

# **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

# PLEASE FAX THIS DOCUMENT BACK TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. 850-482-9643 or send via email to jaustin@jacksoncountyfl.com

# **RETURN THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY VIA FAX TO 850-482-9643**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons or firms that Jackson County will be accepting sealed bids for the following:

BID NUMBER: 1718-30

## Request for Bid: Contract for Lawn Maintenance at the Jackson County Library - Marianna Branch

DESCRIPTION: The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified vendors to respond to this request for proposals to establish a Contract for Lawn Maintenance at the Jackson County Library Marianna Branch

**BID DEADLINE DATE:** Thursday, July 26, 2018

**DEADLINE TIME: 2:00 PM CST** 

PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN (EMAIL OR FAX) THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

|  | WE DO INTEND                       | TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS BID REQUEST                                     |  |
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| We DO NOT intend to p  | articipate in this Bid request; ho | wever we would like to remain on the Jackson<br>County Vendor listing. |  |
| I  | F THIS PROJECT REQUIRES            | A CONTRACTOR MEETING (see page 2)                                      |  |
| WE WILL ATTEND   |                                    | WE WILL NOT BE ATTENDING   |  |
| Please indi  | cate with a "*" if there are any c | changes to the following information                                   |  |
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| Jackson Co. Purchasing Dept.<br>2864 Madison Street<br>Marianna, Florida 32448 |                                    |  |  |



# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

# CONTRACTOR MEETING NOTIFICATION

Project: Contract for Lawn Maintenance at the Jackson County Library - Marianna Branch

MEETING DATE: Friday, July 20, 2018

TIME: 10:00 am, CST

MEETING LOCATION: Jackson County Library Marianna Branch 2929 Green Street Marianna, FL 32446

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Additional information may be handed out at this meeting. This additional information WILL NOT is mailed out to any vendors not responding to this meeting.

# THIS PROJECT **DOES** INVOLVE A MANDATORY CONTRACTOR MEETING

# **QUESTION & RESPONSE FORM**

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NOTE: We understand that questions may arise from this bid packet or the specifications pertaining to this project. We will make every attempt to answer your questions in a timely manner. However, all questions must be in written format and on this form. You can submit your question via FAX to 850-482-9643 or email to jaustin@jacksoncountyfl.com. Please be sure that all of the requested information has been provided. Once the question has been answered, I will send the response back to you and to only those firms that have returned the INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE to the Purchasing Dept. (850-482-9643)

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST FAX THE "NOTICE TO PARTICIPATE" TO 850-482-9643 AS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Only those firms responding with the NOTICE TO PARTICIPATE will receive any response to questions asked.

#### FIRM REQUESTING INFORMATION:

| PHONE # | FAX # |
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# **BID PACKET**

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#### Request for Bid: Contract for Lawn Maintenance at the Jackson County Library - Marianna Branch

THIS PACKET CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS.

NOTE: SOME OF THESE DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE RETURNED. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT SO THAT YOUR BID WILL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED.

|    |   | SUBMISSION                                |
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| DE | ESCRIPTION  | REQUIREMENT                               |
| ٠  | IMPORTANT NOTICE (if a contractor meeting has been set, | the information will be given on page 3.  |
| ٠  | INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE                               | <u>FAX THIS DOCUMENT BACK IMMEDIATELY</u> |
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BID PACKET CONTENTS RETURN AS INDICATED

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS BID

Documents that are in **BOLD ARE** required for submission. Documents NOT in BOLD are NOT required.

- BID BOND
- PAYMENT BOND
- PERFORMANCE BOND
- PROOF OF WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE
- **PROOF OF CURRENT LIABILITY INSURANCE** (County may, if necessary request an increase)

DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE ISSUED UPON AWARD

- 1. CONTRACT
- 2. NOTICE OF AWARD
- 3. CHANGE ORDER
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF FINAL COMPLETION

CERTIFICATE OF FINAL COMPLETION - Must be completed and submitted to Purchasing Dept. or final payment will not be made

# WARNING - THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED

If an attempt to circumvent this process is made and the invoice for payment is sent directly to the Finance Department, the Finance Department will forward the invoice to the Purchasing Department. If a Notice of Final Completion is not on file with the Purchasing Department, the Contractor will immediately be notified to initiate the Final Completion process.

