



## SOD FOR TURF RENOVATION

EVENT NO. 5542

### SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 4.0 The purpose of these specifications is to describe requirements for an annual contract for sod for turf renovation projects. The varieties of turf that will be used include Palmetto St. Augustine and Empire Zoysia.

To submit pricing electronically for this event, enter pricing for each line item shown under the lines tab on the event summary. To enter pricing manually, complete the attached bid proposal form. Manually submitted bids must be submitted on the bid proposal forms contained in these specifications in order to be considered.

A pre-bid conference has been scheduled to be conducted at the Purchasing Office, City Hall, third floor, 2 East Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. This meeting will allow contractors to discuss the specifications and resolve any questions and/or misunderstandings that may arise with City staff. You are invited to attend.

4.1 Quality Specifications

- 4.1.1 All turf shall be certified and true to name, of top quality, live, well rooted, and grown to a dense and uniform stand.
- 4.1.2 Turf shall be healthy in appearance with good green color.
- 4.1.3 Turf shall be weed, insect, and disease free.
- 4.1.4 Inferior turf that does not meet quality standards is subject to refusal by the City of Savannah and returned to the vendor at its expense.

4.2 Quantity Specifications

- 4.2.1 Palmetto St. Augustine approximately 30,000square feet.
- 4.2.2 Empire Zoysia approximately 30,000 square feet.
- 4.2.3 Zeon Zoysia approximately 5,000 square feet.
- 4.2.4 TifBlair Centipede approximately 5,000 square feet.
- 4.2.5 TifTuf Bermuda approximately 5,000 square feet.

4.3 Harvesting Specifications

- 4.3.1 Sod is to be irrigated prior to cutting and will be cut with a uniform soil thickness of not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch up to one inch (1”).
- 4.3.2 Sod will be block cut with a dimension of 16 inches by 24 inches or other approved standard size, agreed upon by both the vendor and the City of Savannah prior to shipment.
- 4.3.3 Sod is to be shipped on standard pallets and the vendor will confirm cutting dimension and quantity of sod per pallet prior to shipment.
- 4.3.4 Sod that is cut too thin is subject to refusal by the City of Savannah and returned to the vendor at its expense.
- 4.3.5 Sod is to be shipped immediately after harvesting to prevent desiccation and poor establishment.
- 4.3.6 Sod is to be tarped with sod edges covered to protect from desiccation while in transit.
- 4.3.7 Yellowed, dry, or unhealthy sod inspected at time of arrival is subject to refusal by the City of Savannah and returned to the vendor at its expense.
- 4.4 Off-Loading Specifications
- 4.4.1 It shall be the responsibility of the vendor to off-load all sod pallets with their own forklift equipment.
- 4.4.2 Pallets will be placed on site by the vendor at the direction of the City of Savannah staff.
- 4.5 Pricing Specifications
- 4.5.1 All sod is to be priced per square foot and is to include all delivery charges.
- 4.5.2 If the vendor contracts with a separate freight company, payment to the freight company shall be the responsibility of the vendor.
- 4.6 This is an annual contract. Prices shall remain firm. This agreement may be renewed for up to two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods, if all contracting parties so agree and services provided by the vendor have been satisfactory. The first term of this contract shall begin upon award and shall end on December 31, 2018. All remaining renewal options, if exercised, shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each subsequent year.
- 5.0 General Conditions
- 5.1 The bid response must include the following documents in this order:
- Bid Proposal Form (as a cover sheet)
  - Exception Sheet
  - Non-Discrimination Statement
  - Proposed Schedule of M/WBE Participation
  - Other submittals as stated

All referenced documents must be completed and returned in their entirety to constitute a complete bid.

5.2 Original invoices should be sent to:

City of Savannah  
Accounts Payable  
P.O. Box 1027  
Savannah, Georgia 31402

5.3 The vendor is responsible for determining and acknowledging any addenda issued in connection with this bid solicitation. All addenda issued for this event must be acknowledged in order for a bid to be considered.

5.4 To be awarded bids, vendors must be registered as suppliers on the City of Savannah's website at [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov).

5.5 This contract will be awarded to the vendor offering the lowest net price to the City, and meeting or exceeding all specifications herein. The City reserves the right to some, all, or none of the line items listed herein based on whether it is deemed beneficial to the City.

