



Purchasing Department
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Fayetteville, GA 30214
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December 22, 2023

Subject: Request for Quotes 2362-A: Animal Shelter Grass Cutting

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Fayette County, Georgia invites you to submit a quote for the above listed solicitation in accordance with the information and specifications contained herein.

A mandatory pre-quote conference will be held on 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at the new Fayette County Animal Shelter, 1155 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, GA 30269 to provide an opportunity for you to become familiar with the site and work conditions, and to ask questions. Companies that attend will be invited to submit quotes for this project.

Address any questions you may have about this request for quotes to Natasha Duggan via email to nduggan@fayettecountyga.gov or fax to (770) 719-5534. **Questions will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**

Quotes will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 19, 2024. Please provide your quote and other information via email to Natasha Duggan, Contract Administrator at nduggan@fayettecountyga.gov or fax to (770) 719-5534.

Purchasing Department office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office telephone number is (770) 305-5420.

Sincerely,

Ted L. Burgess
Chief Procurement Officer

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Request for Quotes 2362-A: Animal Shelter Grass Cutting

1. **Definitions:**
 - a. Responder: A company or individual who submits a quote in response to this RFQ.
 - b. Successful Responder: The Responder that is awarded a contract.
 - c. Contractor: The Successful Responder, upon execution of the contract.
 - d. County: Fayette County, Georgia.

2. **Quote is Offer to Contract:** Each quote constitutes an offer to become legally bound to a contract with the County, incorporating the Request for Quotes and the Responder's quote. The binding offer includes compliance with all terms, conditions, special conditions, specifications, and requirements stated in the Request for Quotes, except to the extent that a Responder takes written exception to such provisions, and the County agrees to the exceptions. All such terms, conditions, special conditions, specifications, and requirements will form the basis of the contract. The Responder should take care to answer all questions and provide all requested information, and to note any exceptions in the quote submission. Failure to observe any of the instructions or conditions in this Request for Quotes may result in rejection of the quote.

3. **Binding Offer:** To allow sufficient time for a contract to be awarded, each quote shall constitute a firm offer that is binding for ninety (90) days from the received by date to the date of award.

4. **References:** Include with your quote a list of three (3) jobs that your company has done that are of the same or similar nature to the work described in this Request for Quotes, on the form provided. Include all information as requested on the form.

5. **Preparation Costs:** The Responder shall bear all costs associated with preparing the quote.

6. **More Than One Quote:** Do not submit alternate quotes or options, unless requested or authorized by the County in the Request for Quotes. If a Responder submits more than one quote without being requested or authorized to do so, the County may disqualify the quotes from that Responder, at the County's option.

7. **Defects or Irregularities:** The County reserves the right to waive any defect or irregularity in any quote received. In case of a discrepancy between unit prices and extended prices, the unit price will govern unless the facts or other considerations indicate another basis for correction of the discrepancy.

8. **Brand Name:** If items in this Request for Quotes have been identified, described, or referenced by a brand name or trade name description, such identification is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that may be offered. Alternative products may be considered for award if clearly identified in the quote. Items offered must meet required specifications and must be of a quality which will adequately serve the use and purpose for which intended.

9. **Prices Held Firm:** Prices quoted shall be firm for the period of the contract, unless otherwise specified in the quote. All prices for commodities, supplies, equipment, or other products shall be quoted FOB Destination, Fayette County or job site.
10. **Responder Substitutions:** Responders offering substitutions or deviations from specifications stated in the Request for Quotes, shall list such substitutions or deviations on the "Exceptions to Specifications" sheet provided, or on a separate sheet to be submitted with the quote. The absence of such list shall indicate that the Responder has taken no exception to the specifications. The evaluation of quotes and the determination as to equality and acceptability of products or services offered shall be the responsibility of the County.
11. **Non-Collusion:** By responding to this Request for Quotes, the Responder represents that the quote is not made in connection with any competing Responder, supplier, or service provider submitting a separate response to this Request for Quotes and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.
12. **Ethics – Disclosure of Relationships:** Before a proposed contract in excess of \$10,000.00 is recommended for award to the Board of Commissioners or the County Administrator, or before the County renews, extends, or otherwise modifies a contract after it has been awarded, the Contractor must disclose certain relationships with any County Commissioner or County Official, or their spouse, mother, father, grandparent, brother, sister, son or daughter related by blood, adoption, or marriage (including in-laws). A relationship that must be reported exists if any of these individuals is a director, officer, partner, or employee, or has a substantial financial interest in the business, as described in Fayette County Ordinance Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3 (Code of Ethics).

