

Number: Bid 21-02 Lawn Care Services - Districtwide (Annual Contract)

Posting Date: 09/13/2020

Addendum # 2

Posting Date: 10/14/2020

Closing Date: 10/29/2020

The information contained in this document shall become an official part of the original document and shall be acknowledged as noted on the Certification Form (Form 1) of solicitation document in the space provided. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may result in a status of non-responsive. Firms are encouraged to review the contents of this document and to respond accordingly.

Addendum No. 2 is being issued to provide clarification for Bid 21-02 Lawn Care Services - Districtwide (Annual Contract).

1. Questions and Responses:

Questions	Responses
1. Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?	No.
2. What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?	There is no further information to provide other than what is outlined in our solicitation document.
3. Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com/free?	No. The District does not use this site to post bids.
4. Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?	Georgia Procurement Registry
5. What is the anticipated start date of this contract?	January 1, 2021
6. Will the district provide storage for contractor's grounds equipment?	No
7. Will the district provide an office for the contractors Site Account Manager?	No
8. What is the anticipated award date for this contract?	As an estimate, award notification could be made anywhere from 15-60 days from start date of the contract.
9. Bid Submittal Form. Should the Total Bid Zone amount be listed as a Monthly or Annual cost?	Monthly Cost and Annual Cost
10. Compliance with District's COVID-19 Procedures and Policies. Will you provide or post these procedures and policies?	Yes. They are posted to the District's website.
11. Will the District provide a list of approved LMWBE vendors?	The District does not maintain a list of approved LMWBE vendors.
12. Who is the current vendor handle this project?	Tidewater Landscape Management, Inc. and Manker Landscape
13. What was the last winning bid amount?	This project was not awarded by an overall bid amount. Awards were made based on the low bidder for each site. Since the initial award, some vendors have been removed from the contract and their sites were re-awarded to the low bidder of our two remaining contractors.
14. Please confirm that the bid is due Thursday, October 15 th . On page 3, General Terms and	Bid closing date has been extended to October 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM unless otherwise changed

Conditions, Letter E, it shows a due date of Thursday, October 22 nd .	by addendum.
15. We will be using subcontractors and we are in process of identifying and qualifying LMWBE subcontractors. The bid is asking for a subcontractor affidavit to be included with the bid submission. Is it permissible to provide subcontractor information after the award?	Subcontractor information should be submitted with your bid submittal.
16. The acreages provided are for the entire property. Can you provide maps showing the areas to be serviced and maintained?	No, all ground areas of the school property should be serviced and maintained to include all retention ponds, ball fields, play fields, fence lines, etc.
17. What is the current spend (budget) for these properties?	Current budget amount is \$761,112.00.
18. How much is the District paying currently for the services and how long has this bid been in effect?	Please see current contract pricing for both awarded vendors (Bid 15-82, Contract Amendment #4). Bid has been in place for 5 years.
19. Is there a bid range the District has for this bid?	No
20. Will the District provide a staging area for supplies, etc. for the Contractor?	No
21. Is weekend service permitted to maintain proper servicing levels?	No, the work should be performed Monday thru Friday.
22. How many schools/buildings have irrigation systems and is the Contractor responsible for maintaining them?	See solicitation document page 18.
23. Will the ball fields be included and if so, will the District want a separate program quoted for them?	Ball fields are included in pricing. The District does not want a separate program quoted for ball fields.
24. Will the contractor be responsible for the playgrounds and if so, will the District require rubber mulch in those areas?	The contractor should make sure that no grass grows up through the fall protection surface under and around the playground equipment. The contractor will not be required to provide rubber mulch for those areas.
25. Will the District require the Contractor to prune back trees limbs from buildings and the alike?	See Page 18, Section G.
26. If a tree falls (large) will the contractor be responsible for moving it?	The contractor will not be responsible for moving large fallen trees.
27. Please clarify and confirm the official Due Date for this ITB. The introduction on Page 1 states Oct. 15 before 11AM. Page 3, Section E – states bid are due Oct. 22 before 11AM.	Please see the response to Question 14.
28. Can the District provide a copy of the current contract/s and/or the per school/zone/total budgeted spend for the previous year?	See the responses to Question 17 & 18.
29. Please clarify the districts intent to award. Page. 6 paragraph 3 states the goal is a single contract award, while Page 21 Section 10 states the award will be made by zone and could be made to multiple vendors. Is it the districts intent to award to the vendor with the lowest	Award could be made to either a single vendor or to multiple vendors.

