

PROJECT NO.: B-150271

OPEN DATE: JUNE 9, 2015

AND TIME: 2:30 P.M.

LOCATION: PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT 1825 HENDRY ST. 3rd FLOOR FORT MYERS, FL 33901

REQUEST FOR BID

TITLE: THE PURCHASE OF MULCH

Advertised Date: MAY 22, 2015

REQUESTER: LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

ADDRESS

1825 Hendry St 3rd Floor FORT MYERS, FL 33901

PROCUREMENT CONTACT:

NAME: KATHY CICCARELLI TITLE: PROCUREMENT ANALYST

PHONE NO.: (239) 533- 5456 EMAIL:kciccarelli@leegov.com

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Sealed Bids will be received by the DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT, until the time and date specified on the cover sheet of this "Request for Bid", and opened immediately thereafter by the Director or designee.

Any question regarding this solicitation should be directed to the Procurement Division Contact listed on the cover page of this solicitation, or by calling the Division of Procurement Management at (239) 533-5450.

1. **SUBMISSION OF BID:**

- a. Bids must be sealed in an envelope, and the outside of the envelope must be marked with the following information:
 - 1. Marked with the words "Sealed Bid"
 - 2. Name of the firm submitting the bid
 - 3. Title of the bid
 - 4. Bid number
- b. The Bid must be submitted in duplicate as follows:
 - 1. The original consisting of the Lee County bid forms completed and signed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals attached.
 - 2. A copy of the original bid forms for the Director.
- c. The following must be submitted along with the bid in a separate envelope. This envelope must be marked as described above, but instead of marking the envelope as "Sealed Bid", please indicate the contents; i.e., literature, drawings, submittals, etc. This information must be submitted in duplicate.
 - 1. Any information (either required or in addition to that asked for by the specifications) necessary to analyze your bid; i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.
 - 2. Warranties and guarantees against defective materials and workmanship.
- d. **BIDS RECEIVED LATE:** It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the bid is received by the Division of Procurement Management prior to the opening date and time specified. Any bid received after the opening date and time will be promptly returned to the bidder unopened. Lee County will not be responsible for bids received late because of delays by a third party delivery service; i.e., U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, etc.
- e. **BID CALCULATION ERRORS:** In the event there is a discrepancy between the total quoted amount or the extended amounts and the unit prices quoted, the unit prices will prevail and the corrected sum will be considered the quoted price.
- f. **PAST PERFORMANCE:** All vendors will be evaluated on their past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship,

late delivery, etc.). Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.

- g. **WITHDRAWAL OF BID:** No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days after the scheduled time for receiving bids. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the bid-opening date and time. Such a request to withdraw must be made in writing to the Director, who will approve or disapprove of the request.
- h. **COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT:** The County reserves the right to exercise its discretion, to waive minor informalities in any bid; to reject any or all bids with or without cause; and/or to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the County of Lee.
- i. **EXECUTION OF BID:** All bids shall contain the signature of an authorized representative of the bidder in the space provided on the quote proposal form. All bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bid shall be initialed.

2. ACCEPTANCE

The materials and/or services delivered under the bid **shall** remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality. In the event the materials and/or services supplied to the County are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications, the County reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return such product to the seller at the seller's expense.

3. **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Whenever in these specifications a brand name or make is mentioned, it is the intention of the County only to establish a grade or quality of materials and not to rule out other brands or makes of equal quality. However, if a product other than that specified is bid, it is the vendor's responsibility to name such product with his bid and to prove to the County that said product is equal to the product specified. Lee County **shall** be the sole judge as to whether a product being offered by the bidder is actually equivalent to the one being specified by the detailed specifications. (Note: This paragraph does not apply when it is determined that the technical requirements of this solicitation will require a specific product only, as stated in the detailed specifications.)

4. RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES & LICENSES

The awarded vendor shall observe and obey all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, of the federal, state, and local government, which may be applicable to the supply of this product or service. The awarded vendor has attested to compliance with the applicable immigration laws of the United States in the attached affidavit. Violations of the immigration laws of the United States shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the awarded agreement.

- a. Local Business Tax Vendor shall submit within 10 calendar days after request.
- b. Specialty License(s) Vendor shall possess at the time of the opening of the bid all necessary permits and/or licenses required for the sale of this product and/or

- service and upon the request of the County will provide copies of licenses and/or permits within 10 calendar days after request.
- c. The geographic preference established in the Local Vendor Preference ordinance is applicable to all Lee County procurement activities unless otherwise specifically noted in the solicitation package. Provided, however, the Local Vendor Preference ordinance is not applicable to procurement activity or solicitations involving Federal Transit Administration grant funds.
- d. Florida Statutes Section 607.1501 (1) states: A foreign corporation may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.

