CE 444 Contracts and Specifications

Assignment 2 Risk Management Case Study

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**Risks to the Contractor:**

* Very vague directions listed on the Pricing Schedule. “Area 1 – Hazard Tree Removal”, “Area 1 – Stump Grinding and Removal”, etc. And each area is priced as one quantity for an indefinite amount of work.
* Area 4 listed in the Scope of Work is a culturally sensitive area and no heavy equipment is allowed into the area without a Corp’s archeologist’s approval and constant inspection. This is challenging area to complete the work for, especially when any damage done to the area by the Contractor could result in lawsuits.
* Work restrictions after September, 2015 could make progress slower, and safety of the public becomes an issue.
* Responsibility to protect existing infrastructure within the park. Contractor would be held liable for damages incurred in the process of removing hazardous trees.
* Potential discovery of human remains or historically important items could cause all work to cease indefinitely until the Corps goes through protocol with the Native American tribes associated with the finds. Also the contractor is responsible for protecting any such items if found.

**Risk Management:**

A thorough visit to the site by the Contractor before bidding would give them an accurate assessment of how much work there was to do, and also some idea of the risk associated with Area 4. This would also allow for the Contractor to get an idea of how soon the work could be completed, and if not before the park opens back up, what sort of plan could be developed to ensure the safety of the public. Also this would give the Contractor a better reference to provide and accurate bid.

Not much could be done to mitigate the risk associated with discovery of potential historic items or human remains within the park, just making sure to work with care and precision.