

Bid# 21-022 Landscaping Services

Questions and Answers

1. **Question:** The contract requests 6 months of maintenance for the Public Safety Complex for the 2021 contract, however the completion date is not scheduled until the fall of 2022, is the request for winter maintenance or summer maintenance on the Public Safety Complex?

Answer:

Please include a full year's worth of maintenance at this facility in your proposal.

2. **Question:** With only 6 month of maintenance to be included in the bid, does that mean that the contract will go up for bids again next year?

Answer: (see answer #1) This will be a one year agreement with the option to extend for two additional one year periods.

3. **Question:** The area east of the Market Center Building by the garden boxes has had a new alley access installed, the irrigation for this area has been disturbed will that area be repaired and re-sodded or will the alley be permanent?

Answer: At this time the alley is expected to be temporary. Repairs to the irrigation and sod would be performed as an out of scope project.

4. **Question:** Under the scope of work it states that the contractor is responsible to protect the plants from abnormal temperatures, what is the City's expectations to make this possible?

Answer: This statement suggests that a contractor should not disregard the need to make necessary adjustments to irrigation or take other precautions to decrease the chances of plant or sod death in cases where temperatures may pose a threat to plant life.

5. **Question:** Exterior planters (City Hall and Pavilion) Is the contractor responsible for purchasing and installing seasonal flowers in these planters? Also the City Hall has no flower planters currently?

Answer: The City Hall planters have been removed although those that exist at the Pavilion should be planted with annuals by the contractor.

6. **Question:** If a tree dies, is the contractor responsible for all cost including stump grinding to remove the tree?

Answer: The contractor would only be responsible if the plant death was a direct result of negligence of the contractor.

7. **Question:** Shrubs that naturally die are the responsibility of the contractor to replace, how do we know in advance that this is going to happen and be able to budget for this?

Answer: These instances are fairly uncommon and would be addressed on a case by case basis. Historically these plant death replacements have been minimal and have not placed any significant hardship on the contractor.

8. **Question:** Shrub replacement requires the shrubs be 18 inches in height, local nurseries rarely have this size available. Will smaller sized shrubs be suitable for replacements?

Answer: Yes, if only smaller plants are locally available, they will be fine for use as replacements.

9. **Question:** The rock and/or mulch depth is to be at 2 inches, who makes the determination of what landscape beds that have to be refreshed? We need further understanding because cost of rock and availability can vary greatly and change the cost of the contract greatly.

Answer: Include in your proposal a top dressing of all landscaping beds every two years beginning in 2023. The top dressing will need to be significant enough to cover any bare spots within the beds and provide a continuous layer of new material.

10. **Question:** What constitutes a "standard system breakdown"? Under replacement cost of irrigation components such as backflow devices and controllers can be very expensive and cost can be unknown, how does the contractor budget for items that we have no idea if they are going to fail?

Answer: Standard system breakdowns would include but not be limited to items such as worn out sprinkler heads, irrigation line joint separation, or any breakdown due to wear rather than negligence, vandalism or construction projects. If an instance arises where an uncommon major equipment failure occurs that is not a result of contractor negligence, the City will work with the contractor to avoid unnecessary financial hardship as a result of a costly repair.

11. **Question:** Under Irrigation System Repair it states, "if the damage was due to excluded damage", what does excluded damage mean?

Answer: Excluded damage: Vandalism, negligence caused by a party other than the City or the landscaping contractor, construction damage caused by the City or one of its contractors.

12. **Question:** At the new Public Safety Complex there will be new plants under warranty with the installation contractor, is the maintenance contractor excluded from the cost of replacing plants that should be under the installation contractors' warranty?

Answer: That is correct. Although the installation contractor may have some warranty in place, the City contractor will be in charge of weekly duties such as maintaining the irrigation, picking up trash and debris, spraying weeds, etc.. Once that warranty term ends, the Public Safety Complex will be serviced the same as other facilities.

13. **Question:** Will there continue to be time limitations for use of blowers around the city hall? We have been requested not to use blowers on certain days so as not to disturb the people in the offices.

Answer: There will be no limitations on the use of blowers. Landscaping operations are always best performed on Fridays when City Hall is not staffed, but can be performed any day of the week.

14. **Question:** Is there any plans of school being held again at the Pavilion?

Answer: There are no current plans for the Montrose Pavilion to house school operations of any kind in the future.

15. **Question:** If turf areas are affected by grub damage, is the contractor responsible to supply chemical control of grubs?

Answer: Yes, The contractor would be expected to chemically treat this type of infestation.

16. **Question:** How is invoicing be handled?

Answer: The monthly invoice should only include work performed during that billing period. Each property and services performed there should be broken out on each invoice. Invoices should be emailed to the Facilities Manager for payment processing. The contractor's proposal price is a not to exceed price for the specified services. The City will only be billed for services performed.

Company Name: _____

Representative's Signature: _____