



THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Services

R24-017AL

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SIMD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

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The City of Colorado Springs requests Firm Fixed Price (FFP), as detailed in this Request for Proposal (RFP), for SIMD Landscape Maintenance Services.

This RFP is posted to Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing BidNet Direct and the City of Colorado Springs Procurement Services Website. It is available for all vendors free of charge, following free registration, at the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing BidNet Direct website.

SUBMITTALS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN E-PURCHASING BIDNET DIRECT PLATFORM.

Please login to the following website to register (Free Registration) to submit a bid for this project. All required documents will be uploaded to the website.

<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/>

BIDNET Support

800-835-4603

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SECTION I – PROPOSAL INFORMATION

1.0 PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Section I provides general information to potential Offerors, such as proposal submission instructions and other similar administrative elements. This RFP is available on BidNet (www.bidnetdirect.com). All addenda or amendments shall be issued through BidNet and may not be available through any other source.

1.1 RFP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The upcoming schedule of events is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Issue Request for Proposal	January 25, 2024
Pre-Proposal Conference	January 29, 2024, 1:00 PM MST

We will hold a pre-proposal conference via Microsoft Teams. This meeting is not mandatory. However, all Offerors are encouraged to attend. Please use the link below to attend the meeting: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YjEwMThhOTAtNjg5Ny00YzY5LWFkNTctZGRkYzM1YTA3NmU2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2290f74bf0-a593-4c12-9591-fb8ef4ba6ad1%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22dc36abda-78bf-461c-a321-a528ac3cb37a%22%7d

or dial in for audio only: 720-617-3426, Conference ID 734241660#

Cut Off Date for Questions	February 5, 2024, 5:00 PM MST
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Questions about the RFP must be submitted electronically in BidNet. A written response to any inquiry may be provided in the form of an Amendment to the solicitation. See 1.7 Amendments. Questions must be received no later than 5:00 PM MST on February 5, 2024.

Requests for information and support shall be directed to:

Alyssa Lee
Alyssa.Lee@ColoradoSprings.gov

DO NOT CONTACT ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AT THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION.

The only acceptable method of submitting questions is electronically within BidNet. Faxes or physical mail delivery are not acceptable.

Proposal Due Date	February 22, 2024, 5:00 PM MST
Interviews (if applicable)	TBD
Award of Contract	TBD

1.2 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals are to be submitted electronically on the BidNet Website (www.bidnetdirect.com). Please review the submission requirements *well in advance* of submission date and time; and allow for ample time to upload each required document.

It is recommended that Offerors begin the submission process at least one (1) day in advance of the proposal deadline.

Offerors are solely responsible for ensuring their bid documents are uploaded and submitted correctly, and that a **confirmation number** is obtained upon successful submission.

Customer Support Team for www.bidnetdirect.com can be reached 1-800-835-4603.

1.3 NUMBER OF COPIES

One electronic proposal is to be submitted electronically on the BidNet Website (www.bidnetdirect.com).

1.4 SPECIAL TERMS

Please note the following definitions of terms as used herein:

The term "City" means the City of Colorado Springs.

The term "Contractor" or "Consultant" means the Offeror whose offer is accepted and is awarded the contract to provide the products or services specified in the RFP.

The term "Offer" means the proposal.

The term "Offeror" means the person, firm, or corporation that submits a formal proposal or offer and that may or may not be successful in being awarded the contract.

The term "Project" refers to SIMD Landscape Maintenance Services.

The term "Request for Proposal" or "RFP" means this solicitation of a formal, negotiable proposal/offer. Any offer that is accepted will be the offer that is deemed by the City of Colorado Springs to be most advantageous in terms of the criteria designated in the RFP.

1.5 RFP OBJECTIVE

The objective of this RFP is to provide sufficient information to enable qualified Offerors to submit written proposals to the City of Colorado Springs. The RFP is not a contractual offer or commitment to purchase products or services. The Offeror may present options and variables to the scope while still meeting the minimum requirements of this solicitation. Innovative proposals/solutions are encouraged and considered in the selection and/or award.

All information included in proposals must be legible. Any and all corrections and or erasures must be initialed by Offeror. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cover letter signed by an

authorized representative of the Offeror. The contents of the proposal submitted by the successful Offeror may become part of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation.

1.6 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

If an Offeror believes that parts of an offer are confidential, then the Offeror must so specify. The Offeror must include in bold letters the term "CONFIDENTIAL" on that part of the offer which the Offeror believes to be confidential. The Offeror must submit in writing specific detailed reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why the Offeror believes the material to be confidential. Vague and general claims as to confidentiality will not be accepted. The City of Colorado Springs will be the sole judge as to whether a claim is acceptable. Decisions regarding the confidentiality of information will be made when requests are made to make the information public. All offers and parts of offers, which are not marked as confidential, will automatically be considered public information after the contract is awarded. The successful offer may be considered public information even though parts are marked confidential.

1.7 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this RFP may be issued at any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Offerors are required to acknowledge receipt of any amendments issued to this RFP by returning a signed copy of each amendment issued. Signed copies of each amendment must be received on or before the time set for receipt of offers.

The City of Colorado Springs will post all amendments on the BidNet Website (www.bidnetdirect.com). It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the website for posted amendments or contact the Contracts Specialist listed to confirm the number of amendments which have been issued.

1.8 WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF OFFERS

Any Offeror may modify or withdraw an offer in writing at any time prior to the deadline for submission of an offer.

1.9 ACCEPTANCE

Any offer received and not withdrawn shall be considered an offer, which may be accepted by the City of Colorado Springs based on initial submission without discussions or negotiations.

By submitting an offer in response to this solicitation, the Offeror agrees that any offer it submits may be accepted by the City of Colorado Springs at any time within 90 calendar days from the date of submission deadline.

The City of Colorado Springs reserves the right (a) to reject any or all offers, (b) to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received, and/or (c) to accept any portion of an offer if deemed in the best interest of the City of Colorado Springs. Failure of the Offeror to provide in its offer any information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the offer for non-responsiveness.

1.10 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COST

The cost of proposal preparation is not a reimbursable cost. Proposal preparation shall be at the

Offeror's sole expense and is the Offeror's total and sole responsibility.

1.11 AWARD

The City of Colorado Springs intends to make multiple awards, using the evaluation criteria listed in this RFP, to determine the best value, considering all factors and criteria in the proposals submitted. Best value means the expected outcome of an acquisition that, in the City's estimation, provides the greatest overall benefit in response to the requirements detailed in the RFP. The City of Colorado Springs reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to not make an award.

YEARLY VENDOR ADDITIONS

The City of Colorado Springs may award additional contracts on an annual basis, should program requirements drive the need for additional vendor support. The process for a vendor to be added to the approved list is as follows:

1. Once per year, approximately November of each year, a vendor may submit a proposal to be considered for a contract for remaining program option years.
2. The vendor must submit a proposal including all required exhibits, schedules and information as listed in Section 2 Proposal Content. Proposals will be evaluated using the criteria identified in Sections 2 and 3 of. If they are selected, a contract will be issued beginning on January 1 of the following year.

1.12 PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The performance period of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP is anticipated to be as follows.

Base Year: Notice to Proceed – December 31, 2024
Option Year 1: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
Option Year 2: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
Option Year 3: January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027
Option Year 4: January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028

1.13 DEBRIEFING

Offerors not selected may request a debriefing on the selection process as well as discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of their proposal upon receipt of notification that their offer was not selected.

A debriefing may be scheduled by contacting the Contracts Specialist listed above. The Contracts Specialist must receive a written request for debriefing no later than ten (10) calendar days after issuance of a notification that the Offeror's offer was not selected.

1.14 SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS

By responding to this RFP, the Offeror certifies (a) that Offeror's proposal is genuine and is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, an undisclosed person, firm, or corporation; (b) that Offeror has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Offerors to put in a false or sham proposal; (c) that Offeror has not solicited or induced any other person, firm, or corporation

to refrain or abstain from proposing an offer or proposal; (d) that Offeror has not sought by collusion to obtain for themselves any advantage over any other Offerors or over the City of Colorado Springs; and (e) that Offeror has not violated or caused any person to violate, and shall not violate or cause any person to violate, the City's Code of Ethics contained in Article 3, of Chapter 1 of the City Code and in the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations.

1.15 OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS

Each Offeror must complete Exhibit 6 – Qualification Statement.

No contract will be awarded to any Offeror who is in arrears to the City, upon any debt or contract, or who is in default, in any capacity, upon any obligation to the City or is deemed to be irresponsible or unreliable by the City based on past performance.

1.16 NON-COLORADO ENTITIES

If Offeror is a foreign entity, Offeror shall comply with C.R.S. section 7-90-801, "Authority to transact business or conduct activities required," and section 7-90-802, "Consequences of transacting business or conducting activities without authority."

Before or at the time that the contract is awarded to an entity organized or operating outside the State of Colorado, such entity shall obtain authorization to do business in the State of Colorado, designate a place of business herein, and appoint an agent for service of process.

Such entity must furnish the City of Colorado Springs with a certificate from the Secretary of the State of Colorado to the effect that a certificate of authority to do business in the State of Colorado has been issued by that office and is still valid. The entity shall also provide the City with a certified copy of the designation of place of business and appointment of agent for service of process from the Colorado Secretary of State, or a letter from the Colorado Secretary of State that such designation of place of business and agent for service of process has been made.

1.17 PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All projects advertised by the City of Colorado Springs are solicited in accordance with the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations. The City's Procurement Rules and Regulations can be reviewed and/or downloaded from the City website www.coloradosprings.gov. The Contracts Specialist may also provide a softcopy of the Rules and Regulations upon request. Any discrepancies regarding conflicting statements, decisions, irregularities, clauses, or specifications will be rectified utilizing the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations, when applicable. It is the Offeror's responsibility to advise the Contracts Specialist listed in this RFP of any perceived discrepancies prior to the date and time the offer is due.

1.18 FAIR TREATMENT OF OFFERORS

The City Procurement Services Division shall be responsible for ensuring the procurement of products, commodities, and services are in a manner that affords all responsible businesses a fair and equal opportunity to compete. If an Offeror believes that a procurement is not conducted in a fair and equitable manner, the Offeror is encouraged to inform the City Procurement Services Manager as soon as possible.

1.19 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this solicitation shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- A. Sections I-IV of this Solicitation
- B. Statement of Work
- C. Other Appendices, Schedules, Exhibits, or Attachments

1.20 SALES TAX

The successful Offeror, if awarded a contract, shall apply to the Colorado Department of Revenue for a tax-exempt certificate for this project. The certificate does not apply to City of Colorado Springs Sales and Use Tax which shall be applicable and should be included in all proposals. The tax-exempt project number and the exemption certificate only apply to County, PPRTA (Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority), and State taxes when purchasing construction and building materials **to be incorporated into this project**.

Furthermore, the exemption **does not** include or apply to the purchase or rental of equipment, supplies or materials that **do not become a part of the completed project or structure**. In these instances, the purchase or rental is subject to full taxation at the current taxation rate.

The Offeror and all subcontractors shall include in their Offer City of Colorado Springs Sales and Use Tax on the work covered by the offer, and all other applicable taxes.

Forms and instructions can be downloaded at <https://coloradosprings.gov/sales-tax/page/sales-tax-information>. Questions can be directed to the City Sales Tax Division at (719) 385-5903 or SalesTax@coloradosprings.gov.

Our Registration Numbers are as follows:

City of Colorado Springs

Federal I.D.: 84-6000573

Federal Excise: A-138557

State Sales Tax: 98-03479

1.21 INTERPRETATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Any change to proposal forms, plans, or specifications prior to the opening of proposals will be issued by the City in the form of an Amendment. Certain individuals may be named in the RFP that have authority to provide information, clarification or interpretation to Offerors prior to opening of proposals. Information obtained from persons other than those named individuals is invalid and shall not be used for proposal purposes.

1.22 COMBINATION OR CONDITIONAL PROPOSALS

If an RFP is issued for projects in combination and separately, the Offeror may submit proposals either on the combination or on separate units of the combination. The City reserves the right to make awards on combination or separate proposals to the advantage of the City. Combination proposals will be considered, only when specified.

1.23 ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The Offeror by signing their proposal submitted to the City is certifying that the Offeror has not participated in any collusion or taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding. This statement may also be in the form of an affidavit provided by the City and signed by the Offeror. The original of the signed anti-collusion affidavit, if separately required and provided with the RFP, shall be submitted with the proposal. The proposal will be rejected if it does not contain the completed anti-collusion affidavit.

SECTION II – PROPOSAL CONTENT

2.0 PROPOSAL CONTENT

Section II provides instructions regarding the format and content required for proposals submitted in response to this solicitation.

2.1 PROPOSAL FORMAT

Offeror's written proposal should include concise, but complete, information, emphasizing why the Offeror is best or best qualified to provide the required services. The Offeror's written proposal should include the information in the format outlined below and must be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) pages. **A page shall be defined as 8-1/2" x 11"; single sided, with one inch margins, and a minimum font of Times New Roman 10.** The only exception to the 8-1/2" x 11" paper size is the proposed project schedule. It may be submitted on 11" x 17" paper. Each 11" x 17" page for the schedule shall be counted in the overall page limitations above. Each section of the proposal should be labeled to clearly follow the requirements sections identified in this section of the RFP. The following listed Exhibits must be filled out and returned with the proposal and are not counted against the page limit:

Exhibit 1 Proposal Certification
Exhibit 3 Exceptions
Exhibit 4 Minimum Insurance Requirements
Exhibit 6 Qualification Statement
Schedule A Price Sheet
Addendum, if Issued

2.2 COVER LETTER

The cover letter shall be no more than three pages. The cover letter shall contain at least the following information.

- A. RFP Number and Project Name.
- B. Statement that the Offeror is qualified to perform the work.
- C. Certification Statement that the information and data submitted are true and complete to the best knowledge of the individual signing the letter.
- D. Name, telephone number, email address, and physical address of the individual to contact regarding the proposal.
- E. The signature of an authorized principal, partner, or officer of the Offeror.

2.3 PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION

The Offeror must fill out and submit Exhibit 1 with its Proposal.

2.4 ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The Offeror must provide a brief history and overview of its company and its organizational structure, with special emphasis on how this project will fit within that structure. Also include principal place of business location(s), office locations, and size of firm. Financial stability information (annual public reports or private financial statements shall be included in an appendix

or under separate cover; private financial information will be kept confidential by the City) may be requested during the proposal evaluation and award process.

2.5 PROPOSAL NARRATIVE/TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT APPROACH

In the proposal narrative/technical and management approach section, the Offeror should explain what the Offeror will do and how it will perform if awarded a contract.

2.5.1 TECHNICAL AREA

The Offeror must explain its overall solution, considering the scope of work or statement of work provided. The content must include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information.

A. Understanding of and Compliance with Technical Requirements

In the Technical Area, the Offeror should address each work area in sufficient detail to demonstrate a clear and full understanding of the work necessary to complete the project. The proposal should not merely parrot the requirements of the RFP. Further, the Offeror should provide evidence of sufficient planning to ensure the work is completed on schedule and within budget. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions:

1. Schedule Management. Discuss Offeror's approach to schedule management including updating and reporting progress of the work.
2. Quality Control. Discuss Offeror's quality control plan, processes and approach to ensure that the City receives a quality product.
3. Safety. Discuss Offeror's approach and commitment to safety for its workers, the public, and City employees, if services are accomplished on a City site.
4. Potential issues that Offeror foresees with this project and how Offeror would make adjustments if encountered.

It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.

1. Does the proposal include a complete plan to accomplish each requirement, including subcontracting (if applicable)?
2. Does the proposal demonstrate that appropriate and qualified personnel and equipment will be provided to carry out the requirement?
3. Is the proper level of effort directed toward each requirement? Does the level of effort look unrealistically low or unreasonably high?

2.5.2 MANAGEMENT AREA

Offeror must explain its method of managing the work to be performed. The content must include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information.

A. Past Performance/Relevant Experience

In the Management Area, the Offeror should provide at least three references or name contracts demonstrating that it successfully provided services/products that are the same or similar to those required in the RFP. The proposal should adequately explain how the projects were completed

on schedule and within budget. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.

1. Does the proposal include at least three references or past performance citations?
2. Are the references or past performance citations relevant to the requirements of the Statement of Work of the RFP?
3. Does the Offeror explain how they were successful on the projects provided as past performance?
4. Does the Offeror apply the past performance to the City requirement in such a way as to demonstrate added value due to experience?

B. Program Management Controls

A Commercial Pesticide Applicator's license issued by the State of Colorado is required for this work. In the Management Area, the Offeror should provide:

1. Name(s) of personnel holding the required Commercial Pesticide Applicator's license(s).
2. A plan of operation, to include management of personnel, workload, schedule, and budget;
3. Documentation that demonstrates clear and effective lines of authority assigned to the project. Include areas of responsibility and communication for management, supervisory, and technical personnel. The plan should address which job classification or personnel will be assigned to each task and how that determination is made. Basic human resource management concepts should be addressed, including hiring, firing, discipline, incentive plans, etc.;
4. If the Offeror plans to subcontract more than 10% of the work, include information on how the Offeror plans to manage its subcontractors.
5. A detailed schedule for the project showing the key activities and how they will meet or improve the City's timeframe and maximize efficiency to provide the best value to the City and minimize impacts to the public. The schedule shall be based on the Offeror's understanding and approach to the work as addressed above. Schedules should address controls to ensure the project will remain on schedule and on budget.

It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.

1. Does the proposal address the issues above in sufficient detail to demonstrate a sophisticated and mature management control system?
2. Are program management controls consistent with the technical portion of the proposal, especially regarding schedule and level of effort?
3. Do the plan and controls indicate that the Offeror will obtain, keep, and efficiently utilize high-quality personnel?
4. Does the proposal explain how the Offeror will address corrective actions in case of delays (e.g., expediting materials, additional resources, etc.)?
5. Does the proposal explain how the Offeror will remain within schedule and budget?

C. Laborers and Equipment

The quality of personnel and equipment is extremely important in the City of Colorado Springs' decision-making process for awarding this contract.

Respond to each of the following questions:

1. How many full-time laborers do you have available to work on this project?
2. Are these laborers full-time company personnel or are they subcontracted or temporary staff?
3. What percentage of your laborers are subcontracted or temporary staff?
4. Are any of your proposed laborers seasonal personnel? If yes provide the percentage of laborers that are seasonal. Explain seasonal staff and identify the season(s).
5. What types of landscape equipment does your company have available for this project?

2.6 PRICE AREA

In the Price Area, the Offeror should provide a detailed breakdown of the price for each year of performance. The price must be all-inclusive and include all unit costs for material, labor, other direct costs (e.g. travel), indirect costs (i.e. overhead and general and administrative costs), and profit/fee. Offers must include sufficient detail to allow insight into the fairness and reasonableness of the price. If the contract type will be Time and Material (T&M) labor categories, labor rates, separated profit, and estimated material costs must be included in detail. Pricing is to be completed in the excel document "Schedule A – Price Sheet" and returned with the proposal.

In addition, although price may not be the most important factor, it is still very important to the City of Colorado Springs. The Offeror's pricing must be competitive as compared to market pricing in the industry, and the pricing of other Offerors. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.

1. How does the price compare to the industry competition?
2. If low, is it unrealistically low?
3. If high, is there demonstrated added value for the additional cost?
4. Does the Offeror leave applicable costs out of the calculations? For instance, some will say travel is not included and will be an extra cost. This should be considered when comparing to other Offerors.
5. Are there additional costs not addressed that the City would incur if the Offeror were awarded the contract? If so, include those costs when comparing to the budget amount and the competition.

2.7 PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Presentation is an important factor. Offerors should provide a highly professional product, which is complete, accurate, easily understood, and effectively presented.

2.8 EXCEPTIONS

All Offerors must complete Exhibit 3, Exceptions Form and return it with their proposal. Some terms and conditions are not negotiable. Exceptions may be grounds for rendering the proposal unacceptable without further discussions.

2.9 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All Offerors must complete Exhibit 4, Minimum Insurance Requirements and return with their proposal. Lack of responsiveness in this area may be grounds for rendering the proposal unacceptable without further discussions.

SECTION III – EVALUATION FACTORS

3.0 EVALUATION AND AWARD

Section III provides information regarding evaluation criteria and scoring. It also includes information regarding proposal selection and award of the resultant contract.

3.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1.1 TECHNICAL AREA – UNDERSTANDING OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

See Section II – Item 2.5.1A

3.1.2 MANAGEMENT AREA – PAST PERFORMANCE/RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SEE SECTION II - ITEM 2.5.2A

3.1.3 MANAGEMENT AREA – PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONTROLS

See Section II – Item 2.5.2B

3.1.4 MANAGEMENT AREA – LABORERS AND EQUIPMENT

See Section II – Item 2.5.2C

3.1.5 PRICE/COST AREA – PRICE/COST

See Section II – Item 2.6

3.1.6 PROPOSAL PRESENTATION AREA – PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

See Section II – Item 2.7

3.1.7 EXCEPTIONS AND INSURANCE

See Section II – Items 2.8 and 2.9

3.2 RANKING

1.

A. The order of ranking or importance in the evaluation shall be as follows per grouping:

First: Management Area

Second: Technical Area

Third: Price Area

Fourth: Proposal Presentation Area

B. Possible scores for each criterion shall be as follows:

5 – Exceptional

4 – Very Good

3 – Satisfactory

2 – Marginal

1 – Unacceptable

C. Definitions for scoring are as follows and apply to each grouping:

1. The following apply to the Technical and Management Areas:

2.

Exceptional – The proposal meets all and exceeds many of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer all questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Very Good – The proposal meets all and exceeds some of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer most questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Satisfactory – The proposal meets the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer many questions without need for further inquiry. There are very few corrective actions required, and no substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Marginal – The proposal does not meet some of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require some clarification. There are some corrective actions required, and some non-substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Unacceptable – The proposal does not meet many of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require much clarification. There are many corrective actions required, and substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

2. The following apply to the Price Area:

Exceptional – The proposal meets all and exceeds many of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer all questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Very Good – The proposal meets all and exceeds some of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer most questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Satisfactory – The proposal meets the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer many questions without need for further inquiry. There are very few corrective actions required, and no substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Marginal – The proposal does not meet some of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require some clarification. There are some corrective actions required, and some non-substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Unacceptable – The proposal does not meet many of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require much clarification. There are many corrective actions required, and substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

3. The following apply to the Proposal Presentation Area:

Exceptional – The proposal meets all and exceeds many of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer all questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Very Good – The proposal meets all and exceeds some of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer most questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Satisfactory – The proposal meets the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer many questions without need for further inquiry. There are very few corrective actions required, and no substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Marginal – The proposal does not meet some of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require some clarification. There are some corrective actions required, and some non-substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Unacceptable – The proposal does not meet many of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require much clarification. There are many corrective actions required, and substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

D. Area Scoring

The score for each area will be determined by multiplying the sum of the criteria in each area by the area evaluation factor. Maximum points available in each area are as follows:

Management Area: 45 Points

Technical Area: 35

Price Area: 20

Proposal Presentation Area: 5

3.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

3.

A selection committee will review all proposals. Through this process, the City will determine which proposals are acceptable or unacceptable. The City will notify, in writing, the Offerors whose proposals are deemed to be unacceptable. Those Offerors offering proposals deemed to be acceptable by the City will be evaluated by grouping and scored by grouping by the selection committee. This scoring will determine which Offerors are considered to be in the competitive range and may be the basis for an award decision without further steps.

If the selection committee elects not to award based upon evaluation scoring, it may engage in a forced elimination process. To inform this process, it may require oral presentations or interviews with the Offerors considered to be in the competitive range. If oral presentations or interviews are conducted, they may also be scored, or they may simply be considered as information supporting the forced elimination process. The selection committee may request revisions to the proposal from each of the Offerors at the conclusion of the interviews. The intent of the forced elimination

process is to reach consensus. The decision will be based on all relevant factors, and based upon perception of best value. The final decision may or may not exactly reflect scoring ranking.

The City also reserves the right to request best and final offers from all Offerors at any point in the proposal evaluation process.

3.4 AWARD OF CONTRACT

It is anticipated that there will be negotiations or discussions with Offerors. However, the City reserves the right to award without negotiations or discussions. The City also reserves the right to award a contract not necessarily or merely to the Offeror with the most advantageous price. The City may award to one or more Offerors that demonstrate the best value to the City and the most substantiated ability to fulfill the requirements contained in this Request for Proposal. A contract or contracts prepared by the City will be finalized and/or negotiated with the successful Offeror(s). In the event a contract cannot be negotiated with the top-ranked Offeror, the City may enter into negotiations with the second-highest ranked Offeror, or the City may decide to call for new proposals. Immediately after the notice of award, the successful Offeror(s) will begin planning in conjunction with the City of Colorado Springs staff (to be designated by the City) to ensure fulfillment of all its obligations. The successful Offeror may be expected to attend regular meetings as required by the City to assist in the preparation for startup.

SECTION IV – RESERVED

SECTION V – EXHIBITS

5.0 EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1	Proposal Certification
Exhibit 2	Sample Contract
Exhibit 3	Exceptions
Exhibit 4	Minimum Insurance Requirements
Exhibit 5	Scope of Work
Exhibit 6	Qualification Statement
Exhibit 7	Evaluation Scoresheet

EXHIBIT 1 PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION

Check or Mark the space after each number to indicate compliance.

1. _____ Address of Offeror's Principal Place of Business:

Does Offeror have an established office or facility in Colorado Springs?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, indicate address below if different than Principal Place of Business.

Colorado Springs Facility - Year established _____

Address of Colorado Springs Facility:

Percent of Work to be Performed from Principal Place of Business? _____

Percent of Work to be Performed from Colorado Springs Facility? _____

2. _____ Indicate your ability to provide a certificate of insurance evidencing the required coverage types and limits specified in Minimum Insurance Requirements Exhibit. (The certificate of insurance must reflect the City of Colorado Springs as an Additional Insured, as applicable.)

Indicate your ability to comply with the following requirements:

The City shall be added as an Additional Insured to all liability policies:

Yes _____ No _____

Your property and liability insurance company is licensed to do business in Colorado:

Yes _____ No _____

Provide the name of your property and liability insurance company here:

Name: _____

Your property and liability insurance company has an AM best rating of not less than B+ and/or VII:

Yes _____ No _____

Worker's Compensation Insurance is carried for all employees and covers work done in Colorado.

Yes _____ No _____

3. _____ Provide one (1) copy of current financial statements (if required). Enclose financial information in a separate envelope; do not bind with the other proposal copies. If review of the information is to be restricted to the City's financial officer, it must be marked accordingly.

4. _____ Provide the completed and signed proposal. (Proposals must be identified as specified in this RFP document). All required Exhibits are attached.

By signing below, the Offeror certifies that no person or firm other than the Offeror or as otherwise indicated has any interest whatsoever in this offer or any Contract that may be entered into as a result of this offer and that in all respects the offer is legal and firm, submitted in good faith without collusion or fraud.

Offeror has appointed _____ as the Offeror's representative and contact for all questions or clarifications in regard to this Offeror.

Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

The undersigned acknowledges and understands the terms, conditions, Specifications and all Requirements contained and/or referenced and are legally authorized by the Offeror to make the above statements or representations.

(Name of Company)

(Signature)

(Address)

Date

(City, State and Zip)

(Telephone Number)

(Name typed/Printed)

(Title)

(E-Mail Address)

FEDERAL TAX ID # _____

This Company Is: Corporation____ Individual____ Partnership____ LLC____

Offeror hereby acknowledges receipt of the following amendments, if applicable Offeror

agrees that it is bound by all Amendments identified herein.

AMENDMENT #1_____ DATED:_____

AMENDMENT #2_____ DATED:_____

AMENDMENT #3_____ DATED:_____

Please Note the attached Representations and Certifications must be initialed by Offeror in the spaces provided and returned with this certification.

REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Exhibit 1 Continued

1. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Offeror shall comply with all insurance requirements and will submit the Insurance Certificates prior to performance start date. If limits are different from the stated amounts, Offeror shall explain variance. Certain endorsements and "additionally insured" statements may require further clarification and specific statements on a project specific basis and should have been described in the Offeror's proposal.

Initials for 1

2. ETHICS VIOLATIONS

- a) The Offeror shall have in place and follow reasonable procedures designed to prevent and detect possible violations described in this clause in its own operations and direct business relationships.
- b) Offeror certifies the Offeror has not violated or caused any person to violate, and shall not violate or cause any person to violate, the City's Code of Ethics contained in Article 3, of Chapter 1 of the City Code and in the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations
- c) When the Offeror has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation described in this clause may have occurred, the Offeror shall promptly report the possible violation to the City Contracts Specialist in writing.
- d) The Offeror must disclose with the signing of this proposal, the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the City and any City employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of ten percent (10%) or more in the Offeror's firm or any of its branches.
- e) In addition, the Offeror must report any conflict or apparent conflict, current or discovered during the performance of the Contract, to the City Contracts Specialist.
- f) The Offeror shall not engage in providing gifts, meals or other amenities to City employees. The right of the Offeror to proceed may be terminated by written notice issued by City Contracts Specialist if Offeror offered or gave a gratuity to an officer, official, or employee of the City and intended by the gratuity to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under a contract.
- g) The Offeror shall cooperate fully with the City or any agency investigating a possible violation on behalf of the City. If any violation is determined, the Offeror will properly compensate the City.
- h) The Offeror agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause (after substituting "Contractor" for "Offeror") in all subcontracts under this offer.

