

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
City of Charleston, WV
2025-16 Lawn Care, Trash Removal and Tree Trimming Services

SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The City of Charleston, WV (the City) is soliciting bids for the provision of Lawn Care, Trash Removal, Vegetation and Small Tree Trimming services for properties deemed by the City to be unsafe, unsanitary, dangerous, or detrimental to public safety or welfare.

The Vendor shall furnish any incidental work, materials, labor, and equipment necessary to complete the Contract Services, unless otherwise stated in these specifications.

2. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in Section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

2.1 **“Contract Services”** means Lawn Care, Trash Removal and Tree Trimming services as more fully defined by these specifications.

2.2 **“Pricing Page”** means the pages upon which Vendor should list its proposed price for the Contract Services.

2.3 **“Solicitation”** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the City of Charleston, WV with goods or services that is published on the City’s website located at <https://charlestonwv.gov/bids-purchasing/current-bids>

3. **Mandatory Contract Service Requirements:** Contract Services must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements listed below and conform to the standards set forth by the Office of Developmental Services.

3.1 Lawn Care:

3.1.1 Shall be performed at a flat rate regardless of lot size.

3.1.2 Shall be scheduled by the vendor within three business days following notification of the job by the Office of Developmental Services.

3.1.3 Shall be performed and completed within 5 business days of notification.

3.1.4 Must be performed with the lowest deck height on any equipment used for mowing, with reasonable exceptions allowed for terrain, up to a maximum height of 4 inches.

3.2 Tree Trimming and Vegetation Removal:

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3.2.1 Shall include the cutting and removal of vines, brush, woody foliage, and small tree removal.

3.2.2 Removal of trees smaller than 4” in diameter shall be done with respect to the species, size and growth potential of the tree, as determined by the vendor.

3.2.3 Vendor must not remove vegetation that provides a reasonable boundary on the property lines or reasonably appears to be a part of the normal landscaping of the property.

3.3 Trash Removal:

3.3.1 Shall be performed to pick up loose trash and debris from designated parcels and shall be performed in concert with grass cutting as necessary.

3.3.2 Shall be deposited in the trash receptacles at the Department of Public Works. Deposit of trash bags in the Public Works trash receptacles is limited to 10 contractor-size trash bags per day.

3.3.3 Shall move and place larger items (i.e., couches, refrigerators, etc.) in such a fashion to facilitate pickup by the Refuse Department.

3.4 Emergency Callout Fee: The Vendor must provide a quote for an emergency callout fee.

3.4.1 The emergency callout fee may only be applied to services rendered outside of regular business hours, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 7pm-7am or on weekends or holidays.

3.4.2 The Emergency callout fee must be billed at a flat rate per job.

3.4.3 Contract Services from emergency callouts must be performed as soon as possible but no less than 48 hours after the call-out was requested.

3.4.4 The cost of the Contract Service itself shall remain at the same rate as determined by the criteria listed above.

4. CONTRACT AWARD:

4.1 Contract Award: The Contract is intended to provide the City with a purchase price for the Contract Services. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Services meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.

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4.2 Pricing Page: Vendor should complete a Pricing Page to provide to the City in full as failure to complete the Pricing Page in its entirety may result in Vendor's bid being disqualified.

Vendor should type or electronically enter the information into the Pricing Page to prevent errors in the evaluation.

4.3 Invoicing: Invoices must be provided to the Office of Development Services at 915 Quarrier St., Suite 3, Charleston, WV 25301 or emailed to codeenforcement@cityofcharleston.org.

5. PAYMENT: Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the City of Charleston, WV.

6. VENDOR DEFAULT: The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.

6.1 Failure to provide Construction Services in accordance with the requirements contained herein.

6.2 Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.

6.3 Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Construction Services provided under this Contract.

6.4 Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.

6.5 The following remedies shall be available to City upon default:

6.5.1 Immediate cancellation of the Contract.

6.5.2 Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.