If such relationship exists between your company and any individual mentioned above, relevant information must be presented in the form of a written letter to the Director of Purchasing. You must include the letter with any bid, proposal, or price quote you submit to the Purchasing Department.

In the event that a Contractor fails to comply with this requirement, the County will take action as appropriate to the situation, which may include actions up to and including rejection of the bid or offer, cancellation of the contract in question, or debarment or suspension from award of a County contract for a period of up to three years.

13. **Evaluation:** Award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible Responder, taking into consideration payment terms, vendor qualifications and experience, quality, references, any exceptions listed, and/or other factors deemed relevant in making the award. The County may make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Responder to perform, and the Contractor shall furnish to the County all information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any item, any quote, or all quotes, and to re-solicit for pricing.

14. **Payment Terms and Discounts:** The County's standard payment terms are Net 30. Any deviation from standard payment terms must be specified in the resulting contract, and both parties must agree on such deviation. Cash discounts offered will be a consideration in awarding the quote, but only if they give the County at least 15 days from receipt of invoice to pay. For taking discounts, time will be computed from the date of invoice acceptance by the County, or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed made, for the purpose of earning the discount, on the date of the check.
15. **Trade Secrets – Confidentiality:** If any person or entity submits a bid, proposal, or quote that contains trade secrets, an affidavit shall be included with the bid, proposal, or quote. The affidavit shall declare the specific included information which constitutes trade secrets. Any trade secrets must be either (1) placed in a separate envelope, clearly identified, and marked as such, or (2) at a minimum, marked in the affidavit or an attached document explaining exactly where such information is, and otherwise marked, highlighted, or made plainly visible. See O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (A)(34).
16. **Trade Secrets – Internal Use:** In submitting a quote, the Responder agrees that the County may reveal any trade secret materials contained in the quote to all County staff and officials involved in the selection process, and to any outside consultant or other third parties who may assist in the selection process. The Responder agrees to hold harmless the County and each of its officers, employees, and agents from all costs, damages, and expenses incurred in connection with refusing to disclose any material which the Responder has designated as a trade secret.
17. **Contract Execution & Notice to Proceed:** After an award is made, and all required documents are received by the County, and the contract is fully executed with signature of both parties, the County will issue a written Notice to Proceed. The County shall not be liable for payment of any work done or any costs incurred by any Responder prior to the County issuing the Notice to Proceed.
18. **Term of Contract:** The term of this agreement shall begin upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed and continue for a period of one year through June 30, 2025. Thereafter, this agreement may be renewed by the County for two additional one-year renewal terms (each a "Renewal Term" and together with the Initial Term, the "Term"), which renewal will be by letter or other written correspondence from the County to the Contractor ninety (90) days prior to expiration of the Initial Term or the then-current Renewal Term. If the County fails to provide notice of renewal, this Agreement will terminate at the end of the Initial Term or the then-current Renewal Term. This agreement is subject to the multi-year contractual provisions of O.C.G.A. 36-60-13(a).
19. **Unavailability of Funds:** This contract will terminate immediately and absolutely at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under the contract.

20. **Insurance:** The Successful Responder shall procure and maintain the following insurance, to be in effect throughout the term of the contract, in at least the amounts and limits as follows:

- a. **General Liability Insurance:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence, including bodily and personal injury, destruction of property, and contractual liability.
- b. **Automobile Liability Insurance:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence, including bodily injury and property damage liability.
- c. **Worker's Compensation & Employer's Liability Insurance:** Workers Compensation as required by Georgia statute.

