

VICTORY DRIVE MEDIAN MAINTENANCE

EVENT NO. 6284

SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 4.0 The purpose of these specifications is to describe requirements for an annual contract for grounds maintenance services within the median of Victory Drive.

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, 1375 Chatham Parkway, 2nd floor, Savannah, Georgia 31405. 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 Project location: The area of maintenance shall be the median of Victory Drive starting at Ogeechee Road and running east to Downing Avenue.

- 4.2 General requirements: Maintenance shall be provided at a resort quality level; neat and well-groomed with no tolerance for litter, weeds, and/or wild growth in shrubbery, landscaped beds, or mulched areas. All grounds maintenance services shall be provided in accordance with the City of Savannah grounds maintenance Specifications noted below.

- 4.2.1 Qualifications: Bidders must submit proof of performance of professional grounds maintenance services as their primary livelihood for preferably the past three (3) years, and, unless otherwise specified, must have performed satisfactorily on at least three (3) commercial or government projects of similar size and scope, and at least one (1) project for more than twelve (12) months. Bidders must provide three (3) references indicating past performance on Attachment 1. Attachment 1 must be submitted with a bid to be further considered.

Any provider of pesticide, herbicide, or growth regulator applications must possess a current Georgia Commercial Pesticide Applicators License with the appropriate endorsement(s) and provide a copy of any applicable licenses with a bid to be further considered. The authorizing department reserves the right of determining the adequacy of the vendor's qualifications.

- 4.2.2 Quality control and supervision: The successful bidder must provide adequate training, supervision, and quality control over the services provided. The successful bidder, or its designated agent, must ensure that all services have been provided according to these specifications and must notify the authorizing department upon completion of any maintenance cycles or special services. Invoices shall not be submitted for payment until all services have been provided according to these specifications. Performance will be considered unsatisfactory when, upon inspection, it can be demonstrated that certain areas or aspects of the project have not been maintained in accordance with these specifications.

- 4.2.3 Conflict of interest: The vendor, vendor's employees, and/or vendor's representatives, must not do anything which may be in conflict with the interests of the City of Savannah. They must not perform any activities on public property other than the services described herein, unless authorized by the

City of Savannah. They must not accept any form of compensation from any person, except the authorized payment from the City of Savannah for the services provided, for any services provided for the project(s) described herein, unless authorized by the City of Savannah.

- 4.2.4 Reporting and responding: The vendor shall provide reasonable protection of all surrounding structures, infrastructure, hardscape, and landscape features, and all other private and public property during grounds maintenance operations.
- a) The vendor or its designated agent must report any damage, complaints received, vandalism, or suspicious activities immediately to the authorizing department.
 - b) The vendor or its designated agent is expected to respond to all notices and complaints from the authorizing department.
 - c) The vendor shall repair or replace, at its own expense, any and all damage caused by grounds maintenance employees and any equipment or operations including, but not limited to: drainage structures, broken irrigation fixtures, trees, shrubs, fences, public and private utilities and other public and private property.
 - d) Excessive tire rutting that causes drainage problems, brings complaints from citizens or that constitutes a hazard to the public shall be immediately repaired by the contractor at its own expense.
 - e) The vendor or its designated agent must notify the authorizing department immediately if it experiences any difficulty in performing grounds maintenance as specified for any reason.
- 4.2.5 Grounds maintenance employees: The vendor shall employ a workforce adequate to provide all services to the project in accordance with these specifications. Any employee(s) of the vendor must be properly trained and qualified to perform any tasks assigned on the project(s) specified. The vendor and any and all employees thereof must be neat and professional in appearance and must wear uniforms with the company logo clear and visible while performing work on the specified project(s). Uniforms shall include shirts, long pants, and safety shoes, and shall be subject to the approval of the authorizing department. No clothing with offensive print or designs will be allowed. The vendor must be able to meet payroll obligations of all employees. The authorizing department reserves the right of determining the adequacy of the vendor's employees.
- 4.2.6 Personnel, operational, and public safety: The vendor shall provide adequate safety training and personal protective equipment to all personnel assigned to the project(s) specified. All safety devices on vehicles and equipment must be functional and properly used during any operations. The vendor shall provide for pedestrian and vehicular safety in the work zone, and shall provide warning devices, personnel, and/or signs as needed in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations, including the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. All work shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. The contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Any work performed on state or federal rights-of-way must comply with Georgia Department of Transportation regulations.
- 4.2.7 Service vehicles: Any vehicles used on the project, or for transporting personnel, equipment, fuel and/or supplies to and from the project, must be clearly marked with the company name. Vehicles must be in safe, working order and in full compliance with all Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) regulations. The authorizing department reserves the right of determining the adequacy of the vendor's vehicles.
- 4.2.8 Equipment: Unless otherwise specified, the vendor must own any equipment to be used on the specified project(s) or provide documentation of a lease-purchase agreement on equipment, in effect at the notification of contract award. In case of equipment failures, the vendor must also demonstrate the ability to obtain back-up equipment, either through ownership or rental of such equipment. All

