CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SPECIFICATIONS PACKAGE

773-9729

Tree Trimming and Removal Services

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Bid 773-9729
Tree Trimming and Removal Services

Bid Number	773-9729
Bid Title	Tree Trimming and Removal Services
Bid Start Date	Mar 12, 2007 11:49:14 AM EST
Bid End Date	Apr 4, 2007 2:00:00 PM EST
Question & Answer End Date	Apr 2, 2007 5:00:00 PM EST
Bid Contact	Richard Ewell Purchasing 954-828-5933 rewell@fortlauderdale.gov
Contract Duration	1 year
Contract Renewal	4 annual renewals
Prices Good for	90 days
Pre-Bid Conference	Mar 21, 2007 10:00:00 AM EST Attendance is optional Location: Airport Administration Building 6000 NW 21 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Bid Comments	The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is seeking Bids from qualified firms to provide tree trimming and removal services for the City's Business Enterprises Department, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Invitation To Bid.

Changes made on Mar 12, 2007 1:09:13 PM EST

Previous End Date	Apr 4, 2007 1:00:00 PM EST	New End Date	Apr 4, 2007 2:00:00 PM EST
Previous Q & A End Date	Apr 2, 2007 4:00:00 PM EST	New Q & A End Date	Apr 2, 2007 5:00:00 PM EST

Item Response Form

Item	773-9729-1-01 - Area 1 - Initial Project Cost: Tree Trimming and Removal Services
Quantity	1 each
Unit Price	
Delivery Location	City of Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport 6000 NW 21 Avenue, #200 Fort Lauderdale FL 33309 Qty 1

Description
Total initial project cost as per the specifications included in this Invitation to Bid.

Item	773-9729-1-02 - Area 1 - Maintenance
Quantity	24 hour
Unit Price	
Delivery Location	City of Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport 6000 NW 21 Avenue, #200 Fort Lauderdale FL 33309 Qty 24

Description
Hourly charge for tree trimming and removal services after completion of initial project.

Item	773-9729-1-03 - Area 2 - Initial Project Cost: Tree Trimming and Removal Services
Quantity	1 each
Unit Price	
Delivery Location	City of Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport 6000 NW 21 Avenue, #200 Fort Lauderdale FL 33309 Qty 1

Description
Total initial project cost as per the specifications included in this Invitation to Bid.

Item	773-9729-1-04 - Area 2 - Maintenance
Quantity	16 hour
Unit Price	
Delivery Location	City of Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport 6000 NW 21 Avenue, #200 Fort Lauderdale FL 33309 Qty 16

Description
Hourly charge for tree trimming and removal services after completion of initial project.

BID/PROPOSAL SIGNATURE PAGE

How to submit bids/proposals: It is preferred that bids/proposals be submitted electronically at www.rfpdepot.com. If mailing a hard copy, it will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that his bid reaches the City of Fort Lauderdale, City Hall, Procurement Department, Suite 619, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, prior to the bid opening date and time listed. Bids/proposals submitted by fax or email will NOT be accepted.

The below signed hereby agrees to furnish the following article(s) or services at the price(s) and terms stated subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications addenda, legal advertisement, and conditions contained in the bid. I have read all attachments including the specifications and fully understand what is required. By submitting this signed proposal I will accept a contract if approved by the CITY and such acceptance covers all terms, conditions, and specifications of this bid/proposal.

Please Note: If responding to this solicitation through RFP Depot, the electronic version of the bid response will prevail, unless a paper version is clearly marked **by the bidder** in some manner to indicate that it will supplant the electronic version.

Submitted by: _____

(signature) (date)

Name (printed) _____ Title: _____

Company: (Legal Registration) _____

CONTRACTOR, IF FOREIGN CORPORATION, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE §607.1501 (visit http://www.dos.state.fl.us/doc/).

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ FAX No. _____

E-MAIL: _____

Delivery: Calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order (section 1.02 of General Conditions): _____

Payment Terms (section 1.03): _____ Total Bid Discount (section 1.04): _____

Does your firm qualify for MBE or WBE status (section 1.08): MBE e WBE e

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Proposer acknowledges that the following addenda have been received and are included in his proposal:

Addendum No. Date Issued

VARIANCES: State any variations to specifications, terms and conditions in the space provided below or reference in the space provided below all variances contained on other pages of bid, attachments or bid pages. No variations or exceptions by the Proposer will be deemed to be part of the bid submitted unless such variation or exception is listed and contained within the bid documents and referenced in the space provided below. If no statement is contained in the below space, it is hereby implied that your bid/proposal complies with the full scope of this solicitation.

Variances:

INVITATION TO BID #773-9729

PART I - INFORMATION/SPECIAL CONDITIONS

01. PURPOSE

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (City) is seeking Bids from qualified firms, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, to provide maintenance activities in environmentally sensitive lands and other tree trimming and removal services, including the removal of standing hazardous and fallen trees, hangers, selective thinning of trees, stump removal, stump and root grinding, lot clearing of trees, fence line clearing, clearing of low hanging branches, disposal of chips and logs, herbicidal treatment, and related services for the City's Business Enterprises Department, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Invitation To Bid (ITB).

02. INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION

For information concerning procedures for responding to this RFP, technical specifications, etc., utilize the question / answer feature provided by RFP Depot. Such contact shall be for clarification purposes only. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or bidding procedures will only be transmitted by written addendum (See addendum section of RFP Depot Site). No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the proposer has familiarized himself with the nature and extent of the work, and the equipment, materials, and labor required.

03. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to respond to this RFP, the proposing firm must demonstrate that they, or the principals assigned to the project, are fully licensed to do work of this nature in the State of Florida, have a certified arborist assigned to this project and have successfully completed services, similar to those specified in the Scope of Services section of this RFP, to at least one agency similar in size and complexity to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

04. TRANSACTION FEES

The City of Fort Lauderdale uses RFP Depot (www.rfpdepot.com) to distribute and receive bids and proposals. There is no charge to vendors/contractors to register and participate in the solicitation, nor will any fees be charged to the awarded vendor. Refer to www.rfpdepot.com for further information.

05. PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT

There will be a pre-bid conference and site visit on March 21, 2007 at 11:00 am at the Airport Administration Building located at 6000 NW 21 Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. For directions contact Alex Erskine at 954-828-4966.

It will be the sole responsibility of the bidder to inspect the City's facilities and systems prior to submitting a proposal. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the proposer has familiarized himself with the nature and extent of the work, and the equipment, materials, and labor required.

While attendance is not mandatory, it is strongly suggested that all bidders attend the pre-bid conference and site visit.

06. AWARD

Award will be made to the responsive and responsible bidder, quoting the lowest price, for that service that will best serve the needs of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City reserves the right to waive minor variations in the specifications and in the bidding process. The City further reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to award or not award a contract based on this bid proposal.

07. CONTRACT PERIOD

The initial contract term shall commence upon final execution of the contract by the City and shall expire one year from that date. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year terms providing all terms conditions and specifications remain the same, both parties agree to the extension, and such extension is approved by the City.

In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the Director of Procurement Services. The extension period shall not extend for more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

08. PRICING

Pricing provided shall be all-inclusive for the entire initial project plus an hourly rate for maintenance throughout the year. There shall be <u>no additional charges</u> and the City shall not pay for mobilization, demobilization, equipment transport, fuel, fuel surcharges, disposal, disposal fee increases, travel time, wait time, labor or insurance increases, including any other charges not listed herein except as contained within the contract.

It is required that the Contractor furnish modern, well maintained equipment and highly skilled well trained employees in order to provide prompt and efficient service to the City. Equipment breakdown, labor issues, disputes, and/or accidents will not be accepted as a condition to increase project costs.

09. COST ADJUSTMENTS

Prices quoted shall be firm for the initial contract term. Thereafter, any extensions which may be approved by the City shall be subject to the following: Costs for any extension terms shall be subject to an adjustment only if increases or decreases occur in the industry. Such adjustment shall be based on the latest yearly percentage increase in the All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dep't. of Labor, and shall not exceed five percent (5%).

The yearly increase or decrease in the CPI shall be that latest Index published and available prior to the end of the contract year then in effect, as compared to the index for the comparable month one year prior.

Any requested adjustment shall be fully documented and submitted to the City at least ninety

(90) days prior to the contract anniversary date. Any approved cost adjustments shall become effective on the beginning date of the approved contract extension.

The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, or considered to be excessive, or if decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the Contract will be considered cancelled on the scheduled expiration date.

10. APPROVED EQUAL OR ALTERNATE PRODUCT PROPOSALS

The Technical Specifications contained in this ITB are to be used as a reference only and are not to be considered of a proprietary nature. These specifications represent a level of quality and features which are desired by the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City is receptive to any product which would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal.

The bidder must state clearly in his Bid pages any variance to the specifications. If proposing an approved equal or alternate product, it will be the bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information in his Bid to enable the City to ensure that the Bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the Bid, it may be rejected.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will be the sole judge in determining if the product proposed qualifies as approved equal. The City reserves the right to award to that Bid which will best serve the interest of the City as determined by the City. The City further reserves the right to waive minor variations to specifications and in the bidding process.

11. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

12. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall furnish proof of Worker’s Compensation Insurance, General Liability Insurance and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. The coverage is to remain in force at all times during the contract period. The following minimum insurance coverage is required. The City is to be added as an “additional insured” with relation to General Liability and Automobile Insurance. Any costs for adding the City as “additional insured” will be at the contractor’s expense.

Worker’s Compensation and Employer’s Liability Insurance

Limits: Worker’s Compensation – Statutory 440.055
Employer’s Liability - $500,000

Any firm performing work on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale must provide Worker's Compensation insurance. Exceptions and exemptions can only be made if they are in accordance with Florida Statute. For additional information contact the Department of Financial Services, Worker's Compensation Division at (850) 413-1601 or on the web at www.fldfs.com.

Commercial General Liability Insurance

Covering premises-operations, products-completed operations, independent contractors and contractual liability.

Limits: Combined single limit bodily injury/property damage$1,000,000.

This coverage must include:

a. Coverage for the liability assumed by the contractor under the indemnity provision of the contract.
b. Coverage for hazards commonly referred to as "explosion, collapse and underground", exclusions – on construction contracts only.

Automobile Liability Insurance

Covering all owned, hired and non-owned automobile equipment.

Limits:	Bodily injury	$250,000 each person
		$500,000 each occurrence
	Property damage	$100,000 each occurrence
	Combined single limit	$1,000,000 (bodily injury and property damage combined)

A copy of **ANY** current Certificate of Insurance should be included with your proposal.

In the event that you are the successful bidder, you will be required to provide a certificate naming the City as an "additional insured" for both General Liability and Automobile.

Certificate holder should be addressed as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale
Procurement and Materials Management
100 N. Andrews Avenue, Room 619
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

13. DAMAGE TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

Extreme care shall be taken to safeguard all existing facilities, site amenities, irrigation systems, vehicles, etc. on or around the job site. Damage to public and/or private property shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be repaired and/or replaced at no additional cost to the City.

14. LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

ALL BIDDERS/PROPOSERS PLEASE NOTE: Any bidder or proposer submitting a response to this solicitation must comply, if applicable, with City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-00-27, Lobbying Activities. Copies of Ordinance No. C-00-27 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office on the 7th Floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The ordinance may also be viewed on the City's website at http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/documents/index.htm.

15. BID TABULATIONS/INTENT TO AWARD

Notice of Intent to Award Contract/Bid, resulting from the City's Formal solicitation process, requiring City Commission action, may be found at http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices_of_intent.htm. Tabulations of receipt of those parties responding to a formal solicitation may be found at http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/bidresults.htm, or any interested party may call the Procurement Office at 954-828-5933.