Before a contract is executed, the Certificates of Insurance for all required coverage shall be submitted to the County. The certificate shall list an additional insured as follows:

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Fayetteville, GA 30214

21. **Unauthorized Performance:** The County will not compensate the Contractor for work performed unless the work is authorized under the contract, as initially executed, or as amended.
22. **Assignment of Contract:** Assignment of any contract resulting from this Request for Quotes will not be authorized, except with express written authorization from the County.
23. **Indemnification:** The Contractor shall indemnify and save the County and all its officers, agents and employees harmless from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any damages, losses, or expenses to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor or other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of the contract. The Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against the County growing out of such damages, losses, or expenses.
24. **Severability:** The invalidity of one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, or sections contained in the contract shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the contract. If any provision of the contract is held to be unenforceable, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provision to the extent that the provision is unenforceable. In such case, the contract shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to make it enforceable while preserving its intent.

25. **Delivery Failures:** If the Contractor fails to deliver contracted goods or services within the time specified in the contract or fails to replace rejected items in a timely manner, the County shall have authority to make open-market purchases of comparable goods or services. The County shall have the right to invoice the Contractor for any excess expenses incurred or deduct such amount from monies owed the Contractor. Such purchases shall be deducted from contracted quantities.
26. **Termination for Cause:** The County may terminate the contract for cause by sending written notice to the Contractor of the Contractor's default in the performance of any term of this agreement. Termination shall be without prejudice to any of the County's rights or remedies by law.
27. **Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the contract for its convenience at any time with 10 days' written notice to the Contractor. In the event of termination for convenience, the County will pay the Contractor for services performed. The County will compensate partially completed performance based upon a signed statement of completion.
28. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be deemed to be in breach of the contract to the extent that performance of its obligations is delayed, restricted, or prevented by reason of any act of God, natural disaster, act of government, or any other act or condition beyond the reasonable control of the party in question.
29. **Governing Law:** This agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction in Georgia, and further agree that any cause of action arising under this agreement shall be required to be brought in proper venue in Fayette County, Georgia.

Checklist of Required Documents

*(Be Sure to Return This Checklist and
the Required Documents in the order listed below)*

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Company information – on the form provided _____

Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1) _____

Pricing sheet _____

List of exceptions, if any – on the form provided _____

References – on form provided _____

Category 24 Pesticide Contractors License _____

Addenda, signed, if any are issued _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY INFORMATION
RFQ 2362-A: Animal Shelter Grass Cutting

A. COMPANY

Company Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Website (if applicable): _____

B. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Signature: _____

Printed or Typed Name: _____

Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

C. PROJECT CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

REFERENCES
RFQ 2362-A: Animal Shelter Grass Cutting

Please list three (3) references for current or recent customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. Projects of similar size and scope are preferable.

1. Government/Company Name _____

City & State _____

Work or Service Provided _____

Approximate Completion Date _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2. Government/Company Name _____

City & State _____

Work or Service Provided _____

Approximate Completion Date _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

3. Government/Company Name _____

City & State _____

Work or Service Provided _____

Approximate Completion Date _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)

The undersigned contractor ("Contractor") executes this Affidavit to comply with O.C.G.A § 13-10-91 related any contract to which Contractor is a party that is subject to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and hereby verifies compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, attesting as follows:

- a) The Contractor has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program;
- b) The Contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, including any renewal or extension thereof;
- c) The Contractor will notify the public employer in the event the Contractor ceases to utilize the federal work authorization program during the contract period, including renewals or extensions thereof;
- d) The Contractor understands that ceasing to utilize the federal work authorization program constitutes a material breach of Contract;
- e) The Contractor will contract for the performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the Contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(a), (b), and (c);
- f) The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Affidavit shall be incorporated into any contract(s) subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 13-10- 91 for the project listed below to which Contractor is a party after the date hereof without further action or consent by Contractor; and
- g) Contractor acknowledges its responsibility to submit copies of any affidavits, drivers' licenses, and identification cards required pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 to the public employer within five business days of receipt.