5. <u>WARRANTY/GUARANTY</u> (unless otherwise specified)

All materials and/or services furnished under this bid shall be warranted by the vendor to be free from defects and fit for the intended use.

6. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A pre-bid conference will be held at the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. Pre-bid conferences are generally <u>non-mandatory</u>, but it is highly recommended that everyone planning to submit a bid attend.

In the event a pre-bid conference is classified as <u>mandatory</u>, it will be so specified on the cover of this solicitation and it will be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that they are represented at the pre-bid. Only those bidders who attend the pre-bid conference will be allowed to bid on this project.

7. LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES

All vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:

Lee County Finance Department Post Office Box 2238 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238

All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise differently stated in the detailed specification portion of this bid.

Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.

Lee County is generally a tax-exempt entity subject to the provisions of the 1987 legislation regarding sales tax on services. Lee County will pay those taxes for which it is obligated, or it will provide a Certificate of Exemption furnished by the Department of Revenue. All contractors or bidders should include in their bid all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or subcontractor's services.

8. <u>LEE COUNTY BID PROTEST PROCEDURE</u>

Any contractor/vendor/firm that has submitted a formal bid/quote/proposal to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the award of the formal bid/quote/proposal, must file a written "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" with the Lee County

Procurement Management Director not later than seventy-two (72) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays) after receipt of the County's "Notice of Intended Decision" with respect to the proposed award of the formal bid/quote/proposal.

The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" is one of two documents necessary to perfect Protest. The second document is the "Formal Written Protest", both documents are described below.

The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" document must state all grounds claimed for the Protest, and clearly indicate it as the "Notice of Intent to File a Protest". Failure to clearly indicate the Intent to file the Protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to seek any further remedies provided for under this Protest Procedure.

The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" shall be received ("stamped in") by the Procurement Management Director or Public Works Director not later than Four o'clock (4:00) PM on the third working day following the day of receipt of the County's Notice of Intended Decision.

The affected party shall then file its Formal Written Protest within ten (10) calendar days after the time for the filing of the Notice of Intent to File a Protest has expired. Except as provided for in the paragraph below, upon filing of the Formal Written Protest, the contractor/vendor/firm shall post a bond, payable to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid/quote/proposal, or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), whichever is less. Said bond shall be designated and held for payment of any costs that may be levied against the protesting contractor/vendor/firm by the Board of County Commissioners, as the result of a frivolous Protest.

A clean, Irrevocable Letter of Credit or other form of approved security, payable to the County, may be accepted. Failure to submit a bond, letter of credit, or other approved security simultaneously with the Formal Written Protest shall invalidate the protest, at which time the County may continue its procurement process as if the original "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" had never been filed.

Any contractor/vendor/firm submitting the County's standard bond form (CMO: 514), along with the bid/quote/proposal, shall not be required to submit an additional bond with the filing of the Formal Written Protest.

The Formal Written Protest shall contain the following:

- County bid/quote/proposal identification number and title.
- Name and address of the affected party, and the title or position of the person submitting the Protest.
- A statement of disputed issues of material fact. If there are no disputed material facts, the Formal Protest must so indicate.
- A concise statement of the facts alleged, and of the rules, regulations, statutes, or constitutional provisions, which entitle the affected party to relief.
- All information, documents, other materials, calculations, and any statutory or case law authority in support of the grounds for the Protest.

- A statement indicating the relief sought by the affected (protesting) party.
- Any other relevant information that the affected party deems to be material to Protest.

Upon receipt of a timely filed "Notice of Intent to File a Protest", the Procurement Management Director or Public Works Director (as appropriate) may abate the award of the formal bid/quote/proposal as appropriate, until the Protest is heard pursuant to the informal hearing process as further outlined below, except and unless the County Manager shall find and set forth in writing, particular facts and circumstances that would require an immediate award of the formal bid/quote/proposal for the purpose of avoiding a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. Upon such written finding by the County Manager, the County Manager may authorize an expedited Protest hearing procedure. The expedited Protest hearing shall be held within ninety-six (96) hours of the action giving rise to the contractor/vendor/firm's Protest or as soon as may be practicable for all parties. The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" shall serve as the grounds for the affected party's presentation and the requirements for the submittal of a formal, written Protest under these procedures, to include the requirement for a bond, shall not apply.

The Dispute Committee shall conduct an informal hearing with the protesting contractor/vendor/firm to attempt to resolve the Protest, within seven working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) from receipt of the Formal Written Protest. The Chairman of the Dispute Committee shall ensure that all affected parties may make presentations and rebuttals, subject to reasonable time limitations, as appropriate. The purpose of the informal hearing by the Dispute Committee, the protestor and other affected parties is to provide an opportunity: (1) to review the basis of the Protest; (2) to evaluate the facts and merits of the Protest: and (3) to make a determination whether to accept or reject the Protest.