16. CONTRACT COORDINATOR

The City will designate a Contract Coordinator whose principal duties shall be :

Liaison with Contractor.
Coordinate and approve all work under the contract.
Resolve any disputes.
Assure consistency and quality of Contractor's performance.
Schedule and conduct Contractor performance evaluations and document findings.
Review and approve for payment all invoices for work performed or items delivered.

17. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE REVIEWS AND RATINGS

The City Contract Coordinator shall develop a Contractor performance evaluation report. This report shall be used to periodically review and rate the Contractor's performance under the contract with performance rating as follows:

Excellent	Far exceeds requirements.
Good	Exceeds requirements
Fair	Just meets requirements.
Poor	Does not meet all requirements and contractor is subject to penalty provisions under the contact.
Non compliance	Either continued poor performance after notice or a performance level that does not meet a significant portion of the requirements. This rating makes the Contractor subject to the default or cancellation for cause provisions of the contract.

The report shall also list all discrepancies found during the review period. The Contractor shall be provided with a copy of the report, and may respond in writing if he takes exception to the report or wished to comment on the report. Contractor performance reviews and subsequent reports will be used in determining the suitability of contract extension.

18. WARRANTIES OF USAGE

Any estimated quantities listed are for information and tabulation purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities needed is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.

19. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

It is the intention of the City that the Contractor's personnel proposed for the contract will be available for the initial contract term. In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel, he shall propose personnel of equal or higher qualifications and all replacement personnel are subject to City approval. In the event substitute personnel are not satisfactory to the City and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to cancel the Contract for cause. See Section 5.09 General Conditions.

PART II - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (City) is seeking bids from qualified companies, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor to provide maintenance activities in environmentally sensitive lands and other tree trimming and removal services, including the removal of standing hazardous and fallen trees, hangers, selective thinning of trees, stump removal, stump and root grinding, lot clearing of trees, fence line clearing, clearing of low hanging branches, disposal of chips and logs, herbicidal treatment, and related services.

Professional tree work shall be done according to industry professional standards and the job site shall be left in a neat and clean condition.

AREAS OF WORK

The work to be performed shall be within the following two areas.

1) The Local Area of Particular Concern (LAPC) and adjacent conservation areas bounded on the north by Cypress Creek Road (NW 62nd Street), south by the east-west drainage swale, east by Executive Airport Way for an area totaling approximately 14 acres and referred to as Area 1.
2 The area located to the East of the Airport Administration building bounded on the north by a drainage swale and to the west by an existing fence line and to the east by survey stakes and is approximately 1.3 acres and is overgrown vacant airport land and referred to as Area 2.

PROPOSED VEGETATION MAINTENANCE - Area 1

This area is environmentally sensitive and will require a great deal of care while enhancement activities are taking place. This area has a population of protected gopher tortoises and other rare native vegetation. To ensure compliance with the below listed specifications, it is the intent of the City to supervise the clearing and trimming activities with the assistance of a consultant hired by the City. The City and the consultant will ensure that disturbances to wildlife or desirable vegetation within the work areas are minimized. It is the goal of this enhancement to substantially increase the amount of light that reaches the ground in order to promote the growth of herbaceous species. This will be accomplished by the removal of all exotic species listed below: Brazilian pepper and Australian-pine. Additional exotic trees that will require a City permit to remove are Schefflera and Earleaf Acacia. The permit will be the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain and a reimbursement from the City will be made for the direct permit cost.

Additionally, we are requiring the thinning dense clusters of small scrub oak less than one inch in diameter so plant spacing of no greater than five feet is achieved. All native trees greater than 20 feet in overall height shall have the lower limbs removed approximately 4.5 feet above the ground, smaller trees shall have limbs removed to a lower height as appropriate to the tree size to reduce vine growth and provide additional light reaching the ground. Areas of extensive vine growth, grape vine (*Vitis*, sp.) and Dodder Love Vine (Cuscuta sp.) shall be mechanically removed by human means and or with the use of a root rake. All dead trees shall have the limbs removed so that no branch end comes within 4 feet of the ground. Broken limbs and or hangers on live trees shall be removed. All non-vegetative debris and garbage shall be removed from the site at the contractor's expense.

As a last resort some minimal use of herbicidal treatments of exotic species may be necessary after mechanical removal has been completed. This includes spraying areas where mechanical removal is not possible and the treating of stumps from trees that were removed. All herbicidal treatments shall be applied by a state licensed herbicide applicator, using EPA approved chemical herbicides. Contractor shall obtain any necessary Federal, State or Local permits prior to applying any herbicides. Payment for herbicide shall be a direct reimbursement basis for the chemicals applied based upon the contractors invoice price. An hourly rate shall be included for the personnel required to apply the herbicide.

METHODS FOR ACCOMPLISHING VEGETATION MAINTENANCE – AREA 1

It is the intent of this contract to minimize disturbance to this area. Removal of all materials from within this area shall be accomplished by human means to a location where it can be loaded onto a very light weight all terrain type vehicle using a trailer to haul the material out of the site. Other lightweight equipment that will be allowed within the area shall not have the ground pressure that exceeds that of a skid steer type piece of equipment. Any request to use equipment with tracks, rubber tired equipment that exceeds the ground pressure or size of a skid steer off of the existing haul road will be considered with no guarantee of approval. Large dump trucks, dumpsters, chippers, loaders, tracked vehicles and other equipment shall be confined to the area described as the existing haul road shown in Area 1. It shall be the sole discretion of the City to approve the route equipment shall be allowed to take through any area off of the existing haul road.

