

**Meriwether County 2020 Proposal Request
For Roadside Vegetative Management Chemical Mowing**

The County of Meriwether, Georgia invites qualified firms to submit proposals for approximately **300 miles of Vegetative Roadside Management for Chemical Mowing**.

Scope:

- (a.) The specification bid sheets and conditions are attached.
- (b.) Vendors that submit a proposal may be present at opening or will be notified at a later date of the bid results. All proposals must be submitted to the Meriwether County Administration Office, Attention: William D. Cawthorne, Jr., 17234 Roosevelt Highway, Bldg. B Greenville, Georgia, 30222. Any proposals submitted after the time and date specified or submitted in a manner other than that which is specified, will not be accepted. Vendor shall submit completed immigration compliance forms **O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(3) (2) Affidavit and Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(b) (1)**
- (c.) Proposals shall be submitted on or before, **March 18, 2020 by 12:00 Noon. This is a *sealed bid*** and the outside of the envelope should be clearly marked "**ROADSIDE VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL FOR CHEMICAL MOWING**".

Other Matters:

- (a.) Bids should be mailed or delivered to Meriwether County Administration Office, 17234 Roosevelt Highway, Bldg. B Greenville, Georgia, 30222
- (b.) The County's staff contact person is William D. Cawthorne, Jr. Public Works Consultant at b.cawthorne@meriwethercountyga.gov. Questions concerning the bid will be accepted via email until 12:00 noon, March 11, 2020.
- (c.) The Meriwether County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Respectfully,

William D. Cawthorne, Jr.

1.0 Scope of Work

- 1.1 The application of specific herbicides on roadside to control and/or inhibit growth and seed head formation of weeds, fescue, and Bahia grass in order to reduce mowing and trimming requirements while allowing for Bermuda grass release. The goal is to keep the overall height of the grass to 8-12 inches or less. A no-brown out program is required.

2.0 Areas to Be Treated

- 2.1 Paved roadsides
- 2.2 Specific for Meriwether County
Spraying approximately 300 miles of paved roads. 15'-0" from edge of the pavement on both sides of the road.

3.0 Timing of Herbicide Applications

- 3.1 Paved Roads
 - 1st – May to June
 - 2nd – August to September

4.0 Herbicide Selection

4.1 There will be no substituting herbicides.

Application(s)	Herbicide	Rates/Acres
Round 1 Post emergent	1. Plateau	4 oz.
	2. Milestone VM	3 ½ oz.
	3. Surfactant	6 oz.
	4. Drift Agent	1.25 oz.
Round 2 Post emergent	1. Plateau	4 oz.
	2. Surfactant	6 oz.
	3. Drift Agent	1.25 oz.

5.0 Application Equipment

- 5.1 Paved roads - must be able to spray up to 15 ft. horizontally as well as 10-15 ft. vertically from the edge of the pavement using a chemical injection system. No herbicides are to be mixed in the water tank, only drift control agent and surfactant. The sprayer shall inject herbicides into spray stream and be adjusted for speed and swath variance by computer controller, such as a Tasc6300 made by Mid-tech, using a radar mounted on the bed of the application vehicle to convey travel speed to the computer. Computer must tabulate acres sprayed, herbicide applied in fluid ounce and distance traveled. Spray rig must be truck mounted, must use bloomless spray nozzles, and be able to spray at 10 M.P.H. or faster. Truck sprayer must be 1,000 gallons or larger. Spray apparatus must have been in use for at least one year. Equipment must be able to pull water from a fire hydrant and have backwash preventive system (air gap) in place.
- 5.2 Contractor shall be responsible for water supply used in the process. Any municipal water system withdrawals shall be pre-approved by that entity and proper procedures shall be followed to prevent backflow.

Roadside Vegetative Management Specifications 2020 Chemical Mowing Season

6.0 Regulations

- 6.1 Contractor must maintain \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance along with Workers Compensation. Proposals shall include certificates of insurance with bid proposal. *A Performance Bond will be required for the total amount of the contract. (Approved Contractor only.)*
- 6.2 Contractor must provide a minimum of three (3) references of previous roadside or comparable work.
- 6.3 Contractor must submit completed Contractors Affidavit and Agreement that complies with O.C.G.A.13-10-91.
- 6.4 Contractor must comply with OSHA, EPA and State Department of Agriculture regulations and standards.
- 6.5 Contractor must have a current Georgia pesticides contractor's license and have had one for at least one (1) year prior to submitting a bid proposal. A hard copy of these licenses must be submitted with bid proposal.
- 6.6 Herbicide applicator must provide herbicide label and MSDS to the Public Works Consultant prior to each application round. County will inspect spray tank and herbicide containers prior to each round.
- 6.7 Herbicide manager must have a least five years' experience in herbicide application and be currently licensed in the category of Turf and Ornamentals, Aquatics and Right-of-Way management. Copies of licenses must be submitted with bid proposal.
- 6.8 The herbicide applicator must have at least three (3) years' experience with Public Road right of way or comparable herbicide application.
- 6.9 The herbicide applicator must have a valid Commercial Driver's License with hazardous material endorsement, and a current State of Georgia Applicators licenses. A copy of the licenses must be submitted with bid proposal.
- 6.10 Contractor shall contact Public Works Department each day to give a list of roads that have been sprayed the previous day.
- 6.11 Applicator shall keep a daily log and note the route, date, applicator's name, herbicide used, weather conditions, and amount of water used, and submitted to the County upon completion of each application round.

7.0 Safety

- 7.1 Roadside – Contractor shall keep at least two strobe orange lights or an orange flashing arrow board in operation while vehicle is spraying.
- 7.2 Contractor shall have a chemical spill plan, and the spray truck shall have spill cleanup kit on board.
- 7.3 If wind is greater than 10-15 M.P.H., and/or rainfall is within expected 6 hours before or after spraying, spraying must cease until weather conditions are more favorable.
- 7.4 Contractor shall be fully responsible for chemical storage, handling and container disposal.
- 7.5 Contractor shall be fully responsible for any damage as a result of off—site drift to any dominate perennial grass.

8.0 History/References

- 8.1 Contractor to provide the Herbicide Manager and Applicator experience history.
- 8.2 Reference list

Meriwether County 2020 Roadside Vegetative Management
Herbicide Manager and Herbicide Applicator Experience/History

8.1 History/Experience

Please list experience and current licenses for each of the below, also a copy of current licenses and documentation as outlined in Section 6.5 and 6.7 should be submitted with the bid.

Herbicide Manager

Name: _____

Experience/History:

Current Licenses:

Herbicide Applicator

Name: _____

Experience/History:

Current Licenses:

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Vendor Reference List

8.2 References

Company: _____

Contact: _____

Phone #: _____

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9.0 Price Sheet

The cost is \$_____ per mile Round #1. The cost \$_____ per mile round #2.
Based on 300 miles per application.

I certify that the equipment used meets or exceeds the bid specifications, and that I, the undersigned Bidder has carefully examined the specifications, terms, and conditions of the bid, and I am thoroughly familiar with its provisions. The undersigned bidder further declares that this bid has not been divulged, discussed, or compared with any other bidder or parties to a bid, whatsoever, for any fraudulent purpose.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Company Representative: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Company Address: _____

Company Phone#: _____ Fax #: _____

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