

CITY OF BEAUFORT
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO. 2021 - 109



WATERFRONT PARK SCOTT STREET TERMINUS
LANDSCAPING DESIGN and INSTALLATION
DUE: OCTOBER 13, 2020

CITY OF BEAUFORT, SC REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP NO. 2021-109

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received in the Finance Department, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina until **2:00 P.M. ET Tuesday, October 13, 2020**. All qualified contractors are invited to submit proposals to the City of Beaufort for the following:

CITY OF BEAUFORT WATERFRONT PARK SCOTT STREET TERMINUS LANDSCAPING DESIGN and INSTALLATION

SUBMIT: One (1) unbound original and three (3) bound copies of all requested documentation must be received on or **2:00 P.M. ET Tuesday, October 13, 2020**.

ADDRESS TO: City of Beaufort, City Hall, 2nd Floor Finance Department, Attention: Jay Phillips

MAILING ADDRESS: 1911 Boundary St., Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

OFFICE ADDRESS: 1911 Boundary St., Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

PHONE NUMBER: 843-525-7071 **FAX NUMBER:** 843-986-5606

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus and the State of South Carolina Executive Order 2020-12 dated March 21, 2020 regarding “social distancing” practices, bids may also be received electronically by email in portable document format (pdf) file format.

SUBMIT: One (1) portable document format (pdf) format file as an email attachment on or before 2:00 P.M. ET Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Depending upon file size limitations, a file sharing platform (i.e. Dropbox) may need to be used. After sending bids by email, bidders must send a separate email without an attachment to advise that a submission has been made. The Procurement Administrator will follow up and advise accordingly if a Dropbox submission is necessary. **EMAIL ADDRESS TO:** jphillips@cityofbeaufort.org

MARK OUTSIDE ENVELOPE: “RFP 2021 – 109 Waterfront Park Scott Street Terminus Landscaping Design and Installation”

A NON-MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 P.M. ET, September 23, 2020 IN THE PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1911 BOUNDARY STREET, BEAUFORT, SC 29902. ALL POTENTIAL OFFERORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-12 DATED MARCH 21, 2020 REGARDING “SOCIAL DISTANCING” PRACTICES, THE PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING. AND ADDENDUM WILL BE POSTED WITH THE ZOOM MEETING DETAILS.

DEADLINE ENFORCED

PROPOSALS DELIVERED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SET FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED TO THE OFFEROR. IT IS THE OFFEROR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY OF THEIR PROPOSALS. WEATHER, FLIGHT DELAYS, CARRIER ERRORS AND OTHER ACTS OF OTHERWISE EXCUSABLE NEGLIGENCE ARE RISKS ALLOCATED TO OFFERORS AND WILL NOT BE EXEMPTED FROM DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS. E-MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR FACSIMILE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Any offer submitted as a result of this RFP shall be binding on the offeror for **NINETY (90)** calendar days following the specified opening date. Any proposal for which the offeror specifies a shorter acceptance period may be rejected.

Proprietary and/or Confidential Information

Your proposal package is a public document under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), except as to information that may be treated as confidential as an exception to disclosure under the FOIA. If you cannot agree to this standard, please do not submit your qualification.

All information that is to be treated as confidential and/or proprietary must be **CLEARLY** identified, and each page containing confidential and/or proprietary information, in whole or in part, must be stamped and/or denoted as **CONFIDENTIAL**, in bold, in a font of at least 12-point type, in the upper right hand corner of the page. *All information not so denoted and identified shall be subject to disclosure by the City.*

This Request for Proposal is being issued by the City of Beaufort. Direct all questions or request for clarification of this RFP by email, mail, or fax to contact information listed above.

Offerors are specifically directed not to contact any other City personnel for meetings, conferences, or technical discussions related to this request unless otherwise stated in this RFP. Failure to adhere to this policy may be grounds for rejection of your proposal.

Offerors ARE CAUTIONED that any statement made by City staff persons that materially changes any portion of this RFP shall not be relied upon unless they are subsequently ratified by a formal written amendment to this RFP. Any revisions to this RFP will be issued and distributed as an addendum. All addenda, additional communications, responses to questions, etc. pertaining to the Request for PROPOSAL may be accessed on the City of Beaufort website under Quick Links – “Bid Opportunities” at www.cityofbeaufort.org.

All Offerors should consult this website for updates before submitting bids.

THE DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS IS: 5:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 29, 2020. ANSWERS TO SUBMITTED QUESTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE CITY WEBSITE BY 5:00 PM ON OCTOBER 5, 2020

This project is being funded in whole or in part by the Land and Water Conservation Fund and South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism. All applicable policies of the Land and Conservation Fund and South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism as well as state and federal legal requirements shall apply.

If the Offeror discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, Offeror shall immediately notify the City of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the

document. The Offeror is responsible for clarifying any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy; omission or other error in the RFP or it shall be deemed waived.

The City of Beaufort reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any parts thereof, waive informalities, negotiate terms and conditions, and to select an Offeror that best meets the needs of the City of Beaufort and its employees.

Compliance with the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act

Any Contractor entering into a service contract with the City of Beaufort must certify to the City of Beaufort that the Contractor intends to verify any new employees' status, and require any sub-consultants performing services under the service contract to verify their new employees' status, per the terms of the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, and as set out in Title 41, Chapter 8 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

POLICY CONCERNING MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Intent

Businesses owned and operated by women and minority persons, in general, have been historically restricted from full participation in the nation's free enterprise system to a degree disproportionate to other businesses.

The City believes it is in the community's best interest to assist minority and woman owned businesses to develop fully, in furtherance of City's policies and programs which are designed to promote balanced economic and community growth.

The City, therefore, wishes to ensure that minority and woman owned businesses (M/WBEs) are afforded the opportunity to fully participate in the City's overall procurement process and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Goal for Participation

The City adopts the State of South Carolina's goal for participation of M/WBEs: ten percent (10%) of annual controllable procurement expenditures which are defined as agreements between the City and a Vendor to provide or procure labor, materials, equipment, supplies and services to, for or on behalf of the City. However, a specific expectation has not been set for this RFP.

Required Forms

Contractors submitting proposals are required to include completed forms that are found at the end of the General Terms & Conditions. The City's General Terms & Conditions, a required component of all competitive procurement proposals, may be accessed on the City's website under Quick Links – Bid Opportunities – www.cityofbeaufort.org. All proposers are to certify that they have read the General Terms & Conditions and will adhere to them as a component of the contract documents.

Contractors should also be aware that, should a contract be awarded, the City will require reports of the utilization of any minority business enterprises to be filed along with requests for payment. The City reserves the right to audit accuracy of the utilization reports that are filed.

The City of Beaufort reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any informality or irregularity not affected by law; to evaluate, in its absolute discretion, the bids submitted; to award the contract according

to the bid which best serves the interests of the City; or to not award the contract if the City determines that it is not in its best interest to do so.

Proposals that are not signed will not be accepted as complete and shall not be considered. Proposals must be signed in ink (not typed) in the appropriate space(s) by an authorized officer or employee of the offeror.

The words "Bidder", "Offeror", "Proposer", "Vendor", "Operator", "Contractor", and "Company" are used interchangeably throughout this RFP, and are used in place of the person, vendor, or corporation submitting a bid.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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WATERFRONT PARK LANDSCAPING DESIGN and INSTALLATION
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INTRODUCTION The City of Beaufort is seeking proposals from professional landscape architects and contractors for the re-design of the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park entrance at Scott Street Terminus to create an inviting entry to the park from both the Day Dock and Bay Street. Services will include design and installation.

SCOPE OF WORK OVERVIEW

The project consists of the design, procurement and install of landscaping at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park entrance at Scott Street Terminus.

Proposers shall provide a concept plan, elevation views and perspective.

Proposer designs should provide a clear view of the water from Bay Street and be consistent with the landscape design of the rest of the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

Proposers may submit a maximum of two (2) design options per company.

The proposals shall include detailed costs of the design services, materials, and labor for installation.

SCHEDULE

Design and installation **must** be completed by **December 1, 2020**

DESIGN ELEMENT GUIDELINES

Proposer should base their designs on meeting the guidelines & specifications listed in this RFP. Proposers are encouraged to design and submit creative and exciting proposals that represent the Beaufort and the Lowcountry as well complementing the current landscaping in the park.

The total dollar amount allocated to the project is \$25,000

Design elements to consider:

The original design of this area consisted of turf inside the circle and over time it was turned into a seasonal planter bed. New design should incorporate seasonal planting areas of some sort to add to the appeal of this entrance.

There are a series of monuments which are in chronological order and should remain in the proper sequential order in the new design.

There is currently irrigation in this area which can be redesigned in this design.

There is landscape lighting is inoperable, but lighting can be incorporated in the new design.

Handicapped accessibility must be considered in the new design.

Proposers may provide a maximum of two (2) design options per supplier.

Evaluation

- Overall design
- Experience of Proposer and references
- Experience of company with goods/services required and compliance
- Adherence to requirements listed in the “Scope of Work”
- Handicap accessibility
- Ability to complete the work by September 1, 2020
- Warranty of products

I. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Additional documents may be available online. Proposers are required to review and be familiar with any documents as they are a part of the RFP and will become part of the awarded contract. These additional documents may be accessed on the City of Beaufort website under How Do I – Bid Proposals – Current Bid Opportunities at www.cityofbeaufort.org.

II. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- I. **Required content of proposal:** The detailed requirements set forth in the Proposal Format are recommended. Failure by any Proposer to respond to a specific requirement may result in disqualification. Proposers are reminded that proposals will be considered exactly as submitted. Points of clarification will be solicited from proposers at the discretion of the City. Those proposals determined not to be in compliance with provisions of this RFP and the applicable law and/or regulations will not be processed. In addition to the information required as described below, a Respondent may submit supplemental information that it feels may be useful in evaluating its proposal. This information may include documents such as a firm profile or brochure.

All costs incurred by the Proposer associated with RFP preparations and subsequent interviews and/or negotiations, which may or may not lead to execution of a contract, shall be the responsibility entirely and exclusively by the proposer.

- II. **Proposal format:** The proposal format requirements were developed to aid Proposers in their proposal development. They also provide a structured format so reviewers can systematically evaluate several proposals. These directions apply to all proposals submitted.

The purpose of the Proposal is to demonstrate the technical capabilities, professional qualifications, past project experiences, and knowledge within this industry. Proposer's proposal must address all the points outlined herein as required, in the following order:

- a. **Transmittal Letter:** A transmittal letter must be submitted with a Proposer's proposal which shall include:
 - i. Name of the firm responding, including mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and names of contact person.
 - ii. The name of the person or persons authorized to make representations on behalf of the Proposer, binding the firm to a contract.
 - iii. Prepare an executive summary stating the respondent's understanding of the project and opinion why the respondent's firm should be chosen. Include any general information the proposer wishes the City to consider about the proposal.
 - iv. An affirmative statement that the proposer has read and agrees to the General Terms and Conditions and will adhere to them as a component of the contract documents.

- b. **Proposer's Work History and References:**
 - i. Contractor should have at least (5) years of demonstrated construction experience.
 - ii. Provide client references (name, address, e-mail, and phone number) for a minimum of two (2) projects completed in the last five (5) years of a similar size and nature. References from South Carolina and the southeast United States are preferred.
 - iii. Identify any additional or unique resources, options, capabilities, or assets which the Proposer would bring to this project.

- c. **Required Forms:**
 - i. Proposals must include the required forms.
 1. Certificates of Insurance showing present coverage as described in the "Insurance" section of the General Terms and Conditions.
 2. Ethics in Public Contracting Certification
 3. Non-Collusion Affidavit
 4. Small / Woman-Owned / Minority Business Enterprise Form
 5. Non-Resident Taxpayer Affidavit (S.S. Department of Revenue I-312)
 6. RFP Signature page (must be signed in ink)
 7. Price Summary Form

- d. **Other Information to Provide:**
 - i. List any lawsuits or arbitration proceedings that have been initiated by or against your company in the past five years. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the outcome.
 - ii. Proposer shall be responsible for providing a letter from the surety company that would issue Performance and Payment bonds for the Contractor included on your team,

providing information on the Contractor's bonding capacity. Performance and Payment bonds are required.

III. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The City will evaluate proposals based on the factors outlined within this RFP, which shall be applied to all eligible, responsive proposals in selecting the successful firm. The City reserves the right to disqualify any proposal for, but not limited to; person or persons it deems as non-responsive and/or non-responsible. The City reserves the right to make such investigations of the qualifications of the Proposer as it deems appropriate.

Lowest responsible bidder. Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. In determining "lowest responsible bidder", in addition to price, the City shall consider:

- (a) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service required;
- (b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;
- (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the bidder;
- (d) The quality of performance of previous contracts or services;
- (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or services;
- (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service;
- (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required;
- (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject: of the contract;
- (i) The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

It is the City's intent to contract with one proposer to provide the services as detailed herein. Award of any proposal may be made without discussion with Proposers after responses are received. The Proposers submitting sealed proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation committee. The committee will evaluate each component separately. After careful evaluation, the committee will rank the Proposers and make a recommendation to the City Manager of the lowest responsible bidder. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids that is in the best interest of the City.

The City may choose to interview one or more contractor(s) responding to this RFP. The City reserves the right to request and obtain, from one or more contractor(s), supplementary information as may be necessary for the City to analyze the proposal pursuant to the evaluation criteria. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals that is in the best interest of the City.

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RFP SIGNATURE PAGE
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PROPOSER'S NAME: _____

The undersigned, having become familiar with the existing conditions and the Proposal Scope of Services hereby proposed, agrees to complete the work as described in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents.

Proposer warrants that no gratuities, in the form of gifts, entertainment, or otherwise, were offered or given by the **Proposer**, to any officer or employee of the City with a view toward securing the contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determination concerning the performance of the contract.

This offer is genuine and not made in interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, vendor or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; **Proposer** has not directly induced or solicited any other **Proposer** to submit false or sham bid; **Proposer** has not solicited or sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other **Proposer** or other **Owner**.

The words "Bidder", "Offeror", "Proposer", "Vendor", and "Company" are used interchangeably throughout this solicitation, and are used in place of the person, vendor, or corporation submitting a solicitation.

Proposer has examined copies of all documents and of the following addenda (if applicable):

Addendum No.	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address: Post Office Box: _____ Zip: _____
Street: _____ Zip: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

*Signature: _____