Initials for 2

3. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Other City activities/contracts may be in progress or start during the performance of this contract. The Offeror shall coordinate the work harmoniously with the other contractors or City personnel, if applicable.

Initials for 3

4. INTERNET USE

Should the Offeror require access to City Internet resources in the performance of this requirement, a "Contractor's Internet Use Agreement" form must be separately signed by each individual having access to the City Network. The completed Contractor's Internet Use Agreement will be maintained with this agreement. Inappropriate use of the City Network will be grounds for immediate termination of any awarded contact.

Initials for 4

5. LITIGATION

If awarded a contract, Offeror shall notify the City within five (5) calendar days after being served with a summons, complaint, or other pleading in any matter which has been filed in any federal or state court or administrative agency. The Offeror shall deliver copies of such document(s) to the City's Procurement Services Manager. The term "litigation" includes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, and filings of bankruptcy, reorganization and/or foreclosure.

Initials for 5

6. CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Offeror's firm verifies and states that they are (check all that apply):

- _____ Large Business (i.e. do not qualify as a small business or non-profit)
- _____ Nonprofit
- _____ Small Business
- _____ Minority Owned Business/Small Disadvantaged Business
- _____ Woman Owned Business
- _____ Veteran Owned Business
- _____ Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business
- _____ HUBZone Business

Note: The City accepts self-certification for these categories in accordance with Small Business Administration (SBA) standards. The SBA size standards are found on the SBA website <https://www.sba.gov/content/am-i-small-business-concern>.

Initials for 6

7. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

- a) The Offeror shall appoint one of its key personnel as the "Authorized Representative" who shall have the power and authority to interface with the City and represent the Offeror in all administrative matters concerning this proposal and any awarded contract, including without limitation such administrative matters as correction of problems modifications, and reduction of costs.
- b) The Authorized Representative shall be the person identified in the Offeror's proposal, unless the Offeror provides written notice to the City naming another person to serve as its Authorized Representative. Communications received by the City Contracts Specialist from the Authorized Representative shall be deemed to have been received from the Offeror.

The individual, _____ (Name)

with position, _____ (Title)

Can be reached at

Work telephone number: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Cellular telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Initials for 7

8. OFFEROR'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby affirms that:

- a) He/She is a duly authorized agent of the Offeror;
- b) He/She has read and agrees to the City's standard terms and conditions attached.
- c) The offer is presented in full compliance with the collusive prohibitions of the City of Colorado Springs. The Offeror certifies that no employee of its firm has discussed, or compared the offer with any other offeror or City employee and has not colluded with any other offeror or City employee.
- d) The Offeror certifies that it has checked all of its figures, and understands that the City will not be responsible for any errors or omissions on the part of the Offeror in preparing its proposal.
- e) By submitting an offer the Offeror certifies that it has complied and will comply with all requirements of local, state, and federal laws, and that no legal requirements have been or will be violated in making or accepting this solicitation.

I hereby certify that I am submitting the proposal based on my company's capabilities to provide quality products and/or services on time.

Initials for 8

9. OFFEROR CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

1. The Offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that (i) the Offeror and/or any of its Principals
 - a. Are (), Are not () presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
 - b. Have (), Have not (), within a three year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relation to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
 - c. Are (), Are not () presently indicated for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in any paragraphs above.
2. The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the City Contracts Specialist if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reasons of changed circumstances.
3. The certification in paragraph 1. above, is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the City, the City Contracts Specialist may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default. Termination for default may result in additional charges being levied for the costs incurred by the City to initiate activities to replace the awarded Contractor.
- 4.

Initials for 9

10. ACCEPTANCE OF CITY CONTRACTS SPECIALIST'S SOLE AUTHORITY FOR CHANGES

Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the Offeror hereby agrees that any changes to the scope of work, subsequent to the original contract signing, shall be generated in writing and an approval signature shall be obtained from the City Contracts Specialist prior to additional work performance.

Initials for 10

11. CITY CONTRACTOR SAFETY PROGRAM

The Offeror hereby agrees to adhere to a worker safety program for contractor employees on a City job site or location. By initialing below, the Offeror has reviewed the information and will abide by the City Policy which is available for review:

<https://coloradosprings.gov/finance/page/procurement-regulations-and-documents>

Initials for 11

12. ACCEPTANCE OF CITY ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERRED PURCHASING (EPP) POLICY

The City of Colorado Springs is committed to buying more environmentally preferable goods and services, as long as they meet performance needs, are available within a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost. The Offeror hereby acknowledges review of this policy by initialing below.

<https://coloradosprings.gov/finance/page/procurement-regulations-and-documents>

Initials for 12

13. FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

Everyone has a duty to report any suspected unlawful act impacting the City of Colorado Springs operations and its enterprises. Anyone who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, and abuse in City of Colorado Springs is encouraged to report such matters to the City Auditor's Office in writing or on the telephone hotline 385-2387 (ADTR). Written correspondence can be mailed to:

City Auditor
P.O. Box 2241
Colorado Springs CO 80901

Or via email FraudHotline@ColoradoSprings.gov. Any of these mechanisms allow for anonymous reporting. For more information, please go to the website <https://coloradosprings.gov/cityfraud>.

Initials for 13

Name of Company:

Federal Tax ID Number:

DUNS Number:

Principal Place of Business:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

EXHIBIT 2 SAMPLE CONTRACT

SERVICES CONTRACT

Contract Number:		Project Name/Title	
Vendor/Contractor			
Contact Name:		Telephone:	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Federal Tax ID #		Please check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
City Contracting Specialist		City Rep Dept	Name & Phone# & Department Name
NOT TO EXCEED Contract Amount:		City Account #	Acct Code (5) Fund (3) Dept (4) Project (7)
Contract Type:		Period of Performance	

1. INTRODUCTION

THIS Firm Fixed Price CONTRACT ("Contract") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024 by and between the City of Colorado Springs, a Colorado municipal corporation and home rule city, in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, (the "City"), and _____ (the "Contractor").

THE CITY AND THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The City has heretofore prepared the necessary Contract Documents for the following Activity:

The Contractor did on the ____ day of _____, 2024 submit to the City the Contractor's written offer and proposal to do the work therein described under the terms and conditions therein set forth and furnish all materials, supplies, labor, services, transportation, tools, equipment, and parts for said work in strict conformity with the accompanying Contract Documents, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, including the following:

1. This Contract Document
2. Appendix A – Additional Terms and Conditions
3. Appendix B – Contractor's Proposal
4. Appendix C – Statement of Work
5. Appendix D – Project Schedule
6. Appendix E – Insurance Requirements

2. COMPENSATION/CONSIDERATION

THIS FIRM FIXED PRICE CONTRACT is established at firm fixed amount of \$xxxxxxx.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide all materials, supplies, labor, services, transportation, tools, equipment, and parts to perform SIMD Landscape Maintenance Services for the City of Colorado Springs in a good and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the City for the total contract amount designated above and in the Notice of Award, to be paid by the City to the Contractor.

3. TERM OF CONTRACT

5. It is further agreed that the Contractor will start work promptly and continue to work diligently until completed. The Contract Period of Performance shall be as follows:

<u>Performance Period</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Price</u>
Base Year:		
Option Year One:		
Option Year Two:		
Option Year Three:		
Option Year Four:		

Option years may be exercised unilaterally by the City at the City's sole discretion. Pricing for option years shall be as indicated above. The City may elect not to exercise an option at any time before start of an option at no additional cost to the City. Further, the City shall have the unilateral option of extending services beyond the term of the Contract, including all options, for a period not to exceed a total of six (6) months if additional time is necessary to solicit and award a new Contract. Options to extend services shall be exercised upon written notification (mailed or otherwise furnished) to the Contractor at least fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of the Contract, or to extend Contract for up to four additional one year option periods at the City's sole discretion.

The total value of this Contract for all years shall not exceed \$XXXXXXX. The value and current funding is \$XXXXXXX for the base year.

4. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall provide and maintain acceptable Insurance Policy(s) consistent with the Minimum Insurance Requirements attached as Appendix E, which includes Property, Liability and Professional Errors and Omissions coverage, and as otherwise listed in Appendix E. The City of Colorado Springs shall be reflected as an additional insured on the Property and Liability policy(s).

Further, Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor shall have no right of coverage under any existing or future City comprehensive, self, or personal injury policies. Contractor shall provide insurance coverage for and on behalf of Contract that will sufficiently protect Contractor, or Contractor's agents, employees, servants or other personnel, in connection with the services which are to be provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract, including protection from claims for bodily injury, death, property damage, and lost income. Contractor shall provide worker's compensation insurance coverage for Contractor and all Contractor personnel. Contractor shall file applicable insurance certificates with the City and shall also provide additional insurance as indicated in this Contract. **A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES LISTING THE CITY AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED.**

5. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all Scope of Work services furnished by the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in services provided under this Contract to the satisfaction of the City.
- B. The City's review, approval of, acceptance of, or payment for the services required under this Contract shall not be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Contract or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Contract, and the Contractor shall be and remain liable to the City for any and all damages to the City caused by the Contractor's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Contract.
- C. The rights and remedies of the City provided for under this Contract are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
- D. If the Contractor is comprised of more than one legal entity, each such entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.

