



Advertise Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

INVITATION TO BID (B)

Solicitation No.: **B240118WCD**

Solicitation Name: **Landscape Maintenance & Mowing-Parks-Annual**

Open Date/Time: **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** Time: **2:30 PM**

Location: Lee County Procurement Management
2115 Second Street, 1st Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Procurement Contact: **Willie Dennard** Procurement Analyst

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Requesting Dept. Parks/Recreation & Sports Infrastructure

Pre-Bid Conference:
 Type: **NO MEETING SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME**

All solicitation documents are available for download at
www.leegov.com/procurement



Advertisement Date: 2/20/2024

Notice to Bidder

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Lee County, Florida, is requesting bids from qualified individuals/firms for

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Then and there to be publicly opened and read aloud for the purpose of selecting a vendor to furnish all necessary labor, services, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation, skills and incidentals required for Lee County, Florida, in conformance with solicitation documents, which include technical specifications and/or a scope of work.

Those individuals/firms interested in being considered for this solicitation are instructed to submit, in accordance with specifications, their Bids, pertinent to this project prior to

2:30 PM Wednesday, March 20, 2024

to the office of the **Procurement Management Director, 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901**. The Invitation to Bid shall be received in a sealed envelope, prior to the time scheduled to receive Bid(s), and shall be clearly marked with the solicitation name, solicitation number, bidder name, and contact information as identified in these solicitation documents.

The Scope of Work/Specifications for this solicitation is available from www.leegov.com/procurement. Bidders who obtain Scope of Work/Specifications from sources other than www.leegov.com/procurement are cautioned that the solicitation package may be incomplete. The County's official bidders list, addendum(s) and information must be obtained from www.leegov.com/procurement. It is the bidder's responsibility to check for posted information. The County may not accept incomplete Bids.

There will be no Pre-Bid Conference for this solicitation.

It has been determined that the specifications and scope of work within this solicitation are adequate to describe the product or services being requested. A pre-bid conference and site visit has not been scheduled for this solicitation. Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed, in writing, to the individual listed below using the email address listed below or faxed to (239) 485 8383 during normal working hours.

Willie Dennard WDennard@leegov.com

Sincerely,

Adam Brooke, CPPO, CPPB
Procurement Manager

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Terms and Conditions

INVITATION TO BID (B)

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Addendum/Addenda:** A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract Agreement/Contract. Addendum/Addenda may be issued following a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference or as a result of a specification or work scope change to the solicitation.
- 1.2. **Approved Alternate:** Solicitation documents may make reference of specific manufacturer(s) or product(s). These references serve only as a recommendation and a guide to minimum quality and performance. The references are not intended to exclude approved alternatives of other manufacturer(s) or product(s).
- 1.3. **Bid/Proposal Package:** A bid/proposal is a document submitted by a vendor in response to some type of solicitation to be used as a basis for negotiations or for entering into a contract.
- 1.4. **Bidder/Responder/Proposer:** One who submits a response to a solicitation.
- 1.5. **County:** Refers to Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 1.6. **Due Date and Time/Opening:** Is defined as the date and time upon which a bid or proposal shall be submitted to the Lee County Procurement Management Division. Only bids or proposals received prior to the established date and time will be considered.
- 1.7. **Liquidated Damages:** Damages paid usually in the form of monetary payment, agreed by the parties to a contract which are due and payable as damages by the party who breaches all or part of the contract. May be applied on a daily basis for as long as the breach is in effect.
- 1.8. **Procurement Management:** shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.
- 1.9. **Responsible:** A vendor, business entity or individual who is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the bid/proposal solicitation documents and subsequent contract. Must possess the full capability including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. Must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.
- 1.10. **Responsive:** A vendor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or request for proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the bid/proposal solicitation documents and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.
- 1.11. **Solicitation:** An invitation to bid, a request for proposal, invitation to negotiate or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 2.1. In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the bid document is as follows
 - 2.1.1. Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 2.1.2. Change Order
 - 2.1.3. Agreement
 - 2.1.4. Addenda
 - 2.1.5. Special Conditions
 - 2.1.6. Detailed Scope of Work/Specifications
 - 2.1.7. Supplemental Information, if any
 - 2.1.8. Terms and Conditions

3. RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND LICENSES

- 3.1. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with all other federal, state, or county codes, rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply. Any involvement with the Lee County shall be in accordance with but not limited to:
 - 3.1.1. Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
 - 3.1.2. Pursuant to FL § Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records. Sealed bids, proposals or replies received by the agency pursuant to a solicitation are exempt from public records request (s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I, of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals or final replies, whichever is earlier.
 - 3.1.3. FL § 215 regarding scrutinized companies and business operations.
 - 3.1.4. FL § 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.

- 3.1.5. FL § 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring system.
 - 3.1.6. FL § Section 607.1501(1) states: A foreign corporation may not transact business in the State of Florida until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.
 - 3.2. **Local Business Tax Account:** As applicable, anyone providing merchandise or services to the public within the jurisdiction of Lee County must obtain a Lee County business tax account to operate unless specifically exempted.
 - 3.3. **License(s):** Bidder should provide, at the time of the opening of the bid, licenses required for this product and/or service.
4. BID – PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL
- 4.1. **Sealed Bid:** Submission must be in a sealed envelope/box, and the outside of the submission must be marked with the following information (Sealed Bid Label Form is attached for your use):
 - 4.1.1. Marked with the words “Sealed Bid”
 - 4.1.2. Bid Number
 - 4.1.3. Bid Title
 - 4.1.4. Bid Due Date
 - 4.1.5. Name of the firm submitting the bid
 - 4.1.6. Contact e-mail and telephone number
 - 4.2. **Bid submission shall include:**
 - 4.2.1. Provide two (2) hard copies. Mark each: one “Original”, one “Copy”
 - 4.2.2. Provide one (1) electronic flash drive set of the entire submission documents.
 - 4.2.3. Electronic submission document is to be one single Adobe PDF file in the same order as the original hard copy.
 - 4.2.4. Limit the color and number of images to avoid unmanageable file sizes.
 - 4.2.5. Do not lock files.
 - 4.3. **Submission Format:**
 - 4.3.1. Required Forms: complete and return **all** required forms. If the form is not applicable please return with “Not Applicable” or “N/A” in large letters across the form.
 - 4.3.2. Failure to submit required or requested information may result in the bidder being found non-responsive.
 - 4.3.3. Execution of Bid: All documents must be properly signed by corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals affixed. All Bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bids shall be initialed.
 - 4.3.4. If a cost/bid schedule was provided in Microsoft Excel format, the returned completed schedule should be included as a Microsoft Excel File on the Flash drive.
 - 4.3.5. The submission should not contain links to other web pages.
 - 4.3.6. Include any information requested by the County necessary to analyze your bid, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.
 - 4.3.7. Bid Security/Bond(s), as applicable (Construction projects)
 - 4.4. **Preparation Cost:** The Bidder is solely responsible for any and all costs associated with responding to this solicitation. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with the preparation and submittal of any bid, or for any travel and per diem costs that are incurred by any Bidder.
5. RESPONSES RECEIVED LATE
- 5.1. It shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to deliver the bid submission to the Lee County Procurement Management Division prior to or on the time and date stated. All references to date and time herein reference Lee County, FL local time.
 - 5.2. Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. The bid shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened bid to be returned at the bidder’s request and expense.
 - 5.3. The Lee County Procurement Management Division shall not be responsible for delays caused by the method of delivery such as, but not limited to; internet, United States Postal Service, overnight express mail service(s), or delays caused by any other occurrence.
6. BIDDER REQUIREMENTS (unless otherwise noted)
- 6.1. **Responsive and Responsible:** Only bids received from responsive and responsible bidders will be considered. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to

take any other necessary action, such as background checks, to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability for the bidder to perform.

6.1.1. Additional sources may be utilized to determine credit worthiness and ability to perform.

6.1.2. Any bidder or sub-contractor that will have access to County facilities or property may be required to be screened to a level that may include, but is not limited to fingerprints, statewide criminal. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the bidder or sub-contractor.

6.1.3. Bidders are responsible for ensuring that any required background screening are conducted in accordance with Chapter 435. Bidders shall be aware, understand, and ensure compliance with the statutory requirements regarding background checks. FL Statutes Chapter 435 governs required background screenings for any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the Bidder who will have contact with any vulnerable person, as defined by statute, or who otherwise are required to undergo a Level 1 or Level 2 background screening in accordance with Florida law. Such requirements shall flow down to sub-contractors/consultants of the prime Bidder and prime Bidder shall ensure compliance with Chapter 435 of such parties.

6.1.3.1. Documentation of such completed background screenings must be maintained for a period of no less than five (5) years and are subject to audit by Lee County at any time during such five (5) year period.

6.2. **BID--Past Performance:** Bidders past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) may be reviewed. Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.

6.3. Submission packages, unless otherwise noted, will be considered only from bidders normally engaged in the provision of the services specified here in. The bidder 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 satisfactorily, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicated an inability of the bidder to perform.

6.4. **Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political Or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting – F.S. 287.05701:** Bidders are hereby notified of the provisions of section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the County will not request documentation of or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder. Bidders are further notified that the County's governing body may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

7. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

7.1. A pre-bid conference will be held in the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. The cover will also note if the pre-bid conference is Non-Mandatory or Mandatory. All questions and answers are considered informal. All prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain and review the solicitation documents prior to the pre-bid conference so they may be prepared to discuss any questions or concerns they have concerning this project. All questions must be submitted formally in writing to the procurement staff noted on the first page of the bid document. A formal response will be provided in the form of an addendum (see "County Interpretation/Addendums" for additional information.) A site visit may follow the pre-bid conference, as applicable.

