



LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT QUOTATIONS

The Town of Smyrna Codes Department requests quotations for annual yard mowing for neglected or unoccupied property. Bidders shall submit sealed quotations in the format specified in the Invitation to Submit Quotations no later than **11:00 a.m. April 24, 2019** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for a period of 90 days. Bidding documents may be obtained at Smyrna Town Hall during regular business hours or www.townofsmyrna.org. Quotations should be mailed or hand delivered to:

Rex S. Gaither
Smyrna Town Hall
Annual Codes Mowing Sealed Bid / April 24 @ 11:00 a.m.
315 South Lowry Street
Smyrna, Tennessee 37167

Faxed or verbal quotations or quotations received after the closing date will not be accepted. The Town of Smyrna reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities or informalities and to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Smyrna will not discriminate in the purchase of all goods and services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other lawfully protected classification.

BY: REX S. GAITHER
FINANCE DIRECTOR

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SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Town of Smyrna Codes Department desires to contract for annual yard mowing for neglected or unoccupied property.

Smyrna Town Hall location:
315 South Lowry Street
Smyrna, TN 37167

Questions should be directed to Dennis Johnson (615) 459-9742 extension 2173 or e-mail: dennis.johnson@townofsmyrna.org or Steve Smith (615) 355-5704 extension 2176 or e-mail: steve.smith@townofsmyrna.org

- B. The Town of Smyrna reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities or informalities and to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for a period of 90 days.
- C. The bidder shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully address the full intent and meaning of each aspect of the specifications.
- D. Section II, III and Contract Agreement shall be completed and included as an integral part of each bidders proposal. Agreement shall be signed, but not dated, by the proper business representative and submitted with the bid proposal.
- E. The Town is a tax exempt organization.
- F. The mail is delivered after 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- G. The Town of Smyrna, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other lawfully protected classification.
- H. Bid quotations must be submitted on the Town's quotation page(s). No exceptions.
- I. By submission of this bid, each bidder/proposer and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. § 12-12-106 Iran Divestment Act. For reference purposes, the list is currently available online at:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List of persons pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 12-12-106 Iran Divestment Act updated 7.7.17.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List%20of%20persons%20pursuant%20to%20Tenn.%20Code%20Ann.%2012-12-106%20Iran%20Divestment%20Act%20updated%207.7.17.pdf)

SECTION II - SPECIFICATIONS FOR MOWING PROCEDURES

Scope: The Smyrna Codes Department wishes to contract yard mowing and weed eating or bush hogging for abandoned or unoccupied property on an as needed basis. Grass on all property to be mowed will be at least 12 inches high. Contractor is responsible to inspect the property prior to mowing and weed eating or bush hogging. Occasionally trash or junk left on the property will need to be removed. Owner and contractor recognize that time is of the essence of this agreement and mowing and trash removal must be completed within 2 business days, weather permitting, after notification. Acts of God, unusual weather, etc. will be determined between contractor and the Town. Proof of insurance and a Smyrna Business License are required. Questions should be directed to Dennis Johnson (615) 459-9742 extension 2173 or Steve Smith (615) 355-5704 extension 2176.

Terms: Upon mutual agreement of both parties, the bid proposal may be renewed by the Town of Smyrna for a period of two successive one-year periods under the same price, terms and conditions as in the original proposal. The winning bidder could be awarded the contract for a total of 3 years. Renewals are based on performance.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Contract term will be July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020. Notification will come from Dennis Johnson or Steve Smith, by phone or email of property to be mowed or trash removed.
- Estimated amount of mowing annually is \$8,000. Size of property to be mowed will vary from job to job.
- Height of cut will be 2 inches. Grass must not be mowed when wet.
- Grass is not to be thrown across property lines or into the street. Cut debris does not need to be cleared from sidewalks or other paved areas. Weed-eating is required and shall be done at time of mowing.
- Any additional property sizes to be mowed shall be priced comparable to one of the sizes listed in Price Quotation section.
- Poor performance on part of the contractor will be communicated to the contractor by written notification at the business address from the Codes Department. After two letters of poor performance, the Town has the option to cancel agreement immediately by another letter.
- All invoices should be mailed or submitted to the Smyrna Codes Department within 30 days.
- Compliance with laws: The contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state and local law.

➤ Smyrna Business License

Subject to the exceptions enumerated hereinafter, persons subject to the Smyrna Business Tax operating from an established place of business in one county who extend their operations into other counties and/or municipalities without establishing an office, headquarters or other place of business therein shall not be subject to the Smyrna Business Tax in such other counties and/or municipalities. Tax on total receipts from all taxable sales shall be due to the county and municipality, if any, in which the established place of business is located. A new business license is \$20.00. If applicable, at license expiration, renewal is a percentage of the business total gross. Excepted from the rule as stated in above paragraph are:

- Persons with no established place of business in this state.
- Contractors with taxable receipts of \$50,000 and out of state contractors.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall purchase and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE

1. Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation insurance shall be in compliance with the State of Tennessee and shall be statutory. Employers Liability shall be included with a minimum limit of \$500,000 per accident/per disease/per employee.

2. Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability insurance shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000 and a minimum general aggregate of \$2,000,000. It shall include completed operations, product liability and personal injury liability insurance.

3. Automobile Liability

Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned automobiles.

B. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to the Town of Smyrna. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions.

C. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. The Town, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured as regards negligence by the contractor.
- b. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary as respects the Town, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Town of Smyrna shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.

2. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Town, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the Town of Smyrna.

3. All Coverages

- a. Coverage shall not be canceled, suspended, or voided by either party (the Contractor or the insurer) or reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 days written notice has been given to the Town of Smyrna. Ten-day written notice of cancellation is acceptable for non-payment of premium. Notifications shall comply with the standard cancellation provisions in the Contractor's policy.
- b. Neither the acceptance of the completed work nor the payment thereof shall release the Contractor from the obligations of the insurance requirements or indemnification agreement.
- c. The insurance companies issuing the policies shall have no recourse against the Town of Smyrna for payment of premiums or for assessments under any form of the policies.
- d. Replacement certificates, policies or endorsements shall be provided to the Town for any such insurance expiring prior to the completion of services.
- e. Any failure of the Contractor to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Town, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers.

D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

All required insurance shall be provided by a company or companies licensed to conduct business in the State of Tennessee. Insurance shall be underwritten by insurers with an A.M. Best Company ratings no less than an A.

E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

The Contractor shall furnish the Town with Certificates of Insurance reflecting proof of required coverage. The Certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. **The Certificates are to be received and approved by the Town before work commences and upon any contract renewal thereafter.**

Upon failure of the Contractor to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as requested, this contract, at the election of the Town, may be suspended,

discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Contractor to purchase and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability or indemnification under the contract.

The Certificate of Insurance naming the "Town of Smyrna" as **Additional Insured** shall be addressed to the attention of:

Town of Smyrna
Department of Safety & Risk Management
ATTN: Kay Charles
315 S Lowry St
Smyrna, TN 37167

It can also be submitted electronically to kay.charles@townofsmyrna.org. The subject line has to indicate the name of the project.

The Town reserves the right to request complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies **OR** shall be responsible for verifying and maintaining the Certificates provided by each subcontractor. Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. The Town of Smyrna reserves the right to request copies of subcontractor's Certificates at any time.

G. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INDEMNITY

In the event Contractor is not required to provide or is exempt from providing workers' compensation coverage, the parties hereby agree that Contractor, its owners, agents and employees will have no cause of action against, and will not assert a claim against the Town of Smyrna, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers, under any circumstances. The parties also hereby agree that the Town of Smyrna, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers shall in no circumstance be, or considered as, the employer or statutory employer of Contractor, its owners, agents and employees. The parties further agree that Contractor is a wholly independent contractor and is exclusively responsible for its employees, owners, and agents. Contractor hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the Town of Smyrna, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers harmless from any such assertion or claim that may arise from the performance of this contract.

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY REQUIREMENT:

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Town of Smyrna and its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, from and against any and all liability, damages, losses, (whether in contract or in tort, including personal injury, accidental death or property damage, and regardless, of whether the allegations are false, fraudulent or groundless), and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees, litigation, arbitration, mediation, appeal expenses) which in whole or in part are caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor

and persons employed by or utilized by the Contractor in Contractor's performance of this Agreement.

The contractor further agrees to protect, defend, and save the Town, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees and volunteers while working in the scope of their duties as such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind of character, including the cost of their defense, arising in favor of the contractor's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death or damage to property arising out of services performed or omissions of services or in any way resulting from the acts of omissions of the contractor and/or its agents, employees, subcontractors, representative of the Town under this agreement.

Pursuant to Tennessee Attorney General Opinion 93-01, the Town will not indemnify, defend or hold harmless in any fashion the Contractor from any claims arising from any failure, regardless of any language in any attachment or other document that the Contractor may provide.

APPLICABLE LAW:

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

PRICE QUOTATION

COST OF MOWING FOR PROPERTY SIZE: 80' X 125' \$ _____

COST OF MOWING FOR PROPERTY SIZE: 80' X 200' \$ _____

COST OF MOWING FOR PROPERTY SIZE: 125' X 350' \$ _____

COST OF TRASH REMOVAL / PER LOAD \$ _____

COST OF BUSH HOGGING / PER ACRE \$ _____

LIST TRAILER SIZE _____

LIST MOWING EQUIPMENT

Description	Number of Units
Example: John Deere 910 _____	4 _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

BUSINESS NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

This will be where the Town sends correspondence. If this changes, it is the responsibility of the vendor to notify the Town of a change of address.



AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, 201____, by and between _____, a _____ (the “Bidder”) and the Town of Smyrna, Tennessee, a Tennessee municipal corporation (the “Town”) for the purpose of _____.

WHEREAS, the Bidder has submitted a quotation for the provision of certain products and/or services to the Town, all in accordance with the terms of the Invitation to Submit Quotations attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit A (the “ISQ”), and which Quotation from the Bidder is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit B (the “Quotation”); the ISQ and the Quotation, together with any and all ancillary documents thereto, shall be collectively referred to herein as the “Bid Documents”); and

WHEREAS, the Town now desires to accept the Bidder’s quotation, in accordance with the terms set forth in such Bid Documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby agree as follows:

1. Acceptance of Bid Documents. The terms of the Bid Documents, as incorporated herein by reference, are hereby accepted by the parties hereto. The Bidder hereby agrees to provide the goods and/or services contemplated by such Bid Documents in accordance with the terms set forth therein. The Town hereby accepts the Bidder’s quotation to provide the goods and/or services contemplated by such Bid Documents in accordance with the terms set forth therein.

2. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including the exhibits and any other documents referred to herein or therein, which form a part hereof, contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. There are no restrictions, agreements, promises, warranties, covenants or undertakings other than those expressly set forth herein or therein. This Agreement supersedes all prior written or oral agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to its subject matter and may not be altered, modified or amended, in whole or in part, except by the express written authorization and consent of the parties hereto.

3. Severability. This agreement constitutes the product of negotiations of the parties hereto and any enforcement of hereof will be interpreted in a neutral manner and not more strongly against any party based upon the source of the draftsmanship of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be fully effective.

4. Limitation of Liability. The Town of Smyrna shall not be liable for any loss, claim, expense or damage caused by, contributed to by or arising out of the acts or omission of Bidder or third parties, whether negligent or otherwise.

5. Warranties. The Bidder warrants to the Town that all materials and equipment furnished under this Contract will be new unless otherwise specified, and that all work will be of good quality, free from faults and defects, suitable for the purpose for which the materials and equipment are furnished, and

in conformance with the Agreement. All work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective.

6. Indemnification. The parties hereto agree that Vendor shall indemnify The Town for any and all claims of negligence, tortious conduct or otherwise unlawful acts committed by Vendor in the performance of their obligations under the terms of the original agreement or this addendum to agreement and Vendor agrees to pay any and all costs associated with the enforcement of the terms of this indemnity agreement by The Town, including but not limited to court costs, civil judgments, assessments or any other reasonable fees associated therewith. This clause shall survive the expiration or termination of the original contract or this addendum to agreement and shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of any applicable statute of limitation. In addition, The Town is prohibited by Tennessee law, as a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, to agree to indemnify any private or public Vendor or contracting party and all reference to the local government providing indemnification shall be null and void by attaching signature to this addendum.

7. Attorney Fees. The parties hereto agree that The Town shall be in no event liable for any attorney's fees which Vendor may incur due to breach of the original agreement or this addendum agreement by either party; and further, The Town shall not acquiesce to any term of the original contract/agreement that indicates or infers The Town may or shall be responsible for the fees of another party or the Vendor's attorney fees.

8. Mediation. The Town may, at its option, require the attempted resolution of any dispute arising under the original contract or this addendum to agreement by mediation prior to the filing of any lawsuit or other claim. Should any dispute arise, Vendor shall provide the Town notice of any intent to file suit by certified mail. The Town shall notify the Vendor of its intent to exercise its right to mediation within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice. If the Town does not exercise its right to mediation, Vendor may file suit. Any mediator selected under this clause shall be agreed upon by the parties and the costs of such mediation shall be divided and paid equally between the parties.

9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been executed and delivered within the State of Tennessee, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Tennessee.

10. Applicable Law / Choice of Forum and Venue. The parties' choice of forum and venue shall be exclusively in the courts of Rutherford County, Tennessee. Any provision of the Agreement held to violate a law or regulation shall be deemed void, and all remaining provisions shall continue in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

TOWN OF SMYRNA, TENNESSEE

BIDDER:

By: _____

Name: Mary Esther Reed

Title: Mayor

By: _____

ATTEST:

Title: _____

Dianne Waldron, Town Clerk

ATTEST:

SECTION III - SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE

Unless otherwise noted, all quotations for the annual codes mowing contract shall be in complete accordance with the specifications detailed herein.

Bidders shall note in the space provided below any exceptions or deviations in any way from the specifications of any section of this ISQ. Bidders should provide complete detail of exceptions or deviations.

Proposal Exceptions

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By signature below, vendor acknowledges any quotation to be in full compliance with all aspects of each section of the ISQ not noted above. The undersigned hereby declares that no person or party other than the undersigned have any interest whatever in this proposal, that it is without any connection or collusion with any person or persons making or having made any proposal for the same work and without any previous understanding with such person or persons as to relative prices, obviating competition, and that it is made in good faith.

COMPANY

FAX NUMBER

REPRESENTATIVE NAME & TITLE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS