

	District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Request for Proposals Amendment One	Solicitation #	2024-019
		Date Amendment Issued	02/02/2024
		Procurement Official	Lauren Bové
		Phone	(803) 476-8182
		E-Mail Address	D5bids@lexrich5.org

DESCRIPTION	Athletic Turf Maintenance
<i>The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal"</i>	
SUBMIT OFFER BY	February 16, 2024 @ 11:00 am
QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY	January 31, 2024 @ 12:00 pm Electronically to D5bids@lexrich5.org Time Has Passed
NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED	One (1) original UNBOUND copy, five (5) hard copies; and one (1) USB Drive

Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO:

**District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
Purchasing Office
1020 Dutch Fork Road
Irmo, SC 29063**

CONFERENCE TYPE: Not Applicable DATE & TIME: As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	LOCATION: Not applicable
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AWARD & AMENDMENTS	The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/office-of-finance/purchasing/solicitations-and-awards
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You **must** submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date.

NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)	OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Government entity (federal, state, or local) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Person signing must be authorized to submit a binding offer to enter into a contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)	
TITLE (Business title of person signing above)	
PRINTED NAME (Printed name of person signing above)	
DATE SIGNED	

Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror above. The entity named as the Offeror **must** be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, *i.e.*, a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

STATE OF INCORPORATION (If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)	TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.
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PAGE TWO
(Return Page Two with Your Offer)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile
	E-Mail Address
PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders" and "Contract Documents" clauses)
	Order E-Mail Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS:

Offerors acknowledge receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

Amend ment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date
DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%) _____	20 Calendar Days (%) _____	30 Calendar Days (%) _____	_____ Calendar Days (%)			

PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. **ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)] **PREFERENCES DO NOT APPLY**

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

- In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
 In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

PREFERENCES DO NOT APPLY

AMENDMENT #1

ATHLETIC TURF MAINTENANCE

SOLICITATION # 2024-019

The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. Submitters shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

THE SOLICITATION IS AMENDED AS PROVIDED HEREIN. INFORMATION OR CHANGES RESULTING FROM QUESTIONS WILL BE SHOWN IN A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER FORMAT. ALL QUESTIONS RECEIVED HAVE BEEN REPRINTED BELOW. THE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED SOLELY TO PROVIDE A CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE POTENTIAL OFFEROR THAT SUBMITTED THE QUESTION. QUESTIONS DO NOT FORM A PART OF THE CONTRACT; THE "DISTRICT'S RESPONSE" DOES. ANY RESTATEMENT OF PART OR ALL OF AN EXISTING PROVISION OF THE SOLICITATION IN AN ANSWER DOES NOT MODIFY THE ORIGINAL PROVISION EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: UNDERLINED TEXT IS ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL PROVISION. ~~STRICKEN~~ TEXT IS DELETED.

Updated: Specification # 12 was duplicated in error in the original solicitation (listed on both page 14 and page 15). The specification on page 15 has been changed from specification #12 to specification# 13. *See excerpt attached to this amendment for reference.*

Solicitation questions and district responses are detailed below (Questions are presented in the format received):

Question 1- The RFP states "Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer -- as soon as possible -- regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation, that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition." The Sports Turf Certification as a requirement to submit a bid is limits the number of contractors in the entire state of South Carolina to only 2 based on the current number of certifications listed for South Carolina. Since this is a highly restrictive request for qualification, can this be removed and a level of experience(i.e. 10 years) be substituted to allow the district to receive to bids from highly capable companies who don't have the Sports Turf Certification.

The District's Response: A Sports Field Manager Certification is required.

Question 2- For Spring Hill, Chapin Intermedaite, Dutch Fork Middle, and Chapin Middle the RFP states mowing and insect control. Can you please clearly define the insects to be controlled? Additionally these 4 schools do not receive any of the items listed on page 15 Section 12 of the specifactions?

The District's Response: Insect control shall control the following insects: Fire ants, mole crickets, and army worms. Services for Spring Hill High School, Chapin Intermediate School, Dutch Fork Middle School, and Chapin Middle School include mowing and insect control only. The Contractor shall follow the District's schedule for insect control per the schedule on page 15. All other services within the schedule are not required on these four fields.

Question 3- What are the hours that the contractor is allowed to operate/service the fields?

The District's Response: Contractors may service the fields Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. School activities shall take precedence over service. T he Contractor shall adjust their schedule to accommodate school activities. Examples of school activities are: Athletic and band tournaments, morning and afternoon practice sessions, and preparing fields for competition play. When possible, the District will coordinate such activities with the contractor.

Question 4- Pg 15 September B states Verticutting all fields, September C Verticut if necessary. Which is correct?

The District's Response: Verticutting all fields shall be performed during the month of June. No Verticutting is required in the month of September.

~~12.~~ **13.** The Contractor shall provide turf maintenance including balanced fertilization, weed control, fire ant control, mole cricket control, and treatments to kill army worms as follows:

January

- a) Treat for winter weed control.
- b) Fertilize over-seeded fields.
- c) Soil testing.

February

- a) Pre-emergent weed control.
- b) Fertilize over-seeded fields.
- c) Add lime if recommended per soil test.

March

- a) Fertilize over-seeded fields.
- b) Selective herbicide treatment for any weeds present.
- c) Disease Control (Pythium/Brown Patch on Rye) *as necessary*.
- d) Blanket fire ant and mole cricket treatment.

April

- a) Disease control (Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass) *as necessary*.
- b) Selective herbicide treatments for any weeds present.
- c) N-P-K fertilizer application based on soil test results.
- d) Deep slice aeration.

May

- a) Disease control (Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass) *as necessary*.
- b) Fire ant and mole cricket treatment where necessary.

June

- a) Fertilization based on soil test results.
- b) Selective herbicide treatment for any weeds present.
- c) Fire ant control where necessary.
- d) Core aeration all fields with debris removal. Dispose of debris offsite.
- e) Verticutting all fields with debris removal

July

- a) Selective herbicide treatment for any weeds present.
- b) Fertilization based on soil test results.
- c) Fire ant control where necessary.
- d) Plant Growth Regulator Applications

August

- a) Fertilize fields with nitrogen-based fertilizer.
- b) Plant Growth Regulator Applications

September

- a) Disease control Pythium/Brown Patch on rye, Dollar Spot on Bermuda as necessary.
- ~~b) Verticutting all fields with debris removal.~~
- ~~e) Fertilize. Verticut if necessary.~~
- d) Plant growth applications.

October

- a) Over-seeding of perennial ryegrass on baseball and softball fields.
- b) Fall pre-emergent herbicide application on non-over-seeded fields.

November

- a) Starter fertilization for ryegrass.
- b) Disease control Pythium/Brown Patch on rye grass where necessary.

December

- a) Disease control Pythium/Brown Patch on rye grass where necessary.
- b) Follow-up fertilization for ryegrass.
- c) Follow-up pre and post emergent herbicide applications on non-over-seeded fields.