Once a determination is made by the Dispute Committee with respect to the merits of the Protest, the Dispute Committee shall forward to the Board of County Commissioners its recommendations, which shall include relevant background information related to the procurement.

Upon receiving the recommendation from the Dispute Committee, the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a hearing on the matter at a regularly scheduled meeting. Following presentations by the affected parties, the Board shall render its decision on the merits of the Protest.

If the Board's decision upholds the recommendation by the Dispute Committee regarding the award, and further finds that the Protest was either frivolous and/or lacked merit, the Board, at its discretion, may assess costs, charges, or damages associated with any delay of the award, or any costs incurred with regard to the protest. These costs, charges or damages may be deducted from the security (bond or letter of credit) provided by the contractor/vendor/firm. Any costs, charges or damages assessed by the Board in excess of the security shall be paid by the protesting contractor/vendor/firm within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's final determination concerning the award.

All formal bid/quote/proposal solicitations shall set forth the following statement:

"FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE BID PROTEST PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TIMEFRAMES AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AND ESTABLISHED BY

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF YOUR PROTEST AND ANY RESULTING CLAIMS."

9. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME**

Any person or affiliate as defined by statute who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid or a contract to provide any goods or services to the County; may not submit a bid on a contract with the County for the construction or repair of a public building or a public work; may not submit bids or leases of real property to the County; may not be awarded or perform works as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the County, and may not transact business with the County in excess of \$25,000.00 for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

10. **QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS** (unless otherwise noted)

Bids will be considered only from firms normally engaged in the sale and distribution or provision of the services as specified herein. Bidders shall have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to Lee County. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject bids where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability of the bidder to perform.

11. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

In accordance with Chapter 443 of the Florida Statutes, it is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Materials Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

If a conflict exists between the General Conditions and the detailed specifications, then the detailed specifications shall prevail.

13. **WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded contractor shall have no more than 30 days to present or file any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the Contractor to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this agreement.

14. **AUTHORITY TO PIGGYBACK**

It is hereby made a precondition of any bid and a part of these specifications that the submission of any bid in response to this request constitutes a bid made under the same conditions, for the same price, and for the same effective period as this bid, to any other governmental entity.

15. <u>COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT</u>

a) State Contract

If applicable, the County reserves the right to purchase any of the items in this bid from State Contract Vendors if the prices are deemed lower on State Contract than the prices we receive in this quotation.

b) Any Single Large Project

The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately quote any project that is outside the scope of this bid, whether through size, complexity, or dollar value.

c) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's)

The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to purchase any of the items in this bid from a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise vendor if the prices are determined to be in the best interest of the County, to assist the County in the fulfillment of any of the County's grant commitments to federal or state agencies.

The County further reserves the right to purchase any of the items in this bid from DBE's to fulfill the County's stated policy toward DBE's.

d) Anti-Discrimination

The vendor for itself, its successors in interest, and assignees, as part of the consideration there of covenant and agree that:

In the furnishing of services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

The vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. The vendor will make affirmative efforts to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, acts of employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

Vendor agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this anti-discrimination clause.

Vendor will provide all information and reports required by relevant regulations and/or applicable directives. In addition, the vendor shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the County to be pertinent to ascertain compliance. The vendor shall maintain and make available relevant data showing the extent to which members of minority groups are beneficiaries under these contracts.

Where any information required of the vendor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the vendor shall so certify to the County its effort made toward obtaining said information. The vendor shall remain obligated under this paragraph until the expiration of three (3) years after the termination of this contract.

In the event of breach of any of the above anti-discrimination covenants, the County shall have the right to impose sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including withholding payment to the vendor or canceling, terminating, or suspending this contract, in whole or in part.

Additionally, the vendor may be declared ineligible for further County contracts by rule, regulation or order of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, or as otherwise provided by law.

The vendor will send to each union, or representative of workers with which the vendor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice informing the labor union of worker's representative of the vendor's commitments under this assurance, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to the employees and the applicants for employment.

The vendor will include the provisions of this section in every subcontract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. The vendor will take such actions with respect to any subcontractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

16. **AUDITABLE RECORDS**

The awarded vendor shall maintain auditable records concerning the procurement adequate to account for all receipts and expenditures, and to document compliance with the specifications. These records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting methods, and Lee County reserves the right to determine the record-keeping method required in the event of non-conformity. These records shall be maintained for two years after completion of the project and shall be readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice, and to other persons in accordance with the Florida Public Disclosure Statutes.

17. **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

Whenever two or more bids/proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid/proposal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes 287.087.

18 **REQUIRED SUBMITTALS**

Any submittals requested should be returned with the bid response. This information may be accepted after opening, but no later than 10 calendar days after request.

