1. For tree removals will the Housing Authority mark the sites for Underground Service Alert?

   This will be the responsibility of the selected contractor.

2. Will the Housing Authority require an ISA Certified Arborist on-site while work is being performed?

   The vendor will be responsible for having the professional knowledge, certifications, and compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.

3. If special equipment is required such as a crane or loader, how will this be charged?

   This will be charged by work order request and assignment.

4. Which firm had the most previous contract for tree maintenance?

   Not disclosed.

5. Can the bidders obtain a copy of the most previous agreement including price schedule?

   No.

6. Does the Housing Authority perform pruning by entire housing sites, service request pruning or pruning by species?

   Performed by work order request and assignment. (See Scope of Work in RFP).

7. Does the Housing Authority have a GPS tree inventory?

   No. AHA has the capability to identify locations via other means.

8. Is the contractor required to collect a new inventory as part of this contract?

   Yes, AHA assumes the contractor will work with onsite personnel to identify trees for trimming and develop an inventory as the work progresses. As this is a multi-year contract, the inventory will ultimately be developed as part of the contract.

9. Will the Housing Authority allow a bidder to submit an alternative bid that reflects specific units of measure for each service description listed in the price sheet?

   Please see the updated Cost Proposal attached to Addendum #1.

10. For the emergency storm damage cleanup service line item in the price sheet, is this based on "per person" or "per crew"? If per crew, what size crew?

   Per person. Please see the updated Cost Proposal attached to Addendum #1.

11. Regarding the emergency storm damage cleanup service line item, is this for after-hours, weekend and Holidays only?

   Emergency storm damage follows no schedule.

12. For items numbers 1,3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the Cost Proposal, these work types will vary depending on tree species and size. Is it possible to bid on these items per hour or by size ranges? (i.e., 0-6", 7-12", 13-18", etc.)

   Yes. Please see the updated Cost Proposal attached to Addendum #1.

13. Can the price sheet be revised to include units of measure for each service item?

   Yes. Please see the updated Cost Proposal attached to Addendum #1.

14. Are bidders allowed to include pricing for additional services that are not listed in the RFP?

   Yes. Please see the updated Cost Proposal attached to Addendum #1.

15. What are the annual averages for trees pruned, removed, planted and emergency responses over the last 3 years?

   More than 15.

16. What is the anticipated budget for this contract?

   Not disclosed.

17. If there was no anticipated budget, what expenditures were for the last calendar or fiscal year?

   $0 – our maintenance staff took care of trimming the trees.

18. How is work scheduled throughout the year?

Performed by work order request and assignment. (See Scope of Work in RFP).

19. What is the term of this contract?

The term of this contract is for one year, with the possibility of a one-year extension up to five (5) years if AHA is happy with the services provided.

20. Who from the Housing Authority assigns the tree work?

Public Housing Manager

21. Can contractors trim or remove any tree they deem necessary?

Contractor representatives address tasks assigned by work order and agreed upon with AHA. In cases of emergency, the contractor should have 24/7 on call services due to weather related tree damages and or blocked entry or exit to AHA properties.

Updated Cost Proposal Requirements:

#	Service	Description	Hourly Rate	Proposed Fee
1	**Routine Pruning**	General trimming to maintain shape and health of trees.		
2	**Hazardous Tree Removal**	Removal of dead or dangerous trees that pose risks.		
3	**Crown Cleaning**	Removal of dead, dying, or diseased branches from the tree		
4	**Crown Thinning**	Selective removal of branches to increase light penetration and air flow		
5	**Crown Raising**	Removing lower branches to raise the crown height.		
6	**Deadwooding**	Removal of deadwood to prevent pest infestations and disease		
7	**Tree Shaping**	Esthetic trimming to shape trees for a specific look.		
8	**Emergency Storm Damage Cleanup**	Prompt removal of hazardous branches or trees following storms.		
9	**Stump Grinding**	Grinding down tree stumps to ground level post-removal.		
10	**Consultation and Assessment**	Evaluation of tree health and recommendations for care.		

Additional Services Provided by Contractor:

#	Service	Description	Hourly Rate	Proposed Fee
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End of Addendum