramp within each region.

13. How many permits are issued to recreational fisherman?

Each recreational angler is allowed to use up to 5 stone crab traps and up to 5 blue crab traps with a valid recreational saltwater fishing license (unless exempt from license requirements). No additional license or permit is required to use stone crab or blue crab traps recreationally, so the number of recreational blue crab and stone crab traps fished each year is unknown. In fiscal year 2013-2014, approximately 1.6 million recreational saltwater fishing licenses were sold (<http://myfwc.com/conservation/value/saltwater-fishing/>). Based on a national survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approximately 2.4 million people participated in recreational saltwater fishing in Florida in 2011 (<http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/fhw11-fl.pdf>).

14. Is a list of permitted vessels available for these trap fisheries?

Yes, a list of commercial spiny lobster, stone crab, and blue crab trap license holders is available and will be provided upon request.

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15. *Is Jones Act insurance needed?*

FWC employees will be cover under Workman's Compensation.