6.5.3 Any other remedies available in law or equity.

PRICING PAGE

We agree to provide the City of Charleston, WV the above Contract Services described in the attached specifications for the price listed below:

<u>Mandatory Requirement</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>UM</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
3.1 Lawn Care Services	125	EA		
3.2 Tree Trimming and Vegetation Removal	125	EA		
3.3 Trash Removal	125	EA		
3.4 Emergency Callout Fee	50	EA		
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>				\$

DO NOT REVISE THE QUANTITIES LISTED. QUANTITIES ARE FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. THE CITY SHALL ONLY PAY FOR ACTUAL AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

(Company) _____

(Signature) _____

(Printed Name) _____

(Title) _____

(Date) _____

(Phone Number) _____

(Email Address) _____



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INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS

1. REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY: The attached documents contain a solicitation for bids. Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked could lead to disqualification of a Vendor’s bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of Vendor’s bid.

2. MANDATORY TERMS: The Solicitation may contain mandatory provisions identified by the use of the words “must,” “will,” and “shall.” Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.

2A. PREBID MEETING: The item identified below shall apply to this Solicitation.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held prior to bid opening

A MANDATORY PRE-BID meeting will be held at the following place and time:

Address:	City Service Center, Suite 6
	915 Quarrier Street
	Charleston, WV 25301
Date:	Thursday, May 15, 2025
Time:	10:00am

All Vendors submitting a bid must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting shall result in disqualification of the Vendor’s bid. No one individual is permitted to represent more than one vendor at the pre-bid meeting. Any individual that does attempt to represent two or more vendors will be required to select one vendor to which the individual’s attendance will be attributed. The vendors not selected will be deemed to have not attended the pre-bid meeting unless another individual attended on their behalf. The required attribution of attendance to a single vendor should be addressed during the pre-bid but may occur at any time deemed appropriate by the City of Charleston, WV.



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An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document verifying attendance. Any person attending the pre-bid meeting on behalf of a Vendor must list on the attendance sheet his or her name and the name of the Vendor he or she is representing.

Additionally, the person attending the pre-bid meeting should include the Vendor's E-Mail address, phone number, and Fax number on the attendance sheet. It is the Vendor's responsibility to locate the attendance sheet and provide the required information. Failure to complete the attendance sheet as required may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

All Vendors should arrive prior to the starting time for the pre-bid. Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid.

Questions submitted at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid will be discussed at the pre-bid meeting if possible. Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

3. VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE: Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the City of Charleston's Purchasing Director. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below to be considered. A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Non-written discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are nonbinding.

Submitted emails should have the solicitation number and name in the subject line.

QUESTION SUBMISSION DATE:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025
QUESTION SUBMISSION TIME:	10:00am



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Submit Questions to:

Billie S. Hancock, Purchasing Director
City of Charleston
501 Virginia Street East, Room 101 Charleston, WV 25301
Email: bids@cityofcharleston.org

4. BID SUBMISSION: Electronic bid submission through BidExpress is preferred, however, paper bids will be accepted either by hand delivery or mail. Emailed bids will **not** be accepted. Regardless of delivery method, bids must be **received** by the City on or before the date and time of the bid opening. Any bid received by City staff is considered to be in the possession of the City and will not be returned for any reason.

BID OPENING DATE:	Friday, May 30, 2025
BID OPENING TIME:	2:00pm

Submit bids to:

Electronic Bids to BidExpress:	https://www.bidexpress.com
Paper Bids Submitted to:	Billie S. Hancock, Purchasing Director City of Charleston 501 Virginia Street East, Room 101 Charleston, WV 25301

5. PAPER BID DOCUMENTS: Each paper bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following information marked on the outside:

- a. Vendor Name
- b. Vendor Address
- c. Solicitation Number and Name
- d. BID OPENING DATE
- e. BID OPENING TIME



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- 6. ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official addendum issued by the City. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement must be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
- 7. BID FORMATTING:** Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.
- 8. ALTERNATE MODEL OR BRAND:** Any model, brand, or specification listed in this Solicitation establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the City at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.
- 9. EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.
- 10. LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE:** A local vendor may qualify for a competitive advantage applied to its bid when certain conditions are met. The vendor has marked on its bid submission that it is requesting to be considered a local vendor for bid evaluation purposes; the vendor provides documentation evidencing that it has the



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right to conduct business in the State of West Virginia; and the vendor submits an affidavit confirming that it has paid all applicable business taxes to the City or has a non-delinquent payment plan with the City and has had an active and current business and occupation tax account with the City Collector during the entire preceding one-year period. Competitive advantages shall be applied in the following manner:

1. A competitive advantage of 4% shall be applied to the local vendor's bid when, prior to applying the competitive advantage, the lowest responsible bidder submits a bid that is greater than \$25,000 but does not exceed \$125,000.
2. The competitive advantage of \$5,000 shall be applied to the local vendor's bid when, prior to applying the competitive advantage, the lowest responsible bidder submits a bid that is greater than \$125,000.

11. UNIT PRICE: Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

12. BUSINESS & OCCUPATION TAX: The City of Charleston broadly imposes a Business & Occupation Privilege Tax for the act or privilege of engaging in business activities within the City of Charleston. Business & Occupation Tax is measured by the application of rates against gross receipts or gross income of the business. All business activities are classified, and the classifications are significant because the tax liability varies based on the different rates established for the specific types of business activities. Individuals or businesses who do not have a physical location or office located in the City of Charleston are also subject to Business & Occupation Tax if they:

1. Lease tangible personal property to lessees in Charleston
2. Perform construction or installation contracts in Charleston
3. Render services in Charleston.
4. Business & Occupation Tax should be considered when preparing your bid. If you are uncertain as to your business activity or how your business should properly calculate the tax when preparing your bid, please contact us at botax@cityofcharleston.org.



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NOTE: No contract or purchase of materials or equipment will be awarded to a company whose Business & Occupation Tax status is delinquent.

13. NON-RESPONSIBLE: The City reserves the right to reject the bid of any vendor as Non-Responsible in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148- 1-5.3, when the City determines that the vendor submitting the bid does not have the capability to fully perform, or lacks the integrity and reliability to assure good-faith performance.”

14. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION: The City may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part, and may make partial awards if appropriate and necessary based on unit price.

15. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: Vendor’s entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code §§5-22-1 et seq., 5G-1- 1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act in West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq. **DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.** Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the City constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The City will disclose any document labeled “confidential,” “proprietary,” “trade secret,” “private,” or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any “trade secrets” as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.



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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT: Issuance of an Award Document signed by the City of Charleston, WV constitutes acceptance by the City of this Contract made by and between the City of Charleston and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the Contract if the Contract is not the result of a bid solicitation, signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

2. DEFINITIONS: As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.

2.1. "City" means the City of Charleston, WV that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.

2.2. "Bid" or "Proposal" means the vendors submitted response to this solicitation.

2.3. "Contract" means the binding agreement that is entered into between the City and the Vendor to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation.

2.4. "Solicitation" means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the City with goods or services that is published by the City.

2.5. "Vendor" or "Vendors" means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION: The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:

Term Contract Initial Contract Term: The Initial Contract Term will be for a period of one (1) year. Renewal Term: This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the City and the Vendor. All requests for renewal must be submitted in writing thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or an appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Unless otherwise specified below, renewal of this Contract is limited to three (3) successive one (1) year



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periods. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. This Contract becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the Notice to Proceed.

Fixed Period Contract: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within _____ days or by/on the date listed in Section _____ of the Solicitation.

Fixed Period Contract with Renewals: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract more fully described in the attached specifications must be completed within _____ days or by/on the date listed in Section _____ of the Solicitation. Upon completion of the work covered by the preceding sentence, the vendor agrees that:

the contract will continue for _____ years;

the contract may be renewed for _____ successive _____ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor and City.

One-Time Purchase: The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event will this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

Construction/Project: This Contract becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the Notice to Proceed until the project for which the vendor is awarded is complete.

Other: _____. effective for one year from the date the delivery order is issued. No delivery order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired. This Contract becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the Notice to Proceed.

4. AUTHORITY TO PROCEED: Vendor is authorized to begin performance of this contract upon the date of the Notice to Proceed signed by the City Manager, or their designee.

