



TxDOT ROW
UTILITY WEEK

THE POWER OF YOU - Delivering Right-Of-Way Solutions to Texas

ROW Clearing Vegetation Non-Professional Service Contracts

Track 2 Session 3

Day 2 - 12/13/2023





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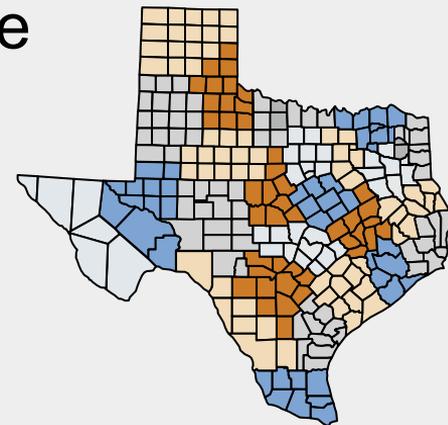


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How many Clearing Vegetation Contracts are available for use?

- 7 statewide Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) Clearing Vegetation Contracts
- All 7 vendors are expected to work anywhere across the State





What is a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) Contract?

- A BPO is an agreement between TxDOT and a vendor to provide Non-Professional Services
- The BPO is the Contract
- Non-Professional Service BPOs are procured by TxDOT Procurement Division in collaboration with Right of Way



When does a Utility Coordinator use a Clearing Vegetation Contract?

- When there are utilities to be relocated in the proposed right of way
- Use of Clearing Vegetation Contracts to clear the right of way for utilities should be limited to projects where there is a clear benefit to TxDOT in regards to helping the project reach the status of “ready to let”



When does a Utility Coordinator use a Clearing Vegetation Contract?

- For projects where there is no clear benefit to TxDOT, there is still the option of requiring the utility being relocated to clear needed right of way that affects the move
- If the utility relocation is eligible for reimbursement, the cost of clearing the right of way is reimbursable to the utility



How does a Utility Coordinator use a Clearing Vegetation Contract?

- Clearing Vegetation Contracts are managed by ROW
- District Utility Coordinators must coordinate with the ROW Project Manager in their district to issue a Blanket Purchase Order Release (BPOR) for the clearing of right of way on a specific project
- BPOR authorizes the work to begin
- **Utility Coordinator is responsible for managing and overseeing the work is performed and completed after the BPOR is issued**



How does a ROW PM select a vendor to perform Clearing Vegetation services?

- Define the project need
- Review the NPS Contracts Registry and PeopleSoft in tandem to verify available funds for vendors
- Obtain estimate from vendor(s)
- Select vendor based on project needs, including availability of vendor's time and contract funds



What does TxDOT need to provide for an estimate?

- KMZ or ROW Map showing the area that needs to be cleared, parcel IDs and areas that need to be avoided such as creeks and wetlands
- Property Descriptions/Surveys
- Estimated surface area that needs to be cleared
- Parcel list and detailed information



CCSJ: 0535-08-072

RCSJ: 0535-08-090

TxC/Parcel ID: P00024748 (1), P00024759 (3), P00024761 (5), P00024762 (6), P00024765 (9), P00024766 (10), P00024767 (11),
P00024769 (13), P00024770 (14), P00024771 (15), P00024776 (20), P00024778 (22)

Limits: From FM 2434 to Colorado River Bridge

District: Yoakum

County: Colorado

Description: The clearing of IH-10 Phase 1 estimated 1.024 Acres

P00024748 (1): 0.028 Acres

P00024759 (3): 0.077 Acres

P00024761 (5): 0.021 Acres

P00024762 (6): 0.014 Acres

P00024765 (9): 0.110 Acres

P00024766 (10): 0.014 Acres

P00024767 (11): 0.069 Acres

P00024769 (13): 0.189 Acres

P00024770 (14): 0.010 Acres

P00024771 (15): 0.017 Acres

P00024776 (20): 0.131 Acres

P00024778 (22): 0.344 Acres

Total: 1.024 Acres



We are not clearing the entire ROW; this is for utilities only and we are not clearing every parcel. We need roughly 15ft cleared along the new ROW line, where there is trees and brush.

We are only clearing the ROW. We are not removing any improvements, including fencing. We will have to access the new ROW by gates in the acquisition area only or through fencing. Either way please make sure to close gates and fencing on entry and exit.

There will be some streams and wetlands. We are coordinating with Env. to mark these areas for you. Please remember only clear to the edges of streams and wetlands. Also please don't place any mulch in these areas. There are only 2 parcels that have streams 20 and 74. Parcel 20 stream is indicated by blue and parcel 74 is indicated by pink.

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Equipment used for Clearing Vegetation services



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Who do I contact with questions about Clearing Vegetation Contracts or issues with a vendor?

- Contact ROW personnel in your District with questions or concerns



Images of cleared areas

Before





After





Before





After





Mulched Area







Thank You!



Please feel free to
stay and visit with
everyone!