19. **TERMINATION**

Any agreement as a result of this bid may be terminated by either party giving thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice. The County reserves the right to accept or not accept a termination notice submitted by the vendor, and no such termination notice submitted by the vendor shall become effective unless and until the vendor is notified in writing by the County of its acceptance.

The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any agreement as a result of this bid for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Purchasing and Payment Procedure Manual.

Any vendor who has voluntarily withdrawn from a formal bid/proposal without the County's mutual consent during the contract period shall be barred from further County procurement for a period of 180 days. The vendor may apply to the Board of Lee County Commissioners for waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by Procurement Management.

20. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Vendors should be aware that all submittals (including financial statements) provided with a bid/proposal are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality.

21. **ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE**

All firms are hereby placed on formal notice that neither the County Commissioners nor candidates for County Commission, nor any employees from the Lee County Government, Lee County staff members, nor any members of the Qualification/Evaluation Review Committee are to be lobbied, either individually or collectively, concerning this project. Firms and their agents who intend to submit qualifications, or have submitted qualifications, for this project are hereby placed on *formal notice* that they are *not* to contact County personnel for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, meals, or meetings relating to the selection process outside of those specifically scheduled by the County for negotiations. Any such lobbying activities may cause immediate disqualification for this project.

22. INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)

Insurance shall be provided, per the attached insurance guide. Upon request, an insurance certificate complying with the attached guide may be required prior to award.

23. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

All firms are hereby placed on formal notice that per Section 3 of Lee County Ordinance No. 92-22:

The County is prohibited from soliciting a professional services firm to perform project design and/or construction services if the firm has or had been retained to perform the project feasibility or study analysis.

And:

A professional services firm who has performed or participated in the project feasibility planning, study analysis, development of a program for future implementation or drafting of solicitation documents directly related to this County project, as the primary contractor/consultant or a prominent member of the team, cannot be selected or retained, as the primary contractor/consultant or a named member of the contracting/consulting team, to perform project design, engineering, or construction services for subsequent phase s or scopes of work for this project. Pursuant to FS. S. 287.057(17) the firm will be deemed to have a prohibited conflict of interest that creates an unfair competitive advantage.

Should your response be found in violation of the above stated provisions; the County will consider this previous involvement in the project to be a conflict of interest, which will be cause for immediate disqualification of the submittal from consideration for this project.

LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROPOSAL QUOTE FORM FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULCH

DATE	SUBMITTED:			
VENDO	OR NAME:			
TO:	The Board of County Commissioners Lee County Fort Myers, Florida			
	carefully examined the "General Conditions ed herein, the Undersigned proposes to furni			
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PRICE	PER YARD – DELIVERED	;	\$	CU. YD.
MINIM	IUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVE	RY		CU. YD.
PRICE	PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – PICKED UP	:	\$	CU. YD.
PRICE	PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – DELIVERED	:	\$	CU. YD.
BAGS	OF FLORI MULCH BA	AG SIZE _		CU.FT.
COST	PER BAG – PICKED UP	:	\$	PER BAG
COST	PER BAG – DELIVERED	;	\$	_PER BAG
MINIM	IUM NUMBER OF BAGS FOR DELIVER	Y		BAGS
DELIV	ERY CHARGE FOR A PARTIAL TRUCK	LOAD	\$	

SECTION B: VITA MULCH

PRICE PER YARD – PICKED UP	\$	YD
PRICE PER YARD – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – PICKED UP	\$	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD.
MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVE	ERY	CU. YD.
BAGS OF VITA MULCH	BAG SIZE	CU.FT.
COST PER BAG – PICKED UP	\$	PER BAG
COST PER BAG – DELIVERED	\$	PER BAG
MINIMUM NUMBER OF BAGS FOR DELIVER		BAGS
DELIVERY CHARGE FOR A PARTIAL TRUCK	X LOAD \$	
SECTION C: SPECIALTY RED/GOLD MULC	<u>CH</u>	
PRICE PER YARD – PICKED UP	\$	YD
PRICE PER YARD – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD.
MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVE	ERY	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – PICKED UP	\$	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD.
BAGS OF SPECIALTY RED/GOLD MULCH	BAG SIZE	CU.FT.
COST PER BAG – PICKED UP	\$	PER BAG
COST PER RAG _ DELIVERED	\$	PER BAG