equipment must be maintained in safe and working order to provide high-quality maintenance. Blades on mowing equipment shall be kept sharp, and guards should be in place to minimize objects being thrown from beneath mowers. No equipment is to be left unattended on City property without the permission of the authorizing department. Any equipment left onsite must be parked in designated areas and is left at the risk of the vendor. Bidders shall provide an equipment list on Attachment 2. Attachment 2 must be submitted with a bid to be further considered.

Major repairs to vehicles and equipment shall not be completed on City of Savannah property. The changing of engine oil, hydraulic oil, greases, or other fluids of any vehicle or piece of equipment shall not be allowed on City of Savannah property. The fueling of vehicles and equipment shall not occur within 20 feet of any canal or ditch within the City of Savannah. Any and all fuel or other hydrocarbon spills shall be immediately reported to the authorizing department and pursuant to state law the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, as applicable. The vendor is responsible, at its own expense, for any and all spill remediation required by law. The authorizing department reserves the right of determining the adequacy of the Contractor's equipment.

- 4.2.9 Invoicing: The vendor, or its designated agent, must ensure that all services have been provided according to these specifications and must notify the authorizing department upon completion of any maintenance cycles or special services. Invoices shall not be submitted for payment until all services have been provided according to these specifications. Invoices should include the project name, services provided, date(s) of services and the signature of an authorized representative of the vendor. Invoices failing to meet these requirements or missing information will not be entertained for payment. No invoices will be paid until the work has been inspected by the authorizing department and found to have been completed in accordance with these specifications.

Invoices should include the project name, services provided, date(s) of services, r. Invoices shall include the ditch segment identification numbers, footage and the date(s) of mowing services for each ditch, grouped by neighborhood, and the total invoice mileage or fractions thereof, and the total dollar amount of the invoice.

- 4.2.10 Duration and frequency of services: Unless otherwise specified, the duration of the service will be for twelve (12) consecutive months. Some services may be required only during designated seasons, while many services will be required year-round. Specified work must be completed satisfactorily within the designated maintenance cycle at the designated frequency.
- 4.2.11 Litter and trash removal: All litter and trash, material not naturally occurring in the environment, shall be removed from the rights-of-way prior to performing maintenance services. The vendor must ensure that its employees are collecting and legally disposing of all trash and debris from the project and be able to provide documentation of the legal disposal of debris upon request. Litter and trash must be removed from the median whether or not turf is present, from all mulched areas, from the curb and/or gutter around the median, and from any culverts, catch basins, or storm drainage systems. Litter and trash must be removed from any turf areas prior to mowing operations. Litter shredded and distributed by mowing operations shall be immediately removed by the vendor at no further cost to the City of Savannah.
- 4.2.12 Leaf and debris removal: Unless otherwise specified, appropriate mulch should be left around shrubs, small trees, or flower beds in accordance with the mulching specifications herein. All fallen leaves, twigs, fruit, and other vegetative debris shall be removed from turf areas and from any ditches, culverts, or storm drainage systems within the project. Any fallen limbs, moss, and vegetative debris generated by typical thunderstorms shall be removed. Any additional debris generated by grounds maintenance operations must also be removed and legally disposed. Leaves, twigs, fruit, and other vegetative debris can be mulched into turf areas provided no debris remains visible. Any noticeable accumulation of leaves, twigs, fruit, or vegetative debris must be collected and removed from the project. Fallen leaves, twigs, fruit, and other vegetative debris may be blown into piles for collection; however, no such debris may be blown into wooded areas ditches, culverts, roadways, or the storm drainage system and no piles shall be left on any project(s) overnight.

- 4.2.13 Weed and wild growth removal: Unless otherwise specified, all shrub beds, flower beds, groundcover areas, mulched areas, curbs, paved areas (roadways and walkways, including expansion joints), areas around obstacles, and any other non-mowing areas shall be kept free of wild growth and weeds for the duration of the service period. Weeds and wild growth in gutters, ditches, culverts, or storm drainage systems must also be removed to allow for drainage. Unless otherwise specified, weeds and wild growth may be treated with appropriate growth regulators in accordance with these specifications to prevent re-sprouting. All chemicals must be approved by the authorizing department prior to its applications.
- 4.2.14 Turf maintenance: All turf areas shall be mowed and trimmed at the designated frequency (cycle) to provide a neat and well-groomed appearance. Grass cuttings shall be mulched back into turf provided the cut grass is unnoticeable. Any noticeable accumulation of grass or vegetative debris must be collected and removed from the project. The vendor shall trim and/or edge around all structures or obstacles including trees, shrubs, structures, equipment, monuments, markers, coping, curbing, poles, signs, water spigots, sidewalks, etc. Unless otherwise specified, the height of grass shall be cut at no less than two inches (2") and no more than four inches (4"). All grass cuttings, leaves, and debris must be swept or blown from structures and paved surfaces.
- 4.2.15 Growth regulator applications: Unless otherwise specified, the vendor, or its designated agent, may apply growth regulators to reduce maintenance, provided the applicator possess a current Georgia Commercial Pesticide Applicators License and all applications conform to applicable federal and state regulations. Non-selective herbicides may be applied as needed to reduce need for trimming and edging around signs, guy wires, utility poles, hydrants, obstacles, and structures. The spray pattern shall not exceed four inches (4") from the obstacle or structure. All turf lines around mulched beds, curbs, and sidewalks must be edged mechanically. Chemical edging is not allowed. All chemicals must be approved by the authorizing department prior to its applications. The vendor must maintain accurate records of all chemical applications and submit to the authorizing department upon request.
- 4.2.16 Shrubbery maintenance: Shrubbery shall be pruned, as required, to preserve the natural form and to control size if necessary. Shrubbery shall also be pruned to remove suckers, broken branches, dead wood, limbs interfering with pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and to prevent sight line restrictions. Pruning is to be performed with loppers and hand pruners. Hedging or shearing of shrubbery is unacceptable and not permitted unless specifically approved by the authorizing department. Plant material must be inspected to detect pests, disease, or cultural problems. Any such problems must be reported to the authorizing department.
- 4.2.17 Mulching: All mulched areas shall be refreshed twice per year with pine bark mini nuggets to maintain a minimum depth of two inches (2"). Mulching material must be approved by the authorizing department prior to its installation and must not be in contact with the trunk of trees. Mulch must also be kept from washing into ditches, culverts, or storm drainage systems. Additional mulching may be necessary and shall be provided at the same rate at the discretion of the authorizing department.
- 4.2.18 Fertilization: Fertilizer, if required, should be applied in accordance with label requirements. Label must be submitted to, and approved by authorizing department prior to application.
- a) Fertilization of turf: Unless otherwise specified, a complete 16-4-8 fertilizer, including micronutrients and having at least 50% of the nitrogen in slow release form, should be applied to turf once per year between March 1 and March 31.
 - b) Fertilization of landscaped areas: Unless otherwise specified, a complete fertilizer, including micronutrients and having at least 50% of the nitrogen in slow release form, should be applied to turf once per year between March 1 and March 31.
- 4.2.19 Irrigation systems: The vendor, or its designated agent, shall visually inspect the irrigation systems, where present, and report any leaks, broken or missing fixtures, or other problems such as too much

or too little moisture. Broken sprinklers or leaks must be reported immediately to the authorizing department. Damage caused by caused by employees, equipment, or operations of the vendor shall be repaired or replaced at its own expense.