7.2. **Non-Mandatory:** Pre-bid conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that prospective bidders participate.

7.3. **Mandatory:** Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference will result in the bid being considered **non-responsive**.

8. COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDUMS

8.1. Each Bidder shall examine the solicitation documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the solicitation shall be **submitted in writing prior to 5:00 PM at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the submission is due.**

- 8.2. Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on www.leegov.com/procurement. It is solely the bidder's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement Management Division.
- 8.3. All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.
- 8.4. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. Interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or any other contract document, or for correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency or error there in, shall be in writing. Issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

9. QUALITY GUARANTEE/WARRANTY (as applicable)

- 9.1. Bidder will guarantee their work without disclaimers, unless otherwise specifically approved by the County, for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of final completion.
- 9.2. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment and materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new, unused and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Refurbished parts or equipment are not acceptable unless otherwise specified in the specifications. All warranties will begin from the date of final completion.
- 9.3. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, the equipment must be warranted for twelve (12) months, shipping, parts, and labor. Should the equipment be taken out of service for more than forty-eight (48) hours to have warranty work performed, a loaner machine of equal capability or better shall be provided for use until the repaired equipment is returned to service at no additional charge to the County.
- 9.4. If any product does not meet performance representation or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of such products or the specifications listed, the vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials, if in its judgment the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. The vendor shall refund, to the County, any money which has been paid for same.

10. SUBSTITUTION(S)/APPROVED ALTERNATE(S)

- 10.1. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If a bidder wishes to make a substitution in the specifications, the bidder shall furnish to the County, **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening date**, the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the substitution. Such information is submitted through the Procurement Management Division. Any such substitution shall be subject to County approval through the issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the County to be an **Approved Alternate** to the prescribed specifications.
- 10.2. A bid containing a substitution is subject to disqualification if the substitution is not approved by the County. Items bid must be identified by brand name, number, manufacturer, and model, and shall include full descriptive information, brochures, and appropriate attachments. Brand names are used for descriptive purposes only. An **Approved Alternate** product or service may be used.

11. NEGOTIATED ITEMS

- 11.1. Any item not outlined in the Scope of Work/Specifications may be subject to negotiations between the County and the successful bidder.
- 11.2. After award of this bid the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion.
- 11.3. At contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., if in its sole judgment, the County considers such adjustments to be in their best interest.

12. ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CALCULATION ERRORS (as applicable)

- 12.1. **Calculation Errors:** In the event of multiplication/addition error(s), the unit price shall prevail. Written prices shall prevail over figures where applicable. All bids will be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to further evaluation.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 13.1. Bidders should be aware that all submissions provided are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality, unless provided by Chapter 119 FL §.
- 13.2. If information is submitted with a bid that is deemed “Confidential” the bidder must stamp those pages of the submission that are considered confidential. The bidder must provide documentation as to validate why these documents should be declared confidential in accordance with Chapter 119, “Public Records,” exemptions.
- 13.3. Lee County **will not reveal engineering estimates or budget amounts for a project** unless required by grant funding or unless it is in the best interest of the County. According to FL § 337.168: A document or electronic file revealing the official cost estimate of the department of a project is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until the contract for the project has been executed or until the project is no longer under active consideration.

14. BID CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 14.1. **Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Public Officers and Employees: General Provisions, Florida Statutes. All bidders must disclose with their submission the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Lee County or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder’s firm or any of its branches.
- 14.2. A Vendor that assisted in preparing and/or writing a scope of work and/or specifications may not submit a bid or proposal for County consideration on that project.

15. ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)

- 15.1. Upon the issuance of the solicitation, prospective proposers/bidders or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such proposer/bidder shall not have any contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any Commissioner, Evaluation Review Committee, agent or employee of the County other than the Procurement Management Director or their designee. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any solicitation, and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the solicitation has been cancelled. **If it is determined that improper communications were conducted, the Bidder/Proposer maybe declared non-responsible.**

16. ANTITRUST VIOLATION

- 16.1. A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list, available at [Antitrust Violator Vendor List / Vendor Registration and Vendor Lists / State Agency Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS \(myflorida.com\)](#), following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to Lee County; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with Lee County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to Lee County; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with Lee County; and may not transact new business with Lee County.

17. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

- 17.1. Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs.

18. FLORIDA CERTIFIED ENTERPRISES

- 18.1. The County encourages the use of Florida Certified Enterprises such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms.
- 18.2. Bidder/Proposer is requested to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are a Florida Certified Enterprise. Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE or similar 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 Florida Certified Enterprises such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms and similar are encouraged to submit.

19. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 19.1. The bidder agrees to comply, in accordance with 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 19.2. The bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status. The bidder 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, disability or marital status.
- 19.3. The bidder will include the provisions of this section in every sub-contract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor. The bidder will take such actions in respect to any sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 19.4. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory Vendor List (This list may be viewed by going to the Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>) may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a vendor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

20. SUB-CONTRACTOR

- 20.1. The use of sub-contractors under this solicitation requires prior written authorization from the County representative.

21. BID - PROJECT GUIDELINES (as applicable)

- 21.1. The County has established the following Guidelines, Criteria, Goals, Objectives, Constraints, Schedule, Budget and or Requirements which shall service as a guide to the bidder(s) in conforming to the provision of goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement/Contract:
 - 21.1.1. No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an Agreement/Contract.
 - 21.1.2. Rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the Agreement/Contract period.
 - 21.1.3. This contract does not entitle any bidder to exclusive rights to County Agreement/Contracts. The County reserves the right to perform any and all available required work in-house or by any other means it so desires.
 - 21.1.4. In reference to vehicle travel, mileage and man-hours spent in travel time, is considered incidental to the work and not an extra compensable expense.
 - 21.1.5. Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all material, tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract.
 - 21.1.6. Any Single Large Project: The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately solicit any project that is outside the scope of this solicitation, whether through size, complexity or the dollar value.

22. BID – TIEBREAKER

- 22.1. Whenever two or more bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from responsive and responsible bidders, the following steps shall be taken to establish the award to the lowest bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.
 - 22.1.1. Step 1 - Local Bidder: Between a local Bidder, and a non-local Bidder, a contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the local Bidder. **If local preference is prohibited by the funding source, then step 2 will replace step 1.**
 - 22.1.2. Step 2 - Drug Free Workplace: At the conclusion of step 1, if all is equal, the Bidder with a Drug Free Workplace program shall be given preference over a Bidder with no Drug Free Workplace program. The contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the bidder with the Drug Free Workplace program.
 - 22.1.3. Step 3 - Coin Flip: At the conclusion of Step 1 and Step 2, if all is equal, the contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, the final outcome shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

- 22.2. When the tie has been broken pursuant to the above procedures, the contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be furnished to the prevailing Bidder.
- 22.3. If an award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the initial bidder, award or negotiations may commence with the next highest bidder, utilizing the tiebreaker steps above to make the determination of next lowest bidder, if necessary.

23. WITHDRAWAL OF BID

- 23.1. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **180 calendar days** after the scheduled time for receiving submissions. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the solicitation opening date and time. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to the Procurement Management Director, who will approve or disapprove the request.
- 23.2. A bidder may withdraw a submission any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 23.3. After submissions are opened, but prior to award of the contract by the County Commission, the Procurement Management Director may allow the withdrawal of a bid because of the mistake of the bidder in the preparation of the submission document. In such circumstance, the decision of the Procurement Management Director to allow the submission withdrawal, although discretionary, shall be based upon a finding that the bidder, by clear and convincing evidence, has met each of the following four tests:
 - 23.3.1. The bidder acted in good faith in submitting the bid,
 - 23.3.2. The mistake in bid preparation that was of such magnitude that to enforce compliance by the bidder would cause a severe hardship on the bidder,
 - 23.3.3. The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the bidder; and
 - 23.3.4. The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the Agreement/Contract.

24. PROTEST RIGHTS

- 24.1. Any Bidder that has submitted a formal Response to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the Award, has the right to protest an intended decision posted by the County as part of the Solicitation process.
- 24.2. Notice of Intended Decision is posted on the Lee County Department of Procurement Management website (www.leegov.com/procurement). Bidders are solely responsible to check for information regarding the Solicitation.
- 24.3. Refer to the “Procurement Protest” section of the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 for a complete description of the protest process and associated requirements. The ordinance is posted on the Lee County website or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Management Director.
- 24.4. In order to preserve the right to protest, a written **“Notice Of Intent To File A Protest” must be filed with the Lee County Procurement Management Director within seventy-two (72) hours of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.**
 - 24.4.1. The notice shall clearly indicate all grounds being claimed for the protest.
 - 24.4.2. The notice must be physically received by the Procurement Management Director within the required time frame described above. No additional time will be granted for mailing.
- 24.5. Following receipt of the Notice of Intent to File a Protest, a **“Protest Bond”** and **“Formal Written Protest”** must be filed **within ten (10) business days** of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.
- 24.6. **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the time frames as prescribed herein and in the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and shall bar any resulting claims.**

25. AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

- 25.1. This opportunity is also made available to any government entity. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the Agreement/Contract of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Lee County Board of County Commissioners will not be financially responsible for the purchases of other entities from this solicitation.

26. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- 26.1. **Designated Contact:**

- 26.1.1. The awarded bidder shall appoint a person(s) to act as a primary contact for all County departments. This person or back-up shall be readily available during normal working hours by phone or in person and shall be knowledgeable of the terms and procedures involved.
- 26.1.2. Lee County requires the awarded bidder to provide the name of a contact person(s) and phone number(s) which will afford Lee County access 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, of this service in the event of major breakdowns or natural disasters.
- 26.2. **BID – Term:** (unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Work or Detailed Specifications)
- 26.2.1. Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be for one (1), three (3) year period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the term of two (2) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.**
- 26.2.2. The County reserves the right to renew this Agreement/Contract (or any portion thereof) and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 26.2.3. The County’s performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.
- 26.3. **BID – Basis of Award:**
- 26.3.1. The bid is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- 26.3.2. In the event the lowest responsive and responsive bid for a project exceeds the available funds the County may negotiate an adjustment of the bid price with the lowest responsive and responsive bidder, in order to bring the total cost of the project within the amount of available funds.
- 26.3.3. The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the bids received. Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsive bidder(s) within the category chosen for basis of award.
- 26.3.4. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple bidders at the discretion of the requesting authority and approval of the Procurement Management Director.
- 26.4. **Agreement/Contracts:**
- 26.4.1. The awarded bidder 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.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.
- 26.5. **Records:**
- 26.5.1. Retention: The bidder shall maintain such financial records and other records as may be prescribed by Lee County or by applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, the bidder shall retain these records for a period of five years after final payment, or until they are audited by Lee County, whichever event occurs first.
- 26.5.2. Right to Audit/Disclosure: These records shall be made available during the term of the contract as well as the retention period. These records shall be made readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice and other persons in accordance with the Florida General Records Schedule. Awarded Bidder/Proposer(s) are hereby informed of their requirement to comply with FL §119 specifically to:
- 26.5.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- 26.5.2.2. Upon request from the County’s custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided or as otherwise provided by law.
- 26.5.2.3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- 26.5.2.4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor

shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

26.5.3. **Public Record:** **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, Email at PRRCustodian@leegov.com or Visit <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

26.5.4. **Ownership:** It is understood and agreed that all documents, including detailed reports, plans, original tracings, specifications and all data prepared or obtained by the successful bidder in connection with its services hereunder, include any documents bearing the professional seal of the successful bidder, and shall be delivered to and become the property of Lee County, prior to final payment to the successful bidder or the termination of the Agreement/Contract. This includes any electronic versions, such as CAD or other computer aided drafting programs.

26.6. Termination:

26.6.1. **MATERIAL BREACH** A Contractor may be Terminated for Cause by the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, for failing to perform a contractual requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. A material breach of a term or condition of the Agreement may include but is not limited to: 1. Contractor failure to perform services or deliver materials, supplies, or equipment by the date required or by an alternate date as mutually agreed in a written amendment to the Agreement; 2. Contractor failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Contractor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Contractor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or relief from creditors and/or debtors that endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Contractor or any of the Contractor's property and such appointment endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Contractor is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Contractor unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.

26.6.2. **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE** In the event that Contractor fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Contractor may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Contractor to cure defects if the opportunity for cure is not feasible as, determined solely within the discretion of the County. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Contractor under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the County may do any one or more of the following: 1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; 2. Terminate this Agreement and any related contracts or portions thereof; 3. Procure replacements and impose damages as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, if applicable; 4. Impose actual or liquidated damages; 5. Suspend or bar Contractor from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Contractor to reimburse the County for any loss or additional expense incurred as a result of default or failure to satisfactorily perform the terms of the Agreement.

26.6.3. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Agreement in a timely manner or is in material breach, the Procurement Management Director has the right to terminate this Agreement, in part or in whole. The Procurement Management Director shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise specified by the Procurement Management Director, or if such corrective action is deemed by the County to be insufficient, the Agreement may be terminated. The County reserves the right to withhold further payments, or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of

funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the County to terminate the Agreement. In the event of termination, the County shall have the right to procure any replacement materials, supplies, services and/or equipment that are the subject of this Agreement on the open market. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any price difference between the original Agreement and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time. If it is determined that: (1) the Contractor was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Contractor's or its subcontractor's control, fault or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience." The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

- 26.6.4. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing to the Contractor. If this Agreement is so terminated, the County shall be liable only for payment required under this Agreement for properly authorized services rendered, or materials, supplies and/or equipment delivered to and accepted by the County prior to the effective date of Agreement termination. The County shall have no other obligation whatsoever to the Contractor for such termination.
- 26.6.5. The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any Agreement/Contract as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 26.6.6. Any bidder who has voluntarily withdrawn from a solicitation 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 for a waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by the Procurement Management Department.
- 26.6.7. The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:
- 26.6.7.1. Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
 - 26.6.7.2. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List (FL §215.473);
 - 26.6.7.3. Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (FL § 215.471);
 - 26.6.7.4. Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. (FL § 215.4725)
 - 26.6.7.5. The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

27. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

- 27.1. Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded bidder shall have waived any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the bidder to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this Agreement/Contract.

28. LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 28.1. Unless otherwise noted, all vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:
Lee County Finance Department
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238
- 28.2. All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specifications for this project.
- 28.3. Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, proposer, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.
- 28.4. 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 bidders should include in their bids, all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or sub-contractor's services.

29. SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) (as applicable)

- 29.1. It is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.

30. DEBRIS DISPOSAL (as applicable)

- 30.1. Unless otherwise stated, the bidder shall be fully responsible for the lawful removal and disposal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.

31. SHIPPING (as applicable)

- 31.1. Cost of all shipping to the site, including any inside delivery charges and all unusual storage requirements shall be borne by the bidder unless otherwise agreed upon in writing prior to service. It shall be the bidders responsibility to make appropriate arrangements, and to coordinate with authorized personnel at the site, for proper acceptance, handling, protection and storage (if available) of equipment and material delivered. All pricing to be F.O. B. destination.
- 31.2. 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.

32. LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

- 32.1. The Procurement Management Department will adhere to the Lee County Ordinance No. 22-06 & 23-21 and as may be amended from time to time (the County's "Local Vendor Preference"). It shall be at the discretion of the County Manager or Designee whether to apply Local Vendor Preference to any particular Solicitation.
- 32.2. The County's Local Vendor Preference, as it relates to Bidding preferences for local Vendors, is not applicable to Solicitations or Contracts when Commodities and/or Services may be provided in the event of an Emergency.
- 32.3. The County's Local Vendor Preference shall not apply in any procurement for Commodities or Services if the use of the Local Vendor Preference is prohibited by the terms of a grant or funding agreement or other prevailing law or policy.

33. INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)

- 33.1. Insurance shall be provided by the awarded bidder/vendor. Prior to execution of the Agreement/Contract a certificate of insurance (COI) complying with the bid documents shall be provided by the bidder/vendor.
- 33.2. Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and shall possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of "B or better."

End of Terms and Conditions Section

INSURANCE GUIDE



Lee County Insurance Requirements
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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. **Commercial General Liability** - Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability exposures with minimum limits of:
- \$1,000,000 per occurrence
 - \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 - \$1,000,000 products and completed operations
 - \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury
- b. **Business Auto Liability** - The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:
- \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL); or
 - \$500,000 bodily injury per person
 - \$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
 - \$500,000 property damage per accident
- c. **Workers' Compensation** - 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:
- \$500,000 per accident
 - \$500,000 disease limit
 - \$500,000 disease – policy limit

****The required minimum limit of liability shown in a. and b. 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."***



Lee County Insurance Requirements

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. **Under the Description of Operations, the following must read as listed:**

“Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials are automatic additional insureds and includes an automatic waiver of subrogation with regard to general liability. The certificate holder is an additional insured on a primary and noncontributory basis with regards to general liability.”

b. **The certificate holder must read as follows:**

Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

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 ensure that all subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements.

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End of Insurance Guide Section

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

These are conditions that are in relation to this solicitation only and have not been included in the County's Standard Terms and Conditions or the Scope of Work.

1. TERM

1.1. Vendor shall be responsible for furnishing and delivering to the Lee County requesting Department(s) the commodity or services on an "as needed basis" for one (1) three-year (3) period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the term of two (2) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.

2. BASIS OF AWARD

2.1 The basis of award shall be determined by the lowest ***Project Total*** of the most responsive, responsible, and qualified Vendor meeting all bid specifications.

2.2 Vendor must bid ***all*** line items as listed within the bid schedule for each facility listed, as well as all line items listed within the Optional Services Pricing Section. Optional pricing categories are outlined below:

- 2.2.1 Plant and Tree Replacement - % over cost (County Representative must approve prior to purchase of trees. Vendor must submit documentation of price paid for the tree at time of invoicing).
- 2.2.2 Rate for Bushhogging – per hour
- 2.2.3 Rate for Bushhogging – per Acre
- 2.2.4 Slope Mowing – per Acre

2.3 Additional Pricing Section is excluded from the basis of award but shall be included within the Vendor's final Agreement package.

2.4 Quantities provided in Bid Schedule are for annual service amounts/frequencies and are estimated quantities. As such quantities are subject to change and final payment shall be based on actual service quantities.

3. LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

3.1. Vendor is requested to provide with bid submittal the below items. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation or clarification at any point prior to award and during term of Agreement, inclusive of any renewals. The County further reserves the right to approve or reject materials provided as part of the required submittal documentation. Failure to provide requested submittal documents in a timely manner or receive County approval of provided documentation, at the sole discretion of the County, may deem Vendor non-responsive. Vendor(s) must submit the below listed certification with their submission:

- 3.1.1 Pesticide License. Provide copies of current licenses issued by the State of Florida.
- 3.1.2 Provide current Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic (IMOT) Certification(s)
- 3.1.3 Provide current certificate(s) of training for "Fertilizer Best Management Practices."
- 3.1.4 Provide current certification of "Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer" Applicators.

4. SECTION CHANGES

4.1. The County may, at its sole discretion, add or delete sections at no change to the unit price of the work as long as the new sections are of a similar nature and the total change per contract area does not increase or decrease the original contract area by more than 25%.