MINIMUM NUMBER OF BAGS FOR DELIV	ERY		BAGS
DELIVERY CHARGE FOR A PARTIAL TRU	CK LOAD	\$	
SECTION D: ENGINEERED WOOD FIBE	R (EWF)		
PRICE PER YARD – PICKED UP		\$	YD
PRICE PER YARD – DELIVERED		\$	CU. YD.
MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELI	VERY		CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – PICKED UP		\$	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – DELIVERED		\$	CU. YD.
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COST PER BAG – DELIVERED		\$	PER BAG
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DELIVERY CHARGE FOR A PARTIAL TRU	CK LOAD	\$	
SECTION E: PRO EUC MULCH			
PRICE PER YARD – PICKED UP		\$	YD
PRICE PER YARD – DELIVERED		\$	CU. YD.
MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELI	VERY		CU. YD.
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – PICKED UP		\$	CU. YD
PRICE PER 80 CU. YD. LOT – DELIVERED		\$	CU. YD.
BAGS OF PRO EUC MULCH	BAG SIZE		
COST PER BAG – PICKED UP		\$	PFR BAG

COST PER BAG – DELIVERED	\$	PER BAG
MINIMUM NUMBER OF BAGS FOR DELIVERY		BAGS
DELIVERY CHARGE FOR A PARTIAL TRUCK LO	OAD \$	
SECTION F: PINE BARK		
PRICE PER YARD – PICKED UP	\$	YD
PRICE PER YARD – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD.
MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVERY	<i></i>	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 100 CU. YD. LOT – PICKED UP	\$	CU. YD.
PRICE PER 100 CU. YD. LOT – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD.
BAGS OF PINE BARK BAG	G SIZE	CU.FT.
COST PER BAG – PICKED UP	\$	PER BAG
COST PER BAG – DELIVERED	\$	PER BAG
MINIMUM NUMBER OF BAGS FOR DELIVERY		BAGS
DELIVERY CHARGE FOR A PARTIAL TRUCK LO	OAD \$	
SECTION G: PINE STRAW		
COST PER BALE – PICKED UP	\$	YD
COST PER BALE – DELIVERED	\$	CU. YD
MINIMI M NUMBER OF BALES FOR DELIVERY	-	BALES

SECTION H: WASHED SHELL

PICKED UP

- 1) ½" SIZE \$____PER CUBIC YARD
- 2) 1"-1½" SIZE \$ PER CUBIC YARD

DELIVERED

- 1) ½" SIZE \$_____PER CUBIC YARD
- 2) 1"-1½" SIZE \$____PER CUBIC YARD MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVERY _____CU. YD.

SECTION I: BROWN RIVER ROCK

PICKED UP

- 1) ½" 1" SIZE \$_____PER CUBIC YARD
- 2) 1 1/2" 2" SIZE \$____PER CUBIC YARD

DELIVERED

- 1) ½" 1" SIZE \$____PER CUBIC YARD
- 2) 1 1/2" 2" SIZE \$_____PER CUBIC YARD

MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVERY _____CU. YD.

SECTION J: CRUSHED SHELL

PICKED UP

- 1) ½" 1" SIZE \$_____PER CUBIC YARD
- 2) 1" 1 ½" SIZE \$_____PER CUBIC YARD

DELIVERED

1) ½" – 1" SIZE \$_____PER CUBIC YARD

2) 1" – 1 ½" SIZE	\$	PER CUB	IC YARD
MINIMUM NUMBER OF YARDS FOR DELIVERY		CU.	YD.
SECTION K: BLOWN IN MULCH			
PRICE PER CUBIC YARD FOR INSTALLATION:			
1. FLORA MULCH		\$	PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
2. VITA MULCH		\$	PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
3. SPECIALTY RED OR GOLD MULC	Н	\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
4. ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER (EWF		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
5. PRO EUC MULCH	:	\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
6. MEDIUM RUSTIC PINE BARK NUC	GGETS	\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
7. PINE STRAW	!	\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
LABOR TO INSTALL		\$	_PER CUBIC YARD
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WILL YOU DELIVER WITH YOUR OWN VEHICLE YES NO NO	AS OPPOSE	D TO CON	MMON CARRIER?

Does your firm have a location/office/facility in Lee County?
YES NO
Address:
Bidders should carefully read all the terms and conditions of the specifications. Any representation of deviation or modification to the bid may be grounds to reject the bid.
Are there any modifications to the bid or specifications: YESNO
Failure to clearly identify any modifications in the space below or on a separate page may be grounds fo the bidder being declared nonresponsive or to have the award of the bid rescinded by the County.
MODIFICATIONS:

Bidder shall submit his/her bid on the County's Proposal Quote Form, including the firm name and authorized signature. Any blank spaces on the Proposal Quote Form, qualifying notes or exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, or signatures, on County's Form may result in the Bidder/Bid being declared non-responsive by the County.

ANTI-COLLUSION STATEMENT

THE BELOW SIGNED BIDDER HAS NOT DIVULGED TO, DISCUSSED OR COMPARED HIS BID WITH OTHER BIDDERS AND HAS NOT COLLUDED WITH ANY OTHER BIDDER OR PARTIES TO A BID WHATSOEVER. NOTE: NO PREMIUMS, REBATES OR GRATUITIES TO ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT ARE PERMITTED EITHER WITH, PRIOR TO, OR AFTER ANY DELIVERY OF MATERIALS. ANY SUCH VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION AND/OR RETURN OF MATERIAL (AS APPLICABLE).