5. QUANTITIES: The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.



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Open End Contract: Quantities listed in this Solicitation/Award Document are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the City. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

Service: The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

Combined Service and Goods: The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

One-Time Purchase: This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor and City.

Construction: This Contract is for construction activity more fully defined in the specifications.

6. EMERGENCY PURCHASES: The City may authorize a purchase of goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the City, shall not constitute a breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the City from fulfilling its obligations under a One-Time Purchase contract.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: In addition to any requirements under the Section of the General Terms and Conditions entitled Licensing, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits upon request and in a form acceptable to the City. The request may be prior to or after contract award at the City's sole discretion. All of the items checked in this section must be provided to the City by the Vendor as specified:

LICENSE(S): WV Contractor's License

CERTIFICATION(S)

PERMIT(S)



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The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

8. INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the insurance identified by a checkmark below prior to Contract award. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of this contract. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the insurance policies, Vendor shall provide the City with proof that the insurance mandated herein has been continued. Vendor must also provide the City with immediate notice of any changes in its insurance policies, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether that insurance requirement is listed in this section. Vendor must maintain:

Commercial General Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

Automobile Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance in at least an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

Commercial Crime and Third Party Fidelity Insurance in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

Cyber Liability Insurance in an amount of: \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Builders Risk Insurance in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

Pollution Insurance in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

Aircraft Liability in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.



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9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the City's right to pursue any other available remedy. Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount specified below or as described in the specifications:

_____ for _____.

Liquidated Damages Contained in the Specifications.

Liquidated Damages Are Not Included in this Contract.

10. ACCEPTANCE: Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the City that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by vendor meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation unless otherwise indicated.

11. PRICING: The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the City. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the City in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Vendor must extend any publicly advertised sale price to the City and invoice at the lower of the contract price or the publicly advertised sale price.

12. PAYMENT IN ARREARS: Payments for goods/services will be made in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods/services provided or receipt of the goods/services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software licenses, subscriptions, or maintenance may be paid monthly or annually in advance.

13. TAXES: The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The City is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.

14. ADDITIONAL FEES, INTEREST: Vendor is not permitted to charge additional fees or assess additional charges that were not either expressly provided for in the solicitation published by the City, included in the Contract, or included in the unit price or lump sum



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bid amount that Vendor is required by the solicitation to provide. Including such fees or charges as notes to the solicitation may result in rejection of vendor's bid. Requesting such fees or charges be paid after the contract has been awarded may result in cancellation of the contract.

15. CANCELLATION: The City reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract.

16. TIME: Time is of the essence regarding all matters of time and performance in this Contract.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

17.1 SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE: Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

18. DISPUTE RESOLUTION, JURISDICTION AND VENUE: Any references to arbitration contained in the Agreement are hereby deleted, as is any requirement to waive a jury trial. If any breach, default, or other dispute arises out of this Agreement, the Parties agree that they will exercise good faith and commercially reasonable efforts to resolve said breach, default or other dispute through negotiation and/or mediation. If the parties cannot resolve the matter without litigation, the Parties acknowledge and agree that either the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia or the Federal District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve the breach, default or other dispute giving rise to the litigation. Any language requiring or permitting disputes under the Agreement to be resolved in any other court is deleted. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that resolution agreements reached through consultation and negotiation, or any other form of dispute resolution, may be subject to approval by City's governing body during a public meeting.



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19. MODIFICATIONS: This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the City and the Vendor. Any change to existing contracts that adds work or changes contract cost, and were not included in the original contract, must be approved by the City.

20. WAIVER: The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

21. SUBSEQUENT FORMS: The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the City such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

22. ASSIGNMENT: Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the City.

23. WARRANTY: The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

24. CITY EMPLOYEES: City employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

25. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the City, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the City's policies, procedures, and rules.

26. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract,



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as required by the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq. DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the City constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The City will disclose any document labeled “confidential,” “proprietary,” “trade secret,” “private,” or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any “trade secrets” as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

27. LICENSING: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State’s Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the City to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

27.1 SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE: Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to be licensed, in good standing, and up-to-date on all state and local obligations as described in this section. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

28. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting an Award Document from the City, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the City all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the City. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the City tenders the initial payment to Vendor.



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29. VENDOR NON-CONFLICT: Neither Vendor nor its representatives are permitted to have any interest, nor shall they acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the City.

30. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP: The relationship of the Vendor to the City shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the City for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the City, and shall provide the City with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

31. INDEMNIFICATION: The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe Local, State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

32. NO DEBT CERTIFICATION: The City is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the City. By submitting a bid, or entering into a contract with the City, Vendor is affirming that (1) for construction contracts, the Vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the City (2) for all other contracts, neither the Vendor nor



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any related party owe a debt as defined above, and neither the Vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined in the statute cited above unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the statute.

33. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the City.

34. REPORTS: Vendor shall provide the City with the following reports identified by a checked box below:

Such reports as the City may request.

Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency.

35. PROHIBITION AGAINST USED OR REFURBISHED: Unless expressly permitted in the solicitation published by the City, Vendor must provide new, unused commodities, and is prohibited from supplying used or refurbished commodities, in fulfilling its responsibilities under this Contract.

36. GOVERNING LAW: The Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, and shall be governed by the laws of the City of Charleston and State of West Virginia. This provision replaces any references to any other State's governing law.



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Contact and Signature

DESIGNATED CONTACT: Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

(Printed Name and Title) _____

(Address) _____

(Phone Number) _____

(Email address) _____

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE: By signing below, I certify that: I have reviewed this Solicitation/Contract in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid constitutes an offer to the City that cannot be withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that this bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; that this bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; that I am authorized by the Vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any entity that may require registration.

(Company) _____

(Signature) _____

(Printed Name) _____

(Title) _____

(Date) _____

(Phone Number) _____

(Email Address) _____

VENDOR PROTEST ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In the event that any vendor desires to protest City's selection, such vendor (hereinafter "Protestor") shall submit its protest in writing, which must be received by City within seven (7) calendar days of after City Council approves of the award. Provided that the City Manager reserves the right to extend the time for submission of the protest if he determines it is reasonable under the circumstances.

The written protest must be submitted to: **Benjamin Mishoe, City Manager, City of Charleston, 501 Virginia Street, Charleston, WV 25301.**

Only vendors who have submitted a timely and responsive proposal may protest City's selection. No protest may be filed if the RFP is withdrawn or if all proposals received in response to the RFP are rejected.

Protests shall include the following information:

1. The Protestor's name, address, telephone number, and fax number;
2. The solicitation number;
3. A detailed statement of the legal and/ or factual grounds for the protest;
4. Copies of all relevant and supporting documentation, if necessary; and
5. A statement as to the form of resolution or relief sought.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR REJECTION OF THE PROTEST.

The City Manager may refuse to review any protests when the matter involved is the subject of litigation before a court of competent jurisdiction; if the merits have previously been decided by a court of competent jurisdiction; or if it has been decided by the City Manager in a previous protest.

At the time of submitting the written protest, Protestor shall submit a certified check in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or bond equal to five percent (5%) of the price of the selected proposal, whichever is greater. In the event the proposal being protested is for contracted services, an estimated average of the contract value will be determined in order to calculate the five percent (5%) bond value. This bonding requirement is designed to protect against frivolous claims and unnecessary expenditures of public funds and to allow City to offset any and all costs, fees, expenses or damages of any kind whatsoever incurred by City as the result of an unsuccessful protest.

In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the certified check or bond will be used by City to recoup any and all costs, fees, expenses, or damages of any kind whatsoever incurred by City and related in any way to the unsuccessful protest. Costs, fees, expenses, and damages shall include, but shall not be limited to, increased costs of labor, materials or services resulting from any delay,

professional fees, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, and all costs, fees or expenses of any kind whatsoever related in any way to the unsuccessful protest. By signing this document, Protestor waives the right to receive any money retained by City as set forth herein. If there are any funds remaining after City has recouped amounts as permitted herein, the remaining funds will be returned to Protestor. In the event Protestor is successful, the full amount of the certified check or bond will be returned to Protestor.

Upon receipt of a timely written protest, City shall provide notice of the protest to vendor selected as the successful bidder (hereinafter "Selected Vendor") and provide Selected Vendor with a copy of the written protest and any documents related thereto. **Selected Vendor will have two (2) business days to file a written response to the protest.** A hearing may be held within five (5) business days of the **date of receipt of the written response to the protest by Selected Vendor;** provided that, City may, in its sole discretion, set the date of the hearing beyond the five (5) day time period specified herein if deemed necessary or convenient to do so by City. If a hearing is held, both Protestor and Selected Vendor will have an opportunity to appear and present evidence and testimony in support of their positions. The hearing will be held before the City Manager or his designee. The department head of the department seeking the RFP and the City Attorney shall be in attendance.

A decision will be made by City within five (5) business days of the hearing. Upon a decision having been made, both Protestor and Selected Vendor will be notified in writing of City's decision.

In the event City's selection is reversed, City will reevaluate all proposals which were originally and timely submitted, in accordance with state and city laws and regulations. During the reevaluation, issues addressed during the protest proceedings may be considered.

Once a written protest is filed, no work will be performed by Selected Vendor until such time as City has rendered a final decision on the protest; provided that, if City, in its sole discretion, determines time is of the essence regarding receipt of the goods or completion of the services to be performed, City may permit Selected Vendor to proceed pursuant to its proposal and any Agreement with City, until/unless the protest is successful.

By submitting a proposal, each vendor agrees that the procedure outlined herein is the exclusive remedy available to challenge/protest the award of a contract to a successful bidder. The decision of the city manager is final and is not appealable. Each vendor further agrees that, in the event any qualified vendor fails to submit a written protest and certified check or bond within the time period specified, that vendor thereby forever waives its right to any further claim, action, or remedy, including, but not limited to, the right to bring an action before any administrative agency or any court of competent jurisdiction.

Vendor Signature: _____

Date: _____



ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

SOLICITATION NO.: 2025-16 Lawn Care and Trash Removal Services

Instructions: Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

Acknowledgment: I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specification, etc.

Addendum Numbers Received: (Check the box next to each addendum received)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 10 |

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any state personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

Company Name:	
Authorized Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Date:	

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing



CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to § 2-480 of the Charleston City Code, a Local Vendor may qualify for a competitive advantage applied to its bid when certain conditions are met. One condition requires the vendor to submit this affidavit confirming that (1) the vendor has paid all applicable business taxes to the City or has a non-delinquent payment plan with the City, and (2) the vendor must state that it has had an active and current business & occupation tax account with the City Collector during the entire one-year period prior to the bid opening.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under the penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code § 61-5-3) that (1) the vendor has paid all applicable business taxes to the City or has a non-delinquent payment plan with the City, and (2) the vendor has had an active and current business & occupation tax account with the City Collector during the entire one-year period prior to the scheduled bid opening for the procurement listed below.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

Vendor's Corporate Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Printed Name and Title)

State of _____

County of _____, to wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

[SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____, 20 ____.

Name of Procurement: **2025-16 Lawn Care, Trash Removal and Tree Trimming Services** Bid Opening Date: _____

**Solicitation 2025-16 Lawn Care, Trash Removal
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CITY OF CHARLESTON PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

VENDOR OWING A DEBT TO THE STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:

West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a provides that: No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the aggregate.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT:

If this is a solicitation for a public improvement construction contract, the vendor, by its signature below, affirms that is has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the **West Virginia Code**. The vendor **must** make said affirmation with its bid submission. Further, public improvement construction contracts may not be awarded to a vendor who does not have a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the **West Virginia Code** and who has not submitted that plan to the appropriate contracting authority in a timely fashion. For a vendor who is a subcontractor, compliance with Section 5, Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the **West Virginia Code** may take place before their work on the public improvement is begun.

ANTITRUST:

In submitting a bid to any agency for the State of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the state of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for a price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the state of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership or person or entity submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

LICENSING:

Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, the West Virginia Insurance Commission or any other state agencies or political subdivision. Furthermore, the vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/noticeConfidentiality.pdf>.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (**West Virginia Code § 61-5-3**), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

Vendor's Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____