4.2. The County, at its sole discretion, may add new sections or alter sections, based on a mutually agreed price, to be negotiated between the Vendor and an authorized County representative.

5. MAJOR BREAKDOWNS/EMERGENCY SERVICES

5.1. The County reserves the right to purchase the product or service listed in this solicitation elsewhere in an emergency.

6. INVOICE

- 6.1. Vendor shall mail one original invoice and one invoice copy to: Lee County Finance Department, P. O. Box 2238, Fort Myers, FL, 33902-2238. In addition, one original invoice shall be sent to: 3410 Palm Beach, Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida 33916, Attn: Parks and Recreation Fiscal Staff. Vendor shall ensure that the purchase order number is listed on the invoice, otherwise the invoice may not be processed by the County.
- 6.2. Vendor shall list the location, dates mowed, cost per mow, and the total for the month. Once the invoice has been approved by the County sponsoring department it can be processed for payment. Failure to invoice as detailed herein may result in delay and up to non-payment of Vendor invoices.
- 6.3. Lee County will not pay for or reimburse Vendor(s) for any bridge tolls. Such fees shall be the responsibility of the Vendor.

7. LOCAL PREFERENCE

- 7.1. The Lee County Local Vendor Preference shall be 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 Vendor.

8. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- 8.1. Vendor shall meet the minimum qualification criterion as specified in Form 7 – Minimum Qualification Requirements provided within this solicitation package to qualify for consideration of award. Form 7 - Minimum Qualification Requirements must be completed and returned with submittal along with any supporting documentation requested and/or indicated herein.

- 8.1.1. State of Florida Pesticide License
- 8.1.2. Fertilizer Best Management Practices Certification
- 8.1.3. Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer
- 8.1.4. Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic (IMOT) Certification

- 8.2. The determination shall be based upon the examination of Form 7 – Minimum Qualification Requirements and associated supportive documentation (if any requested). Failure to meet the minimum qualifications as listed, at the sole discretion of the County, may result in Vendor being deemed non-responsive.

9. EXAMINATION OF SITES

- 9.1. It is the Vendor's responsibility to become fully informed as to the nature and extent of the work required and its relation to any other work in the area, including possible interference from other site activities.
- 9.2. Lee County strongly encourages/suggests that all interested Vendors to visit the sites listed in the scope of work and acquaint themselves with the conditions as they exist and operations to be carried out under this Invitation to Bid. Vendors shall make such investigations as may see fit so that they may fully understand the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending the execution of the work under this Invitation to Bid.
- 9.3. When examining the sites please do so between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Please do not disturb any of the park activities or personal.
- 9.3.1. NOTE: Failure by the Vendor(s) to inspect all sites does not relieve the Vendor of the responsibilities as defined under this solicitation and Vendors are required to submit Form 8 acknowledging that the Vendor has visited the listed sites.

End of Special Conditions Section

SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners seeks to contract with a qualified Vendor to provide landscape maintenance and mowing along with edging, litter pick up and clean up grass clippings from curbs, gutters, sidewalks, etc., weeding and weed control, disease and insect control, including ant control, fertilization, pruning, sucker growth and line of sight and any other services that might be needed for County Parks, facilities and buildings located withing Lee County.
- 1.2. With the high amount of pedestrian traffic that the County has on the County's Parks grounds, maintenance shall be pristine.

2. WORK SCHEDULE & SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.1. Vendor shall provide to the County's representative a complete twelve (12) month schedule that includes all work to be done such as pruning, litter removal, herbicide, mulching, mowing, and edging. Vendor shall contact the County's representative and confirm the monthly work schedule. Vendor shall contact the County Representative within 24 hours of schedule change.
 - 2.1.1. Since each site is different and has different requirements, scheduling will be as follows:
 - 2.1.1.1. On Call, seven (7) day, fourteen (14) day and monthly cycles.
 - 2.1.1.2. The site Supervisor will determine which schedule will work best for each site.
 - 2.1.1.3. The site Supervisor will determine the amount of mowing and maintenance to be carried out at each site.
 - 2.1.1.3.1. Some sites shall be on an as needed basis and will be scheduled accordingly by the site supervisor.
- 2.2. The supervision of the performance of this Agreement is vested wholly with the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will decide any questions, which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of equipment, materials used, work performed, and the manner of performance and rate of progress of the work.
- 2.3. All work that does not meet the specifications must be corrected before Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will give approval for payment. The County has the right to deny a monthly payment for work not completed for that period.
- 2.4. Vendor shall provide the maintenance services in a professional manner. During all maintenance work hours, the Vendor shall provide a qualified and competent, English-speaking person on site who is authorized to supervise the maintenance operations and to represent and act on behalf of the Vendor.
- 2.5. Before the Vendor begins any work, the Vendor, a County representative and/or the Landscape Maintenance Supervisor shall meet on site to clearly define the limits of landscape, maintenance responsibilities and expectations, and to discuss any relevant landscaping issues.
- 2.6. All vehicles and trailers shall have the Vendor's name, business phone number and Certificate for Urban Landscape Commercial decal clearly displayed during work hours.
- 2.7. Vendor's personnel shall wear appropriate apparel including high visibility safety vest.
- 2.8. It shall be the Vendor's responsibility to maintain safe and efficient pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow through the designated work zone area. The Vendor shall maintain proper work zones in accordance with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation's Manual on Traffic Control and Safe Practices for Streets and Highway Construction and Utility Operations and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (M.U.T.C.D.)
- 2.9. The Vendor shall fully adhere to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)

- 2.10. Lane closures are not generally expected with this solicitation; however, Lee County may require lane closures during certain events as scheduled by the County. Lee County Staff will advise and coordinate with the Vendor when lane closures are needed.
- 2.11. Vendor shall provide the name of an English-speaking contact person and phone number to the County and this person shall be ready available during normal work hours by phone or in person. The contact person shall be made available County during emergencies as deemed by the County.

3. REPORTING AND INSPECTION

- 3.1. Onsite inspections will be conducted at the request of the County Representative and scheduled within five (5) working days of request.
- 3.2. The Vendor shall meet with the County Representative on a set monthly schedule to discuss and remedy any field questions and or associated problems.

4. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

- 4.1. The Vendor shall provide for herbicide maintenance and materials as follows:

4.1.1. MOWING

- 4.1.1.1. Mow all Bahia sod areas at a height of three to four inches (3"-4") with a rotary mower. Mowing consists of twenty-four (21) cycles per fiscal year. Since each site is different and has different requirements. Parks would like to be able to schedule the following options:
- 4.1.1.2. On call, 7-day, 14-day, or monthly cycles. The site supervisor will determine which will work best at each site.
- 4.1.1.3. Please refrain from mowing sod clippings into the tree rings, landscaped areas, ballfields, sidewalks or roadways or any other frequently used areas. It will be the Vendor's responsibility to clean. Any irrigation equipment damaged by mowing or trimming will be repaired at the Vendor's expense.
- 4.1.1.4. Mowing wet grass or operating with dull blades shall be avoided, the use of mulching blades are preferred.
- 4.1.1.5. The Vendor is responsible for line trimming any areas mower can't get to such as swells, drain grates, fence corners, etc. Sites should be left in a neat clean professional condition.
- 4.1.1.6. The County reserves the right to add or eliminate a cycle. The County shall contact the Vendor a minimum of one (1) week ahead of scheduled cycle for cancellation. If the Vendor feels that an extra mowing is warranted Vendor shall notify the Site Supervisor immediately for approval. Any extra mowing charges submitted without prior approval will be denied.
- 4.1.1.6.1. The Vendor is responsible to make sure all trash and debris are cleared from the area to be mowed.
- 4.1.1.6.2. The Vendor shall be responsible for clean-up of any debris or cuttings thrown or dragged by his machinery onto adjacent property and roadways.
- 4.1.1.6.3. Any damage to buildings, trees, utilities, etc., must be reported by the Vendor in writing, within 24 hours to the Site Supervisor.
- 4.1.1.6.4. All mowing must be completed within 3 calendar days after Vendor's receipt of notification.
- 4.1.1.6.5. In the event that the awarded Vendor cannot provide the service within the 14 calendar days as required above, Lee County reserves the right to utilize another Vendor.
- 4.1.1.7. Roadway, Parking Lots, curb and gutter, sidewalk, ballfields and bike paths shall be blown free of clippings in conjunction with mowing and edging events. Do not leave large clumps of grass clippings in the roadways or on sidewalks.

- 4.1.1.8. In accordance with the Lee County Fertilizer BMP ordinance section 7, subsection G: grass clippings shall not be directed into storm drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, roadways or any other impervious surfaces. All curbs are to be cleaned of mulch debris with each visit to the site.

4.1.2. **DEBRIS REMOVAL/LITTER PICK-UP**

- 4.1.2.1. Clean-up all litter, palm fronds and dead plants and trees in all areas within the project limits during each site visit. Litter and debris will be removed prior to mowing and any debris thrown or dragged to adjacent property or roadways by mowing operations shall be cleaned-up. Litter and debris will be removed and disposed of at a County approved disposal site. No litter shall be left on site after the Contractor departs. There will be no additional cost to Lee County for litter and debris disposal.

- 4.1.2.2. Litter and Debris is defined as foreign items within the limits of the project such as, but not limited to, palm fronds, dead plants and trees, paper, plastic, aluminum, metal, glass, and tires, etc. If an illegal dump is located (defined as centralized piles of debris, construction materials or large items such as mattresses, or household appliances) within the limits of the project, the contractor is to contact the County Representative and report the event. The contractor will not be held responsible for the cleanup of illegal dumping.

4.1.3. **EDGING**

- 4.1.3.1. Edging will be required at all sights where it is required to have a neat, edged appearance and will include all planter beds, sidewalks, concrete areas and roadway, etc. also to maintain areas with a neat appearance blowing will be required see site supervisor for any questions on areas to be edged.