6. WORK OVERSIGHT

- A. The extent and character of the work to be done by the Contractor shall be subject to the general approval of the City's delegated Project Manager.
- B. If any of the work or services being performed does not conform with Contract requirements, the City may require the Contractor to perform the work or services again in conformity with Contract requirements, at no increase in Contract amount. When defects in work or services cannot be corrected by re-performance, the City may (1) require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to Contract requirements and (2) reduce the Contract price to reflect the reduced value of the work or services performed.
- C. If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the defective work or services again or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance is in conformity with Contract requirements, the City may (1) by Contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge to the Contractor any cost incurred by the City that is directly related to the performance of such work or service or (2) terminate the Contract for breach of contract.

7. SUBCONTRACTORS, ASSOCIATES, AND OTHER CONTRACTORS

- A. Any subcontractor, outside associates, or other contractors used by the Contractor in connection with Contractor's work under this Contract shall be limited to individuals or firms that are specifically identified by the Contractor in the Contractor's proposal and agreed to by the City. The Contractor shall obtain the City's Project Manager's written consent before making any substitution of these subcontractors, associates, or other contractors.
- B. The Contractor shall include a flow down clause in all of its subcontracts, agreements with outside associates, and agreements with other contractors. The flow down clause shall cause all of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including all of the applicable parts of the Contract Documents, to be incorporated into all subcontracts, agreements with outside associates, and agreements with other contractors. The flow down clause shall provide clearly

that there is no privity of contract between the City and the Contractor's subcontractors, outside associates, and other contractors.

8. KEY PERSONNEL

The key personnel listed in the proposal and/or below will be the individuals used in the performance of the work. If any of the listed key personnel leave employment or are otherwise not utilized in the performance of the work, approval to substitute must be obtained by the Contractor from the City's Project Manager. Any substitute shall have the same or a higher standard of qualifications that the key personnel possessed at the time of Contract award.

9. START AND CONTINUANCE OF WORK

It is further agreed that the Contractor will start work promptly and continue to work diligently until this Contract is completed.

10. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

This Contract is expressly made subject to the limitations of the Colorado Constitution and Section 7-60 of the Charter of the City of Colorado Springs. Nothing herein shall constitute, nor be deemed to constitute, the creation of a debt or multi-year fiscal obligation or an obligation of future appropriations by the City Council of Colorado Springs, contrary to Article X, § 20, Colo. Const., or any other constitutional, statutory, or charter debt limitation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, with respect to any financial obligation of the City which may arise under this Agreement in any fiscal year after the year of execution, in the event the budget or other means of appropriation for any such year fails to provide funds in sufficient amounts to discharge such obligation, such failure (i) shall act to terminate this Contract at such time as the then-existing and available appropriations are depleted, and (ii) neither such failure nor termination shall constitute a default or breach of this Contract, including any sub-agreement, attachment, schedule, or exhibit thereto, by the City. As used herein, the term "appropriation" shall mean and include the due adoption of an appropriation ordinance and budget and the approval of a Budget Detail Report (Resource Allocations) which contains an allocation of sufficient funds for the performance of fiscal obligations arising under this Contract.

11. CHANGES

The Contractor and the City agree and acknowledge as a part of this Contract that no change order or other form or order or directive may be issued by the City which requires additional compensable work to be performed, which work causes the aggregate amount payable under the Contract to exceed the amount appropriated for this Contract as listed above, unless the Contractor has been given a written assurance by the City that lawful appropriations to cover the costs of the additional work have been made or unless such work is covered under a remedy-granting provision of this Contract. The Contractor and the City further agree and acknowledge as a part of this Contract that no change order or other form or order or directive which requires additional compensable work to be performed under this Contract shall be issued by the City unless funds are available to pay such additional costs, and, regardless of any remedy-granting provision included within this Contract, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for any change which increases or decreases the Contract completion date, or for any additional compensable work performed under this Contract, and expressly waives any rights to additional compensation, whether by law or equity, unless, prior to commencing the additional work, the Contractor is given a written change order describing the change in Contract completion

date or the additional compensable work to be performed, and setting forth the amount of compensation to be paid, and such change order is signed by the authorized City representative, as defined below. The amount of compensation to be paid, if any, shall be deemed to cover any and all additional, direct, indirect or other cost or expense or profit of the Contractor whatsoever. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to know, determine, and ascertain the authority of the City representative signing any change order under this Contract.

No change, amendment, or modification to this Contract shall be valid unless duly approved and issued in writing by the City of Colorado Springs Procurement Services Division. The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor resulting from work performed for changes not issued in writing by the City of Colorado Springs Procurement Services Division.

The following personnel are authorized to sign changes, amendments, or modifications to this Contract.

The Project Manager: Changes up to \$14,999.99

The City of Colorado Springs Chief of Staff: Changes up to \$499,999.99

The Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs: Unlimited

12. ASSIGNMENT

No assignment or transfer by the Contractor of this Contract or any part thereof or of the funds to be received thereunder by the Contractor will be recognized unless such assignment has had the prior written approval of the City and the surety has been given due notice of such assignment. Such written approval by the City shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligations under the terms of this Contract. In addition to the usual recitals in assignment contracts, the following language must be included in the assignment:

It is agreed that the funds to be paid to the assignee under this assignment are subject to a prior lien for services rendered or materials supplied for the performance of the work called for in said contract in favor of all persons, firms, or corporations rendering such services or supplying such materials.

13. CHOICE OF LAW

This Contract is subject to and shall be interpreted under the law of the State of Colorado, and the Charter, City Code, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a Colorado home rule city. Court venue and jurisdiction shall be exclusively in the Colorado District Court for El Paso County, Colorado. The Parties agree that the place of performance for this Contract is deemed to be in the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, State of Colorado. The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor and the Contractor's employees, agents, officers and subcontractors are familiar with, and comply with, applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations as now written or hereafter amended.

14. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the Period of Performance, Colorado Worker's Compensation Insurance for the Contractor and all employees of the Contractor. If any service is sublet by the Contractor, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for the subcontractor and subcontractor's employees. Workers' Compensation

Insurance shall include occupational disease provisions covering any obligations of the Contractor in accord with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of Colorado.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, injuries, claims, cause or causes of action, or any liability whatsoever resulting from, or arising out of, or in connection with the Contractor's obligations or actions under this Contract caused by any willful or negligent error, omission or act or a failure to observe any applicable standard of care by the Contractor or any person employed by it or anyone for whose acts the Contractor is legally liable. In consideration of the award of this Contract, to the extent damages are covered by insurance, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its subsidiary, parent, associated and/or affiliated entities, successors, or assigns, its elected officials, trustees, employees, agents, and volunteers for losses arising from the work performed by the Contractor for the City. The indemnification obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract

16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, it is understood, acknowledged and agreed between the parties that the Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor, and the City shall neither have nor exercise any control or direction over the manner and means by which the Contractor performs the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, except as otherwise stated within the Contract terms. The City shall not provide any direction to the Contractor on the work necessary to complete the project. Contractor understands that it is an independent contractor responsible for knowing how to perform all work or tasks necessary to complete project. The Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor and the Contractor's employees, agents, servants, or other personnel are not City employees. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of salaries, wages, payroll taxes, unemployment benefits or any other form of compensation or benefit to the Contractor or any of the Contractor's employees, agents, servants or other personnel performing services or work under this Contract, whether it is of a direct or indirect nature. Further in that regard, it is expressly understood and agreed that for such purposes neither the Contractor nor the Contractor's employees, agents, servants or other personnel shall be entitled to any City payroll, insurance, unemployment, worker's compensation, retirement or any other benefits whatsoever.

17. APPLICABLE LAW AND LICENSES

In the conduct of the services or work contemplated in this Contract, the Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor and all subcontractors comply with all applicable state, federal and City and local law, rules and regulations, technical standards or specifications. The Contractor shall qualify for and obtain any required licenses prior to commencement of work.

18. PRIOR AGREEMENTS

This is a completely integrated Contract and contains the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior written or oral agreements or representations regarding this Contract shall be of no effect and shall not be binding on the City. This Contract may only be amended in writing, and executed by duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

19. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Parties hereby agree, and acknowledge, that all products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product of the Contractor produced pursuant to this Contract are works made for hire, and that the City owns, has, and possesses any and all ownership rights and interests to any work products of the Contractor made under this Contract, including any and all copyright, trademark, or patent rights, and that compensation to the Contractor for Agreement and acknowledgment of this intellectual property right section of this Contract is included in any compensation or price whatsoever paid to the Contractor under this Contract. It is the intent of the parties that the City shall have full ownership and control of the Contractor's work products produced pursuant to this Contract, and the Contractor specifically waives and assigns to the City all rights which Contractor may have under the 1990 Visual Artists Rights Act, federal, and state law, as now written or later amended or provided. In the event any products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract is deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction not to be a work for hire under federal copyright laws, this intellectual property rights provision shall act as an irrevocable assignment to the City by the Contractor of any and all copyrights, trademark rights, or patent rights in the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract, including all rights in perpetuity. Under this irrevocable assignment, the Contractor hereby assigns to the City the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract, without further consideration, and agrees to assist the City in registering and from time to time enforcing all copyrights and other rights and protections relating to the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product in any and all countries. It is the Contractor's specific intent to assign all right, title, and interest whatsoever in any and all copyright rights in the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract, in any media and for any purpose, including all rights of renewal and extension, to the City. To that end, the Contractor agrees to execute and deliver all necessary documents requested by the City in connection therewith and appoints the City as Contractor's agent and attorney-in-fact to act for and in Contractor's behalf and stead to execute, register, and file any such applications, and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the registration, prosecution, issuance, renewals, and extensions of copyrights or other protections with the same legal force and effect as if executed by the Contractor; further, the parties expressly agree that the provisions of this intellectual property rights section shall be binding upon the parties and their heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

20. WAIVERS

No waiver of default by the City of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions hereof to be performed, kept, and observed by the Contractor shall be construed, or shall operate, as a waiver of any subsequent default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions herein contained to be performed, kept, and observed by the Contractor.