FIRM NAME	
BY (Printed):	
BY (Signature):	
TITLE:	
FEDERAL ID # OR S.S. #	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NO.:	
FAX NO.:	
CELLULAR PHONE/PAGER NO.:	
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LEE COUNTY LOCAL BUSINESS TAX ACCOUNT NUMI	BER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE):	Yes No

LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULCH

SCOPE

The intent of this quote is to establish a source for the purchase of various types of mulch, pine straw, decorative shell etc. for the different types of landscaping throughout Lee County.

Proposer is required to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBEs in procurements, and evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. Interested certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms as well as other minority-owned and women-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

TERM OF AWARD

If awarded, the terms of this solicitation shall be in effect for one year or until new quotes are taken and awarded. The County reserves the right to renew this quote (or any portion thereof) and to negotiate lower pricing as a condition for each renewal, for up to four additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties and, except as to lower pricing, under the same terms and conditions.

BASIS OF AWARD

The award for this bid will be given to a pool of vendors meeting specifications.

Lee County reserves the right, at the County's discretion, not to award certain items listed on the Price Proposal Form.

NOTE: Lee County reserves the right to reject unbalanced bids (a bid where a normally low cost item is priced well out of the normal range).

ADDING AND DELETING PRODUCT AND VENDORS

Lee County reserves the right to add and delete products. As certain products become obsolete or replaced by other products we may add to or delete these products.

Lee County also reserves the right to add and delete vendors. As products change we need to add and delete vendors.

PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION

Offers are submitted with the understanding that no price increases will be authorized for 365 calendar days after the effective date of the contract. Upward price adjustments may be permitted only at the end of this period and only where verified to the satisfaction of the Division of Procurement as provided herein. However, "across the board" price decreases are subject to implementation at any time and shall be immediately conveyed to the County.

The awarded vendor(s) shall not give less than 30 days advance written notice of a price increase to the Division of Procurement. Any approved price change will be effective only at the beginning of the calendar month following the end of the full 30-day notification period. The vendor shall document the amount and proposed effective date of the change in price. The price change must affect all accounts serviced by the vendor. Documentation shall be supplied with vendor's request for increase which will: (1) verify that the requested price increase is general in scope and not applicable just to the County; and (2) verify the amount or percentage of increase which is being passed on to the vendor by others not under the control of the vendor. Failure by the vendor to supply the aforementioned verification with the request for price increase will result in delay of the effective date of such increase. The Division of Procurement may make such verification as deemed adequate. However, an increase, which the Division of Procurement determines is excessive, regardless of any documentation supplied by the vendor, may be cause for cancellation of the contract by the Division of Procurement. The Division of Procurement will notify using agencies and vendor in writing of the effective date of any increase, which is approved. However, the Vendor shall fill all purchase orders received prior to the effective date of the price adjustment at the old contract prices. The Vendor is further advised that price decreases that affect the cost of materials, labor, and transportation are required to be passed on to the County immediately. Failure to do so will result in action to recoup such amounts.

MULCH SPECIFICATIONS

SECTION A - FLORI MULCH

Mulch shall be made entirely from the above ground portion wood and bark of the Melaleuca Quinquenervia Tree.

Mulch shall not contain more than 10% (by volume) bark and shall not contain roots o root pieces.

Shreds and chips shall not be larger than 3/4" diameter and 1-1/2" in length.

Mulch shall be free of weed seeds, soil and any other organic or inorganic material.

Prior to its delivery, mulch shall have been inspected and certified by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, as free of Burrowing Nematodes.

All proofs of delivery shall bear official State of Florida stamp of inspection and certification.

SECTION B - VITA - MULCH

Mulch is produced from horticultural land clearing consisting of wood fiber, soil, sand, humus and organic minerals. It works back into the soil to enhance base soil conditions. Cypress mulch shall not be included in the Vita - Mulch.

SECTION C – SPECIALTY RED OR GOLD MULCH

This Specialty Mulch is color enhanced with a non toxic, biodegradable pigment. It's made entirely from 100% pure pine log. It is fade resistant for long lasting appeal. Its ionized colorant adheres to wood fiber to resist bleeding and staining. Shredded fibers lock together to stay in place and acts as a natural weed barrier.

Due to Lee County Administrative Code, cypress mulch is not acceptable. Cypress mulch shall not be included in the Florida Landscape Mulch.

SECTION D – ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER (EWF)

This Specialty Mulch is designed for Playground areas to provide proper impact attenuation and wheelchair accessible surfacing.