overall price for all zones combined, or to the lowest qualified bid in each zone, regardless of overall cost to the district?	
30. Can the district provide any historical data on the quantity of pine straw mulch applied to the school sites, individually or as a whole for this scope?	No
31. Are there any special scope of services for the athletic fields mentioned in Section B on page 17? (IE-increased service frequencies in the sports season beyond the established weekly/bi-weekly cycle, additional fertilizer/pesticide requirements, line painting, and/or the moving/set-up of equipment, goals, benches?	No
32. Can the district provide a list of sites that have athletic fields that will fall under the scope of work for this ITB?	List of sites and athletic fields has been uploaded to the District's website.
33. The acreages provided are for the entire property. Can you provide property maps and/or maintainable acreage for each site?	Information is not available.
34. Please define where the vendors responsibility for irrigation begins/ends in reference to irrigation services on pages 18-19. (IE-From the main line, from the valve, or irrigation heads/lines only.)	The contractor should be able to maintain and repair any component of the irrigation system.
35. Page 20 calls for a service technician on call 24/7, with an answer time of 30 minutes and on-site expectation of 1 hour. Please confirm if this is the correct requirement for this lawn care services ITB and an expectation even when services are only being provided once every 14 days.	That is correct. Also, during certain months services are required every week.
36. Page 22 Section 13 – The ITB states the district will not consider any price increases during the established performance period. Please clarify if the performance period refers to the initial one-year term of the contract or includes the four subsequent options years. Will the district consider regionally/nationally accepted CPI increases for the four subsequent extension periods so the vendor can maintain market-level living wages?	Each twelve (12) month term is a performance period. The District will consider price increases, if the vendor provides sufficient PPI (Producer Price Index) justification and submits their request 60 days prior to contract expiration of each performance period.
37. Exception request & question: Will SCCPSS allow a provision for increases in price by ABM for other factors beyond ABM's reasonable control, including but not limited to, government increases to minimum, prevailing or living wages, benefits, or healthcare and increases by collective bargaining agreements, if applicable?	No. See response to Question 36.
38. Exception request & question: Will SCCPSS allow for increases in price at the end of each 12 months based on the annual Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increases?	See response to Question 36.
39. Exception request & question: Will SCCPSS	No.

allow a mutual termination for convenience upon 30 day written notice?	
40. Exception request & question: Will SCCPSS allow a modification to the indemnification language? ABM's indemnification obligations to only claims caused by the negligence, misconduct, or other fault of ABM, its agents and employees, and which arise out of work performed under this contract.	No.
41. Exception request & question: Will SCCPSS allow slight adjustments to the insurance requirements, which do not reduce the amount of coverage but rather restructure the language to comply with ABM's insurance policies.	No.
42. Has the scope of work changed when comparing the current RFP to the last RFP (i.e. number of cuts, number of pine straw applications, pre and post emergent)?	No.
43. What is the anticipated start date for this contract?	See the response to Question 5.
44. Will the District provide storage for contractors grounds equipment?	See the response to Question 6.
45. Will the district provide an office space for the contractor's site manager?	See the response to Question 7.
46. What is the anticipated award date for this contract?	See the response to Question 8.
47. Does the district plan to make one award for this RFP?	See the response to Question 29.
48. The RFP shows a due date of October 15, 2020 @ 2pm and October 22, 2020 at 11:00 am. Which due date is accurate?	See the response to Question 14.
49. Will the District provide a list of approved LMWBE vendors?	See the response to Question 11.

2. Bid Tabulation from the previous solicitation, Bid 15-82 has been uploaded to the District's website.

3. Current contract pricing has been uploaded to the District's website.

4. Page 21, Item 9.0 Pricing and Delivery states that "Prices submitted shall be firm for a period of ninety-days (90) beginning with the contract award date. No consideration for price increase will be entertained during the initial established ninety (90) days contract period."

REVISED: "Prices submitted shall be firm for a period of twelve (12) months beginning with the contract effective date. No consideration for price increase will be entertained during any established performance period."

5. The closing date of Bid 21-02 Lawn Care Services – Districtwide (Annual Contract) has been extended until October 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

*****ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED*****

End of Addendum #2 to BID 21-02 Lawn Care Services – Districtwide (Annual Contract)