21. THIRD PARTIES

It is expressly understood and agreed that enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the Parties hereto, and nothing contained in this Contract shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other or third person or entity on such Contract. It is the express intention of the

Parties hereto that any person or entity, other than the Parties to this Contract, receiving services or benefits under this Contract shall be deemed to be incidental beneficiaries only.

22. TERMINATION

A. Termination for Convenience.

By signing this Contract, Contractor represents that it is a sophisticated business and enters into the Contract voluntarily, has calculated all business risks associated with this Contract, and understands and assumes all risks of being terminated for convenience, whether such risks are known or not known. Contractor agrees that the City may terminate this Contract at any time for convenience of the City, upon written notice to the Contractor. Contractor expressly agrees to and assumes the risk that the City shall not be liable for any costs or fees of whatsoever kind and nature if termination for convenience occurs before Contractor begins any work or portion of the work. Contractor further expressly agrees and assumes the risks that the City shall not be liable for any unperformed work, anticipated profits, overhead, mobilizations costs, set-up, demobilization costs, relocation costs of employees, layoffs or severance costs, administrative costs, productivity costs, losses on disposal of equipment or materials, cost associated with the termination of subcontractors, costs associated with purchase orders or purchases, or any other costs or fees of any kind and nature, if Contractor has started or performed portions of the Contract prior to receiving notice from the City. The City shall be liable only for the portions of work Contractor actually satisfactorily completed up to the point of the issuance of the Notice of Termination for convenience. Upon receipt of this notice the Contractor shall immediately: discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and deliver to the City all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this Contract, whether completed or in process.

B. Termination for Cause: The occurrence of any one or more of the following events ("Event of Default") will justify termination for cause:

- i. Contractor's failure to perform the work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment or failure to adhere to the progress schedule as adjusted from time to time.
- ii. Contractor's disregard of the laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction.
- iii. Contractor's disregard of the authority of Project Manager.
- iv. Contractor's violation in any material provision of the Contract Documents.
- v. Contractor's failure to make prompt payments to its subcontractors, and suppliers of any tier, or laborers or any person working on the work by, through, or under the Contractor or any of them, any all of their employees, officers, servants, members, and agents.
- vi. Contractor files a petition commencing a voluntary case under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or for liquidation, reorganization, or an arrangement pursuant to any other U.S. or state bankruptcy Laws, or shall be adjudicated a debtor or be declared bankrupt or insolvent under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any other federal or state laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, winding-up, or adjustment of debts, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or if a petition commencing an involuntary case under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or an answer proposing the adjudication of Contractor as a debtor or bankrupt or proposing its

liquidation or reorganization pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or any other U.S. federal or state bankruptcy laws is filed in any court and Contractor consents to or acquiesces in the filing of that pleading or the petition or answer is not discharged or denied within sixty (60) Calendar Days after it is filed.

- vii. A custodian, receiver, trustee or liquidator of Contractor, all or substantially all of the assets or business of Contractor, or of Contractor's interest in the Work or the Contract, is appointed in any proceeding brought against Contractor and not discharged within sixty (60) Calendar Days after that appointment, or if Contractor shall consent to or acquiesces in that appointment.
- viii. Contractor fails to commence correction of defective work or fails to correct defective work within a reasonable period of time after written notice.

If one or more of the events identified in Paragraphs i-viii above occur, City may give Contractor written notice of the event and direct the event be cured. Any such Notice to Cure will provide Contractor a minimum of ten (10) calendar days to prepare and submit to the Project Manager a plan to correct the Event of Default. If such plan to correct the Event of Default is not submitted to the Project Manager within ten (10) days after the date of the written notice or such plan is unacceptable to the City, the City may, give Contractor (and the Surety, if any) written notice that Contractor's services are being terminated for cause. Upon delivery of the termination notice, City may terminate the services of Contractor in whole or in part, exclude Contractor from the site, and take possession of the work and of all Contractor's tools, appliances, equipment, and machinery at the project site, and use the same to the full extent they could be used by Contractor (without liability to Contractor for trespass or conversion), incorporate in the work all materials and equipment stored at the site or for which City has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and finish the work as City may deem expedient. In such case, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until Certificate of Completion of the work. In the event City terminates this Contract for Cause and the cost of completing the work exceeds the unpaid balance of the Contract price, Contractor shall pay City for any costs of completion which exceed the Contract price when combined with all amounts previously paid to Contractor. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph City shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the work performed. Should the cost of such completion, including all proper charges, be less than the original Contract price, the amount so saved shall accrue to the City. Neither the City nor any officer, agent or employee of the City shall be in any way liable or accountable to the Contractor or the Surety for the method by which the completion of the said work, or any portion thereof, may be accomplished or for the price paid.

Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by City, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of City against Contractor or Surety then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by City will not release Contractor from liability.

- C. Termination Notice. Upon receipt of a termination notice, whether for convenience or cause, the Contractor shall immediately: discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and deliver to the City all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this Contract, whether completed or in process.
- D. Removal of Equipment. Except as provided above, in the case of termination of this Contract before completion from any cause whatever, the Contractor, if notified to do so by the City,

shall promptly remove any part or all of Contractor's equipment and supplies from the property of the City, failing which the City shall have the right to remove such equipment and supplies at the expense of the Contractor.

23. BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND AUDITING

The Contractor shall make available to the City if requested, true and complete records, which support billing statements, reports, performance indices, and all other related documentation. The City's authorized representatives shall have access during reasonable hours to all records, which are deemed appropriate to auditing billing statements, reports, performance indices, and all other related documentation. The Contractor agrees that it will keep and preserve for at least seven years all documents related to the Contract which are routinely prepared, collected or compiled by the Contractor during the performance of this Contract.

The City's Auditor and the Auditor's authorized representatives shall have the right at any time to audit all of the related documentation. The Contractor shall make all documentation available for examination at the Auditor's request at either the Auditor's or Contractor's offices, and without expense to the City.

24. COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986

Contractor certifies that Contractor has complied with the United States Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. All persons employed by Contractor for performance of this Contract have completed and signed Form I-9 verifying their identities and authorization for employment.

25. LABOR

The Contractor shall employ only competent and skilled workmen and foremen in the conduct of work on this Contract. The Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among Contractor's employees. The Project Manager shall have the authority to order the removal from the work of any person, including Contractor's or any subcontractor's employees, who refuses or neglects to observe any of the provisions of these Plans or Specifications, or who is incompetent, abusive, threatening, or disorderly in conduct and any such person shall not again be employed on the Project.

In no event shall the City be responsible for overtime pay.

26. GRATUITIES

- A. This Contract may be terminated if the Mayor, the Mayor's designee, and/or the Procurement Services Manager determine, in their sole discretion, that the Contractor or any officer, employee, agent, or other representative whatsoever, of the Contractor offered or gave a gift or hospitality to a City officer, employee, agent or Contractor for the purpose of influencing any decision to grant a City contract or to obtain favorable treatment under any City contract.
- B. The terms "hospitality" and "gift" include, but are not limited to, any payment, subscription, advance, forbearance, acceptance, rendering or deposit of money, services, or anything of value given or offered, including but not limited to food, lodging, transportation, recreation or entertainment, token or award.

- C. Contract termination under this provision shall constitute a breach of contract by the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for all costs of reletting the contract or completion of the project. Further, if the Contractor is terminated under this provision, or violates this provision but is not terminated, the Contractor shall be subject to debarment under the City's Procurement Regulations. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

27. NON-DISCRIMINATION

- A. In accord with section 24-34-402, C.R.S., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended, all applicable federal and state laws, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry.
- B. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- C. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry.

28. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this Contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- A. This Contract document with its terms and conditions
- B. The Statement of Work
- C. Other Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, or Schedules

29. HEADINGS

The section headings contained in this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

30. DISPUTES

- A. All administrative and contractual disputes arising from or related to this Contract shall be addressed in the following manner:
 - i. If either Party disputes or disagrees with a Contract term or the other Party's interpretation of a Contract term or has any other administrative or contractual dispute not addressed in the Unanticipated Circumstances provisions, such Party shall promptly give the other Party written notice of said dispute.
 - ii. The Parties shall hold a meeting as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days from the initial written notice of the dispute, attended by persons with decision-making authority regarding the dispute, to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; provided, however, that no such meeting shall be deemed to vitiate or reduce the obligations and liabilities of the Parties or be deemed a

waiver by a Party of any remedies to which such Party would otherwise be entitled unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing.

- iii. If, within thirty (30) calendar days after such meeting, the Parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to non-binding mediation and to bear equally the costs of the mediation.
- iv. The Parties will jointly appoint a mutually acceptable mediator. If they fail to do so within twenty (20) calendar days from the conclusion of the negotiation period, they shall each select a mediator. The two mediators will then appoint a third mediator who shall conduct mediation for the Parties as the sole mediator.
- v. The Parties agree to participate in good faith in the mediation and negotiations for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. The substantive and procedural law of the State of Colorado shall apply to the proceedings. If the Parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through mediation, then the Parties shall be free to pursue any other remedy afforded by the laws of the State of Colorado.
- vi. Until final resolution of any dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall diligently proceed with the performance of this Contract as directed by the City. For purposes of this Contract, termination for convenience shall not be deemed a dispute. The City of Colorado Springs and the Contractor agree to notify each other in a timely manner of any claim, dispute, or cause of action arising from or related to this Contract, and to negotiate in good faith to resolve any such claim, dispute, or cause of action. To the extent that such negotiations fail, the City of Colorado Springs and the Contractor agree that any lawsuit or cause of action that arises from or is related to this Contract shall be filed with and litigated only by the Colorado District Court for El Paso County, CO.

31. DELIVERY

The City may cancel this Contract or any portion thereof if delivery is not made when and as specified, time being of the essence in this Contract. Contractor shall pay the City for any loss or damage sustained by the City because of failure to perform in accordance with this Contract.

32. PAYMENTS

All invoices shall be sent to the Project Manager identified in this Contract.