ASTM F1292 standard is the method to test playground safety surfacing for impact attenuation. From this test, the suppler must show lab data on the critical height of the material. If it is a loose fill material, having several depths tested to provide several critical heights is important. For example, what is the critical height for 6inches of material, 8 inches, 10 inches and 12 inches?

ASTM F1951 standard is the method to test wheelchair accessibility of playground impact attenuating surfacing. This is all playground surfacing, both loose fill (like EWF or playground shredded rubber) and unitary (like poured in place, mats or tiles).

ASTM F2075 standard is the Specification for Engineered Wood Fiber for use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playground Equipment. The awarded Vendor should have compliance letter/data that the awarded product was made according to this standard.

If properly installed and maintained, both EWF and loose fill rubber that passes ASTM F1951 is ADA accessible and provides impact attenuating surfacing for the equipment fall heights that coincide with the tested critical heights as tested to ASTM1292. Supplier must provide installation instructions that correspond to testing conditions.

Laboratory testing and compliance letters should be done and supplied every 5 years to assure currency. Supplier must provide copies of current laboratory testing results for current ASTM F1292, ASTM F1951 and ASTM F2075

SECTION E – PRO EUC MULCH

Made from premium shredded natural wood fibers, including pine, oak, melaleuca and can't come from commercial logging or harvesting and must be derived exclusively from recycling such as land clearing. Its ionized colorant adheres to wood fiber to resist bleeding and staining. This mulch is fade resistant for long lasting appeal.

SECTION F - MEDIUM RUSTIC PINE BARK NUGGETS

Nuggets shall be between 1 1/2" to 2" in size with less than 10% fines. Bark shall be free from debris, noxious weeds, seeds and spores.

SECTION G - PINE STRAW

Bale size shall be uniform, minimum of 30"L x 16"W x 16"D, 4 cu. ft. volume and cover a 25 sq.ft. area. Pine straw shall have less than 10% by volume debris such as pine sticks and weeds; pine straw shall be free of noxious weeds, seeds and spores such as sour apple and Lygodiu japonicum.

ESTIMATED DOLLAR VOLUME

Lee County spends approximately \$500,000.00 annually for mulch. This amount is given for quoters guidance only. No minimum amount is guaranteed.

DELIVERY

All prices quoted shall include F.O.B. delivery to a site designated by a County representative unless the department chooses to pick up. On the price proposal, pages 10-13 indicate your firm's pricing including any delivery charges, whether Lee County picks up the products or requires the vendor to deliver. Delivery to Boca Grande, Sanibel Island, and Captiva Island are not included in this quote. All other sites from Alva to Bonita will be included.

If your firm is out of the local calling area, it is required that your firm has a toll free number or that you will accept collect calls for the placement of orders.

SUB-CONTRACTORS

The use of sub-contractors under this quote is not allowed without prior written authorization from the County representative.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

The awarded vendor will be required to execute an Agreement/Contract as a condition of award. A sample of this document may be viewed on-line at http://www.leecounty.com/gov/dept/ProcurementManagement/contracts/Pages/Forms.aspx.

MAJOR BREAKDOWNS/NATURAL DISASTERS

Lee County requires that the awarded vendor provide the name of a contact person and phone number which will afford Lee County access twenty-four hours per day, 365 days per year, of this product or service in the event of major breakdowns or natural disasters.

Lee County reserves the right to purchase the product or service listed in this quotation elsewhere in an emergency situation.

DESIGNATED CONTACT

The awarded vendor shall appoint a person or persons to act as a primary contact for all County departments. This person or back-up shall be readily available during normal work hours by phone or in person, and shall be knowledgeable of the terms and procedures involved.

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

The attached document, Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws, is required and should be submitted with your solicitation package. It must be signed and notarized. Failure to include this affidavit with your response will delay the consideration and review of your submission; and could result in your response being disqualified.

LOCAL BIDDER'S PREFERENCE

Note: In order for your firm to be considered for the local vendor preference, you must complete and return the attached "Local Vendor Preference Questionnaire" with your quotation.

The Lee County Local Bidder's Preference Ordinance No. 08-26 is being included as part of the award process for this project. As such, Lee County at its sole discretion may choose to award a preference to

any qualified "Local Contractor/Vendor" in an amount not to exceed 3 % of the total amount quoted by that firm.

"Local Contractor / Vendor" shall mean: a) any person, firm, partnership, company or corporation whose principal place of business in the sole opinion of the County, is located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County, Florida; or b) any person, firm, partnership, company or corporation that has provided goods or services to Lee County on a regular basis for the preceding consecutive three (3) years, and that has the personnel, equipment and materials located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County sufficient to constitute a present ability to perform the service or provide the goods.