- 4.1.3.2. Edging shall be performed with rigid blade edging equipment or manual hand edger leaving a clean straight edge no more than 1" back from curbs, walks, buildings, tree rings, or bed areas. Weed eaters shall not be used for trimming or edging purposes particularly around the trees.

4.1.4. **LINE TRIMMING**

- 4.1.4.1. Line trimming is required along fence lines, trees around structures, light poles, ditches, lake banks, bollards, car stops and any areas not accessible to a mower. Line trimming will only be allowed around mulched trees with a maintained mulched bed 24" from base of the tree. Due care must be taken to avoid girdling trees.

- 4.1.4.1.1. See site supervisor for any questions on areas that need to be trimmed.

4.1.5. **VEGETATION CONTROL**

- 4.1.5.1. Landscaped beds and mulched areas shall be weed free. Remove weeds and grasses from beds, around and near all signposts, utility poles, guide wires, benches, fence lines, guardrails, ditches, lake banks, perimeter fences, sidewalks, paved areas, concrete cracks, and any other concrete forms, etc.

- 4.1.5.2. Weeding may be done by hand pulling or chemically applied with selective herbicides with a pre-emergent added. Also a granular pre-emergent applied to any landscape bed once a year. Apply spot treatments as necessary to control localized weed problems. Weeds obtaining a height of six inches (6") shall be hand pulled and disposed of offsite. Any exotic plant such as palm shoots should be part of this scope.

- 4.1.5.3. Any parks on the turf contract will use the same scope of work but without Athletic Field fence lines only.

- 4.1.5.4. All areas to be treated will be determined by the site supervisor.

4.1.6. DISEASE & PEST CONTROL

4.1.6.1. Disease and Pest Control (on plants, shrubs and trees) shall be addressed by the contractor as needed or requested by the County Representative. Control shall be addressed in a timely manner to control the infestation.

4.1.7. FERTILIZATION

4.1.7.1. All trees and shrubs, etc., shall be fertilized as directed by site representative.

4.1.7.2. The fertilizer shall be applied in the following quantities, utilizing a measuring device to ensure proper application:

4.1.7.2.1. Small shrubs and ground cover - 1/2 pound per plant per application

4.1.7.2.2. Medium shrubs - one pound per plant per application

4.1.7.2.3. Large shrubs - two pounds per plant per application

4.1.7.2.4. Trees - 1/2 pound per application, per inch of diameter of the trunk (for trees six inches or less) and one pound per application, per inch of diameter of the trunk (for trees over six inches)

4.1.7.2.5. Palms - five pounds per tree per application

4.1.7.3. Fertilizer shall be distributed in a band halfway between the stem and the circumference of the drip line and equal distance past the drip line. Fertilizer shall be distributed by hand, over the band, as evenly as possible.

4.1.7.4. Fertilizer that lands on the leaves shall be shaken off.

4.1.7.5. Fertilizer shall be placed just inside the tree well on the palms and trees.

4.1.7.6. Any fertilizer that is spilled on concrete or asphalt should be blown off immediately by the Vendor.

4.1.7.7. Lee County will supply the fertilizer.

4.1.8. BUSHHOGGING

4.1.8.1. Before each site is mowed, blades should be sharpened, and bush hog and tractor washed to prevent transmitting exotic grasses from site to site. 5"-10" Maximum height of cut. Site supervisor will determine acceptable height of cut. If property needs to be double cut it needs to be approved by the site supervisor.

4.1.8.1.1. If not approved, it will not be paid.

4.1.9. SLOPE MOWING

4.1.9.1. Vendor shall provide slope mowing services on an "as needed" basis in accordance with all specifications, terms, and conditions herein. Slope mowing services shall be performed by the Vendor at designated locations outlined by County Staff utilizing specialized equipment such as a tractor with a slope mower attachment arm capable of mowing without driving equipment on the slope.

4.1.10. PRUNNING

4.1.10.1. Groundcovers and shrubs shall be pruned to maintain a neat and aesthetically pleasing appearance. In areas where plants have the potential to interfere with the driver's line of sight, plants shall be maintained to meet the requirements of FDOT Standards.

4.1.10.2. All sucker growth shall be removed during each visit. Do not apply Round-up (or equivalent) onto sucker growth on trees, suckers must be mechanically removed.

4.1.10.3. Understory largely overgrown shrubs and trees shall be rejuvenation pruned (the shrub or tree is pruned by cutting off all old branches at or near ground level) once annually at the discretion of the County Representative and per his/her specifications.

4.1.10.4. Date palms and paurotis palms: Remove dead fronds/canes, and seed pods annually.

4.1.10.5. Trees shall be structurally pruned annually to promote proper growth habits under the direction of an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, and at the discretion of the County Representative, per Best Management Practices and ISA Standards. All trees shall be kept at an 8' minimum canopy height.

4.1.11. **ORNAMENTAL GRASS TRIMMING**

4.1.11.1. In general, ornamental grasses will be cut back once a year. In certain areas, ornamental grasses will be cut back multiple times per year to provide visual sight clearances and accessibility. The timing of the trimming will be coordinated between the awarded Vendor and Lee County's County Representative.

4.1.12. **REMOVAL OF PALM FRONDS**

4.1.12.1. All Palm Fronds on the ground must be removed by the Vendor each visit.

5. **GUARANTEE AND REPLACEMENT**

5.1. When inspected landscape work does not comply with the County requirements, the rejected work must be replaced within 7 calendar days or as directed by County representative. The County reserves the right to withhold and/or deny payment for work not being performed as scheduled and as specified in this Agreement.

5.2. If at any time trees, palms, ground covers, shrubs, sod and/or irrigation components are damaged or destroyed due to Vendor negligence or failure to adhere to the requirements of this Agreement, it shall be the Vendor's responsibility to replace and restore the site to the original condition. All replacement landscape material shall be of the same species and Florida Grades and Standard # 1 quality. Approved replacements shall be furnished and planted as specified at no additional cost to the County.

6. **LOCATIONS**

6.1. Lawn Maintenance and Mowing shall be relegated to the following locations:

6.1.1. **East District**

6.1.1.1. The Parks Supervisor for each Park will determine the services that need to be provided for each mowing. The Parks that include Ball Fields will not require any line trimming or vegetation control to the fence line around the athletic fields as this work is covered under the Athletic Turf Contract.

6.1.1.2. The following Parks listed under East District do not have athletic fields: Alva Boat Ramp, Alva Wayside Park, Barbados Lot NW, Buckingham Center, Caribbean Lot, Charleston Park, Davis Boat Ramp, FM Shores Nature Trail, Lehigh Senior Center, Lehigh Trailhead Park, Manatee Park, Olga Park, Orange River Park and Caloosahatchee Regional Park.

6.1.2. **North District**

6.1.2.1. The Parks Supervisor for each park will determine the services that need to be provided for each mowing. The Parks that include ball fields will not require any line trimming or vegetation control to the fence line around the athletic fields only as these are covered under the Athletic Turf Contract.

6.1.2.2. The following Parks listed under the North District do not have athletic fields: Lee County Civic Center, Lavender's Landing, Mary Moody Park, Matlacha Park, Miramar Park, North Pool, North Shore Park, Royal Palm Park, Russell Park Boat, Tice Pool, Tropical Point, Waterway Park, and Nalle Grade Park.

6.1.3.South District

- 6.1.3.1. The Parks Supervisor for each park will determine the services that need to be provided for each mowing. The parks that include ball fields will not require any line trimming or vegetation control to the fence lines around the athletic fields only as these are covered under the Athletic Turf Contract.
- 6.1.3.2. The following Parks listed under the South District do not have athletic fields; Karl J. Drews Center & House, San Carlos Pool, Trailhead at Six Mile Cypress Parkway, and JY Linear Park Sections 1, 2, and 3.

6.1.4.West District

- 6.1.4.1. The Parks Supervisor for each Park will determine the services that need to be provided for each mowing. The parks that include ball fields will not require any line trimming or vegetation control to the fence lines around the athletic fields only as these are covered under the Athletic Turf Contract.
- 6.1.4.2. The following parks listed under the West District do not have athletic fields: Bonita Beach Access 10, Bonita Beach Park & access 1, Bowditch Point Park, Bunch Beach, Hunter Park, Imperial River Ramp, Lakes Park, Lynn Hall Park, Main St. Parking, Mantanzas Pass Nature Preserve, Crescent Beach Park, Punta Rassa Boat Ramp and Wa-Ke Hatchee Park.

6.1.5.Pro-Am Sports Complexes

- 6.1.5.1. The Sports Complex Supervisor will determine the services that need to be provided for each mowing at the various locations. Lee Health Sports Complex, and Jet Blue have been divided into two zones. Please see attached map for the zone boundaries.

6.1.6.Conservation 20/20 Preserves

- 6.1.6.1. The Parks Supervisor for each park will determine the services that need to be provided for each mowing. The following parks listed under the Conservation 20/20 Preserves do not have athletic fields: Alva Scrub Preserve, Buckingham Trails Preserve, C. Creeks Preserve W, Daniels Preserve 260, Deep Lagoon Preserve, Galt Preserve, Hickory Swamp Preserve, Pine Island Flatwoods (Bayside Estates), Powell Creek Preserve, Prairie Pines Preserve, Telegraph Creek Preserve E, Telegraph Creek Preserve W, Wild Turkey Strand Preserve and C. Creeks Preserve Lots 1 & 2, Boomer Pond, Telegraph Creek Canoe Launch, C. Creak Preserve E, Frank Mann Preserve, and Yellow Fever Creek Preserve.
- 6.1.6.2. Lee County may, at its sole discretion, add new areas of dissimilar nature or alter sites, based on a mutually agreed price, to be negotiated between the Vendor and an authorized Lee County representative.
- 6.1.6.3. Lee County reserves the right to delete or cancel any site or service at the proposed price or add any sit or service at a negotiated price between the Vendor and an authorized Lee County representative.
- 6.1.6.4. Lee County reserves the right to add or delete services based on a mutually agreed upon price, to be negotiated between the Vendor and an authorized Lee County representative.

