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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND REISSUE SOLICITATION

TO: All Solicited and Interested Proposers



FROM: Daphne M. Robinson, Esq. – Procurement and Contracting Officer

RE: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: ITB/PWD/241019
Southwest Section – Stormwater Drainage Retention Areas Grounds Maintenance

DATE: November 18, 2024

The City of Ocala (“City”) has made the determination to cancel and reject all bids under ITB/PWD/241019 (the “Solicitation”) on the following grounds:

- (a) three of the five bidders (Solo Cats Services, LLC, Top Quality Lawn Maintenance, and Southern Charm Mowing & Landscaping, LLC) should have been rejected as non-responsive for failure to provide proof of FDOT Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) and Florida Right of Way Pesticide License at the time of bid submission as required by Addendum #1 issued November 1, 2024; and


	<h2>Addendum # 1</h2>	
Date:	November 1, 2024	
To:	All bidders	
From:	Louis Joseph, Buyer	
Solicitation Number:	ITB# PWD/241019	
Solicitation Title:	Southwest Section – Stormwater Drainage Retention Areas Grounds Maintenance	
SOLICITATION CLARIFICATIONS, AND CORRECTIONS		
<u>NOTE: UPDATE.</u>		
1. The bid due date has been extended to <u>11/12/2024 @ 2:00 P.M.</u>		
2. Bidders must upload <u>Exhibit B-Price Proposal in Excel format</u> . Any other format will result in bid rejection.		
3. Bidder must provide proof of <u>FDOT TTC Certification and Florida Right of Way Pesticide License</u> at the time of bid submission. Any bid that does not meet the license and certification requirements will be rejected as non-responsive.		
4. CLARIFICATION: Due to a discrepancy with the e-procurement system (ProRFX) a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting was noticed for this solicitation instead of a mandatory meeting. This bid will be open to all vendors who did or did NOT attend the meeting held on 10/8/24.		

(b) one of the five bidders (Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC) should have been rejected as ineligible due to being awarded the contract for Northeast Section Stormwater Drainage Retention Areas Grounds Maintenance (ITB/PWD/240894) as required by Exhibit A – Scope of Work – Pricing and Award; and

PRICING AND AWARD

1. Pricing will be provided on a unit price basis and must include all costs to complete grounds maintenance services as outlined in this scope of work. The City will pay the Contractor only for the actual units that the Contractor provides.
2. Award will be made to the lowest bidder determined by the total of all line items from Exhibit B Price Proposal meeting all requirements outlined herein.
3. **The awarded Contractor for this solicitation will not be awarded other contracts for NW, NE & SE drainage retention pond solicitations. If the awarded Contractor is the lowest bidder on any of the other above-mentioned solicitations, their bid will be withdrawn, and the award will be made to the next lowest, responsive bidder.**
4. AMOUNTS DUE TO THE CITY. Contractor must be current and remain current in all obligations due to the City during the performance of services under the Agreement. Payments to Contractor may be offset by any delinquent amounts due to the City or fees and/or charges owed to the City.

BID TABULATION & NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD



CITY OF OCALA
2000 W. WIRTH BLVD.
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32803

Bid Name: **Northeast Section- Stormwater Drainage Retention Areas Grounds Maintenance**
 ProRFx ID: ITB09182400000228
 Notifications Sent: # 5834
 Bids: # 9

Solicitation: **ITB# PWD/240894**
 Buyer: Louis Joseph
 Buyer Email: ljoseph@ocalafl.gov
 Buyer Phone: 352-629-8260

10/30/2024 **Notice of Intent to Award to Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC** pending City Council approval.

Bidder Name	Office Location	Total Bid Amount (initial 3 year contract)
Three Ponds Rental, LLC <i>*Rejected*</i>	Ocala, FL	\$ 433,028.40
Dragonfly Pond Works, LLC	Raleigh, NC	\$ 562,800.00
Solo Cats Services	Ocala, FL	\$ 606,270.00
Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC	Ocala, FL	\$ 561,120.00
Southern Charm Mowing	Ocala, FL	\$ 659,106.00
Terry Clark Services, LLC	Weirsdale, FL	\$ 997,710.00
Inshape Maintenance, Inc <i>*Rejected*</i>	Ocala, FL	\$ -
A Native Tree Services, Inc	Miami, FL	\$ 1,556,348.64
NatureChem, Inc	Lake City, FL	\$ 1,557,087.00

In compliance with the Fiscal Non-Funding section of the City of Ocala's General Terms and Conditions, the remaining bid (A Native Tree Service, Inc.) cannot be accepted on the grounds that there are not sufficient budgeted funds for the affected fiscal period to cover the amount bid.

41. **FISCAL NON-FUNDING CLAUSE.** In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period, the City shall notify the Vendor of such occurrence and the resulting contract shall terminate on the last day of the current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the City. The City shall be the final authority as to what constitutes an annual appropriation and the availability of funds necessary to continue funding the resulting contract.

Reissuing this solicitation is in the best interest of the City and will place the City in a position to receive the best value possible for this project. The City's decision to reject all bids and re-issue this Solicitation is made in accordance with [City of Ocala Procurement Policy No. PRO-060 – Competition Requirements and Source Selection, Article V\(H\)](#), where the City reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time during the procurement process in the best interest of the City.

This Solicitation will be revised and readvertised at a date to be determined by the City. All previously sourced vendors and bidders shall be invited (and are strongly encouraged) to participate in the future solicitation.

PLEASE NOTE: *In compliance with Chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes, and Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution, all proposals received by the City in response to its solicitations are exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening the proposals, whichever is earlier. If the City rejects all proposals and provides notice of its intent to reissue the solicitation, then the rejected proposals or replies remain exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued solicitation or until the City withdraws the reissued solicitation. A proposal shall not be exempt from public disclosure longer than twelve (12) months after the City's initial notice rejecting all proposals or replies.*

Please direct any and all questions and/or concerns to:

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cc: All Solicited and Interested Vendors