If the total project cost is more or less than that provided on the Bid response, the Purchasing Department will review the records for an approved Change Order form. If one does not exist, PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE. Any and all change orders MUST be approved by the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners or authorized representative. If in the event a Change Order was not found, the Purchasing Department will require the contractor to complete in detail a Change Order form. The Department will then present the Change Order to the Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting. This does not guarantee that this Change Order will be approved. The Department will follow the direction that the Board of Commissioners dictates.

GENERAL The procedures listed here will be followed by everyone responding to a Bid Request. Failure to comply with these procedures COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION

## PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES - SWORN STATEMENT FORM - RETURN WITH BED RESPONSE PACKET

State low dictates that all individuals or firms doing business with a Governmental Agency must provide that agency with written documentation that they have not been convicted of any crimes which would prohibit them from conducting business with a Government Agency.

#### BID BOND - CONSTRUCTION BIDS \$50,000.00 AND OVER-RETURN WITH BID RESPONSE PACKET

Bid Bonds are insurance agreements in which a third party agrees to be liable to pay a certain amount of money in the event that a specific bidder, if the bid is accepted, fails to accept the contract as bid. NOTE: unless otherwise noted, this bid bond requirement is primarily for construction type bids and NOT for PRODUCT type bids.

#### ADDENDUM FORMS

Changes are made from time to time pertaining to the Bid. These changes or additional information will be provided to everyone that has returned the Invitation to Participate. If the Invitation to Participate has not been returned, the Purchasing Department will make the determination that your firm does not wish to respond to this Bid request. As a result, any Addendum's will NOT be sent to your firm.

- CONTRACT The Contract provided in the Bid packet is a sample document and is representative of the actual contract.
- RECIPIENT OF THE BID AWARD Failure to strictly adhere to the procedures listed here could result in delays for any or all payment requests.

#### NOTICE OF AWARD - RETURN THIS DOCUMENT WITHIN 15 DAYS

This document will be sent to the successful bidder as notification of the award of the bid. The contractor must return this document within 15 calendar days. Return two copies of the Contract along with the Notice of Award. No work on the project is to occur until the Contractor has received the NOTICE TO PROCEED.

However Contractor may take the necessary steps to prepare for the work to begin. These steps could include but not be limited to scheduling, ordering items/equipment etc. The contractor shall also send the remainder of the required documents, Performance Bonds, Insurance requirements Etc. at this time.

#### PERFORMANCE BOND - BIDS <u>\$50,000-00 A" OVER -RETURN WITH THE NOTICE OF AWARD</u> This is a

contract of guaranty executed subsequent to award by a successful bidder to protect the government from loss due to contractor inability to complete the contract as agreed.

The firm receiving the Bid award shall execute a Performance Bond for the entire amount of the bid itself and naming Jackson County Board of County Commissioners as recipient. Once this has been accomplished, the Notice of Award and Performance Bond must be sent to the Purchasing Department.

NOTE: unless otherwise noted, this bid bond requirement is primarily for construction type bids and NOT for PRODUCT type bids.

### NOTICE TO PROCEED - RETURN THIS DOCUMENT UPON EXECUTION

The Notice to Proceed will be sent only after all the required forms have been received by the Purchasing Department. The Notice to Proceed will specify a starting date on which the contractor shall start work. This document will also specify the total amount of days allowed for the completion of this project and will identify the date in which this project should conclude.

#### TIME ZONE

Jackson County is in the Central Time Zone. An any and all reference to time is made in the Central Time zone. Those responding to this Request for Bid are responsible for responding correctly.

#### CERTIFICATE OF FINAL COMPLETION

<u>NOTE:</u> This procedure MUST BE FOLLOWED. This document MUST be on file in the Purchasing Department or final Payment will not be processed for Payment by the Department.

The purpose of this document is a final inspection of the project. The Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Department via the Notice of Final Completion only when the Contractor has fully completed the project. The Purchasing Director will schedule a date for both the Owner and Contractor to complete a final inspection of the project. The results of this final inspection will be either a listing of items which remain to be completed or agreement between both parties as to the completeness of the project. The contractor will receive the final signed copy of the Notice of Final Completion once the work has been completed and released. Contractor should then provide the Purchasing Department with the final invoice for payment. The Purchasing Department shall process said invoice and deliver the invoice for payment to the Finance Department.



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# **GENERAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

## GENERAL

- A. These documents constitute the complete set of specification requirements and forms. The Proposal including all sheets and attachments must be filled in, executed and submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the RFP number on the outside and mailed or presented to the Purchasing Office on or before the specified time and date. The face envelope shall contain the return address, the date of RFP opening, the RFP number and title.
- B. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to ensure that his or her response reaches the Purchasing Office on or before the closing date and time. The County of Jackson shall in no way be responsible for delays, caused by any other occurrence. Offers by telephone, telegram or facsimile shall not be accepted unless otherwise specified.
- C. All responses must be typewritten or written in ink, and must be signed in ink by an officer or employee having authority to bind the company or firm.
- D. **Provide one original signed copy and four additional copies** of any Response pages which have to be prepared by your firm as directed in response to this request. The original copy of the RFP must contain an original, manual signature of an authorized representative of the company.
- E. Respondents shall not be allowed to modify their packets after the opening time and date. RFP files may be examined during normal working hours, after the opening, by appointment only.
- F. The RFP packets will be publicly opened by the Purchasing Department of the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County,. This will take place at 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, Florida 32448 on the date and time indicated in RFP packet.

#### ALL RESPONDENTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT

For information concerning this project, please contact:

Judy Austin, Purchasing Agent COUNTY OF JACKSON PURCHASING DEPARTMENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 2864 MADISON STREET MARIANNA, FLORIDA 32448 VOICE—850-718-0005 FAX 850-482-9682

#### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Respondents are required to comply with all provisions of Federal, State and County laws and Ordinances, rules and regulations, that are applicable to the items being requested. Lack of knowledge by the respondent shall in no way be a cause for relief from responsibility, or constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

#### PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

Any person submitting a proposal in response to this invitation must execute the enclosed SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133 (A), FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES, including proper check(s) in the space(s) provided, and enclose it with the proposal.

No award will be executed with any person affiliate identified on the Department of General Services "Convicted Vendor" list. This list is defined as consisting of persons and affiliates who are disqualified from public contracting and

purchasing process because they have been found guilty of a public entity crime. No public entity shall award any contract to, or transact any business in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes for Category Two (2) (currently \$10,000.00) with any person or affiliate on the "Convicted Vendor" list for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date that person or affiliate

was placed on the "Convicted Vendor" list unless that person or affiliate has been removed from the list pursuant to Section 287.133 (3)(f) Florida Statutes.

#### DRUG FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAMS

Preference shall be given to business with Drug-Free Work Place programs, whenever two or more packets which are equal with respect to quality, and service are received by the County of Jackson for the procurement of commodities or contractual services.

#### **PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS**

This request is governed by the Jackson County procurement Regulations. A copy of the Procurement Regulations is available for your review at the County Purchasing Office.

#### **PROTESTS OR DISPUTES**

Any protests or disputes pursuant to this request and/or contract award shall be governed by the procedures noted in the Procurement Regulations.

#### FEDERAL AND STATE TAX

The County of Jackson is exempt from Federal and State Taxes for tangible personal property. The Purchasing Department will supply the successful respondent with an exemption certificate if required. Vendors or contractors doing business with Jackson County shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor shall any Vendor/Contractor be authorized to use the County Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

#### **ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION**

The County reserves the right to reject the response of any vendor who has previously failed in the proper performance of an award or to deliver on time contracts of a similar nature or who is not in a position to perform properly under this award. The County reserves the right to inspect all facilities of firms in order to make a determination as to the forgoing. Jackson County reserves the right to waive any irregularities and technicalities and may, at its discretion, request readvertise this RFP.

#### ALTERNATIVES/APPROVED EQUAL DEVIATIONS

Unless otherwise specified, the mention of the particular manufacture's brand name or number in the specifications does not imply that this particular product is the only one that will be considered for purchase. This reference is intended solely to designate the type or quality of merchandise that will be acceptable. Alternate offers will be considered and must include descriptive literature and/or specifications. Failure to provide descriptive literature and/or specifications with alternate offers may be cause for disqualification of the response. The determination as to whether any alternate product or service is or is not equal shall be made by Jackson County and such determination shall be final and binding upon all responses.

The respondent shall be responsible for reading very carefully, and understanding completely, the requirements and the specifications of the items requested. Any deviation from specifications listed herein must be clearly indicated, otherwise it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and the successful respondent will be held responsible therefore; deviations must be explained in detail on an attached sheet(s) and itemized by number. Any item or items that do not meet County specifications upon delivery will not be accepted and if the item cannot be brought up to specifications in a reasonable time, the firm will be required to compensate the County for difference in price entailed in going to the next low firm.

#### NO RESPONSE

Where more than one item is listed, any items not included in the response shall be indicated by a written "NO RESPONSE" beside the item. If no items are represented, a "Statement of NO RESPONSE" should be returned, with the

envelope plainly marked "NO RESPONSE" and with the RFP number. Failure to comply will be an indication that the firm does not wish to be considered for future requests.

#### NON-COLLUSION

Firm certifies that this response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a response for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

No premiums, rebates or gratuities permitted; either with, prior to or after any delivery of material or provision of service. Any such violation may result in contract cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation or services and possible removal from the vendor list(s).

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The award is subject to provisions of State Statutes and County Ordinances if any. All respondents must disclose with their response the name of any office, director, or agent who is an employee of Jackson County. Further, all firms must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of ten percent (10%) or more in the firm or any of its branches.

#### UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

The Uniform Commercial Code (Florida Statutes, Chapter 672) shall prevail as the basis for contractual obligations between the awarded contractor/vendor and the County for any terms and conditions not specifically stated in this Invitation.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

The obligations of Jackson County under this award are subject to the availability of funds lawfully appropriated for its purpose by the State of Florida and Jackson County.

#### EEO STATEMENT

Jackson County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and, therefore, complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age and sex.

#### SUBCONTRACTING

If a vendor subcontracts any portion of a contract for any reason, he must submit the name and address of the subcontractor and the name of the person to be contracted. Jackson County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses wherein a subcontractor is named and to make the award to the firm, who, in the opinion of the County, will be in the best interest of and/or most advantageous to the County. Jackson County also reserves the right to reject a response of any firm if the response names a subcontractor who has previously failed in the proper performance of an award or failed to deliver on time contracts of a similar nature, or who is not in a position to perform properly under this award. Jackson County reserves the right to make the determination as to the foregoing.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, SERVICES, OR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

All Electronic equipment shall be **YEAR 2000 COMPLIANT.** Any firm responding to this request shall supply the County with a statement that the electronic equipment being offered is in fact **YEAR 2000 COMPLIANT.** 

#### QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROJECT

No questions regarding this project will be answered unless said question is in written form. Questions pertaining to the specifications of this project will be delivered to the Purchasing Agent via Fax, Mail or hand delivered. The original question along with the answer will be sent via Fax or Mail to every firm who has returned the Invitation to Participate.

#### **NEGOTIATIONS**

Negotiations will be conducted in accordance with Florida State Statute 11.45.

# SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133 (3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

This SWORN statement is submitted with bid number: 1.

For:

| By: |                                    |
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|     | (PRINT INDIVIDUALS NAME AND TITLE) |
|     |                                    |

# (PRINT NAME OF ENTITY SUBMITTING SWORN STATEMENT)

- 2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(g), Florida Statutes means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency of political subdivision of any other state or of the United states and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
- 3. I understand "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (a)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court or record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
  - A. A predecessor or a successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
  - B. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who had been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facia case that no one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the proceeding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

I UNDERSTAND THAT A "PERSON" AS DEFINED IN Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

1. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this SWORN statement.

## SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133 (3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES - CONTINUED

# [INDICATE WHICH STATEMENT APPLIES]

\_\_\_\_\_ Neither the entity submitting this SWORN statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_ The entity submitting this SWORN statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity **HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH AND CONVICTED OF A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME** subsequent to July 1, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_ The entity submitting this SWORN statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or as a affiliate of the entity **HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH AND CONVICTED OF A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME** subsequent to July 1, 1989. **HOWEVER**, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this SWORN statement on the convicted vendor list (**ATTACH A COPY OF THE FINAL ORDER**).

# STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that the submission of this form to the contracting officer for the Public Entity Identification in Paragraph one (1) above is for that Public Entity Only and, that this form is valid through December 31 of the calendar year in which it is filed. I also understand that I am required to inform the Public Entity prior to entering into a contract in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes for category two (2) of any change in the information contained in this form.

 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

 Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

 Personally known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced identification \_\_\_\_\_\_

 SHOW TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED

 Notary Public-State of \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_\_

(PRINTED / TYPED/ OR STAMPED COMMISSIONED NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC)



# BID SPECIFICATIONS

Please, if you have any questions, please ask. Thanks

# BID NUMBER: 1718-30

# Request for Bid: Contract for Lawn Maintenance at the Jackson County Library - Marianna Branch

Procedures for having questions answered:

- 1. All questions will be directed to the Purchasing Agent unless otherwise indicated.
- 2. All questions will be in written form utilizing the provided question form.
- 3. Questions can be either:
  - A. mailed to the Purchasing Agent at 2864 Madison St., Marianna, Florida 32448, or
  - B. FAX questions to the Purchasing Agent at 850-482-9643
- 4. All questions will be distributed along with the answer to <u>ONLY THOSE respondents which have returned the INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE.</u>
- 5. Please read ALTERNATIVES/APPROVED EQUAL DEVIATIONS regarding product specifications.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

• Once this project has been awarded, the contractor/vendor deliver/install specified product/equipment/services within 30 days starting on the issuance of the Notice of Award"

#### Special note:

**SCOPE OF PROJECT**: The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified vendors to respond to this request for proposals to establish a Contract for Lawn Maintenance at the Jackson County Library Marianna Branch

# **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS:** Please refer to next page for the project specifications

#### SCOPE OF WORK

Furnish all labor, equipment and material necessary to complete the maintenance of turf and plantings as specified herein. The work to be completed, but not limited to, shall include:

- A. SCHEUDLED SERVICES: mowing, trimming, edging. (These services are meant to be automatic)
- B. OPTIONAL SERVICES: mulching, spring and fall clean-ups, thatching, aerating, overseeding, sod, debris removal, bed maintenance, weed control, fertilization, lime application, disease and insect/pest control. (These services are not automatic services and are not to be performed unless requested in writing by an authorized agent for the community, which will be specified to the approved bidder. Copies of the written request for service to accompany any bill for that service in order to have payment rendered).

#### INITIAL CLEANUP OF PROPERTY

• To include all of the following services to bring the property back to a presentable level.

#### MOWING

- All lawn areas shall be mowed bi-weekly or shall be adjusted, by prior consultation between the Contractor and the authorized agent for the County, to make necessary schedule changes. The cutting height will be on average two and one-half (2-1/2) inches to three (3) inches.
- Mowing will be performed without disturbing bed areas, shrubbery or structures. Push mowers will be required around each building perimeter where windows are located and where necessary. Any tree, shrub or bed that is damaged due to the use of a weed whacker will be the sole responsibility of the contractor to replace or repair any damage caused.
- Area by trees, shrubs, building foundations, posts or other obstructions will be done by push mowers.
- Grass clippings, leaves or other debris will be swept and removed from all walkways, curbs, streets, street gutters, walls, air conditioner/heater pump units, driveways, beds and fences and will be removed from the property.
- Litter, debris and loose stone on lawn areas will be removed **prior** to mowing.
- Mowing around all planted beds, planted trees and tree wells and any living areas shall be such that all grass clippings are directed AWAY from these areas.
- During the off season when mowing is not needed due to lack of growth from extreme temperatures or drought conditions, equal time will be spent attending to other landscaping issues. For example, weeding, trimming, bed maintenance, refreshing mulch etc. Authorized agent for the County will schedule these activities.

#### TRIMMING

- All lawn areas adjacent, but not limited to buildings, walkways, curbs, lights, signs, trees, beds and fences shall be trimmed to approximately two (2) inches.
- All plantings around air conditioner/heater pump units shall be trimmed so as not to obstruct the operation of the air conditioner/heater pump unit.
- Trimming of shrubbery and trees to insure all pathways and visual lines are clear of overhanging limbs and growth
- All growth on fences shall be cleared of all growing vegetation; if sprayed it shall not discolor the fencing.

#### EDGING

- Edging walkways, sidewalks, and curbs to be done on a bi-weekly basis. But **not** to create a trenched area or canal for water to undermine the integrity of the walkway, sidewalk or curb structures. Turf along all walkways will be cut with a mechanical or manual edger, producing a well-defined edge,
- All debris will be removed and discarded off-site.
- All voluntary growth in cracks in sidewalks, roadways and curbs shall be cleared of all growing vegetation. The curb shall be sprayed with an all vegetation kill, but is not to discolor the curb, walkways or sidewalks.

#### SPRING CLEAN UP

- All lawn areas shall be raked and rakings shall be removed from the property.
- All debris, including, but not limited to, branches, stones and paper shall be removed from the property.
- All driveways and parking areas shall be swept clean. All debris shall be removed from the property.
- PLANTING BEDS:
  - $\circ$  Soil (mulch) in beds will be broken to a depth of one and one-half (1  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches.
    - All weeds will be removed; existing plantings will be cleared of debris, dead branches, stones, etc.
    - All mulch will be loosened and reshaped.
    - o Mulch will not be left against building foundations, patio walls, heat pumps, air conditioners and fences.
    - An application of pre-emergent herbicide is to be applied to all beds to control weeds.
    - All foundation beds and tree wells will be mechanically edged.
    - The authorized agent for the County is to schedule these activities with the contractor.

#### FALL CLEAN UP

- All lawn areas, beds and parking areas will be cleaned of leaves, branches, litter, stones and other debris.
- All debris is to be removed from the property.
- All walkway and roadway gutters are to be swept clean.
- The authorized agent for the Association is to schedule these activities with the contractor.

#### PLEASE PRICE AS BROKEN DOWN BY SCOPE OF WORK SECTIONS:

| Section Cost/Operation  | Times per year | Total Cost                                   |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| 3. Mowing               | 24             | \$   |
| 4. Trimming             | 24             | \$   |
| 5. Edging               | 24             | \$   |
| Clean-Ups:<br>6. Spring | 1              | \$   |
| 7. Fall                 | 2-3            | \$   |
|                         | Annual Cost    | \$   |
|                         |                | me of the subcontractor on back of bid form. |
| Signed:                 | Title:         | Date:  |
| ACCEPTED BY:            |                |  |
| Signed:                 | Title:         | Date:  |

Jackson County Board of County Commissioners acceptance of this proposal is subject to all terms, conditions and activities as stated in specification number 1718-30 and this acceptance shall constitute and executed contract. These specifications shall govern as the contract and NO verbal conditions shall be accepted.

By signing this proposal, Jackson County Board of County Commissioners in no way, shape or form is agreeing to have any optional services performed, unless specifically stated in writing by the authorized agent for the County. Any work performed on the approval of anyone other than that specified at the commencement of this contract, will be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

#### BID PACKET BID RESPONSE FORM

### BID NUMBER: 1718-30

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DELIVERY: Prices quoted will include delivery F.O.B. Jackson County Florida. The equipment will NOT be shipped with the BOCC, Jackson County as consignee.

DELIVERY COST/CHARGES: All delivery costs or charges must be included in the bid price.

ACCEPTANCE: Jackson County will not be responsible for any equipment until fully delivered and accepted after a complete inspection by both the purchasing department and the requesting department. The Purchasing Department MUST be notified immediately preferable prior to but if necessary,

upon delivery. A "Certificate of Final Completion" will be issued upon such acceptance.

BID AWARD: The County reserves the right to award the contract on a split-order, lump-sum, or individual-item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the County unless otherwise specified.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: The vendor shall at County's discretion, Jackson County to purchase all equipment it deems necessary.

| Description                 |            |  |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Initial Cleanup of Property |            |  |
| Annual Contract Price       |            |  |
|                             |            |  |
|                             |            |  |
|                             | Total Cost |  |

|  |     |    | IF YES – E | XPLAINED? |
|--|-----|----|------------|-----------|
|  | YES | NO | YES        | NO        |
|  |     |    |            |           |
| Have exceptions or alternatives been taken for any of the specifications given in this Bid request |     |    |            |           |

|  | DAYS |
|--|------|
| This bid price is good for how long after bid opening              |      |
| How many days after notification of award, will installation begin |      |

By signing this form, you attest that all information provided by you is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

| Company name              |       |              |           |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| Address                   |       |              |           |
| CITY                      |       | STATE        | ZIP       |
| Phone numbers             | VOICE | FAX          | E-MAIL    |
| Authorized representative |       | PRINTED NAME | SIGNATURE |

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# NEW VENDOR INFORMATION If you are a new vendor with Jackson County MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH THE BID RESPONSE PACKET

| Please type or print neatly.  |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|--|
| FIRM NAME:  |                            | PRINCIPAL CONTAC     | CT:                  |            | E-MAIL ADDRESS |  |
| STREET ADDRESS (INCLUDING SUITE/BUILDING, ETC.):  |                            | VOICE PHONE:<br>EXT. |                      |            | CELL PHONE:    |  |
| MAILING ADDRESS:  |                            | CITY:                | ST                   | FATE:      | ZIP:           |  |
| MAIN PHONE:   | FAX:                       | WEB ADDRESS          |                      |            |                |  |
| Is the principal contact listed above aut   |                            |                      | •                    | No:        |                |  |
| If no, list the name of the individual w  |                            |                      | Phone number<br>Ext. |            |                |  |
| Federal I.D. :  | Occupational Lice          | ense No.:            | State Contracte      | tor's Lice | nse No.:       |  |
| 5   | Distributor                |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Business:ContractorProduct to be provided/sold:   | Other (I                   | Please specify)      |                      |            |                |  |
|   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
|   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Firm/Company Sole Proprietorship<br>type: Non-Profit Corp.  | Partnership                | Corporation          | Other:               |            |                |  |
| Is your company a Woman-Owned African American Hispanic Asian American Native American<br>Certified: Native Alaskan   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Terms of payment:   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Bonding<br>Capability:Don't knowUnder \$100,000Over \$100,000Other:   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Does your firm currently cover all empli  | loyees with Workman's Comp |                      | what amount:         |            |                |  |
| Are any officers, owners, partners, or employees (or employee family) an employee of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners: Yes<br>No   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| If above answer is Yes, please identify that person and their position with the County.   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Certification   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| I certify that the information supplied herein, including all pages attached, is correct and that neither the applicant nor any person (or concern) in any connection with the applicant is a principal officer so far as known, is now debarred or otherwise ineligible from bidding for any reason or project with the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |
| Signature:  | Title:                     |                      |                      | Da         | ite:           |  |
|   |                            |                      |                      |            |                |  |

#### **EXPERIENCE STATEMENT** TO BE SUBMITTED WITH RESPONSE PACKET

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List at least three references for work of a similar nature performed within the last three years.

| Description of work | Year of | Dollar     |                 |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
|                     | project | amount     | Company name:   |
|                     |         | of project |                 |
|                     |         |            | Contact person: |
|                     |         |            | Phone number:   |

| Description of work | Year of project | Dollar<br>amount<br>of project | Company name:                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                     |                 |                                | Contact person:<br>Phone number: |

| Description of work | Year of | Dollar     |                 |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
|                     | project | amount     | Company name:   |
|                     |         | of project |                 |
|                     |         |            | Contact person: |
|                     |         |            | Phone number:   |

| Description of work | Year of | Dollar     |                 |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
|                     | project | amount     | Company name:   |
|                     |         | of project |                 |
|                     |         |            | Contact person: |
|                     |         |            | Phone number:   |

| Description of work | Year of | Dollar     |                 |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
|                     | project | amount     | Company name:   |
|                     |         | of project |                 |
|                     |         |            | Contact person: |
|                     |         |            | Phone number:   |

| Description of work | Year of project | Dollar<br>amount<br>of project | Company name:                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                     |                 |                                | Contact person:<br>Phone number: |

| Description of work | Year of | Dollar     |                 |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
|                     | project | amount     | Company name:   |
|                     |         | of project |                 |
|                     |         |            | Contact person: |
|                     |         |            | Phone number:   |

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# SUBCONTRACTOR LIST TO BE SUBMITTED IF SUBCONTRACTORS WILL BE USED

|                 | DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| COMPANY NAME:   |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| ADDRESS:        |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| REPRESENTATIVE: |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| PHONE NUMBER:   | CURRENT FLORIDA LICENSE #:      |
|                 |                                 |
| FAX NUMBER:     | CLASSIFICATION:                 |

|                 | DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| COMPANY NAME:   |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| ADDRESS:        |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| REPRESENTATIVE: |                                 |
| PHONE NUMBER:   | CURRENT FLORIDA LICENSE #:      |
| FAX NUMBER:     | CLASSIFICATION:                 |

|                 | DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| COMPANY NAME:   |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| ADDRESS:        |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| REPRESENTATIVE: |                                 |
| PHONE NUMBER:   | CURRENT FLORIDA LICENSE #:      |
| FAX NUMBER:     | CLASSIFICATION:                 |

|                 | DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| COMPANY NAME:   |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| ADDRESS:        |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| REPRESENTATIVE: |                                 |
| PHONE NUMBER:   | CURRENT FLORIDA LICENSE #:      |
|                 |                                 |
| FAX NUMBER:     | CLASSIFICATION:                 |

|                 | DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| COMPANY NAME:   |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| ADDRESS:        |                                 |
|                 |                                 |
| REPRESENTATIVE: |                                 |
| PHONE NUMBER:   | CURRENT FLORIDA LICENSE #:      |
| FAX NUMBER:     | CLASSIFICATION:                 |