- 4.2.20 Paved areas: Unless otherwise specified, the vendor, or its designated agent, shall apply non-selective herbicides as needed to any vegetation growing on roadways, driveways, walkways, shoulders, parking areas, or any other paved surfaces, including curbs, gutters, and expansion joints. All chemicals must be approved by the authorizing department prior to its applications. The vendor must maintain accurate records of all chemical applications and submit to the authorizing department upon request. All paved surfaces within the specified project(s), including any curbs and/or gutters surrounding the project, shall be cleaned off by sweeping or blowing.
- 4.2.21 Removal of unauthorized signs: Any sign other than those installed by the City, state, or federal government are not permitted on public property and shall be removed and turned in to the authorizing department. This includes advertising signs, political signs, yard sale notices, etc.
- 4.2.22 Site restoration: All work areas shall be cleaned up at the end of each work day. No debris, clippings, or trash bags shall be left on site overnight.
- 4.2.23 Maintenance of landscaped areas: All landscaped areas shall be maintained in a neat and well-groomed manner, free of trash, weeds, and debris. Any wood chips or bark nuggets which have washed out of mulched areas must be raked back into mulched areas. All paved surfaces shall be cleaned by sweeping or blowing. Open ground between plants in mulched areas shall be kept free of weeds at all times, by mechanical (hand weeding) and/or chemical control. Weeds and vines growing in shrubbery shall be removed manually. Any plant material damaged by the use of herbicides shall be replaced by the vendor at its own cost.
- 4.2.24 Maintenance schedules: Unless otherwise specified, or upon prior approval of the authorizing department as may be necessary at times, work should be completed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding City Holidays. No work may be performed which will impede or restrict traffic flow during the hours of 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The vendor must furnish a written maintenance schedule to the authorizing department one (1) week prior to performing any mowing work.
- 4.2.25 Mowing service requests: Citizens will, from time to time, call the City with mowing service requests. These additional calls for service may be forwarded to the contractor for action at the City's discretion. This additional mowing work, if assigned, will be paid for outside of the per cycle rate. Therefore, it is required that an additional per mile mowing rate be quoted to cover the cost of this additional work, if assigned.

4.3 Insurance Requirements

4.3.1 Comprehensive General Liability

Contractor shall carry comprehensive general liability on an occurrence form with no "x, c or u" exclusions with the following minimum limits:

- Each occurrence - \$1,000,000
- Damage to Rented Premises - \$50,000
- Medical Expense - \$5,000
- Personal & Adv Injury - \$1,000,000
- General Aggregate - \$2,000,000
- Products – Completed Ops. Aggregate - \$2,000,000

General aggregate shall apply on a per project basis.

Contractor will provide a Certificate of Insurance reflecting required coverage.

A waiver of subrogation endorsement to the policy in favor of the City shall also be provided and attached to the certificate.

A (30) day notice of cancellation in favor of the City must be endorsed to policy and attached to the certificate.

4.3.2 Commercial Automobile Liability

The automobile policy must include coverage for owned, non-owned and hired automobiles.

- Minimum limits are \$1,000,000
- Contractor will provide a Certificate of Insurance reflecting required coverage.
- A waiver of subrogation endorsement to the policy in favor of the City shall also be provided and attached to the certificate.
- A (30) day notice of cancellation in favor of the City must be endorsed to policy and attached to the certificate.

4.3.3 Workers Compensation

Contractor shall carry a workers compensation policy including all statutory coverage required by Georgia state law.

Minimum employer's liability limits:

- \$500, 000 each accident
- \$500, 000 each employee (disease)
- \$500, 000 policy limit (disease)

Contractor will provide a Certificate of Insurance reflecting required coverage.

A waiver of subrogation endorsement to the policy in favor of the City shall also be provided and attached to the certificate.

A (30) day notice of cancellation in favor of the City must be endorsed to policy and attached to the certificate.

4.3.4 Umbrella/Excess Liability

Contractor shall carry an umbrella/excess liability policy which must follow form over underlying policies: general liability, auto liability and employer's liability.

Minimum limits: \$1,000,000 per occurrence
\$1,000,000 aggregate

Contractor will provide a Certificate of Insurance reflecting required coverage.

Waiver of subrogation endorsement to the policy in favor of the City shall also be provided and attached to the certificate.

A (30) day notice of cancellation in favor of the City must be endorsed to policy and attached to the certificate.

4.3.5 General

All insurance shall be placed with Georgia admitted carriers with a current Best's rating of A(minus), X, or better.

Any modifications to specifications must be approved by the City.

4.4 This is an annual contract. Prices shall remain firm. This agreement may be renewed for up to three (3) 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, 2019. 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 DBE 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.

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.

EXCEPTION SHEET

Event #6284

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
1375 Chatham Parkway
2nd floor
Savannah, Georgia 31405
ATTN: Purchasing Director

EVENT NUMBER: 6284

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 DBE participation. Also complete the schedule if you will be using any DBE suppliers.

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Signature

*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	Grounds Maintenance Victory Drive Medians	52 Cycles		
2	Shrubbery Maintenance Victory Drive Medians	2 Each		
3	Mulching Services Victory Drive Medians	2 Each		

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 \$ _____

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DO YOU HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE? _____

HAVE YOU INCLUDED ATTACHMENT 1? _____

HAVE YOU INCLUDED ATTACHMENT 2? _____

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

**SECTION 01310
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS**

The City of Savannah actively encourages employment and participation of small and disadvantaged businesses in all City contracts. Attention of the bidders is called to contract conditions contained herein pertaining to non-discrimination, equal employment opportunity, subcontracts, and opportunities for project area residents.

It is the policy of the City of Savannah that disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) be given fair opportunity to participate in the performance of services for the City, and that prime contractors utilize DBE subcontractors and suppliers to the fullest extent possible consistent with the efficient performance of the contract. The City of Savannah has not established a DBE goal for this project. However, DBE participation is encouraged wherever possible.

In order to determine compliance, bidders shall **submit the following completed documents in a separate sealed envelope** clearly marked with the bid number, project name and number and **marked (Section 1310 Disadvantaged Business Employment Provisions)** with their bid:

1. Non-discrimination statement (Sec. 01310-3) and;
2. Proposed schedule of disadvantaged business enterprise participation (Sec. 01310-4)
and;
3. Documentation of Good Faith Efforts [**Submit only if the goals are not met.**]

Failure to submit the required documents shall result in the bid not being read or considered.

Suggestions to help meet the goal:

- ✓ Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation of DBEs.
- ✓ Advertising in general circulation media, trade association publications, or disadvantaged business enterprise media to solicit bids from DBE subcontractors or suppliers. **[Advertisement should appear at least 10 days prior to bid due date, unless the City's solicitation period is shortened.]**
- ✓ Designating portions of the work for DBE subcontracting in trades with established availability of DBE subcontractors.
- ✓ Providing a minimum of 10 days notice prior to the Bid due date to DBEs when requesting bids or proposals for furnishing material or services as a subcontractor or supplier.

Any attempt to submit false information, will result in a recommendation that the bidder be debarred from participating in future City contracts.

The contractor is required to fulfill any DBE utilization commitments made unless good cause is demonstrated for any failure to fulfill such commitment. **Written approval is required prior to**

any substitution.

The contractor will maintain records and information necessary to document compliance with Good Faith Effort requirements, and the City shall have the right to inspect such records.

Any DBE listed in the completed form entitled "Proposed Schedule of DBE Participation" (Section 01310-4) must be certified by an approved agency such as USDOT, GDOT, or SBA 8(a) prior to the due date of this bid. Proof of DBE certification such as a certificate or letter from the certifying agency is required to accompany the bid. A firm that has submitted an application for DBE certification or an application for DBE certification under review but has not been certified is not qualified as a certified DBE and will not be recognized as such during the City's evaluation process.

No bidder shall enter into an agreement with any DBE that would in any way limit the DBE's opportunities to sell to, or act as subcontractor for, any other party. Violation of this requirement would be grounds to deem the bidder non-responsive to this bid solicitation.

The following resources are available to aid bidders in complying with this section:

The State of Georgia Department of Transportation maintains a website listing of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises located at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Business/DBE

Chatham County Purchasing Department maintains a listing of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to include Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers. Contact (912) 652-7860.

GA Tech Procurement Assistance Center maintains a listing of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to include Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers. Contact (912) 963-2524.

Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport Commission maintains a listing of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to include Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers. Contact (912) 964-0514 or visit the website at www.savannahairport.com

Small Business Assistance Corporation maintains a listing of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to include Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers. Contact (912) 232-4700 or visit the website at www.sbacsav.com.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The prime contractor / 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, women, and individuals belonging to other socially and economically disadvantaged groups;
- (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 DBE PARTICIPATION

Any DBE listed in this completed form must be certified by an approved agency such as USDOT, GDOT, or SBA 8(a) prior to the due date of this bid. Proof of DBE certification such as a certificate or letter from the certifying agency is required to accompany the bid. A firm that has submitted an application for DBE certification or an application for DBE certification under review but has not been certified is not qualified as a certified DBE and will not be recognized as such during the City's evaluation process.

Name of Bidder/Proposer: _____ Bid No. _____

Project Title: _____

NOTE: Proof of DBE certification must be attached to this completed form for all firms listed in the table below.

Name of DBE Participant	Telephone	Email	Address (City, State)	DBE? (Y/N)	Type of Work Sub-Contracted	Sub- contract Value (%)	Sub- contract Value (\$)
						%	
						%	
						%	
						%	
						%	
						%	
Total Base Bid							\$
Total Proposed DBE Subcontracts							\$
Bidder's Proposed DBE Participation							%

The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with the DBE Subcontractors/Proposers identified herein for work listed in this schedule conditioned upon executing of a contract with the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah. The Prime's subcontractors' subcontractors must enter into a formal agreement with the tier subcontractor identified herein for work listed in this schedule. It is the responsibility of the Prime contractor to ensure compliance by all subcontractors.

Joint Venture Disclosure

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

Joint Venture Firms	Level of Work	Financial Participation

Printed name (company officer or representative): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

GOOD FAITH EFFORT

Prime Company Name

Bid Date

Project Name

Event Number

If you have failed to secure DBE participation or if your DBE participation is less than the City's project goal, you MUST complete this form.

If the bidder's method of compliance with the DBE goal is based upon demonstration of a good faith effort, the bidder will have the burden of correctly and accurately preparing and submitting the documentation required by the City. Compliance with each item, 1 through 4 below, shall satisfy the Good Faith Effort requirement absent proof of fraud, intentional and/or knowing misrepresentation of the facts or intentional discrimination by the bidder.

This form must be submitted in its entirety with supporting documentation in a separate sealed envelope with your bid prior to the time of bid opening. Failure to comply will result in the bid being considered non-responsive and the bid will not be read or considered.

- 1.) Please list each and every subcontracting and/or supplier opportunity (DO NOT LIST NAMES OF FIRMS) which will be used in completion of this project, regardless of whether it is to be provided by a DBE or non DBE.

(Use additional sheets, if necessary)

List of:
Subcontracting Opportunities

List of:
Supplier Opportunities

2.) Did you obtain a current list of DBE firms?

_____ Yes

Date of Listing ____/____/____

_____ No

Source _____

3.) Please indicate subcontract or supplier list categories for which potential DBE bidder lists were provided?
Provide detail of how these DBEs were solicited.

4.) **Please attach the following:**

(1) Completed Good Faith Effort Log see: 1310-7 Log

(2) Evidence of solicitation to prospective DBE firms, such as advertisements, copies of solicitation letters, faxes, emails and other to substantiate efforts.

DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MUST INCLUDE ALL ITEMS OUTLINED IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 01437
DBE PARTICIPATION REPORT

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- The DBE Participation Report (Form 01437) must be submitted to the City of Savannah **Contract Analyst and the Office of Business Opportunity** with each pay request. Failure to submit this form can result in no credit toward contracted DBE requirements and a possible delay in monthly progress payments.
- The Prime Contractor/Consultant **may not change DBE firms without prior written approval of the City.** Contractors/Consultants may use the Add/Change of DBE Subcontractor Form (Section 01438) to request changes to the Proposed Schedule of DBE Participation (Section 01310). Any unauthorized substitution of DBE subcontractors can result in withholding of payments for up to 30 days until compliance is reestablished.
- **Documentation providing proof of payments to DBEs for work on this project shall be kept on file and available for inspection by City staff.**

PROJECT NAME & NUMBER: _____ DATE _____ REPORT NO. _____

PRIME CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT _____ CONTRACT AMOUNT (\$) _____

This is the final project report. End Date: _____

DBE INFORMATION					DBE PAYMENTS			
APPROVED DBEs	DESCRIPTION OF WORK or SUPPLIES	DBE CONTACT PERSON	DBE CONTACT PHONE #	DBE CONTACT EMAIL	ORIGINAL SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT	PAYMENT DATE(S)	TOTAL PAID THIS PERIOD	TOTAL PAID TO-DATE

Total DBE Paid To Date: \$ _____ %

CONTRACTOR: I hereby certify this information is true and correct; and supporting documentation is on file and available for inspection by the City at any time.

SIGNED _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

CITY OF SAVANNAH

This report has been reviewed for DBE contract compliance.

SBO Compliance Coordinator _____ DATE _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT

To receive credit toward contracted DBE goals, the Prime Contractor/Consultant must complete and submit this form with each Request for Periodic Payment, beginning with the first payment request. An additional copy of this section must be submitted **to the SBO Compliance Coordinator**. The Office of Business Opportunity may be contacted by phone at (912) 652-3582 or by fax at (912) 651-3175. **Failure to submit this form may result in no credit toward the contract DBE requirements and a delay in monthly progress payment.**

1. Project Name: The official name of the project as stated on the contract
2. Date: Date Report is being submitted
3. Report Number: Reports must be consecutively numbered.
4. Contract Amount: Total amount of the contract to be paid to the Prime Contractor/Consultant by the City of Savannah for completion of the project.
5. DBE Goals: Enter the contracted DBE Goals per the signed agreement.
6. Final Project Report: Place an "X" or checkmark in this box when the project has been completed and the report submitted is the final payment report. Enter the date of project completion.
7. DBE Information: ONLY DBEs that have been verified and approved by the City of Savannah DBE Office, from the Prime Contractor's/Consultant's "Proposed Schedule of DBE Participation" may be included on the payment report. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR CHANGES IN GOALS MAY BE MADE** without prior written approval by the City.
8. DBE Payments: Enter the actual amount of the subcontract agreement for each approved DBE, the date of any payments occurring within the report period, the amount of the payments to each DBE during this period and the total each DBE has been paid-to-date.
9. Earnings-to-date: Enter the total amount paid to date to all DBE subcontractors.
10. Contractor Certification: The contractor or his authorized representative must sign this form prior to submittal. Signature indicates that all information is true and correct and documented proof of all information is on file and available for City of Savannah review at any time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The prime contractor/consultant may not change DBE firms without prior written approval of the City of Savannah Office of Business Opportunity. Approval cannot be obtained from the City's Project Manager, Contract Analyst or other City of Savannah employees. Contractors/Consultants must use the Add/Change of DBE Subcontractor Form (Section 01438) to request changes to the Proposed Schedule of DBE Participation (Section 01310). **Any proposed changes must meet established DBE goals and conform to contract regulations and DBE Program Requirements.**

If the prime contractor/consultant in its bid/proposal included any second or lower tier subcontractor/sub-consultant/supplier towards meeting the goal, it is the sole responsibility of the prime contractor/consultant to ensure all DBE firms have been reviewed and approved by the City of Savannah and to document all subcontracting/sub-consulting and/or supplier participation dollars counted towards the goal, irrespective of tier level. Upon completion of the work, a final "DBE Participation Report" will be required and submitted with the final pay request.

As per the City's contract, the City's SBO policy, and signed participation reports: the prime contractor/consultant certifies all DBE payment information to be true and correct, to have all supporting documentation on file and to make copies of this documentation available to the City of Savannah. **Prime contractors/consultants will periodically be required to provide copies of payment documentation** for DBEs being counted toward the DBE goal (including the prime contractor/consultant, if it is a DBE and being counted toward the goal). Failure to comply with the City's request to provide the required documentation may cause the City to withhold payments due the prime contractor/consultant until compliance is attained. Payment documentation includes but is not limited to:

- signed sub-contracts with DBEs being utilized in meeting the project's DBE goals
- DBE invoices for payment related to the project
- proof of payment of DBE invoices related to the project

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.) 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://verify.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.

Attachment 1

References

Bidders must submit proof of performance of professional grounds maintenance services as their primary livelihood for preferably the past three (3) years, and, unless otherwise specified, must have performed satisfactorily on at least three (3) commercial or government projects of similar size and scope, and at least one (1) project for more than twelve (12) months. Bidders must provide three (3) references indicating past performance on Attachment 1. Attachment 1 must be submitted with a bid to be further considered.

1. Name of Company/Municipality: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Dates service provided: _____

2. Name of Company/Municipality: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Dates service provided: _____

3. Name of Company/Municipality: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Dates service provided: _____

4. Name of Company/Municipality: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Dates service provided: _____

5. Name of Company/Municipality: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Dates service provided: _____

Attachment 2

Equipment List

Provide (as an attachment) information upon the equipment proposed for the work. Include make, model, age, and quantities of equipment proposed. Indicate if owned, leased, or if a contingent lease is arranged.