The County reserves the exclusive right to compare, contrast and otherwise evaluate the qualifications, character, responsibility and fitness of all persons, firms, partnerships, companies or corporations submitting formal bids or formal quotes in any procurement for goods or services when making an award in the best interests of the County.

Standard Insurance Requirements

Minimum Insurance Requirements: Risk Management in no way represents that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the vendors' interest or liabilities. The following are the required minimums the vendor must maintain throughout the duration of this contract. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation regarding insurance provided

a. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> - Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability exposures with minimum limits of:

\$500,000 per occurrence \$1,000,000 general aggregate \$500,000 products and completed operations \$500,000 personal and advertising injury

b. <u>Business Auto Liability</u> - The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:

\$500,000 combined single limit (CSL) \$300,000 bodily injury per person \$500,000 bodily injury per accident \$300,000 property damage per accident

c. <u>Workers' Compensation</u> - Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees regardless of the number of employees. Workers Compensation exemptions may be accepted with written proof of the State of Florida's approval of such exemption. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:

\$100,000 per accident \$100,000 disease limit \$500,000 disease – policy limit

*The required minimum limit of liability shown in a; b; c; may be provided in the form of

"Excess Insurance" or "Commercial Umbrella Policies." In which case, a "Following Form

Endorsement" will be required on the "Excess Insurance Policy" or "Commercial Umbrella

Policy."

Verification of Coverage:

- 1. Coverage shall be in place prior to the commencement of any work and throughout the duration of the contract. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the Risk Manager for review and approval. The certificate shall provide for the following:
 - a. The certificate holder shall read as follows:

Lee County Board of County Commissioners P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, Florida 33902

b. "Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials" will be named as an "Additional Insured" on the General Liability policy, including Products and Completed Operations coverage.

Special Requirements:

- 1. An appropriate "Indemnification" clause shall be made a provision of the contract.
- **2.** It is the responsibility of the general contractor to insure that all subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements.

<u>ATTACHMENT A</u> LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE (LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08-26)

Instructions: Please complete either Part A or B whichever is applicable to your firm

PART A:	VENDOR'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED WITHIN
	LEE/COLLIER COUNTY (Only complete Part A if your principal place of business is
	located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County)

What	is the size of this facility (i.e. sales area size, warehouse, storage yard, etc.)
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LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTINUED

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Local Bidder's Preference AFFIDAVIT PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

	Principal place of bus	siness is located within th	e boundaries of Lee County.
	Company Name:		
	Signature	Date	
STATE OF _ COUNTY OF	7		
The foregoing	g instrument was signed a	nd acknowledged before n	ne thisday of
	, 20, by		who has produced
(Print or Ty	vpe Name)	as identification.	
	entification and Number)		
Notary Public	Signature		
Printed Name	of Notary Public		
Notary Comm	nission Number/Expiratio	<u></u> n	

The signee of this Affidavit guarantees, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made. <u>LEE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>, <u>AS EVIDENCE OF SERVICES PROVIDED</u>, <u>AT ANY TIME</u>.

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.:	PR	OJECT NAME:
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LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT - BIDDERS CHECK LIST

	Please check off each of the following items as the necessary action is completed: The Solicitation has been signed and with corporate seal (if applicable).
2	. The Solicitation prices offered have been reviewed (if applicable).
3	. The price extensions and totals have been checked (if applicable).
2	1. Substantial and final completion days inserted (if applicable).
5	. The original (must be manually signed) and 1 hard copy original and others as specified of the Solicitation has been submitted.
6	. Two (2) identical sets of descriptive literature, brochures and/or data (if required) have been submitted under separate cover.
7	. All modifications have been acknowledged in the space provided.
8	. All addendums issued, if any, have been acknowledged in the space provided.
9	. Licenses (if applicable) have been inserted.
1	0. Erasures or other changes made to the Solicitation document have been initialed by the person signing the Solicitation.
1	11. Contractor's Qualification Questionnaire and Lee County Contractor History (if applicable).
1	2. DBE Participation form completed and/or signed or good faith documentation.
1	3. Bid Bond and/or certified Check, (if required) have been submitted with the Solicitation in amounts indicated.
1	4. Any Delivery information required is included.
1	5. Affidavit Certification Immigration Signed and Notarized
1	16. Local Bidder Preference Affidavit (if applicable)
1	7. The mailing envelope has been addressed to:
	Lee County Procurement Mgmt. 1825 Hendry St 3 rd Floor Ft. Myers, FL 33901
1	8. The mailing envelope MUST be sealed and marked with: Solicitation Number Opening Date and/or Receiving Date
	9. The Solicitation will be mailed or delivered in time to be received no later than the specified <u>opening date and me.</u> (Otherwise Solicitation cannot be considered or accepted.)

^{**}This form is not required to be returned with your solicitation, but used as a tool when responding to the solicitation