

SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS

TOLEDO BEND UNDERWATER STUMP REMOVAL RFB# 26-1202

THIS ADDENDUM IS ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Technical Specifications

- Revise Section 1.2.3 - project completion will be completed within **200 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS**.

Clarifications

The following are clarifications to questions asked at the Pre Bid Meeting, emails, and CIVCAST:

- What is the average water depth?
 - Water depth varies from 20 ft to 50 ft, with deeper sections residing primarily in the original river channel.
- The RFB specifies 21,000 base stumps and 1,500 additive stumps. How were these estimates developed, and will stump counts be reconciled daily in the field with SRA representatives to verify payment?
 - The SRA uses historical data from the USFS to determine the number of stumps to be cleared for improved access and navigation through the defined project areas. An SRA representative will be monitoring and recording stumps cut in the field to verify payment.
- Are contractors responsible only for stumps within SRA-identified boat lanes, or must additional hazards discovered in those lanes also be included in removal?
 - As indicated in the Scope of Work, the contractor is responsible only to "furnish all labor, materials, tools and equipment to remove underwater stumps".
- The specification requires cutting to 160' msl or 12' below current pool elevation, whichever is greater. If reservoir levels rise mid-project and prevent reaching 160' msl, will work be formally suspended until levels drop, and how will this affect contract time?
 - Refer to the Scope of Work, "If the surface level of the lake reaches elevation that prevents cuts at the 160' msl then a review of further operations with SRA is required."
- Will SRA coordinate reservoir operations (dam discharges, lake level management) with contractors to avoid unsafe conditions and schedule impacts?
 - Yes, the SRA will ensure to notify you of any operations. Reservoir data such as water surface elevations are published daily on our website.
- The RFB states that the contractor must bundle floaters and SRA will assist with removal. However, at the pre-bid conference, it was stated that SRA will not be assisting, and that historically a majority of cut stumps are floaters.
 - See Scope of Work, "Should a cut stump float, it must be collected and bundled, and SRA forces will assist in removing any cut "floaters" from the reservoir". Historically, floaters are not the majority of stumps that are cut, however, should they arise, it is expected that the contractor will properly collect and deliver any floaters to approved locations onshore.
- Will SRA provide equipment/manpower to remove floaters, or is the contractor responsible for full removal and disposal?
 - The SRA will dispose of all floaters the contractor has located, collected, and bundled onshore.

- If the contractor is responsible, will SRA designate authorized disposal sites, or must the contractor secure, permit, and manage disposal independently?
 - See previous response.
- Please confirm whether the boat ramp at Carters Ferry Road will serve as the northern off-load location, and whether the necessary permits for use are already secured.
 - No, however, authorized off-load locations will be provided during the pre-construction meeting for this project.
- Please also confirm whether Pendleton Harbor Marina is an approved and permitted off-load/disposal site for this contract.
 - See previous response.
- Can contractors use a barge-mounted chipper to process stumps on the water and disperse the chips into the reservoir, or must all floaters and cut stumps be transported to shore for disposal?
 - No, the SRA requires all floaters to be tied-off and brought to shore where SRA personal can access these floaters for disposal.
- The RFB requires removal of SRA-identified stumps and delivery of a GIS shapefile confirming cuts. In the event that a stump within the defined project area is missed or an unidentified hazard remains and a boater is injured at a later date, can SRA confirm that the contractor will not be liable once the work has been completed, inspected, and accepted by SRA?
 - Once the work has been completed in accordance with the contract, inspected, and formally accepted by SRA, the contractor will not be held liable for any subsequently discovered stumps or hazards within the defined project area. However, the contract includes a standard 12-month warranty period, during which SRA representatives will continue to monitor the completed work. If issues are identified during this warranty period, the contractor may be required to return and address them as directed by SRA.
- The RFB anticipates 200 consecutive calendar days for completion, with \$300/day liquidated damages (excluding weather days). Is there an enforceable minimum daily removal rate (e.g., 120 stumps/day) or is production rate flexible provided completion occurs within contract time?
 - While the daily removal rate will not be actively monitored, the rate identified in the specifications is based on SRA's historical experience and is considered a reasonable and conservative benchmark to ensure the project can be completed within the allotted contract time.
- How will weather days be officially recorded, and who certifies them as excusable delays?
 - The contractor is responsible for documenting weather-related delays and submitting them to SRA, either by written notification or email, for review and approval on a monthly basis with each pay request.
- The documents reference staging at Patroon and Pendleton lanes. Will contractors be permitted to establish additional mooring/staging points on public shoreline, or must all staging be limited to SRA-designated areas?
 - Refer to Technical Specifications Item 1.2.4 regarding Mooring and Staging.
- Deliverables include GIS shapefiles, an SD card compatible with Lowrance sonar, and a written stump log. What GPS accuracy level is required (e.g., sub-meter RTK vs. handheld GPS)?
 - SRA will provide the contractor with a mapping-grade GNSS device to record the location of each stump that is cut. GPS accuracy requirements will be preconfigured by SRA.
- Is the contractor required to provide raw sonar/GIS data, or only the final processed deliverables?
 - The contractor is only responsible for returning the GNSS device to SRA upon completion, at which point all data will be processed and recorded by the SRA.

