Suggested Questions When Seeking a Gorse Removal Contractor

Unsure what questions to ask a prospective Gorse Contractor... here are some important questions to ask and/or request be included with a cost estimate:

1. Do you do mechanical gorse removal only or are you licensed to do herbicide applications for gorse regrowth? Ask if licensed for Mechanical work (contractors Board) Herbicide (ODA Pesticide applicators license and category types).

2. What experience do you have in controlling large stands of gorse (if that is your situation)?

3. What type of equipment do you have at your disposal?
   Example responses:
   - Skid Steer with mulching head (grinds down gorse onsite and leaves in place)
   - Large or small Excavator (for plucking entire gorse plants out)
   - Excavator with mulching head (grinds down gorse onsite and leaves in place)

4. What slope limitations do your pieces of equipment have?

5. How many employees would be on-site to complete this job?

6. Will you be taking any gorse off-site? Are you aware of Best Management Practices in how to not spread gorse during transport?

7. Have you attended any of the Gorse Action Group training workshops?

8. References: can you provide the names and phone numbers of 2 previous gorse-control clients?