SITE ACCESS- AREA 1

The primary access point shall be granted along the eastern side of the site adjacent to Executive Airport Way. There is no gate in this area of the fence however a section of the fence no greater than 20 feet can be opened up and rolled back so the contractor can complete the initial maintenance operation. It is our intention to allow for a path to be established between the haul road and the eastern perimeter fence. The contractor shall be responsible for repairing the fence to its original condition at the completion of the initial maintenance event. It should be noted that the bottom of the fence is buried approximately two feet below grade. We will allow the fence to be cut at the bottom to allow access and we will not require this fence to be restored below grade. The contractor shall be allowed to stage equipment along Executive Airport Way as long as it does not obstruct the roadway. An additional access point to this site is through a gate located along the southern boundary fence that can only be accessed from inside the Airport. It should be noted that all vehicles and equipment will need to be escorted in an out of this access point via the Airport Taxiways. Access to the Taxiways will be granted through a gate located at the eastern side of the Airport Administration Building.

PROPOSED CLEARING OF VACANT LAND - Area 2

The second area is dominated by exotic species of trees. It is our intent to remove all dead trees and exotics from this area. All native trees greater than three inches in diameter for a dicot or conifer and a monocot having more than eight feet of wood shall remain. Any native tree(s) shall be protected from any heavy equipment by fencing off, with orange plastic safety fence, an area not less than the outside limits of the drip line of the tree. All vegetative material shall be removed from the site. All stumps shall be ground to a level six inches below surrounding grade and the chips removed from the site. The site shall be graded smooth without roots or stumps protruding.

METHODS FOR ACCOMPLISHING VEGETATION MAINTENANCE – AREA 2

There are no restrictions on the amount or type of equipment that can be utilized to complete this work.

SITE ACCESS – AREA 2

Access to this site shall be granted though a gate located at the eastern side of the Airport Administration Building or a gate located in front of the Airport Administration building.

PRUNING SPECIFICATIONS ALL AREAS

Remove all dead branches.
Remove all stubs.
Pruning cuts shall be in accordance with ANSI A300 pruning standards.
Only rope and saddle method for climbing trees in Area 1 shall be allowed.
All final pruning cuts are to be made just outside of the branch collar or to an appropriate lateral branch.

ESTIMATED SERVICE REQUESTS / ESTIMATED SERVICE HOURS

Area 1
The Airport Division anticipates that the initial event within Area one (1) will take a crew with proper equipment and 12 personnel approximately twelve working days to complete, eight hours per day. All pricing shall include hourly rates for all personnel and equipment to be utilized for all work completed and pricing shall be valid for one year. Payment for herbicide shall be a direct reimbursement basis for the chemicals applied based upon the contractors invoice price since it is unknown exactly what areas will be left to treat. An hourly rate shall be included for the personnel required to apply the herbicide. It is anticipated that additional clearing will be needed over the next several years to less extensive nature. The contractor would not be expected to mobilize crews for less than a half-day's work after the initial enhancement activity has taken place with the exception of herbicidal treatments.

Area 2
Once this area is completed additional work will most likely not be needed. However a labor and equipment hourly rate will be needed for additional clearing that may be needed in the future.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

Contractor must own, rent, operate and have available for use the items below for performing the required work including disposal of chips and logs. This list is not intended be an all-inclusive list of equipment but examples of what we feel will be needed to accomplish the work. (All chips and tree remains must be removed from City property and disposed of at a licensed disposal facility).

40 foot Bucket Truck with Operator
Lightweight all terrain vehicles, trailers
Dump Truck and Brush Chipper with Operator
Ground general laborer and climber laborer with gear
Hydraulic powered tree saws, gas powered chain saws, and miscellaneous tools
Stump Grinder of sufficient size to perform required tasks with operator
Dump Truck, Self-loader Truck, Flatbed and Lowboy Tractor to haul large tree remains
Skid steer, Front End Loader,
Backhoe with Operator, Backpack sprayers, Root rake

Access to a licensed disposal facility

CREW DEFINITION

Due to the nature and type of work contained under the scope of services, and the many types of trees, foliage and brush work that may be encountered, the contracted services shall be priced by the Crew and may be billed for by the ¼ hour, ½ hour, or full hour. The basic Crew shall consist of the following labor, equipment and disposal resources: ground general laborer, dump truck and brush chipper with operator, hydraulic powered tree saws, gas powered chain saws and miscellaneous tools, stump grinder of sufficient size with operator, and access to a licensed disposal facility.

Contractor shall practice safe work habits. Necessary safety tools, equipment and supplies shall be included in the crew hourly pricing

REQUIRED LICENSES

Contractor must have a Certified Arborist on staff available to identify protected trees and obtain permits when required.
Contractor must have a State licensed commercial pesticide applicator on staff.
Contractor must posses a Class A Tree Trimmer License with Broward County.
Contractor must posses a pesticide applicator license.

ALL INCLUSIVE CREW HOURLY RATES

Hourly labor rates for a Crew shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, material, tools, incidentals and any other service or charge necessary to complete the project. There shall be no additional charges for mobilization, demobilization, equipment transport, fuel, fuel surcharges, disposal fees/increases, travel time, wait time, labor or insurance charges/increases, or any other charge not listed herein except as contained within the contract.

WORK ESTIMATE FOR REGULAR SERVICE REQUESTS

The Contractor shall meet with City representatives on the job site within ten (10) days of request by City to assess the scope of service for the required work, determine number of hours to complete the required work and provide a written estimate to the City for the required work. There shall be no charge for job site inspections, assessments and/or written estimates.

HOURS

After the initial projects in area 1 and 2 are complete we will determine additional hours in the following manner: There will be a four-hour minimum charge for crew that was mobilized to complete a job. The price may be increased in ¼ hour, ½ hour and/or 1-hour increments per task only if authorized by City prior to commencement of work. Any time overage costs shall be paid for by the contractor unless, under very unusual and unforeseen circumstances are encountered on the job site that delay work. In this event, the Contractor shall notify the City representative immediately for inspection and authorization. All additional charges beyond the accepted estimate shall be pre approved by the City.

It is required that the Contractor furnish modern, well maintained equipment and appropriately skilled and well trained employees in order to provide prompt and efficient service to the City. Equipment breakdown, labor issues, disputes or accidents will not be accepted as a condition to increase hourly job costs.

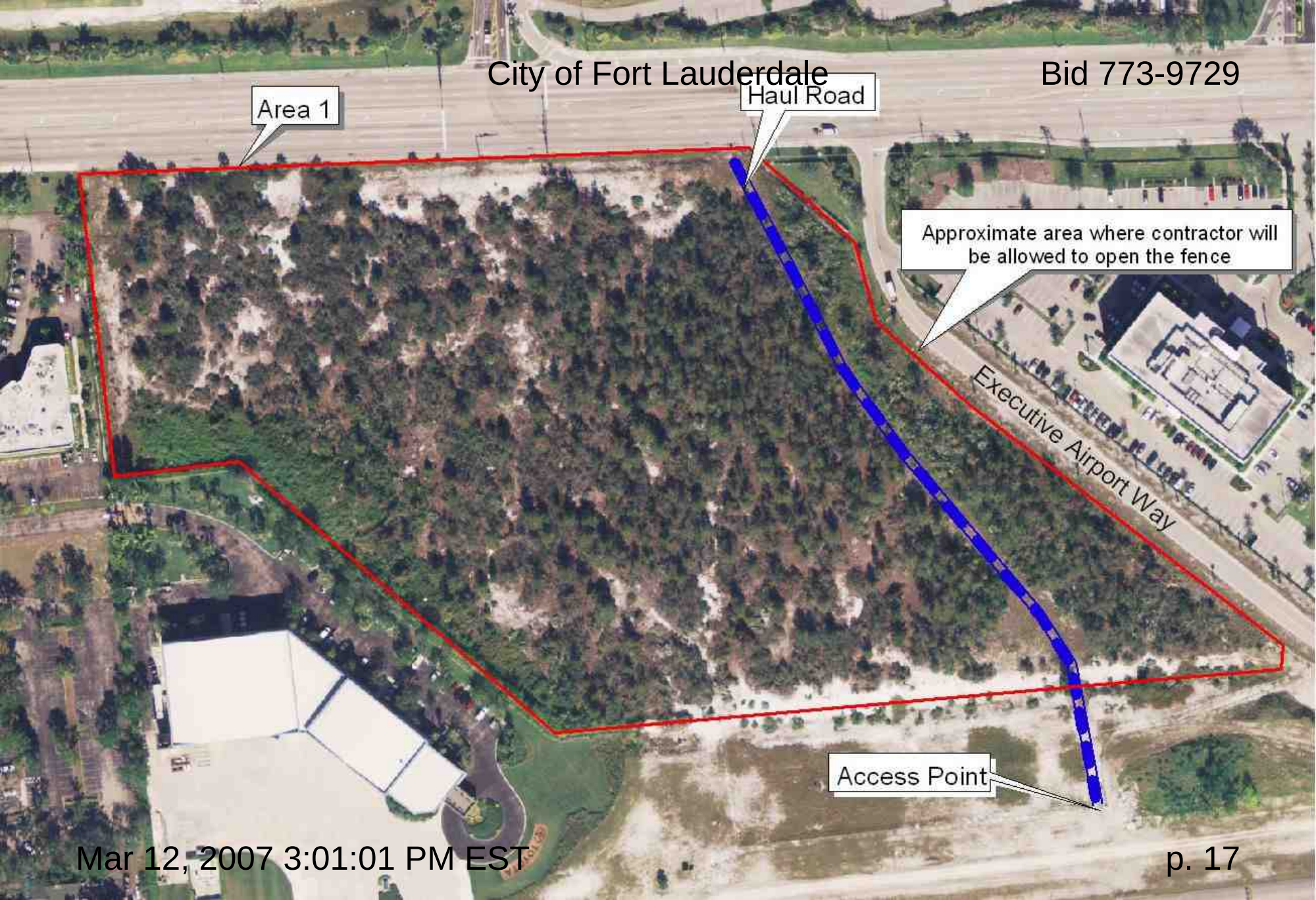
If the Contractor continuously and repetitively overestimates the hours necessary to complete jobs, such as claiming the job will take 6 hours and the crew finishes in 4 hours, the City may cancel the contract.

SERVICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm

Regular Service Requests

Within 10 Business days of request by City: Contractor shall meet with City at job site and provide estimate; Within 15 Business days of request by City: Contractor shall complete service


Area 1
Haul Road
Approximate area where contractor will be allowed to open the fence
Executive Airport Way
Access Point

NW 21 Ave
Executive Airport Way
Access Point
Area 2
Airport Administration
Access Point

BIDDER QUESTIONNAIRE
ITB #773-9729

1. Provide three references for which you have performed similar services:

2. Number of years the bidder has had in providing similar services:

3. List appropriate licenses as issued by Broward County:

4. List type and amount of equipment that will be used on this job site:

5. Identify equipment owned and equipment that will need to be subcontracted:

6. Number of personnel devoted to this project:

7. Identify on-site project manager:

8. Identify certified arborist assigned to this project and attach copy of his/her credentials:

9. List work days and hours:

10. Estimated number of days for starting the project from date of award and number of days for completion:

11. Disposal method:

12. Final disposal location:

City of Fort Lauderdale
GENERAL CONDITIONS

These instructions are standard for all contracts for commodities or services issued through the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Department. The City may delete, supersede, or modify any of these standard instructions for a particular contract by indicating such change in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, Instructions, Proposal Pages, Addenda, and Legal Advertisement.

PART I BIDDER PROPOSAL PAGE(S) CONDITIONS:

1.01 **BIDDER ADDRESS**: The City uses automated vendor address lists that been generated for each specific Commodity Class item through our bid issuing service, RFP Depot. Notices of Invitations to Bid (ITB'S) are sent by e-mail or fax to every vendor on those lists, who may then view the bid documents online. Bidders who have been informed of a bid's availability in any other manner are responsible for registering with RFP Depot in order to view the bid documents. There is no fee for doing so. If you wish bid notifications be provided to another e-mail address or fax, please contact RFP Depot. If you wish purchase orders sent to a different address, please so indicate in your bid response. If you wish payments sent to a different address, please so indicate on your invoice.

1.02 **DELIVERY:** Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this ITB. The City reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the Bidder and accepted by the City.

1.03 **PAYMENT TERMS AND CASH DISCOUNTS:** Payment terms, unless otherwise stated in this ITB, will be considered to be net 30 days after the date of satisfactory delivery at the place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified, whichever occurs last. Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payment but they will not be considered in determination of award. If a Bidder offers a discount, it is understood that the discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery, at the place of acceptance, and receipt of correct invoice, at the office specified, whichever occurs last**.**

1.04 **TOTAL BID DISCOUNT:** If Bidder offers a discount for award of all items listed in the bid, such discount shall be deducted from the total of the firm net unit prices bid and shall be considered in tabulation and award of bid**.**

1.05 **BIDS FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, that his bid and the prices quoted in his bid will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated in the ITB**.**

1.06 **VARIANCES:** For purposes of bid evaluation, Bidder's must indicate any variances, no matter how slight, from ITB General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications or Addenda in the space provided in the ITB. No variations or exceptions by a Bidder will be considered or deemed a part of the bid submitted unless such variances or exceptions are listed in the bid and referenced in the space provided on the bidder proposal pages. If variances are not stated, or referenced as required, it will be assumed that the product or service fully complies with the City's terms, conditions, and specifications**.**

By receiving a bid, City does not necessarily accept any variances contained in the bid. All variances submitted are subject to review and approval by the City. If any bid contains material variances that, in the City's sole opinion, make that bid conditional in nature, the City reserves the right to reject the bid or part of the bid that is declared, by the City as conditional.

1.07 **NO BIDS:** If you do not intend to bid please indicate the reason, such as insufficient time to respond, do not offer product or service, unable to meet specifications, schedule would not permit, or any other reason, in the space provided in this ITB. Failure to bid or return no bid comments prior to the bid due and opening date and time, indicated in this ITB, may result in your firm being deleted from our Bidder's registration list for the Commodity Class Item requested in this ITB.

1.08 **MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION AND BUSINESS DEFINITIONS:** The City of Fort Lauderdale wants to increase the participation of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in its procurement activities. If your firm qualifies in accordance with the below definitions please indicate in the space provided in this ITB.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) "A Minority Business" is a business enterprise that is owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons. Such disadvantage may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances or background or other similar cause. Such persons include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

The term 'Minority Business Enterprise' means a business at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, minority group members are citizens of the United States who include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) a "Women Owned or Controlled Business is a business enterprise at least 51 percent of which is owned by females or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by females.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) "Small Business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated, has either fewer than 100 employees or less than $1,000,000 in annual gross receipts.

BLACK, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
WHITE, which includes persons whose origins are Anglo-Saxon and Europeans and persons of Indo-European decent including Pakistani and East Indian.

HISPANIC, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
NATIVE AMERICAN, which includes persons whose origins are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.
ASIAN AMERICAN, which includes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

1.09 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

It is the desire of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the City does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms. Proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishments and intended actions in this area. If proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties have to be identified in the proposal. If a proposer is considered for award, he will be asked to meet with City staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation can be formalized and included in the subsequent contract.

1.09(a) CERTIFICATION BY BROWARD COUNTY, FL: If awarded a contract or purchase order as a result of this solicitation, and if the awarded contractor/vendor is claiming minority status in accordance with Section 1.08 of the General Conditions, then said awarded contractor/vendor shall apply for certification by Broward County, Florida, *Division of Equal Employment and Small Business Opportunity.* Contractor/vendor shall provide documentation of application status, and once approved or disapproved by Broward County, must also provide that documentation to the Procurement Services Department of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Part II DEFINITIONS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

2.01 BIDDING DEFINITIONS The City will use the following definitions in it's general conditions, special conditions, technical specifications, instructions to bidders, addenda and any other document used in the bidding process:
INVITATION TO BID (ITB) when the City is requesting bids from qualified Bidders.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) when the City is requesting proposals from qualified Proposers.
BID – a price and terms quote received in response to an ITB.
PROPOSAL – a proposal received in response to an RFP.
BIDDER – Person or firm submitting a Bid.
PROPOSER – Person or firm submitting a Proposal.
RESPONSIVE BIDDER – A person whose bid conforms in all material respects to the terms and conditions included in the ITB.
RESPONSIBLE BIDDER – A person who has the capability in all respects to perform in full the contract requirements, as stated in the ITB, and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.
FIRST RANKED PROPOSER – That Proposer, responding to a City RFP, whose Proposal is deemed by the City, the most advantageous to the City after applying the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP.
SELLER – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order or Contract to provide goods or services to the City.
CONTRACTOR – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order, award Contract, Blanket Purchase Order agreement, or Term Contract to provide goods or services to the City.
CONTRACT – A deliberate verbal or written agreement between two or more competent parties to perform or not to perform a certain act or acts, including all types of agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of equipment, materials, supplies, services or construction.
CONSULTANT – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a contract to provide professional services to the City.
The following terms may be used interchangeably by the City: ITB, or RFP; Bid or Proposal; Bidder, Proposer, or Seller; Contractor or Consultant; Contract, Award, Agreement or Purchase Order**.**

2.02 SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Any and all Special Conditions contained in this ITB that may be in variance or conflict with these General Conditions shall have precedence over these General Conditions. If no changes or deletions to General Conditions are made in the Special Conditions, then the General Conditions shall prevail in their entirety,

PART III BIDDING AND AWARD PROCEDURES:

3.01 SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS: To receive consideration, bids must be received prior to the bid opening date and time. Unless otherwise specified, Bidder's should use the proposal forms provided by the City. These forms may be duplicated, but failure to use the forms may cause the bid to be rejected. Any erasures or corrections on the bid must be made in ink and initialed by Bidder in ink. All information submitted by the Bidder shall be printed, typewritten or filled in with pen and ink. Bids shall be signed in ink. Separate bids must be submitted for each ITB issued by the City in separate sealed envelopes properly marked. When a particular ITB or RFP requires multiple copies of bids or proposals they may be included in a single envelope or package properly sealed and identified. Only send bids via facsimile transmission (FAX) if the ITB specifically states that bids sent via FAX will be considered. If such a statement is not included in the ITB, bids sent via FAX will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the Procurement Office, or other designated area, in the presence of Bidder's, the public, and City staff. Bidders and the public are invited and encouraged to attend bid openings. Bids will be tabulated and made available for review by Bidder's and the public in accordance with applicable regulations.

3.02 MODEL NUMBER CORRECTIONS: If the model number for the make specified in this ITB is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bidder proposal page. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.

3.03 PRICES QUOTED: Deduct trade discounts, and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. In the case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price quoted will govern. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination,

freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges, Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Each item must be bid separately. No attempt shall be made to tie any item or items contained in the ITB with any other business with the City.

3.04 **TAXES:** The City of Fort Lauderdale is exempt from Federal Excise and Florida Sales taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. Exemption **number for Federal Excise taxes is 59-74-0111K, and State Sales tax exemption number is 16-03-196479-54C.**

3.05 **WARRANTIES OF USAGE:** Any quantities listed in this ITB as estimated or projected are provided for tabulation and information purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.

3.06 **APPROVED EQUAL:** When the technical specifications call for a brand name, manufacturer, make, model, or vendor catalog number with acceptance of APPROVED EQUAL, it shall be for the purpose of establishing a level of quality and features desired and acceptable to the City. In such cases, the City will be receptive to any unit that would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal. In that the specified make and model represent a level of quality and features desired by the City, the Bidder must state clearly in his bid any variance from those specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information, in his bid, to enable the City to ensure that the bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the bid, it may be rejected. The City will be the sole judge in determining if the item bid qualifies as an approved equal.

3.07 **MINIMUM AND MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:** The technical specifications may include items that are considered minimum, mandatory, or required. If any Bidder is unable to meet, or exceed these items, and feels that the technical specifications are overly restrictive, he must notify the Procurement Division immediately. Such notification must be received by the Procurement Services Department prior to the deadline contained in the ITB, for questions of a material nature, or prior to five (5) days before bid due and open date, whichever occurs first. If no such notification is received prior to that deadline, the City will consider the technical specifications to be acceptable to all bidders.

3.08 **MISTAKES:** Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, delivery instructions and special conditions pertaining to the ITB. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle him to any relief from the conditions imposed in the contract.

3.09 **SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in Special Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.

3.10 **LIFE CYCLE COSTING**: If so specified in the ITB, the City may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using Life Cycle Costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. The City reserves the right to use those or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.

3.11 **BIDDING ITEMS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT:** In addressing environmental concerns, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages Bidders to submit bids or alternate bids containing items with recycled content. When submitting bids containing items with recycled content, Bidder shall provide documentation adequate for the City to verify the recycled content. The City prefers packaging consisting of materials that are degradable or able to be recycled. When specifically stated in the ITB, the City may give preference to bids containing items manufactured with recycled material or packaging that is able to be recycled.

3.12 **USE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTS:** The City reserves the right to reject any part or all of any bids received and utilize other available governmental contracts, if such action is in its best interest**.**

3.13 **QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION:** Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement DIrector reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform**.**

3.14 **BID SURETY:** If Special Conditions require a bid security, it shall be submitted in the amount stated. A bid security can be in the form of a bid bond, postal money order, cashiers check, or irrevocable letter of credit. Bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after opening of bids. Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder after acceptance of the performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit, if required; acceptance of insurance coverage, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; or conditions as stated in Special Conditions**.**

3.15 **PUBLIC RECORDS**: Florida law provides that municipal records shall at all times be open for personal inspection by any person. Section 119.01, F.S., The Public Records Law. Information and materials received by City in connection with an ITB response shall be deemed to be public records subject to public inspection upon award, recommendation for award, or 10 days after bid opening, whichever occurs first. However, certain exemptions to the public records law are statutorily provided for in Section 119.07, F.S. If the Proposer believes any of the information contained in his or her response is exempt from the Public Records Law, then the Proposer, must in his or her response, specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption. The City's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as public records.

3.15 PROHIBITION OF INTEREST: No contract will be awarded to a bidding firm who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the bidding firm has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidders must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's bidder lists and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City**.**

3.16 RESERVATIONS FOR AWARD AND REJECTION OF BIDS: The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variations to specifications contained in bids, and minor irregularities in the bidding process. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on a split order basis, lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB and whose bid is considered to best serve the City's interest. In determining the responsiveness of the offer and the responsibility of the Bidder, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform as required; whether the Bidder can perform promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder; the quality of past performance by the Bidder; the previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with related laws and ordinances; the sufficiency of the Bidder's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Bidder's supplies or services to the required use; the ability of the Bidder to provide future maintenance, service or parts; the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid**.**

If the ITB provides for a contract trial period, the City reserves the right, in the event the selected bidder does not perform satisfactorily, to award a trial period to the next ranked bidder or to award a contract to the next ranked bidder, if that bidder has successfully provided services to the City in the past. This procedure to continue until a bidder is selected or the contract is re-bid, at the sole option of the City.

3.17 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof**.**

PART IV BONDS AND INSURANCE

4.01 PERFORMANCE BOND/IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT: If a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit is required in Special Conditions, the Contractor shall within fifteen (15) working days after notification of award, furnish to the City a Performance Bond or an Unconditional Irrevocable Letter of Credit payable to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the face amount specified in Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract. If the bond is on an annual coverage basis, renewal for each succeeding year shall be submitted to the City thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of the existing Performance Bond. The Performance Bond must be executed by a surety company of recognized standing, authorized to do business in the State of Florida and having a resident agent. If a Letter of Credit is chosen, it must be in a form acceptable to the City, drawn on a local (Broward, Dade or Palm Beach Counties) bank acceptable to the City and issued in favor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. If a Bidder wishes to use a non-local bank, he must have prior City approval of the requirements to draw against the Letter of Credit**.**

Acknowledgement and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein set for the Performance Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit is not intended to be nor shall be deemed to be in the nature of liquidated damages nor is it intended to limit the liability of the Contractor to the City in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor**.**

4.02 INSURANCE: If the Contractor is required to go on to City property to perform work or services as a result of ITB award, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in Special Conditions**.**

The Contractor shall provide to the Procurement Services Department original certificates of coverage and receive notification of approval of those certificates by the City's Risk Manager prior to engaging in any activities under this contract. The Contractors insurance is subject to the approval of the City's Risk Manager. The certificates must list the City as an ADDITIONAL INSURED and shall have no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change. Further modification of the insurance requirements may be made at the sole discretion of the City's Risk Manager if circumstances change or adequate protection of the City is not presented. Bidder, by submitting his bid, agrees to abide by such modifications**.**

PART V PURCHASE ORDER AND CONTRACT TERMS:

5.01 COMPLIANCE TO SPECIFICATIONS, LATE DELIVERIES/PENALTIES: Items offered may be tested for compliance to bid specifications. Items delivered which do not conform to bid specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense. Any violation resulting in contract termination for cause or delivery of items not conforming to specifications, or late delivery may also result in:

- Bidder's name being removed from the City's bidder's mailing list for a specified period and Bidder will not be recommended for any award during that period.
- All City Departments being advised to refrain from doing business with the Bidder.
- All other remedies in law or equity.

5.02 ACCEPTANCE, CONDITION, AND PACKAGING: The material delivered in response to ITB award shall remain the property of the Seller until a physical inspection is made and the material accepted to the satisfaction of the City. The material must comply fully with the terms of the ITB, be of the required quality, new, and the latest model. All containers shall be suitable for storage and shipment by common carrier, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging. The City will not accept substitutes of any kind. Any substitutes or material not meeting specifications will be returned at the Bidder's expense. Payment will be made only after City receipt and acceptance of materials or services.

5.03 SAFETY STANDARDS: All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of the

Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended, and be in compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes. Any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this order must be accompanied by a completed Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

5.04 **ASBESTOS STATEMENT:** All material supplied must be 100% asbestos free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies that if awarded any portion of the ITB he will supply only material or equipment that is 100% asbestos free.

5.05 **OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, he will, if he has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.

5.06 **VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PROCEDURE:** No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any City employee. Only those communications which are in writing from an authorized City representative may be considered. Only written communications from Contractors, which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.

5.07 **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Proposer shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in this ITB, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.

5.08 **INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fort Lauderdale and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, claims, costs, charges for other expenses, or liabilities of every and any kind including attorney fees, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of the work agreed to or performed by Contractor under the terms of any agreement that may arise due to the bidding process. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable Statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.

5.09 **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the provisions of this Agreement, the City may upon written notice to the Contractor terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, or with such part or parts of the Agreement as to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused to the City by reason of such default and termination. In the event of such termination, any completed services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of the City, become the City's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the City. The Contractor, however, shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by reason of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor can be determined.

5.10 **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.

5.11 **CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:** The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.

5.12 **RECORDS/AUDIT:** The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The form of all records and reports shall be subject to the approval of the City's Internal Auditor. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City's Internal Auditor, during normal business hours and in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports and records relating to this contract for the duration of the contract and retain them for a minimum period of one (1) year beyond the last day of the contract term.

5.13 **PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES:** The successful Contractor shall, at his own expense, obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to business to be carried on under this contract.

5.14 **LAWS/ORDINANCES:** The Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances rules and regulations that would apply to this contract.

5.15 **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** There shall be no discrimination as to race, sex, color, creed, age or national origin in the operations conducted under this contract.

5.16 **UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If during a contract term where costs to the City are to remain firm or adjustments are restricted by a percentage or CPI cap, unusual circumstances that could not have been foreseen by either party to the contract occur, and those circumstances significantly affect the Contractor's cost in providing the required items or services, then the Contractor may request adjustments to the costs to the City to reflect the changed circumstances. The circumstances must be beyond the control of the Contractor, and the requested adjustments must be fully documented. The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City will reserve the following options:

1. The contract can be canceled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor with no penalty to the

City or Contractor. The Contractor shall fill all City requirements submitted to the Contractor until the termination date contained in the notice.

2. The City requires the Contractor to continue to provide the items and services at the firm fixed (non-adjusted) cost until the termination of the contract term then in effect.

3. If the City, in its interest and in its sole opinion, determines that the Contractor in a capricious manner attempted to use this section of the contract to relieve themselves of a legitimate obligation under the contract, and no unusual circumstances had occurred, the City reserves the right to take any and all action under law or equity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, declaring the Contractor in default and disqualifying him for receiving any business from the City for a state period of time.

If the City does agree to adjusted costs, these adjusted costs shall not be invoiced to the City until the Contractor receives notice in writing signed by a person authorized to bind the City in such matters.

5.17 **ELIGIBILITY:** If applicable, the Contractor must first register with the Department of State of the State of Florida, in accordance with Florida State Statutes, prior to entering into a contract with the City.

5.18 **PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The Contractor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City and its employees from liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

5.19 **ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this ITB without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this ITB, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City Manager or selected designee.

5.20 **LITIGATION VENUE:** The parties waive the privilege of venue and agree that all litigation between them in the state courts shall take place in Broward County, Florida and that all litigation between them in the federal courts shall take place in the Southern District in and for the State of Florida.

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT:

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and free from collusion. Vendor shall discloses below any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale, FL Policy and Standards Manual, 6.10.8.3,

3.3. City employees may not contract with the City through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g. ownership of five (5) percent or more).

3.4. Immediate family members (spouse, parents and children) are also prohibited from contracting with the City subject to the same general rules.

Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the City Procurement Code.

NAME	RELATIONSHIPS

In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the City shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.