7. PRE-BID / SITE VISIT

- 7.1. A pre-bid will not be held for this project. However, this does not relieve Vendor from completing all due diligence necessary to obtain details required to provide adequate and sufficient pricing and address their questions or concerns regarding the project.
- 7.2. Vendors are encouraged to visit each site location in order to obtain a detailed perspective of work that is needed for this project. Vendors with questions shall submit questions in writing within eight (8) days prior to the bid opening to the contact listed on the front page of this document. Vendor is advised not to discuss the project in great detail with personnel on the job site while reviewing the damaged areas in accordance with this solicitation.

- 7.3. Only information issued by the Procurement Management office through written addendum shall be considered binding. All other information shall be received at the risk of the Vendor. All addendum(s) shall be posted and obtained from www.leegov.com/procurement. It is solely the Vendor's responsibility to check the website for updates and/or posted addendums. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement.

8. SITE LOCATIONS ADDRESS BY DISTRICT

8.1. East District-Section A

- Alva Boat Ramp 21580 Pearl Street, Alva, FL. 33920
- Alva Park 21580 Pearl Street, Alva, FL. 33920
- Alva Wayside Park 21250 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL. 33920
- Barbados Lot NW Corner of Barbados & Caribbean Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL. 33905
- Buckingham Center 4940 Buckingham Rd., Ft. Myers, FL. 33905
- Buckingham Park 9800 Buckingham Rd., Ft. Myers, FL. 33905
- Caribbean Lot 13498 Caribbean Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL. 33905
- Charleston Park 2611 Charleston Park Dr., Alva, FL. 33920
- Davis Boat Ramp 2227 Davis Blvd, Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- FM Shores Nature Trail 13114 Fifth St., Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- Lehigh Park Expansion 1145 Village Lakes Blvd., Lehigh Acres, FL. 33972
- Lehigh Senior Center 219 Plaza Drive, Lehigh Acres, FL. 33936
- Lehigh Park & Pool 1400 West 5th St., Lehigh, Acres, FL. 33972
- Lehigh Middle School Soccer 104 Arthur Ave, Lehigh Acres, FL. 33936
- Lehigh Trailhead Park 213 David Ave., Lehigh Acres, FL. 33936
- Manatee Park 10901 State Road 80 (Palm Beach Blvd) Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- Olga Park 2325 S. Olga Dr., Fort. Myers, FL. 33905
- Orange River Park 13800 Cemetery Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- Veterans Park 55 Homestead Rd. S, Lehigh Acres, FL. 33936
- Veterans Park Academy for the Arts Soccer 49 Homestead Rd., Lehigh Acres, FL. 33936

8.2. East District-Section B

- Caloosahatchee Regional Park 18500 North River Rd., Alva, FL.33920

8.3. North District Section A

- Bayshore Soccer Complex 17050 Williams Rd., North Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- Hancock Park 2211 Hancock Bridge Parkway, North Fort Myers, FL. 33903
- Judd Park 1297 Parkview Ct., North Fort Myers, FL. 33906
- Lavender's Landing 7290 Barrancas Ave NW, Bokeelia, FL. 33922
- Lee County Civic Center 11831 Bayshore Rd., North Fort Myers, FL. 33917
- Mary Moody Park 915 Lakeview Dr., North Fort Myers, FL. 33903
- Matlacha Park 4577 Pine Island Rd. N.W., Matlacha, FL. 33993
- Miramar Park 200 Avacado Ct., Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts 1856 Arts Way, North Fort Myers, FL. 33917
- North Pool 5170 Orange Grove Blvd., North Fort Myers, FL. 33903
- North Shore Park 13001 N. Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers, FL. 33903
- Phillips Park 5675 Sesame Drive, Bokeelia, FL. 33922
- Pine Island School 5360 Ridgewood Dr., Bokeelia, FL. 33922
- Royal Palm Park 300 Royal Palm Park Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33916
- Russell Park Boat Ramp 237 Lagoon Drive, Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- Tice Pool 4524 Tice Street, Fort Myers, FL. 33905
- Tropical Point Tropical Point Drive, Saint James City, FL. 33956
- Waterway Park 5820 Poetry Lane, North Fort Myers, FL. 33903

8.4. North District Section B

- Nalle Grade Park 8350 Nalle Grade Road, North Fort Myers, FL. 33917
- 8.5. **North District Section C**
- Schandler Park 419 Royal Palm Park Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33905
 - North Community Park 2021 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL. 33903
- 8.6. **South District Section A**
- Estero High School 21900 River Ranch Rd., Estero, FL. 33928
 - Estero Park/Pop Warner 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero, FL. 33928
 - JY Linear Trailhead at Six Mile Cypress 14608 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL. 33912
 - Karl J. Drews Center & House 18412 Lee Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33912
 - San Carlos School 17282 Lee Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33967
 - San Carlos Pool 8208 Sanibel Blvd., South Fort Myers, FL. 33967
 - Three Oaks Park & Retention 18251 Three Oaks Parkway, Fort Myers, FL. 33912
- 8.7. **South District Section B**
- JY Linear Park Section 1 Six Mile Cypress to Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33912
 - JY Linear Park Section 2 Daniels to Crystal, Fort Myers, FL. 33912
 - JY Linear Park Section 3 Crystal to Colonial, Fort Myers, FL. 33912
- 8.8. **West District Section A**
- Bonita Beach Access 10 26082 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL. 34134
 - Bonita Beach Park & Access 1 27954/27890 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL. 34134
 - Bowditch Point Park 50 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931
 - Bunch Beach 18201 John Morris Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33908
 - Hunter Park 1526 Oak Dr., Fort Myers, FL. 33906
 - Imperial River Ramp 27551 South Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL. 34134
 - Harlem Heights/Kelly Road Park 7340 Concourse Dr., Fort Myers, FL. 33908
 - Lakes Park 7330 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers, FL. 33908
 - Lynn Hall Park 950 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931
 - Main St. Parking 1050 Main St., Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931
 - Mantanzas Pass Nature Preserve 199 Bay Rd., Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931
 - Rutenberg Park 6500 Pointe Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. 33967
- 8.9. **West District Section B**
- Brooks Park 50 South Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33907
- 8.10. **West District Section C**
- Crescent Beach Park 1100 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931
 - Punta Rassa Boat Ramp 18700 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. 33908
 - Wa-Ke Hatchee Park 16760 Bass Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33908
- 8.11. **Pro-Am Sports Complexes**
- Lee Health Sports Complex 14100 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL. 33912
 - JetBlue Park 11500 Fenway South Drive, Fort Myers, FL. 33913
 - Player Development Complex 4301 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, FL. 33916
 - Terry Park 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. 33916
- 8.12. **Conservation 20/20 Preserve Section A**
- Alva Scrub Preserve Edwards Drive, Joel Blvd., Witt’s End Rd. Langford Rd.,
(057/127/136/195/325/357/163-3) 2891 Goggin Rd., Alva, Florida 39220
 - Frank Mann Preserve 1699 Joel Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, FL. 33972
 - Telegraph Creek Canoe Launch 16451 North River Road, Alva, FL. 33920

- Yellow Fever Creek Preserve 2801 Del Prado Boulevard, Cape Coral, FL. 33909
 - Boomer Pond 1 Block South of Broadway heading south on US 41(On Right Estero)
 - Buckingham Trails Preserve 8790 Buckingham Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33905
 - C. Creeks Preserve W. 17100 McDowell Dr., North Fort Myers, FL. 33917
 - Daniels Preserve (260) 18500 Persimmon Ridge Rd., Alva, FL. 33920
 - Deep Lagoon Preserve 14790 A&W Bulb Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33908
 - Galt Preserve 3661 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, FL. 33956
 - Hickory Swamp Preserve 13320 Peace Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33905
 - Pine Island Flatwoods (Bayside Estates) 6351 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, FL. 33956
(092/121/147/168/184-2/346/402/389)
 - Powell Creek Preserve 15601 Hart Rd., North Fort Myers, FL. 33917
 - Prairie Pines Preserve 18400 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL. 33903
 - Telegraph Creek Preserve E 16451 North River Rd., Alva, FL. 33920
(236-2/412)
 - Telegraph Creek Preserve W 16451 North River Rd., Alva, FL. 33920
(236-2/412)
 - Wild Turkey Strand Preserve 11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33913
- 8.13. 8.13 Conservation **20/20 Preserve Section B**
- C. Creeks Preserve E. 10130 Baysore Rd., North Fort Myers, FL. 33917
 - C. Creeks Preserve Lots 1 & 2 1700 East Lake Dr./16780 Tarpon Way, N. Ft. Myers, FL. 33917

End of Scope of Work and Specifications Section

FORMS DESCRIPTION & INSTRUCTIONS

INVITATION TO BID

This table provides a brief list, description, and instructions regarding the standard requested forms that should be submitted with all bids or proposals. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of forms required for your submission, but rather a guide to assist in completion of the County's standard forms.

Form #	Title/Description
1	<p><i>Solicitation Response Form</i></p> <p>All signatures must be by a corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and corporate and/or notary seal (as applicable.) The corporate or mailing address must match the company information as it is listed with the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations. Attach a copy of the web-page(s) from http://www.sunbiz.org as certification of this required information. Sample attached for your reference.</p> <p>Verify that all Addenda and tax identification number have been provided.</p>
1a	<p><i>Bid/Proposal Form</i></p> <p>This form is used to provide itemization of project cost. A more detailed "schedule of values" may be requested by the County.</p>
*	<p><i>Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement</i></p> <p>Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), F.S., prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. If this <u>disclosure is applicable, the Bidder must request the form entitled "INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS"</u> (Required by § 112.313(12)(b), F.S.) to be completed and <u>returned with the Solicitation Response</u>. It is the Bidder's responsibility to request the form and disclose this relationship; failure to do so may result in being declared non-responsive.</p> <p>NOTICE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 112.317, F.S., A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR, AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY, ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00.</p>
2	<p><i>Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws</i></p> <p>Submission of this form constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder is in compliance in regard to all applicable immigration laws.</p>
3	<p><i>Reference Survey</i></p> <p>Provide this form to reference respondents. <u>For Bids, this form will be requested from the apparent low Bidder prior to the award. (not required to submit with bid)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 1: Bidder/Proposer to complete with <u>reference respondent's</u> information prior to providing to them for their response. (This is not the Bidder/Proposer's information.) 2. Section 2: Enter the name of the Bidder/Proposer; provide the project information in which the reference respondent is to provide a response. 3. The <u>reference respondent</u> should complete "Section 3." 4. Section 4: The reference respondent to print and sign name 5. Three (3) Reference responses are to be provided upon request. 6. Failure to obtain reference surveys may make your company non-responsive.

4 *Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form*

The form may be used to disclose negligence or breach of contract litigation that your company may have been a part of over the past ten (10) years. You may need to duplicate this form to list all history. If the Bidder has more than ten (10) lawsuits, you may narrow them to litigation of the company or subsidiary submitting the Solicitation Response. Include, at a minimum, litigation for similar projects completed in the State of Florida. Final outcome should include in whose favor the litigation was settled and whether a monetary amount was awarded. The settlement amount may remain anonymous.

If you have **no litigation**, enter **“None”** in the first **“type of incident”** block of the form. Please do not write N/A on this form.

5 *Sub-Contractor/Consultant List*

To be completed and returned when sub-contractors/consultants are to be utilized and are known at the time of the submission.

6 *Public Entity Crime Form*

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 on 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 Work 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 thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

7 *Minimum Qualifications Requirements*

States the minimum qualifications that Bidder/Proposer is required to meet in order to be considered for award or evaluation.

8 *Affidavit of Working Environment/Conditions*

Vendors are required to visit all of the sites listed in the solicitation and submit this form with their submission.

***** *Bid/Proposal Label*

Self-explanatory. Please affix to the outside of the sealed submission documents.

***** *Include any licenses or certifications requested*

Local Business Tax Account (as applicable) issued by City and/or County entity. This is necessary for all Florida vendors.

It is the Bidder’s responsibility to ensure the Solicitation Response is mailed or delivered in time to be received no later than the specified opening date and time. (If Solicitation is not received prior to the deadline, it cannot be considered or accepted)

Form 1 – Solicitation Response Form



LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
SOLICITATION RESPONSE FORM

Date Submitted: Bid Due Date: 3/20/2024

SOLICITATION IDENTIFICATION: B240118WCD

SOLICITATION NAME: Landscape Maintenance & Mowing-Parks-Annual

COMPANY NAME:

NAME & TITLE: (TYPED OR PRINTED)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: (PHYSICAL)

CORPORATE OR MAILING ADDRESS:

SAME AS PHYSICAL

ADDRESS MUST MATCH SUNBIZ.ORG

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER: FAX

NOTE REQUIREMENT: IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER TO CHECK LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT WEB SITE FOR ANY ADDENDA ISSUED FOR THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY WILL POST ADDENDA TO THIS WEB PAGE, BUT WILL NOT NOTIFY.

By responding to this sealed solicitation, the Bidder/Proposer makes all representations required by the instructions and further warrants and represents that: Bidder/Proposer has examined copies of all the solicitation documents and of the following addenda:

No. Dated: No. Dated: No. Dated: No. Dated:

Tax Payer Identification Number:

(1) Employer Identification Number -OR- (2) Social Security Number:

** Lee County collects your social security number for tax reporting purposes only

Please submit a copy of your registration from the website www.sunbiz.org establishing your firm as authorized (including authorized representatives) to conduct business in the State of Florida, as provided by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. (a sample is attached for your reference)

1 Collusion Statement: Lee County, Florida The undersigned, as Bidder/Proposer, hereby declares that no person or other persons, other than the undersigned, are interested in this solicitation as Principal, and that this solicitation is submitted without collusion with others; and that we have carefully read and examined the specifications or scope of work, and with full knowledge of all conditions under which the services herein is contemplated must be furnished, hereby bid/propose and agree to furnish this service according to the requirements set out in the solicitation documents, specifications or scope of work for said service for the prices as listed on the county provided price sheet or (CCNA) agree to negotiate prices in good faith if a contract is awarded.

2 Scrutinized Companies Certification: Section 287.135, FL §, "Prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies." Prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000, that are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, have been engaged in a boycott of Israel, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above is in compliance with Section 287.135, FL §. I understand that submission of a false certification may subject company to contract termination, civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

Form 1 – Solicitation Form, Page 2

3 Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement: Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), FL §, prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. See Part III, Chapter 112, FL §, and/or the brochure entitled "A Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers, Candidates and Employees" for more details on these prohibitions. However, Section 112.313(12), FL § (1983), provides certain limited exemptions to the above-referenced prohibitions, including one where the business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding; the public official has exerted no influence on bid negotiations or specifications; and where disclosure is made, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, of the official's or his spouse's or child's interest and the nature of the intended business. The Commission on Ethics has promulgated this form for such disclosure, if and when applicable to a public officer or employee.

If this disclosure is applicable request form “INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS” (Required by 112.313(12)(b), FL § (1983)) to be completed and returned with solicitation response. It is the bidder/proposer’s responsibility to disclose this relationship, failure to do so could result in being declared non-responsive.

Business Relationship Applicable (request form) **Business Relationship NOT Applicable**

4 Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE)
 Proposer? If yes, please attach a current certificate. Yes No

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EXECUTED BY AN AUTHORIZED AUTHORITY OF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER. WITNESSED AND SEALED (AS APPLICABLE)

 Company Name (Name printed or typed)



(Affix Corporate Seal, as applicable)

 Authorized Representative Name (printed or typed)

 Authorized Representative’s Title (printed or typed)

 Witnessed/Attested by: (Witness/Secretary name and title printed or typed)

 Authorized Representative’s Signature

 Witness/Secretary Signature

Any blank spaces on the form(s), qualifying notes or exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, or signatures, on County’s Form may result in the submission being declared non-responsive by the County.

Bidders may not adjust or modify County-authored data as provided within the Bid Schedule. Bids received with modified data may deem the Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.

Detail by Entity Name

Florida Profit Corporation

Bill's Widget Corporation

Filing Information

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 Date Filed 09/22/1980
 State FL
 Status ACTIVE
 Last Event AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES
 Event Date Filed 07/25/2006
 Event Effective Date NONE

Principal Address

555 N Main Street
 Your Town, USA 99999
 Changed 02/11/2012

Verify either Principal or Mailing address is on Form 1

Mailing Address

555 N Main Street
 MYour Town, USA 99999
 Changed 02/11/2012

Registered Agent Name & Address

My Registered Agent
 111 Registration Road
 Registration, USA 99999
 Name Changed: 12/14/2006
 Address Changed: 12/14/2006

Officer/Director Detail

Name & Address

Title P
 President, First
 555 AVENUE
 Anytown, USA 99999
 Title V
 President, Second
 555 AVENUE
 Anytown, USA 99999

IMPORTANT:

For corporations, ALL documents must be signed by the president of the company or an authorized individual. For any individual other than the president, we will need one of the following to confirm their authority to sign:

1. a corporate resolution by the Board of Directors, or
2. an extract of minutes, or
3. an extract of Vote by the Board of Directors

If the company's articles of incorporation identify additional positions that have the power to bind the corporation, we will accept the articles of incorporation with verification from the president that a certain individual serves in that role (e.g., the president confirms that John Doe is the CEO, and the articles of incorporation provide that the CEO has the power to bind the company).

With respect to an LLC, the authority to bind a limited liability company is controlled by Florida statutes. Managers or managing members have inherent authority to bind an LLC.

If the president of a corporation or a manager/managing member of an LLC delegates their authority, such delegation must be sent to us on company letterhead with the President's or manager's/managing member's original, wet signature.

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Form 1a – Bid/Proposal Form

Lee County
Southwest Florida

PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
BID/PROPOSAL FORM

COMPANY NAME:

SOLICITATION: B240118WCD-Landscape Maintenance & Mowing-Parks-Annual

This page serves as a header/placeholder only. Please refer to the Excel document provided with the solicitation for the complete Bid Schedule. The Excel document contains formulas for convenience; however, it is the Contractor's responsibility to verify all pricing and calculations are CORRECT. Lee County is not responsible for errors in formulas or calculations contained within Excel document(s).

REMINDER: 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.

The County will only accept bids submitted on bid forms provided by the County. Bids submitted on other forms, other than those provided by the County, will deem Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.

Bidders may not adjust or modify data provided within the Bid Schedule. Bids received with modified data may deem the Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.

PLEASE ENSURE you have provided a printed copy of the Bid Schedule with your hard copy submission packages and provided the excel version with your digital submission package.

PRICING

Pricing shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, supplies, overhead, profit, materials, and any other incidental costs required to perform and complete all work as specified herein.

Form 2 – Affidavit Certification of Immigration Laws



AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.: **B240118WCD** SOLICITATION NAME: **Landscape Maintenance & Mowing Parks-Annual**

LEE COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 a(e) {SECTION 274A(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT (“INA”).

LEE COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY LEE COUNTY.** PROPOSER ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

BY REGISTERING AS A VENDOR, SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO A SOLICITATION, OR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT, YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 448.095, FLA. STAT., "EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY." FURTHER, BY YOUR REGISTRATION AS A VENDOR, RESPONSE TO A SOLICITATION, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT, YOU AFFIRM AND REPRESENT THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM AND ARE USING SAME, AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE SAME AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 448.095, F.S. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 448.095 INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, UTILIZATION OF THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM TO VERIFY THE WORK AUTHORIZATION STATUS OF ALL NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES, AND REQUIRING ALL SUBCONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING THAT THE SUBCONTRACTOR DOES NOT EMPLOY, CONTRACT WITH, OR SUBCONTRACT WITH, AN UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL LEAD TO TERMINATION AS A VENDOR, DISQUALIFYING YOU FOR AWARD OF A SOLICITATION, DENIAL OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT AND/OR, CANCELLATION OF AN ACTIVE CONTRACT, OR IF YOUR SUBCONTRACTOR KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE STATUTE, THE SUBCONTRACT MUST BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY. ANY CHALLENGE TO TERMINATION UNDER THIS PROVISION MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 20 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF TERMINATION. IF TERMINATED FOR A VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE BY THE VENDOR, THE VENDOR MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY OR BE AWARDED A SOLICITATION OR CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF TERMINATION. ALL COSTS INCURRED TO INITIATE AND SUSTAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAMS SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR.

Company Name: _____

Signature Title Date

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ who has produced _____ (Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

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

Form 3 - Reference Survey

**Lee County Procurement Management
Reference Survey**

Reference surveys submitted can be a maximum of twelve (12) months old. If using a previous reference, Proposers must clearly identify the project name and number the reference is being submitted for.

Project Name & Number: _____

Section 1	Reference Respondent Information	Please return completed form to:	
FROM:	_____	Bidder/Proposer:	_____
COMPANY:	_____	Due Date:	_____
PHONE #:	_____	Total # Pages:	1
FAX #:	_____	Phone #:	Fax #:
EMAIL:	_____	Bidder/Proposer E-Mail:	_____

Section 2	Enter Bidder/Proposer Information , as applicable Similar Performed Project (Bidder/Proposer to enter details of a project performed for above reference respondent)		
Bidder/Proposer Name:	_____		
Reference Project Name:	Project Address:	Project Cost:	_____
Summarize Scope:	_____	_____	_____

You as an individual or your company has been given as a reference on the project identified above. Please provide your responses in section 3 below.

Section 3		Indicate: "Yes" or "No"
1. Did this company have the proper resources and personnel by which to get the job done?		
2. Were any problems encountered with the company's work performance?		
3. Were any change orders or contract amendments issued, other than owner initiated?		
4. Was the job completed on time?		
5. Was the job completed within budget?		
6. On a scale of one to ten, ten being best, how would you rate the overall work performance, considering professionalism; final product; personnel; resources. Rate from 1 to 10. (10 being highest)		
7. If the opportunity were to present itself, would you rehire this company?		
8. Please provide any additional comments pertinent to this company and the work performed for you:	_____	

Section 4 Please submit non-Lee County employees as references

Reference Name (Print Name) _____

Reference Signature _____

Form 4 – Negligence, Breach and/or Non-Compliance Disclosure Form



ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE/BREACH OF CONTRACT/NON-COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION FORM

“Please fill in the form below. Provide details for each incident of alleged negligence, breach of contract or non-compliance with governmental regulation that has occurred over the past 10 years. Examples of non-compliance with governmental regulation include but are not limited to zoning violations, code enforcement violations, civil or criminal citations, denial, or revocation of permits. Provide details for all entities currently or previously owned in whole or in part by the proposer in the last 10 years. Please complete in chronological order with the most recent incident starting on page 1. Please do not modify this form (expansion of spacing allowed) or submit your own variation.”

Company Name: _____

Type of Incident <i>Alleged Negligence, Breach of Contract, or Non-Compliance</i>	Incident Date And Date Filed	Plaintiff <i>(Company, person, entity-acted against your company or state if your company initiated the action)</i>	Case Number	Court <i>(Name of State and County)</i>	Project <i>(Address and Name)</i>	Allegation <i>(Stated reason your company was accused of negligence, breach of contract or non-compliance of governmental regulation or the allegations your company made)</i>	Final Outcome <i>(Who prevailed and how)</i>

Make as many copies of this sheet as necessary to **provide a 10-year history** of the requested information. If there is no action pending or action taken in the last 10 years, complete the **company name and write “NONE” in the first “Type of Incident” box** of this page and return with your proposal package. This form should also include the primary partners listed in your proposal. Do not include litigation with your company as the plaintiff. Final outcome should include who prevailed and what method of settlement was made. If a monetary settlement was made the amount may remain anonymous.

Proposals may be declared “non-responsive” due to omissions of “Negligence or Breach of Contract” on this disclosure form. Additionally, proposals may be declared “not responsible” due to past or pending lawsuits that are relevant to the subject procurement such that they call into question the ability of the proposer to assure good faith performance. This determination may be made by the Procurement Management Director, after consulting with the County Attorney.

Page Number: _____ Of _____ Total pages

Form 5 - Sub-contractor/consultant List



SUB-CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT LIST

Sub-Contractor/Consultant Company Name	Area Of Work	Point Of Contact Or Project Supervisor	Contact Info Phone or Email	Qualified DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE or Similar	Amount or Percentage of Total

Please include sub-contractor/consultant name, area of work (i.e. mechanical, electrical, etc.) and a **valid** phone number and/or email. Also include the dollar value or percentage that the sub-contractor/consultant will be performing. If sub-contractor/consultant qualifies as a current certificate Florida Certified Business Enterprise such as MBE, WBE, DBE, VBE or similar please indicate such above and provide proof of certification.

Public Entity Crime Form

This form must be signed and sworn to in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

- 1. This sworn statement is submitted to _____
(Print name of the public entity)
- by _____
(Print individual's name and title)
- for _____
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)
- whose business address is _____

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: On the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

- 2. I understand that a “public entity crime” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
- 3. I understand that “convicted” or “conviction” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 4. I understand that “affiliate” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
 - 1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime:
or:
 - 2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term “affiliate” includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm’s length Agreement/Contract, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
- 5. I understand that a “person” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term “person” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.
- 6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statement. *(Please indicate which statement applies.)*

_____ Neither the entity submitted this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

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_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 20___, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

Form 7 - Minimum Qualifications Requirements



MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR
B240118WCD – Landscape Maintenance and Mowing-Parks - Annual

Vendor must meet the minimum qualification requirements as specified in the following form to qualify for consideration of award. This form must be completed and returned with the bid submittal along with any supporting documentation were requested and/or indicated herein.

The County reserves the right, in their sole judgment, to determine to its satisfaction whether the Vendor has met the minimum qualification requirements as specified herein. The determination shall be based upon the examination of the Minimum Qualification Requirements form and associated supportive documentation (if any requested).

An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the contract to the Contractor. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the proposal, in which event the County shall exclude the proposal from the evaluation or consideration process and therefore deeming the Contractor ineligible for award.

CRITERIA 1 – CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSURE: Vendor and/or employee of Vendor must have the following certifications/licensure mentioned below.

Does your firm or an employee of your firm, hold a Pesticide license with the State of Florida? _____ YES _____ NO

Does your firm or an employee of your firm, hold a Fertilizer Best Management Practices Certification? _____ YES _____ NO

Does your firm or an employee of your firm, hold a “Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer”? _____ YES _____ NO

Does your firm or an employee of your firm, hold Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic (IMOT) Certification(s)? _____ YES _____ NO

- Please provide a copy of the above-mentioned Certifications/Licensures.

Authorized Bidder/Proposer Signature

Date:

Authorized Bidder/Proposer Name (Print or Type)

Form 8: Affidavit of Working Environment/ Conditions

Acknowledgement of Working Environment / Conditions

Solicitation # and Title: B230577WCD Parks Fencing Repairs & Replacement-Hurricane Ian

This Affidavit is required and should be signed by an authorized principal of the firm, notarized, and submitted with CONTRACTOR submission package.

By signing below, the CONTRACTOR confirms they have visited the Landscape Maintenance & Mowing sites and have seen the degree of difficulty in mowing, landscaping, removing the vegetation, debris, and fertilization for the locations as listed within the solicitation and understands the necessary means to complete the work.

Company Name _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization, this _____ day of _____ 20____, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

The signee of these Affidavit guarantees, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made.

Sealed Bid Label

Cut along the outer border and affix this label to your sealed solicitation envelope to identify it as a “Sealed Bid”.

SEALED BID DOCUMENTS • DO NOT OPEN	
BID NO.:	B240118WCD
BID TITLE:	Landscape Maintenance & Mowing-Parks Annual
DATE DUE:	Wednesday, March 20, 2024
TIME DUE:	Prior to: 2:30 PM
SUBMITTED BY:	_____ (Name of Company)
e-mail address	Telephone
DELIVER TO:	Lee County Procurement Management 2115 Second Street, 1st Floor Fort Myers, FL 33901



***Notice: The Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date as stated on this label and other forms contained herein may have been updated via issuance of Addenda against this project. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor/Vendor to monitor the County project webpage for any updates to the Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date via Addenda. This label nor other original forms may not be updated. Contractor/Vendor may strike through and update Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date at their discretion to match any updates to this date that have been published via Addenda.**

Submission received after the time and date of the Date Due/Bid Due Date/Opening Date will not be accepted at the sole discretion of the County.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY