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MAIL DATE: 3/17/2015

**Mowing Robertson County Schools**

Sealed bids must be received by: **3/27/2015 at 10:00 AM**

Robertson County Finance Office  
523 South Brown Street  
Springfield, TN 37172

**THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED WITH THE BIDDER'S COMPANY NAME, ITEM BID, TIME OF BID OPENING, DATE OF BID OPENING, BID NO. 1289 AND MUST BE MARKED "SEALED BID, DO NOT OPEN."**

Bids are opened and read aloud to the public at the Robertson County Finance Office, 523 S. Brown Street, Springfield, TN 37172 immediately after the bid receipt deadline. Each vendor may submit more than one bid provided each bid meets the stated specifications. Each bid must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the appropriate notation on the outside. All bids must be signed by an authorized agent and submitted on the prescribed forms. Submission of bids by telegraph, telephone, or other electronic means is strictly prohibited. Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope to receive a completed bid tabulation form. Any brand name called for the bid specifications is provided as a reference only. Alternate brand name items offered for bid must be equivalent as to function, basic design, type and quality of material, method of construction, and any required dimensions. Bidder must attach a letter of exception to specifications.

For assistance with technical / product information contact Jimmy Finch, Supervisor, School Building & Grounds at (615)384-0213. For assistance with bid procedures contact Cheryl Moon, Robertson County Finance Office at (615) 384-0202 or by email: [cherylrcf@comcast.net](mailto:cherylrcf@comcast.net).

**Note: Robertson County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities or informalities, and to accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the County. All bids will be considered in accordance with Title VI and without regard to age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, political belief, or disability that does not prohibit the performance of duty.**

**Contract for bid specification # 1289**  
**ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**MOWING CONTRACT**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor) hereby agrees to provide the Robertson County Board of Education with mowing services as per Bid No. 1289 for the period of April 6, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**MOWING SERVICES FOR ROBERTSON SCHOOLS**

Please provide a price for mowing services at Robertson County Schools based on the following specifications:

**1. INTENT**

To enter into a contract for one (1) mowing season during the year of 2015, beginning April 2015 and continuing through December 2015 with an option to renew for up to four years, making this contracted period a total of (5) five consecutive years, if both parties are agreeable to such extension.

Properties shall be bid as four quadrants, with schools serviced by one to four contractors. The County reserves the right to award contracts in a manner deemed in the best interest of the County. The four quadrants will be referred to as Northwest, Northeast, South and Central quadrants.

**Northwest Quadrant** will include Coopertown Elementary, and Coopertown Middle, Jo Byrns Elementary, Jo Byrns High School, and Crestview Elementary.

**Crestview Elementary will be negotiated when school is released from contractor. Crestview Elementary (Mowing date of this property has not been determined. Begin mowing only after authorization is given.)**

**Northeast Quadrant** will include East Robertson Elementary School, East Robertson High School, Krisle Elementary School, White House Heritage Elementary School, White House Heritage High School, and Robert F. Woodall Primary School.

**South Quadrant** will include Greenbrier Elementary School, Greenbrier Middle School, Greenbrier High School, and Watauga Elementary, and Building & Grounds /Teacher Center.

**Central Quadrant** will include Cheatham Park Elementary School, Westside Elementary School, Bransford Elementary School, Springfield Middle School, Springfield High School, Bus Garage & Transportation Offices, Alternative School/Smith Center Building, and Board of Education Central Office.

**2. SCOPE**

2a. Contractor shall furnish all supervision, machinery, labor and materials required to mow, trim and remove clippings and limbs from contracted areas.

2b. Trim and mow areas around the school for a well groomed lawn look. Mowing will be done no more than once every (10) ten days in the wet growing season and shall be spaced in the dry season so as not to mow these areas more than (19) nineteen times in a season. Tractor mow large areas away from the schools with a tractor finish mower. These will be areas not apparent to the public. These areas will not be in front of the school and are not near areas used by the public.

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TRACTOR FINISH: These tractor finished mowed areas will be mowed no more than (10) ten times per season. Large fields to be tractor finished mowed are at Coopertown Elementary School, East Robertson High School, Krisle Elementary School and the Bus Garage & Transportation Offices.

BUSH HOG: One field area at Jo Byrns Elementary and one field behind White House Heritage High School will be bush-hogged twice a season.

All areas inside the boundaries of the school properties will be mowed or maintained, with the exception of high school football playing and practice fields, high school baseball playing fields, high school softball playing fields, middle school football playing fields, middle school baseball and middle school softball playing fields.

Official school planting beds located on the property when the bid is let will be maintained; we will discourage any additional planting beds and will remove all unattended private planting beds.

Where fencing is within the property boundaries, vegetation on both sides of the fence will be mowed and maintained.

Fencing surrounding the property will be cut with a string trimmer and will have a neat look.

Tree lines within the property will be maintained to the tree line.

2c. Cut using a string trimmer those areas that cannot be reached by a trim mower or tractor mower. This includes all ditches, flowerbeds, sidewalks, drives, curbs, parking areas, fence rows, trees, light poles, guide wires and around buildings, etc. The use of herbicides for grass and weed control is forbidden unless approved in writing from the director Buildings and Grounds Department for specifically designated areas. The written approval for the use of herbicides will be for the season in which it is requested and will expire at the end of that season. A request for herbicide use will be obtained at the beginning of each mowing season.

2d. Blow or sweep grass clippings from all sidewalks, entrances, drives, etc.

2e. Cut and remove from the property all low hanging limbs around all wooded areas. Mow around the edge of wooded areas, cutting anything that can be cut with a tractor mower.

2f. Mow so that the mower blows all grass clippings away from all air conditioners, vehicles, trees and beds.

2g. Mowing will be done on a schedule that will keep the properties well groomed.

2h. All trimmings shall not exceed three (3) inches in height after trimming. All tractor mowing shall Not exceed five (5) inches in height after mowing.

2i. During school hours, upon entering school property the contractor will check in at the Principal's office.

2j. The contractor will be responsible for picking up small amounts of trash. If there is a large amount of trash the contractor will not mow that area until the trash can be removed. **At no time will trash be mowed. The cleanup and removal of any trash mowed by the contractor will be done at the contractor's expense.**

2k. Robertson County Schools recommends mowing in alternating patterns. The finished look shall not have skips or wheel tracks showing.

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- 2l. Fenced areas (holding ponds, sewer plant, electrical transformers, etc.) will be maintained in the same manner as the surrounding grassed areas.

### 3. JOB PERFORMANCE

- 3a. Do not mow or trim while students are in the danger zone. Danger zones are any areas where anyone is in danger of injury from the mowing process.
- 3b. Report to the Department of Buildings and Grounds, 384-0213, anything that interferes with the fulfillment of the contract, such as: downed trees, downed wires, students in the mower danger zone, cars parked in areas to be mowed, etc. Pictures with location information may be sent to [jimmy.finch@rcstn.net](mailto:jimmy.finch@rcstn.net) or cell number 1-615-982-3488
- 3c. Help promote community pride in our schools by keeping the appearance of all school grounds well groomed.
- 3d. Contractor will mow on a schedule that will keep the properties well groomed. This schedule will depend on the growing season but will not exceed (19) nineteen mowings. One mowing will be timed to occur one to two days prior to graduation ceremonies at each of the high school campuses. Mowing scheduled may be altered to allow for a fresh mowing for other school events; this will be requested by the School System. A schedule of graduations can be picked up at the Department of Buildings and Grounds. The contractor will notify the Supervisor of Building & Grounds when a property has been mowed either by e-mail [jimmy.finch@rcstn.net](mailto:jimmy.finch@rcstn.net) or text [615-982-3488](tel:615-982-3488)

The maximum number of billed mowing allowed per campus is (19) nineteen.

### 4. GENERAL

Robertson County Schools reserves the right to terminate contract for failure to perform the work outlined in the contract and this document. The successful bidder will be the only mowing contractor allowed to mow Robertson County school property. Subcontracting these services is prohibited.

### 5. PAYMENT INVOICE

Each invoice for payment shall contain the following information: **School name, dates mowed and the contracted amount per cut for each property mowed.** Completed invoices shall be presented to the School Maintenance Supervisor at 3470 Hwy 41 South Springfield TN 37172.

### 6. SITE INSPECTION

Bidders shall visit the sites and familiarize themselves with any conditions that may affect performance and bid prices. Submission of a bid shall be proof the Bidder is aware of all conditions affecting performance and bid prices. Please contact Jimmy Finch, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, at (615) 384-0213 for any additional information.

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**Pre-bid:** A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Robertson County Teacher's Center, 3470 Hwy 41 South, Springfield, TN on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Attendance is mandatory. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder not represented at the Pre-bid Conference. Sealed bids will be opened at the Robertson County Finance Office, 523 South Brown St., Springfield, TN on Friday, March 27, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.

### **7. RELATED SERVICES**

The County reserves the right to negotiate with the contractor for the purchase of additional mowing services. The County will pay a per acre rate of \$35.00 (thirty-five dollars) for additional mowing and negotiate hourly rates for services such as trimming, tree and limb removal, etc.

### **8. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The contractor is responsible for providing applicators that have been trained and certified by a properly designated State agency as competent to handle and apply the classes of chemical products required for this contract. If a contractor applies any chemicals requiring a state or federal license without that contractor having that license, the contract will be terminated. Any license to apply controlled chemicals will be assigned to the contractor holding the contract to mow County property.

During the contract period, the contractor will not store any chemicals on or at any County facility.

### **9. CHEMICAL PRODUCTS**

No chemical shall be used in any activity required by this contract in any manner inconsistent with its labeling. All chemicals used in the control programs covered by this contract shall be properly labeled for the control of the target, vegetation against which they are being used and label instructions shall be strictly adhered to.

### **10. SAFETY**

The contractor shall be responsible for the safe use and application of the chemicals used under this contract. Protective clothing, equipment and devices shall, as a minimum, conform to OSHA standards for the products being used.

### **11. COMPLAINTS**

Complaints must be handled within a (24) hour period after notification.

### **12. CHANGES**

The contractor will provide services at required times as requested by the County. Requested times may be changed to suit the School's particular needs.

### **13. DAMAGE / INJURY**

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The contractor shall be responsible for any damage and/or injury occurring during the performance of the contract. The Bidder agrees to defend and hold Robertson County harmless for personal injury, bodily injury and property damage occurring during the performance of this contract.

### 14. EMPLOYEE STATUS

Any contractor found to be using workers who are in the U.S. illegally shall be in violation of this contract. That contractor's services will be terminated immediately.

All individuals on school property will have the background checks required by the Robertson County School System and the State of Tennessee. These background checks will be the responsibility of the contractor. **Successful contractor(s) must** submit a list of the employees servicing Robertson County Schools and provide a copy of each employee's clean background check results to the Building & Grounds Supervisor.

### 15. INSURANCE & LICENCES

Each bidder will have an active Robertson County Business License. The successful bidder shall provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Robertson County as "Additional Insured".

Bidders shall be required to submit with their bid a Certificate of Insurance showing that they have the minimum insurance requirements listed below.

The liability insurance coverage shall be considered as primary and not as excess insurance. The carrier(s) shall provide thirty-day written notice to the County by registered mail prior to any modification, cancellation, non-renewal or other change in coverage. Failure to name Robertson County to the carrier for notification of the listed changes described above will result in the termination of the contract.

Policies must be effective prior to the commencement of work and must remain in force until termination of work under this contract. In the event of interruption of coverage for any reason, all work under the contract shall cease and shall not resume until coverage has been restored.

If at any time during the term of this contract or any extension thereof, any required policies of insurance should expire, or are canceled, it will be the responsibility of the contractor to furnish the County a Certificate of Insurance indicating renewal or an acceptable replacement of the expiring policy prior to the expiration or cancellation date so that there will be no lapse in coverage.

The minimum coverage required is:

A. Workmen Compensation – **REQUIRED**

B. General Liability in a comprehensive form with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00 C.S.L. and 2,000,000.00 aggregate for the first awarded quadrant, plus an additional 1,000,000.00 for each awarded quadrant up to 5,000,000.00 total aggregate.

C. Motor Vehicle Liability in a comprehensive form with a minimum limit of \$100,000.00 C.S.L. with excess covered under the General Liability Insurance policy.

**16. FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS**

During the life of this contract, the premises covered shall be inspected periodically to determine the effectiveness of the programs in progress. Any areas not being addressed as stipulated by the contract shall be determined by a representative of the Robertson County Board of Education and the contractor shall promptly initiate actions to correct all deficiencies found.

**17. PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Robertson County reserves the right to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of programs in progress in terms of effectiveness and safety and to require such changes as are indicated. The contractor shall take prompt action to correct identified program deficiencies.

**18. INSPECTIONS BY ROBERTSON COUNTY**

Robertson County reserves the right to conduct inspections of the program at unannounced times and intervals, for evaluation purposes.

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**REQUIRED: All bidders must bid the price per cut for each school. One mowing = one cut.**

<b>Trim Mow Areas (19 x per season )</b>	<b>Price Each Cut</b>
<b>Northwest Quadrant</b>	
Coopertown Elementary	
Coopertown Middle	
Crestview Elementary	Leave Blank
Jo Byrns Elementary	
Jo Byrns High School	
<b>Northeast Quadrant</b>	
East Robertson Elementary	
East Robertson High School	
Krisle Elementary	
White House Heritage Elementary School	
White House Heritage High	
Woodall Primary School	
<b>South Quadrant</b>	
Building & Grounds / Teacher Center	
Greenbrier Elementary	
Greenbrier Middle School	
Greenbrier High School	
Watauga Elementary	
<b>Central Quadrant</b>	
Alternative School (includes entire Smith Center Building)	
Board of Education, Central Office	
Bransford Elementary	
Bus Garage & Transportation Offices	
Cheatham Park Elementary	
Springfield High School	
Springfield Middle School	
Springfield High School	
Westside Elementary	

<b>Large Field Bush Hog Areas (2 x per season )</b>	<b>Price Each Cut</b>
Jo Byrns Elementary	
White House Heritage High School	

<b>Large Field Tractor Finish Areas (10 x per season )</b>	<b>Price Each Cut</b>
Bus Garage & Transportation Offices	
Coopertown Elementary School	
East Robertson High School	
Krisle Elementary School	

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**Authorized Signature, Title (Owner/ Corporate Officer)** **Date**

**Company Name** \_\_\_\_\_



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**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The agent of the bidding firm hereby certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that this bid proposal to Robertson County, Tennessee has not been prepared in collusion with any other seller of similar products. The agent also certifies that the prices, terms and conditions of said bid proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned, or by any employee or agent of the bidding firm, to any other seller of similar products and will not be communicated to any such seller prior to the official opening of said bid. The agent further states that no official or employee of Robertson County Government has promised any personal financial or other beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly in order to influence award of this bid.

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**Authorized Signature, Title (Owner/ Corporate Officer)** **Date**

**Company Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone No.** **Fax No.**