

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

## **ADDENDUM # 2**

**ISSUED: October 4, 2012**

**RFP NUMBER: CSP902013  
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The State of Ohio, through the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Procurement Services, for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health is requesting proposals for :

Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Eradication Program  
Survey – Clermont Ohio

Attached are page(s) to this Request for Proposal (RFP). Remove the corresponding page(s) from the existing RFP and replace with the attached.

Reason for Addendum. This addendum is issued provide updated information on the estimated number of acres to be delimited by survey on page 17 under the Scope of Work Item B.

<b>PROPOSAL DUE DATE:</b>	<b>October 12, 2012 by 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>OPENING LOCATION:</b>	<b>Department of Administrative Services General Services Bid Desk 4200 Surface Road Columbus, Ohio 43228-1395</b>

ATTACHMENT ONE: WORK REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
PART ONE: WORK REQUIREMENTS

This attachment describes the Project and what the Contractor must do to complete the Project satisfactorily. It also describes what the Offeror must deliver as part of the completed Project (the "Deliverables"), and it gives a detailed description of the Project's schedule.

I. SCOPE OF WORK.

A. Introduction/Background

The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB), *Anoplophora glabripennis*, currently infests areas in the State of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Ohio. Over time the ALB weakens and kills a variety of hardwood tree species. This nonnative pest has the potential to spread to other areas of the United States and cause extensive losses to ornamental and commercial tree species.

The Ohio Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program is conducting a tree survey for detection of ALB in Clermont County, Ohio. The project requires ground surveyors to thoroughly inspect host trees for signs of ALB infestation on public and private property.

B. Statement of Work

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The program's goal for this survey contract is to detect ALB infested trees in order to delimit the extent of the infestation as quickly as possible. At this time, it is now estimated, there are approximately \*39,000 acres to be delimited by survey. The Contractor will be responsible for surveying areas within the proposed survey boundary. These land parcel areas are defined by a name/numbering system called "area zone units" (AZU). AZU are defined using existing property lines or other physical boundaries. The survey entails visiting assigned AZU or subsets of AZU to determine what (if any) host trees (type and size) are present and visually inspecting each host tree for signs of ALB (frass, exit holes, egg sites, any life stage of the insect).

Survey work may include forests, woodlots, fencerows, trees located along streets, backyards, park lands, railroads, industrial parks, cemeteries, nature preserves, etc. The contractor shall inspect all host trees in assigned areas regardless of size or DBH in the assigned areas search for ALB damage and infestation. All properties will be inspected for the presence of host trees. Those properties that do not have host trees shall be recorded in the PDA or on the Paper Data Sheets (PDS) as no-host properties.

Properties with ALB host trees that cannot be accessed due to physical barriers such as fences shall be recorded as a call back. For call back properties, the contractor shall make efforts to determine if host trees are present on the property by viewing the property from adjacent properties and notate the presence of ALB host trees requiring inspection. The number of callbacks are expected to be minimal. ODA will attempt to gain access to these properties by contacting the property owner. Once access is gained, the Contractor shall be responsible to complete the surveys unless otherwise directed, even if the Contractor has progressed from the area.

The AZU, order and progression of all survey work will be directed by ALB Program Staff and may be subject to change as priorities are identified. Survey work may include forests, woodlots, fencerows, trees located along streets, backyards, park lands, railroads, industrial parks, cemeteries, nature preserves, etc. The contractor shall inspect all host trees in assigned areas regardless of size or Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) in the assigned areas search for ALB damage and infestation. All properties will be inspected for the presence of host trees. Those properties that do not have host trees shall be recorded in the PDS as no-host properties.

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The AZU, order and progression of all survey work will be directed by ALB Program Staff and may be subject to change as priorities are identified. The East Fork State Park area is nearly 100% wooded. The terrain to be surveyed will be variable, but may include wetland and wet areas to transverse. Some areas are heavily wooded with downed trees and limbs to navigate through. Exposure to poison ivy, poison sumac, thorns, ticks, mosquitoes, chiggers, wild and domestic animals and other potentially hazardous organisms should be expected. Exposure to various weather conditions including rain, snow and very cool or hot temperatures may occur.

\* Due to a recent update the number of estimated acres to be delimited has been increased from 16,000 to 39,000.