**EXCEPTION SHEET**

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If the commodity(ies) and/or services proposed in the response to this bid is in anyway different from that contained in this proposal or bid, the bidder is responsible to clearly identify by specification section number, all such differences in the space provided below. Otherwise, it will be assumed that bidder's offer is in total compliance with all aspects of the proposal or bid.

Below are the exceptions to the stated specifications:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**BID PROPOSAL FORM**

**(SUBMIT AS THE COVER SHEET)**

City of Savannah Purchasing Department  
3rd Floor, City Hall  
P. O. Box 1027  
Savannah, Georgia 31402  
ATTN: Purchasing Director

EVENT NUMBER: 5542

Business Location: (Check One)

Chatham County  
 City of Savannah  
 Other

**ALL BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED VENDORS ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE TO BE AWARDED AN EVENT. PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.SAVANNAHGA.GOV.**

**MANUALLY SUBMITTED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS BID PROPOSAL FORM IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.**

Name of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA?  
(CHECK ONE) YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**FROM WHAT CITY/COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
TAX CERTIFICATE #: \_\_\_\_\_ FED TAX ID #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**INDICATE LEGAL FORM OF OWNERSHIP OF BIDDER (STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY):  
CHECK ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CORPORATION \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNERSHIP  
\_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER (SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_)**

**INDICATE OWNERSHIP STATUS OF BIDDER  
(CHECK ONE):  
\_\_\_\_\_ NON-MINORITY OWNED \_\_\_\_\_ ASIAN AMERICAN  
\_\_\_\_\_ AFRICAN AMERICAN \_\_\_\_\_ AMERICAN INDIAN  
\_\_\_\_\_ HISPANIC \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER MINORITY (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ WOMAN (non-minority)**

**Do you plan to subcontract any portion of this project? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, please complete the attached schedule of M/WBE participation. Also complete the schedule if you will be using any M/WBE suppliers.**

**ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

My signature below confirms my receipt of all addenda issued for this proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*This acknowledgement is separate from my signature on the fee proposal form. My signature on the fee proposal form will not be deemed as an acknowledgement of addenda.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED PROPOSES TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN STRICT CONFORMANCE TO THE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND BID INVITATION ISSUED BY THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR THIS BID. ANY EXCEPTIONS ARE CLEARLY MARKED IN THE ATTACHED COPY OF BID SPECIFICATIONS.**

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Palmetto St. Augustine	30,000 Square Feet		
2	Empire Zoysia	30,000 Square Feet		
3	Zeon Zoysia	5,000 Square Feet		
4	TifBlair Centipede	5,000 Square Feet		
5	TifTuf Bermuda	5,000 Square Feet		

TOTAL BID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT TERMS: PLEASE CHECK ONE AND FILL IN BLANKS**

(Minimum of 10 working days must be allowed for discount to be considered in bid award)

\_\_\_ Less \_\_\_ % \_\_\_ Days Prompt Payment Discount (if offered) (\_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ Net - 30 Days (no discount offered) - 0 -

TOTAL NET BID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TIME REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS

DO YOU HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE? \_\_\_\_\_

I certify this bid complies with the General and Specific Specifications and Conditions issued by the City except as clearly marked in the attached copy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The bidder certifies that:

- (1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, or gender in connection with any bid submitted to the City of Savannah or the performance of any contract resulting therefrom;
- (2) That it is and shall be the policy of this company to provide equal opportunity to all business persons seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this company, including those companies owned and controlled by racial minorities, cultural minorities, and women;
- (3) In connection herewith, we acknowledge and warrant that this company has been made aware of, understands and agrees to take affirmative action to provide such companies with the maximum practicable opportunities to do business with this company;
- (4) That this promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption;
- (5) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be and are hereby deemed to be made as part of and incorporated by reference into any contract or portion thereof which this company may hereafter obtain and;
- (6) That the failure of this company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the City of Savannah to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION**

All M/WBEs listed **must be certified as a minority-owned or women-owned business** by the City of Savannah or a federally-recognized or state-level certifying agency (such as USDOT, State DOT, SBA 8(a) or GMSDC) that utilizes certification standards comparable to the City of Savannah **prior** to the due date of this bid. **Other business certifications that do not specify majority woman or minority ownership may not be substituted.** **Proof of M/WBE certification from the certifying agency is required to accompany the bid.** A firm that has submitted an application for M/WBE certification but has not been certified is not qualified as a certified M/WBE and will not be recognized as such during the City’s evaluation process. To expedite verification, please provide accurate phone numbers for all M/WBEs listed and ensure firms understand contact will be made following bid submittal.