- Progress payments are monthly with 10% retainage. Will mobilization costs (capped at 3% of total bid) be released upfront, or only after stump cutting begins?
 - Mobilization costs are typically included in the first payment application and, once submitted, are released with that initial payment with appropriate retainage.
- Will additive bid quantities (1,500 stumps) be authorized at Notice to Proceed, or only if additional funds are released later?
 - Following the bid opening and review of the available project budget, SRA will determine whether the additive items can be included in the Notice of Award issued to the contractor
- For reference and to better calibrate current bids, please provide summary details for the most recent stump removal contract at Toledo Bend (or comparable SRA stump removal project):
 - Attached are bid tabulations providing all pertinent information regarding the two most recent stump cutting projects for your contractor use.
- The RFB requires bidders to submit per-stump unit pricing but does not provide the engineer's estimated value or budget ceiling. Can SRA confirm the engineer's estimate for this project and the total budget available for award?
 - The budget set for this project is \$600,000.00
- Please confirm whether contractors are required to perform the project to USACE environmental standards, including the use of biodegradable hydraulic fluids and lubricants on barges, cranes, and other floating equipment.
 - Although environmental standards are not specified in the RFB packet, the SRA requests that the contractor carry a spill kit on board at all times and promptly notify SRA representatives of any spill incidents that occur during the course of the project."
- If not, what specific environmental standards or permitting conditions apply for this contract?
 - Refer to previous response.
- Please confirm the bridge clearance heights and the widths between spans at the following crossings over Toledo Bend Reservoir: Carters Ferry Road bridge, Texas Highway 21 bridge.
 - The bridge clearances of interest in relation to the full pool WSEL of EL 172 are as follows:
 - Carters Ferry Road Bridge: 7.4'
 - Texas Highway 21, LA Hwy 6 at River: 18.3'

Spans vary across each bridge.



August 29, 2025

BID TABULATION **Toledo Bend Division** **RFB-25-1201 Underwater Stump Removal**

BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, August 22, 2024 @ 3:00PM

Item	Qty	Unit	Description	Justin Campbell dba Sabine Basin Services Center, Texas	
				Unit Price	Item Total
1.	1	LS	Mobilization/Demobilization costs, including performance bond, payment bonds, moving equipment to project, all in accordance with plans and specifications, not to exceed 3% of total project bid	\$13,905.00	\$13,905.00
2.	16,000	EA	Locate, cut, and remove each stump , including equipment, materials, and labor, all in strict accordance with the plans and specifications for	\$25.75	\$412,000.00
3.	2,000	EA	Additive Alternate - Locate, cut, and remove each stump , including equipment, materials, and labor, all in strict accordance with the plans and specifications for	\$25.75	\$51,500.00
*BASE BID ITEMS 1-2 TOTAL				\$425,905.00	
ADDITIVE ITEM 3 TOTAL				\$51,500.00	
Bid Bond				Y	
Bid Opening Sheet				Y	
Vendor Compliance Form				Y	
Non Collusion Affidavit				Y	
W9				Y	
Conflict of Interest				Y	

***MATHEMATICAL ERROR NOTED IN BASE BID ADDITION**



Signature

23-Aug-24

Date

BID TABULATION
Toledo Bend Division
RFB-24-1201 Underwater Stump Removal

BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 2:00PM

Item	Qty	Unit	Description	Justin Campbell dba Sabine Basin Services Center, Texas		Dead Calm Seas Marine Services, LLC St. Louis, Missouri	
				Unit Price	Item Total	Unit Price	Item Total
1.	1	LS	Mobilization/Demobilization costs, including performance bond, payment bonds, moving equipment to project, all in accordance with plans and specifications, not to exceed 3% of total project bid	\$12,360.00	\$12,360.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
2.	14,000	EA	Locate, cut, and remove each stump , including equipment, materials, and labor, all in strict accordance with the plans and specifications for	\$25.75	\$360,500.00	\$60.00	\$840,000.00
3.	2,000	EA	Additive Alternate - Locate, cut, and remove each stump , including equipment, materials, and labor, all in strict accordance with the plans and specifications for	\$25.75	\$51,500.00	\$60.00	\$120,000.00
BASE BID ITEMS 1-2 TOTAL				\$372,860.00		\$847,000.00	
ADDITIVE ITEM 3 TOTAL				\$51,500.00		\$120,000.00	
Acknowledgement of Addendums 1				Y		Y	
Bid Bond				Y		Y	
Bid Opening Sheet				Y		Y	
Vendor Compliance Form				Y		Y	
Non Collusion Affidavit				Y		Y	
W9				Y		Y	
Conflict of Interest				Y		Y	



Signature

20-Sep-23

Date