The City will pay the Contractor, upon submission of proper invoices, the prices stipulated in the Contract for services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this Contract within 30 days (Net 30). The City will not pay late fees or interest. Any discount payment terms offered on the invoice may be taken by the City.

Each invoice must contain at least the following information:

Contract number, issued purchase order number, invoice number, invoice date, timeframe covered by invoice, type and amount of labor and materials used for that time period, dollar amount in unit price, extended price, and total value of invoice.

33. INSPECTION OF SERVICES

The Contractor is responsible for performing or having performed all inspections and tests necessary to substantiate that the services furnished under this Contract conform to Contract requirements, including any applicable technical requirements for specified manufacturers' parts. This clause takes precedence over any City inspection and testing required in the Contract's

specifications, except for specialized inspections or tests specified to be performed solely by the City.

- A. Definition of "services", as used in this clause, includes services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.
- B. The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the City covering the services under this Contract. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the City during Contract performance and for as long afterwards as the Contract requires.
- C. The City has the right to inspect and test all services called for by the Contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the Contract. The City will perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.
- D. If the City performs inspections or test on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, at no increase in Contract price, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

34. SECURITY

The City maintains security requirements regarding access to City buildings and other City workplaces and worksites on City property. All Contractor personnel accessing City buildings, workplaces, or worksites, may be required to produce a valid, Government issued picture identification. Contractor personnel lacking such identification may not be allowed access to such sites. No costs incurred by the Contractor due to City security requirements shall be allowable or payable under this Contract.

35. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

In as much as the Contract concerns a needed or required service, the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Contract relating to the time of performance and completion of work are of the essence of this Contract. The Contractor shall begin work on the day specified and shall prosecute the work diligently so as to assure completion of the work within the number of calendar days or date specified, or the date to which the time for completion may have been extended.

36. EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR

The Contractor shall comply with, and defend and hold the City harmless from any violation of all laws and lawful rules and regulations, both of the State of Colorado and of the United States, relating to Workmen's Compensation, unemployment compensation, Social Security, payment for overtime, and all other expenses and conditions of employment under this Contract.

37. SALES TAX

The Contractor must have a tax-exemption certificate from the Colorado Department of Revenue for this project. The certificate does not apply to City of Colorado Springs Sales and Use Tax which shall be applicable. The tax exempt project number and the exemption certificate only

applies to County, PPRTA (Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority), and State taxes when purchasing construction and building materials **to be incorporated into this project**.

Furthermore, the exemption **does not** include or apply to the purchase or rental of equipment, supplies or materials that **do not become a part of the completed project or structure**. Such purchases and rentals are subject to full applicable taxation.

All contracts with subcontractors must include the City of Colorado Springs Sales and Use Tax on the work covered by the Contract, and other taxes as applicable.

Note: For all equipment, materials and supplies incorporated into the work purchased from vendors or suppliers not licensed to collect City Sales Tax (i.e. out of state suppliers, etc.), City Use Tax is due and payable to the City. The Contractor shall execute and deliver, and shall cause the Contractor's subcontractors to execute and deliver to the City Sales Tax Office, ST 16 forms listing all said equipment, materials and supplies and the corresponding use tax due, along with payment for said taxes. Any outstanding taxes due may be withheld from the final payment due the Contractor and may result in suspension of Contractor from bidding on City projects.

Forms and instructions can be downloaded at <https://coloradosprings.gov/sales-tax/page/sales-tax-information>. Questions can be directed to the City Sales Tax Division at (719) 385-5903 or SalesTax@coloradosprings.gov.

Our Registration Numbers are as follows:

City of Colorado Springs

Federal I.D.: 84-6000573

Federal Excise: A-138557

State Sales Tax: 98-03479

The Contractor's payment or exemption of State of Colorado, El Paso County and City Sales and Use Taxes shall be as specified herein.

38. SEVERABILITY

If any terms, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall be held unconstitutional, illegal, or void, such finding shall not affect any other terms, conditions, or provisions of this Contract.

39. LIABILITY OF CITY EMPLOYEES

All authorized representatives of the City are acting solely as agents and representatives of the City when carrying out and exercising the power or authority granted to them under the Contract. There shall not be any liability on them either personally or as employees of the City.

40. USE OF CITY NAME OR LOGO

6.

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, the Contractor shall not refer to this Contract or the City of Colorado Springs in any advertising or promotions in such a manner as to state or imply that the product or service provided is endorsed or preferred by the City of Colorado Springs, its employees, or its Departments, or is considered by these entities to be superior to other products or services. Any use of the name or logo of the City of Colorado Springs in advertising or promotions must be approved in writing by the City of Colorado Springs Contracts Specialist assigned to the Contract prior to such use.

41. TRAVEL

If travel expenses are included as a line item in this Contract, all travel expenses incurred and billable by the Contractor are subject to City approval. Air travel shall be limited to the round trip "economy coach" fare. Travel from the Colorado Springs Airport is encouraged. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the Contract should take advantage of lower airfares by purchasing tickets more than 14 days in advance of travel. In-state travel by air must be more economical than travel by private vehicle. Use of a private vehicle may be reimbursed per mile at the current rate published by the IRS annually. Short-term parking, long-term parking or cab fare associated with airport departure and arrival may be allowable expenses. Valet parking will not be allowed unless it is the least expensive or only option. Car rental rates may be reimbursed for car rentals no greater than the intermediate or standard classification. The City will not reimburse any other travel methods or expenses. The City will pay for lodging, meals, and miscellaneous expenses on a per diem basis only, in accordance with the current per diem rates published by the IRS annually. The City will not pay for Contractor expenses exceeding the per diem rates. Receipts for all reimbursable expenses must be provided with the Contractor's invoice.

42. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

7.

8. This Agreement and all other documents contemplated hereunder may be executed using electronic signatures with delivery via facsimile transmission, by scanning and transmission of electronic files in Portable Document Format (PDF) or other readily available file format, or by copy transmitted via email, or by other electronic means and in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be (i) an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement, (ii) a valid and binding agreement and fully admissible under state and federal rules of evidence and (iii) enforceable in accordance with its terms.

43. APPENDICES

The following Appendices are made a part of this Agreement:

1. Appendix A – Additional Terms and Conditions
2. Appendix B – Contractor's Proposal,
3. Appendix C – Statement of Work.
4. Appendix D – Project Schedule
5. Appendix E – Insurance Requirements

CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused these presents to be executed on the day and the year first above written.

This Contract is executed in one (1) original copy.

THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO:

SECOND PARTY:
SAMPLE CONTRACT ONLY
Corporate Name
Signature Date
Title

EXHIBIT 3 EXCEPTIONS

Print the words "no exceptions"(here)_____ if there are no exceptions taken to any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of these proposal documents or contract.

If there are exceptions taken to any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of the proposal document or contract, they must be clearly stated on a separate sheet of paper attached to this sheet and returned with your proposal.

Note: All potential Offerors are hereby advised that exceptions taken may be considered during the evaluation phase which may affect the final scoring of proposals. Offerors stipulating that the City must use their contract or agreement may be determined non-responsive and their Proposal determined unacceptable.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____
(City, State and Zip Code)

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Return this form with your Proposal.

EXHIBIT 4 MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following listed minimum insurance requirements shall be carried by all contractors and consultants unless otherwise specified in the City's solicitation package, Special Provisions, or Standard Specifications.

1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability as required by statute. Employers Liability coverage is to be carried for a minimum limit of \$100,000.
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Automobile Liability covering any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos) with a minimum of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commercial General Liability for limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence. Coverage shall include blanket contractual, broad form property damage, products and completed operations and contractors protective endorsements.

Except for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance, the **City of Colorado Springs must be named as an additional insured**. Certificates of Insurance must be submitted before commencing the work and provide 30 days' notice prior to any cancellation, non-renewal, or material changes to policies required under the contract.

All coverage furnished by contractor is primary, and any insurance held by the City of Colorado Springs is excess and non-contributory.

The undersigned certifies and agrees to carry and maintain the insurance requirements indicated above throughout the contract Period of Performance.

(Name of Company)

(Signature)

(Date)

EXHIBIT 5 – SCOPE OF WORK FOR SIMD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The City of Colorado Springs seeks qualified landscape maintenance service providers to support Legacy Loop Trailhead, 1401 Recreation way and the Platte, Gateway and Woodstone SIMD's.

Offerors must have a current Certified Pesticide Applicator's license issued by the State of Colorado.

The following documents and specifications are included in the Scope of Work:

1401 Rec Way.Woodstone (Interactive)
Core Aeration Specifications 3.11.22
Fertilizer Application Specifications 3.27.23
Gateway SIMD
Legacy Loop 1401 SIMD's Scope of Services
Legacy Loop
Platte Ave. SIMD
Supplemental Bid Notes – Irrigation
Weed Control Specification 3.11.22
Woodstone SIMD Snow Removal

1401 Rec Way (interactive)

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1Jc-gTerXmYNYvTuad-GkHH2xJVq64B0&usp=sharing>

Woodstone SIMD (interactive)

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1lwt8DlpJt-USU8J95bVfTuxDB2hHuYM&usp=sharing>

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS - CORE AERATION SPECIFICATIONS

Mechanical core aeration is an important cultural practice to help alleviate soil compaction, promote root growth, allow air, water, and nutrients into the soil, and to assist in drainage, among other benefits. It is important to understand how equipment, tine size, spacing and depth all play a role in the overall effectiveness of this practice.

Equipment

- All equipment shall be operated in a safe manner consistent with the manufacturers' recommendations, with all original manufacturer installed safety devices in place and operational.
- Equipment shall be operated at a speed and in a manner that poses no danger to the public.
- Equipment shall be in good repair with preventative maintenance practices being performed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
- Acceptable aeration equipment can be either drum type or cam driven, as long as the specified percentage of surface area is impacted, and coring depth is achieved.
- Tires should be 'turf type' to prevent damage to turf grass.