Name of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Event No. \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Unless certified through the City of Savannah M/WBE Program, proof of M/WBE certification must be attached for all firms listed.**

Name of M/WBE Participant	Name of Majority Owner	Telephone	Address (City, State)	Type of Work Sub-Contracted	Estimated Sub-contract Value	MBE or WBE	Certified ? (Y or N)	Certifying Agency? (City of Sav. or Other)
					%			
					%			
					%			
					%			
					%			
					%			

MBE Participation Value: \_\_\_\_\_ % WBE Participation Value: \_\_\_\_\_ % M/WBE Participation Value: \_\_\_\_\_ %

**The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with the M/WBE Subcontractors/Proposers identified herein for work listed in this schedule, conditioned upon executing a contract with the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah.** The Prime’s subcontractor that subcontracts work must enter into a formal agreement with the tier subcontractor identified herein for work listed in this schedule. The Prime may count toward the goal any tier of M/WBE subcontractors and/or suppliers that will be utilized in the contract work. However, when an M/WBE subcontracts part of the work, the value of the subcontracted work may **only** be counted toward the goal **if the tier subcontractor is an M/WBE.** Any work an M/WBE firm subcontracts to a non-M/WBE firm **will not count toward the M/WBE goal.** It is the responsibility of the Prime contractor to advise all M/WBEs of this requirement and to ensure compliance by subcontractors.

**Joint Venture Disclosure**

If the prime bidder is a joint venture, please describe the nature of the joint venture, the level of work and the financial participation to be provided by the Minority/Female joint venture firm in the space provided below.

Joint Venture Firms	Level of Work	Financial Participation

Printed name (company officer or representative): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Minority/Women Owned Business Office is available to assist with identifying certified M/WBEs. Please contact the M/WBE Office at (912) 652-3582. The City of Savannah’s certified M/WBE registry is posted on its website @ [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov).*



