

City of Sonoma

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP)

FOR

TREE INVENTORY & HEALTH ASSESSMENT BY CERTIFIED ARBORIST



ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

The City of Sonoma Received the Following Questions:

1. On page 2, the RFP indicates that we will be updating the existing inventory. Are GPS coordinates (Latitude & Longitude) available for the inventoried trees?

The City does not have GPS coordinates for the previous inventory. The information in Exhibit C of Attachment A is the best historical information on the previous inventories.

2. On page 2, the RFP indicates that a risk assessment will be performed on every tree. [We perform] tree risk assessments in accordance with ANSI A300 (Part 9) standards along with the companion publication Best Management Practices: Tree Risk Assessment, published by the International Society of Arboriculture (2011).
 - a. ... Would this approach be acceptable, or do you want a risk rating assigned to every tree?

Yes, this approach is acceptable. Please describe in the RFP narrative.

- b. What is the specified time frame for the risk assessment?

3 year time frame is acceptable.

3. On page 2, the RFP indicates that we should evaluate the sustainability of the tree. What does that mean?

The City hopes to identify any trees that might be a draw on resources to the point that it has a negative consequence for other trees in the park. Including the trees overall health, use of water, or potential for disease.

4. On page 3, the RFP suggests a Resistograph may be used to evaluate the trees. The use of a resistance drill constitutes a Level 3 Advanced tree risk assessment, which is much more detailed and time consuming than a Level 2 Basic tree risk assessment or Level 1 Limited visual assessment... Would this approach be acceptable?

Yes, the use of Level 3 assessments only when warranted is preferred. Please briefly describe this method in the RFP.

5. Is this service subject to Prevailing Wage Laws?

Yes, Per Attachment A. *Contractor and Contractor's subContractors (if any) shall, to the extent required by the California Labor Code, pay not less than the latest prevailing wage rates to workers and professionals as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2.*

Contractor will be required to register the project with DIR following award. Prevailing wage rates can be found at their site <https://www.dir.ca.gov/public-works/prevailing-wage.html>

6. When would the City prefer the inventory to be completed by?

The City will evaluate how fast the inventory can be completed with the overall proposal price and proposed methodology.

7. Have there been any trees added or removed from Plaza Park since the last inventory was completed? (i.e. would there be more or less than 221 trees to be inventoried?)

This is not fully known and is part of our desire to have the area inventoried.

8. What level of tree risk assessment is the City expecting, and will it be based off of the ISA's Best Management Practices for Tree Risk Assessment?

See question 2.