



## **Agricultural Land Lease RFP LP#161**

### **Addendum #1**

This addendum is issued pursuant to the above mentioned RFP. Item #1 addresses an omission in the RFP. Items #2-6 are in response to questions submitted by potential offerers.

1. RFP Pages 11 & 13, Item #3 under Requirements. The word “hay” was inadvertently omitted from the last sentence. Both fields (Rockville and Woody Hill in Arcadia) are to be used for the purpose of growing and harvesting hay.
2. Question: Can parcels slated to harvest row crops be used to grow hay?

Response: Hay is not allowed unless specifically stated in the RFP. The fields that cannot be used for hay were purchased primarily to provide goose hunting opportunity. One of the best ways to provide food for migrating and wintering geese is from corn spillage (occurring under normal agricultural practices) which provides a high energetic value to wildlife and from new growth of winter rye.

3. Question: With regard to the Eight Rod parcel, is there is any flexibility to the October 1<sup>st</sup> requirement to have the cover crop planted? A potential offerer plans to use the land for potatoes and typically does not finish harvesting the potato crop and plant a winter cover crop until mid-October.

Response: The end date for the Eight Rod parcel is September 25 each year (not October 1<sup>st</sup>). The Department is not able to extend the September 25 date for this parcel because it is heavily used and popular for dove hunting which begins in mid-September.

4. With regard to the Eight Rod parcel, is there any flexibility to the winter rye requirement for cover crop? A potential offeror sometimes uses oats as a winter cover crop instead of winter rye.

Response: The Department does not feel that the shift of cover crop to oats represents a significant change and would have no problem with oats in part or in full, replacing winter rye as cover crop on this parcel.

5. Question: Is it possible to seek a depredation permit from the Division of Agriculture on F&W leases depending on deer damage.

Response: The Department is not willing to issue deer depredation permits on these parcels. These parcels provide recreational opportunities to hunters who look forward to utilizing these areas during the hunting season to harvest deer. The Department would like to provide opportunities for hunters to be successful in harvesting on them during the legal hunting season. Issuing depredation permits would diminish successful opportunities for hunters during the hunting season.

6. Question: Can the state provide information regarding prior bid amounts on the Agricultural Land Leasing program in order to assist in making an offer?

Response: This information is public and below is the current list of agricultural land leases and the rates paid per acre:

<b>Parcel Name</b>	<b>Rate/Acre</b>	<b># Acres</b>
Arcadia Mgt. Area - Woodmansee	\$53.11	6
Arcadia Mgt. Area - Woody Hill Rd	\$67.00	9
Arcadia Mgt.- Pratt Farm Unit	\$87.00	7
Arcadia Mgt.- Rockville Unit	\$71.00	7
Carolina Mgt. Area - Wright Farm Unit	\$51.00	77
Eight Rod Farm Mgt. Area (Parcel 1)	\$7.00	30
Eight Rod Farm Mgt. Area (Section 2)	\$8.00	24
Great Swamp Mgt.- Liberty Parcel	\$20.00	6
Nicholas Farm Mgt. Area - Place Farm Unit	\$131.00	23
Sapowet Mgt. Area	\$100.00	32
Sapowet Mgt. Area - Babbit Unit	\$126.00	23
South Shore Mgt.- Carpenter Unit	\$115.00	17
South Shore Mgt.- Field 3 - Ford Parcel	\$106.00	23
South Shore Mgt.- Field 6 Finerman Unit	\$52.00	23
South Shore Mgt.-Cheeseman & Whitford Parcel	\$71.00	44
Tuckertown Pond Fishing Access Field	\$111.00	4

As a reminder, proposals will be received by the State of Rhode Island, **Department of Administration, Division of Purchases, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908** until **10 a.m. Friday, January 11, 2013**, at which time they will be opened and publicly acknowledged. Proposals should clearly reference the **LP#161**.

The RFP, along with a Proposal Offer Form and sample lease agreement, is available on DEM's website at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/llrfp12.pdf>.