## Developing a Strong M/WBE Participation Plan

### *Key facts every bidder/proposer needs to know prior to developing their M/WBE Participation Plan:*

1. All bidders/proposers must submit a "Proposed Schedule of M/WBE Participation" which identifies the minority and/or woman-owned companies that have agreed to participate in the project if awarded. All companies listed on the form must be certified as either minority-owned and controlled or woman-owned and controlled. The City does not accept a company's "self-identification" as minority or woman-owned.
2. **Proof** of M/WBE certification from the certifying agency is required to accompany the bid; and certification must have been completed by the City of Savannah, a federally-recognized or a state-level certifying agency (USDOT, State DOT, SBA 8(a) or GMSDC) utilizing certification standards comparable to the City of Savannah.
3. The certification must have been approved prior to the due date of this bid. A firm that has submitted an application for certification but has not been certified will not be counted toward the M/WBE goal.
4. The M/WBE Office **will be contacting all M/WBE firms** included in the bidder's M/WBE Plan to confirm each: a) was contacted by the bidder/proposer; b) performs the type of work listed; and c) agreed to participate.
5. To expedite the verification process, bidders/proposers need to: provide accurate phone numbers for all M/WBEs listed; ensure M/WBEs know to expect to be contacted by phone and email; request M/WBEs be accessible during the critical period before bid-opening; and advise M/WBEs that City staff **must** receive the M/WBE's confirmation that the firm agreed to participate in the bid/proposal in order for the prime contractor to receive credit toward their proposed M/WBE participation goals.
6. If a proposed M/WBE cannot be confirmed as certified, performing the type of work described or agreeing to participate, the bidder/proposer will be notified and given a pre-determined period to submit a correction. If an M/WBE still cannot be confirmed or replaced, the proposed percentage of participation associated with the unverified M/WBE firm will **not be counted** and **will be deducted** from the overall proposed M/WBE goal.
7. Any tier of M/WBE subcontractors or suppliers that will be utilized in the contract work may count toward the MBE and WBE goal **as long as the tier subcontractors/suppliers are certified M/WBEs**. Work that an M/WBE subcontracts to a non-M/WBE firm does **not** count toward the M/WBE goal.
8. M/WBEs must perform a "**commercially useful function**" which is the provision of real and actual work or products, or performing a distinct element of work for which the business has the skills, qualifications and expertise, and the responsibility for the actual management and supervision of the work contracted.
9. Per the *Proposed Schedule of M/WBE Participation* "the undersigned (bidder/proposer) will enter into a formal agreement with the M/WBE Subcontractors/Proposers identified herein for work listed in this schedule, conditioned upon executing a contract with the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah." **This signed commitment is taken seriously by the City**, so do not list M/WBEs you do not plan to utilize. Any proposed changes must be pre-approved by the M/WBE Office, be based on legitimate business-related reasons, and still meet the M/WBE participation goals per the City's contract.
10. A bidder who is a certified M/WBE may count toward the goal the portion of work or services on a City contract that is actually performed by the M/WBE, including: the cost of supplies/materials purchased or equipment leased for contract work, fees for bona fide services such as professional or technical services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a City contract.
11. If awarded the contract, the MWBE Office **will be reviewing your company's subcontracts, invoices and payment records** to substantiate the completion of work and payment of M/WBEs. If the prime contractor is an M/WBE that is being included in its M/WBE goal, the prime contractor must maintain records **that will be inspected** to prove the portion of work performed, cost of work, and payments to the prime company.
12. Most bids for goods and materials do not have specific MWBE goals established for the contract. If no goals are include in the scope of work or General Specifications, you are not required to submit MWBE participation but ~~encouraged~~ do so when the opportunity is available. The City maintains this information for statistical purposes only and it is not reflected in the award decision.

**CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**  
Employment Eligibility Verification

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the City of Savannah has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program\* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with the City of Savannah, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the City of Savannah at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
EEV / Basic Pilot Program\* User Identification Number

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

\*As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV / Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

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## **Instructions for Completing Contractor Affidavit and Agreement Form**

As required under Senate Bill 529 – “Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act” of 2006, O.C.G.A. Section 2, Article 3 13-10-91, public employers, their contractors and subcontractors are required to verify the work eligibility of all newly hired employees through an electronic federal work authorization program. The Georgia Department of Labor has added a new Chapter 300-10-1, entitled "Public Employers, Their Contractors and Subcontractors Required to Verify New Employee Work Eligibility Through a Federal Work Authorization Program," to the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia. (See website: [http://www.dol.state.ga.us/pdf/rules/300\\_10\\_1.pdf](http://www.dol.state.ga.us/pdf/rules/300_10_1.pdf).) The new rules designate the “Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) Basic Pilot Program” operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the electronic federal work authorization program to be utilized for these purposes. The EEV/Basic Pilot Program can be accessed at: <https://everify.uscis.gov/enroll/StartPage.aspx?JS=YES>. Bidders shall comply with this new rule and submit with your bid the attached “Contractor Affidavit and Agreement.”

## ***Affidavit Verifying Status for City of Savannah Benefit Application***

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a City of Savannah, Georgia Business License or Occupation Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, Taxi Permit, Contract or other public benefit as reference in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1, I am stating the following with respect to my bid for a City of Savannah contract for \_\_\_\_\_. [Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity]

1.) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a citizen of the United States.

**OR**

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older.

**OR**

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ I am an otherwise qualified alien (8 § USC 1641) or nonimmigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1101 *et seq.*) 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.\*

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Alien Registration number for non-citizens.

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

***Instruction for Completing Systematic Alien Verification  
for Entitlement (SAVE) Form***

O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, requires Georgia's cities to comply with the federal **Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program**. SAVE is a federal program used to verify that applicants for certain "public benefits" are legally present in the United States. Contracts with the City are considered "public benefits." Therefore, the successful bidder will be required to provide the Affidavit Verifying Status for City of Savannah Benefit Application prior to receiving any City contract. The affidavit is included as part of this bid package but is only required of the successful bidder.