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

2362-A Animal Shelter Grass Cutting
Name of Project

Fayette County, Georgia
Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 2024 in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

SCOPE AND SPECIFICATION
RFQ 2362-A: Animal Shelter Grass Cutting

Introduction

Fayette County, Georgia is seeking quotes for an annual contract of grass mowing services at the Fayette County Animal Shelter.

Location:	Fayette County Animal Shelter 1155 Highway 74 South Peachtree City, GA 30269
Property Size:	11,000 sq. ft.
Cutting Frequency:	Once per week
Cutting Day:	Wednesday
Cutting Seasons:	July 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024 March 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025
Cut height:	2-inches
Aerial Photo	Attachment 1

Location Requirements

1. Grass Cutting

- a. This location is to be cut on Wednesday. If schedule is changed due to weather or other events beyond the control of the successful contractor, the successful contractor shall contact the Animal Shelter immediately.
- b. Cutting shall not be done on weekends. If the successful contractor is not able to cut during that week due to weather or other events beyond the control of the successful contractor, the schedule cutting that was not performed shall be deducted from that month's invoice and noted in the invoice comments.
- c. Cut sodded areas around building, parking lot and driveway.
- d. Attachment 1 purple boundary lines are not accurate but are used to show the approximate area to be cut.

2. Edging

- a. Edge all parking lots, roadways and sidewalks.

3. Spraying

- a. A Category 24 Pesticide Contractor's License shall be required for spraying. Proof of this license shall be required to submit a quote for this work. The license shall be kept active and if it expires during the contract term, an updated license shall be submitted to the County to maintain the contract.

- b. Spray herbicide along perimeter fence lines and other areas as specified by the Animal Shelter staff. Contractor shall notify Animal Shelter Director 24-hours prior to spraying. No spraying shall be allowed around chain-link fence on the back side of the buildings due to dogs in the area.
- c. Area to be sprayed shall be no more than 3-inches around poles, signs, rocks, fence lines and other fixed objects.

4. Grounds Maintenance

- a. Pick up trash on and around all common areas, parking lots and along roadways and place in dumpster before cutting so that the trash is not cut up. If this happens the Contractor shall clean up the trash.
- b. Pick up rocks, limbs and any other debris that may prevent cutting and dispose of in dumpster. If limbs are too large to fit in the dumpster, then place the limbs in area designated by Animal Shelter Director or Fayette County Maintenance.
- c. Blow off all hard surfaces such as concrete walkways and asphalt parking lots.
- d. Weed eat on both sides of all fences, around all structures, trees, posts, poles, picnic tables (if applicable), culverts, guide wires, flower beds, shrubs.
- e. Weed eat ditches where mowing is not possible.

General Requirements

1. The Contractor shall be responsible for
 - a. All labor and equipment needed to complete this work.
 - b. Any damage done by crew, which includes, but is not limited to damage to fencing, sprinkler heads, signs, structures, or other real or personal property. All damage shall be reported to Fayette County Maintenance Department immediately.
 - c. Their personnel on County property. There is a no tobacco policy on County property.
2. The Contractor shall use commercial type grass cutting equipment with mulching blades and necessary equipment attachments to vacuum areas as necessary. Rotary, reel and cylinder mowers are all acceptable as long as they are commercial mowers. **NOTE: Not all zero turn mowers are commercial mowers.**
3. Fayette County personnel will perform periodic inspections of the work done by the Contractor.
4. No subcontractors shall be used. Awarded vendor shall provide the services for this location.

PRICING SHEET
RFQ 2362-A: Animal Shelter Grass Cutting

Responder agrees to perform all the work described in the Contract documents for the following prices:

	Number of Cuts	Price per Cut	Extended Price
Grass Cutting, per specification	31	\$	\$

NOTES:

1. All applicable charges shall be included in your total quoted amount, including but not limited to materials, equipment, fuel, labor, and any other amounts. No additional charges will be allowed after the quote received by date.
2. All warranties shall be included in your total quoted amount.

COMPANY'S NAME _____

EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS
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Please list below any exceptions or clarifications to the specifications of this RFQ. Explain any exceptions in full.

COMPANY NAME: _____

Attachment 1

