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Addendum #2

Response to RFP Questions for 3000 Guajome Lake Road, Oceanside:

Question #1:

I cannot find the proposal, is the RFP and documents the proposal?

Answer:

No, proposals are drafted by Offerors in response to Section 2 of the RFP (Response Requirements). Proposals should also include all required forms identified in Section 5.3 (Statement of Qualification Forms) and should be submitted in accordance with Section 4.4 (Proposal Submission).

Question #2:

Can we lease few acres, or do we need to lease all 77 acres?

Answer:

The County is seeking an operator for all 77 acres. The selected Offeror may sublease portions of the Site to other entities as appropriate, provided that all sublessees comply with the goals, policies and terms as set forth in this Request for Proposals and the main lease.

Question #3:

To the County's knowledge, what type of chemical's or pesticides have been used and for what amount of time?

Answer:

The current operator is required to submit pesticide use reports to the County of San Diego's Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM). These reports must state the name of the pesticide used, the amount of pesticide used, and the acreage that the application was made to. A public records request can be made to AWM to get copies of these records for the past 5 years. Public records requests can be made here: https://pra.sandiegocounty.gov/requests/new. The chemical controls that have been used on this property have comprised of soil fumigations, insecticide applications, and herbicide applications using pesticides with signal words Caution, Warning and Danger.

Question #4:

Is the County still allowing the usage of chemicals/pesticides or is this more of conversion towards organic?

Answer:

The current operator is currently using chemical controls on the property. The County will continue to allow pest management on the property if operators adhere to <u>County of San Diego Board of Supervisor Policy F-45: Pesticide Use Reduction and implement Integrated Pest Management practices that help mitigate the use of pesticides. There is a focus on agricultural methods that maintain soil health, conserve biodiversity, and employ practices to mitigate the use of synthetic inputs. This focus and these practices are utilized by registered and certified organic operators, but these practices can also be</u>

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employed by operators who are not registered or certified as organic.

Question #5:

What is the water source – Well(s) or county/city water?

Answer:

There are two wells onsite and there is also a City of Oceanside water meter that can be used for extra watering.

Question #6:

Will the farmer approved be held responsible if initial written proposals are not met? I.e. local business engagement, food justice, etc.?

Answer:

Where appropriate, County would try to work with the Lessee to help the Lessee meet the goals/requirements that were set out in the proposal. Ultimately, per Article 2.4 (b) of Appendix B1, the Lease Template, County has all the rights and remedies available at law, including the right to terminate this Lease if Lessee defaults in the performance of any covenants, conditions, representations, warranties or other obligations under this Lease. Representations include, but are not limited to, what was proposed in response to the RFP.