Coring Tines and Spacing

- Tine size (inside diameter) and spacing must be considered to impact a minimum of 3% surface area. Multiple passes may be required to achieve this. See *Figure 1*.
- Tines shall be long enough to extract at least 2.5-3.0" cores. Weight may need to be added to implement to achieve desired depth.
- Coring depth shall be verified by placing an irrigation flag or other object into the hole, marking the depth, and measured using a tape measure or ruler.
- Lodged soil inside coring tines shall be removed prior to and immediately following aeration to ensure cores are removed and deposited on the soil surface.
- Worn tines shall be replaced periodically.
- Aeration shall be conducted in a straight direction of travel to prevent turf damage unless equipment allows otherwise.
- Tines shall be straight and true and with no deflection.

Site Conditions

- Prior to aeration, all above-ground irrigation infrastructure, including sprinkler heads and valve boxes, shall be marked by Park technicians using highly visible irrigation flags. The district supervisor shall be notified if this has not been completed and aeration shall be rescheduled for a future predetermined date.
- Sufficient soil moisture must be present at the time of service to aide in ground penetration. If sufficient soil moisture does not exist, district supervisor must be notified, and aeration shall be performed at an alternative date.
- Conversely, if the soil is overly saturated by either rainfall or irrigation, aeration shall be postponed to prevent unwanted rutting and/or compaction caused by cultivation equipment.

- Aeration shall be performed during times of active turfgrass growth to allow for recovery and increase effectiveness. Spring and Fall are the best times to aerate and should be avoided during times of turf grass stress or excessive heat.
- Trash and accumulated debris shall be removed prior to, and if needed, after aeration.
- Any aeration plugs shall be cleaned/removed from impervious surfaces and/or playgrounds immediately following cultivation practices.
- Aeration shall not be performed during periods of high public usage.

Trees and Shrubs

- Contractor shall take all reasonable and necessary steps to protect trees from damage caused during normal maintenance activities. City shall notify contractor of all claims for damage to trees.
- Tree damage shall not be time sensitive; rather new tree damage can be identified within the current season and liquidated damages shall be assessed regardless of when damage occurred within that growing season.
- Tree damage shall be recognized/ identified as that occurring from aeration equipment, support vehicles, branch damage caused by aerating underneath low hanging branches, root damage from tires or aeration tines or soil compaction while aerating in wet soil.
- Contractor shall be liable to the City for the appraised value of the tree based upon International Society of Arboriculture appraisal standards per section 4.4.103 of the City code.

Supervision of Crew

- Contractor shall provide supervision of all work crews at all times. Personal supervision is not required given that adequate and immediate communication with the Contractor is available at all times.
- Each work crew shall have a designated person on the work site that has the authority to respond to inquiries about work details or priorities.
- The Contractor shall not be permitted to park trucks, trailers, or other equipment on the turf without prior written approval by the District Supervisor.

Employee Wear

- All employees must wear a DOT approved class II safety vest.
- All employees must wear proper personal protective safety equipment during maintenance operations.
- All employees must wear clothing with company identification.

Other

- The Contractor shall submit a schedule identifying the dates maintenance will be performed to the identified park over the duration of the contract. Modifications to this schedule must be requested in writing and approved in advance by the Department.
- Any structures, property, plant material or irrigation system components damaged by cultivation activities of the contractor or the contractors' representatives must be reported to the department and repaired immediately upon occurrence at the contractors' expense or, if approved by the District

Supervisor, by Parks and Recreation staff on a time and materials basis, and will be subsequently deducted from the contractor's payment

- All operations shall take place on weekdays, between 7 AM and 5PM, and shall not interfere with any scheduled activities or park users. Unanticipated events or circumstances may impact the ability for aeration to occur during the Monday to Friday window. Aeration may occur on weekends only with the approval of the District Supervisor
- Acreage totals found on maps are approximations for estimation purposes only. Actual acreage totals may vary; it is the responsibility of the contractor, if so desired, to verify actual acreage.
- Any damage or hazardous conditions observed in any park area shall be reported immediately to the District Supervisor for repair by parks staff.

Figure 1.

CALCULATING % SURFACE AREA IMPACTED BY CORE AERATION

$$\text{Tine Area} = \left(\frac{\text{Inside Tine Diameter}}{2} \right)^2 \times 3.14 \qquad \% \text{ Surface Area Impacted} = \frac{\text{Tine Area}}{\text{Tine Spacing}}$$

Example: How much surface disruption would occur after core cultivating with ¾" diameter tines with 7.0" x 5.5" spacing?

$\text{Tine Area} = \left(\frac{0.75}{2} \right)^2 \times 3.14$ $= 0.141 \text{ sq. in.} \times 3.14$ $= .442 \text{ sq. in.}$	$\% \text{ Surface Area Impacted} = \frac{.442 \text{ sq. in.}}{7" \times 5.5"}$ $= \frac{.442 \text{ sq. in.}}{38.5 \text{ sq. in.}}$ $= 0.0115$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $= 1.15\%$
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Hence: 1.15% of the soil surface would be disrupted using ¾" diameter tines with 7" x 5.5" spacing, requiring three passes be made over the area to achieve the standard minimum of 3%.

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS - FERTILIZER APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS

Coordination

- Fertilizer will be procured by a City representative and delivered and stored within a City owned building. Coordination between contractor and division supervisor will be necessary to facilitate product pick-up.
- The contractor shall submit a schedule identifying the times and dates in which fertilizer will be picked-up and applied that must align with the timing requested by the Parks Department. Modifications to this schedule shall be requested in writing and approved in advance by the division supervisor.
- Coordination with division supervisors shall be done no later than one week before the scheduled application.
- Immediately following the completion of each park site, the division supervisor, or a member of their staff, shall be notified so that product can be removed from impervious surfaces.
- Any unused product shall be returned to the coordinating division supervisor.

Storage

- While not in use, product(s) shall be stored in a secured location and product be kept dry by appropriate means to prevent moisture damage.

Transportation

- While in transport, all reasonable accommodations shall be taken to keep the product dry, either by being covered or in an enclosed vehicle.
- In the event that a product is damaged due to negligence, the contractor shall replace the product at no additional charge to the city.

Equipment

- All equipment shall be operated in a safe manner consistent with the manufacturers' recommendations, with all original manufacturer installed safety devices in place and operational.
- Equipment shall be operated at a speed and in a manner that poses no danger to the public.
- Equipment shall be in good repair with preventative maintenance practices being performed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
- Acceptable fertilization equipment shall be handheld rotary spreaders, manual push spreaders, ride-on broadcast spreaders, tractor mounted or pull-behind spreaders or a combination of all listed options.
 - Drop spreaders shall not be used unless requested.
- Fertilizer hoppers shall be equipped with moisture proof covers to prevent damage to the product or spillage while on uneven surfaces.
- Tires should be 'turf type' to prevent damage to turf grass.

Calibration

- All application equipment shall be calibrated by a trained professional.
- Calibration shall be performed **before** any fertilizer is to be applied to ensure the desired rate of fertilizer is evenly and accurately applied.
- All application equipment shall be calibrated for each specific product to account for differences in particle size, density, active ingredient, and nutrient content.
- All application equipment shall be calibrated on a similar surface (turfgrass) to the target application area.
- If using multiple spreaders, spreaders shall be calibrated separately for each operator.
- After each site is completed, the amount of fertilizer applied shall be reconciled against known needed quantities.

Application

- Application technique may vary due to equipment used; however, fertilizer shall be applied to provide uniform coverage to all specified areas at the requested application rate.
- Consistent ground speed shall be maintained throughout the application to maintain optimum application uniformity.
- Application equipment shall be tailored to the target area; generally smaller equipment shall be used to fertilize smaller areas and vice versa.
- Application equipment shall be operated in a straight direction of travel, when possible, to avoid misapplication.
- The amount of overlap between passes shall be based on the effective swath width, which shall be determined during the calibration process to prevent overapplication, skips or stripping.
- If fertilizer contains clumps due to moisture, clumps shall be broken up while wearing proper personal protective equipment to prevent clogage of the hopper ports. If clumps are unable to be broken up, they shall be discarded.
- Any fertilizer applied to impervious surfaces within the boundary of City owned property will be removed by Park personnel and will not be the responsibility of the contractor.
- Hoppers shall be refilled over an impervious surface such as concrete, asphalt, or a tarp.
 - If fertilizer is inadvertently spilled while loading, the product shall be immediately removed and disposed of in a proper manner.
 - During application, hoppers shall not be allowed to become completely empty, rather, additional fertilizer shall be added with a few pounds remaining in the hopper.
- If fertilizer is inadvertently spilled within a turfgrass or nativegrass area during the application, a shop-vac shall be used to completely remove the product to prevent plant damage. Upon occurrence, a City representative shall be notified immediately.
- In the event that fertilizer is misapplied, the contractor shall be responsible for remediating the problem at no additional cost to the City, only after consulting with a City representative on appropriate corrective action.
- Applying fertilizer into drainage ways or curb pans is strictly prohibited. Further, a sufficient buffer shall be exercised to eliminate the possibility of surface water contamination.
- Fertilizer applications shall be delayed or rescheduled when impending weather events, such as rain, snow, or high winds, are anticipated.

- Fertilization shall not be performed during periods of high public usage.

Trees and Shrubs

- Contractor shall take all reasonable and necessary steps to protect trees from damage caused during normal maintenance activities. City shall notify contractor of all claims for damage to trees.
- Tree damage shall not be time sensitive; rather new tree damage can be identified within the current season and liquidated damages shall be assessed regardless of when damage occurred within that growing season.
- Tree damage shall be recognized/ identified as that occurring from aeration equipment, support vehicles, branch damage caused by aerating underneath low hanging branches, root damage from tires or aeration tines or soil compaction while aerating in wet soil.
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Supervision of Crew

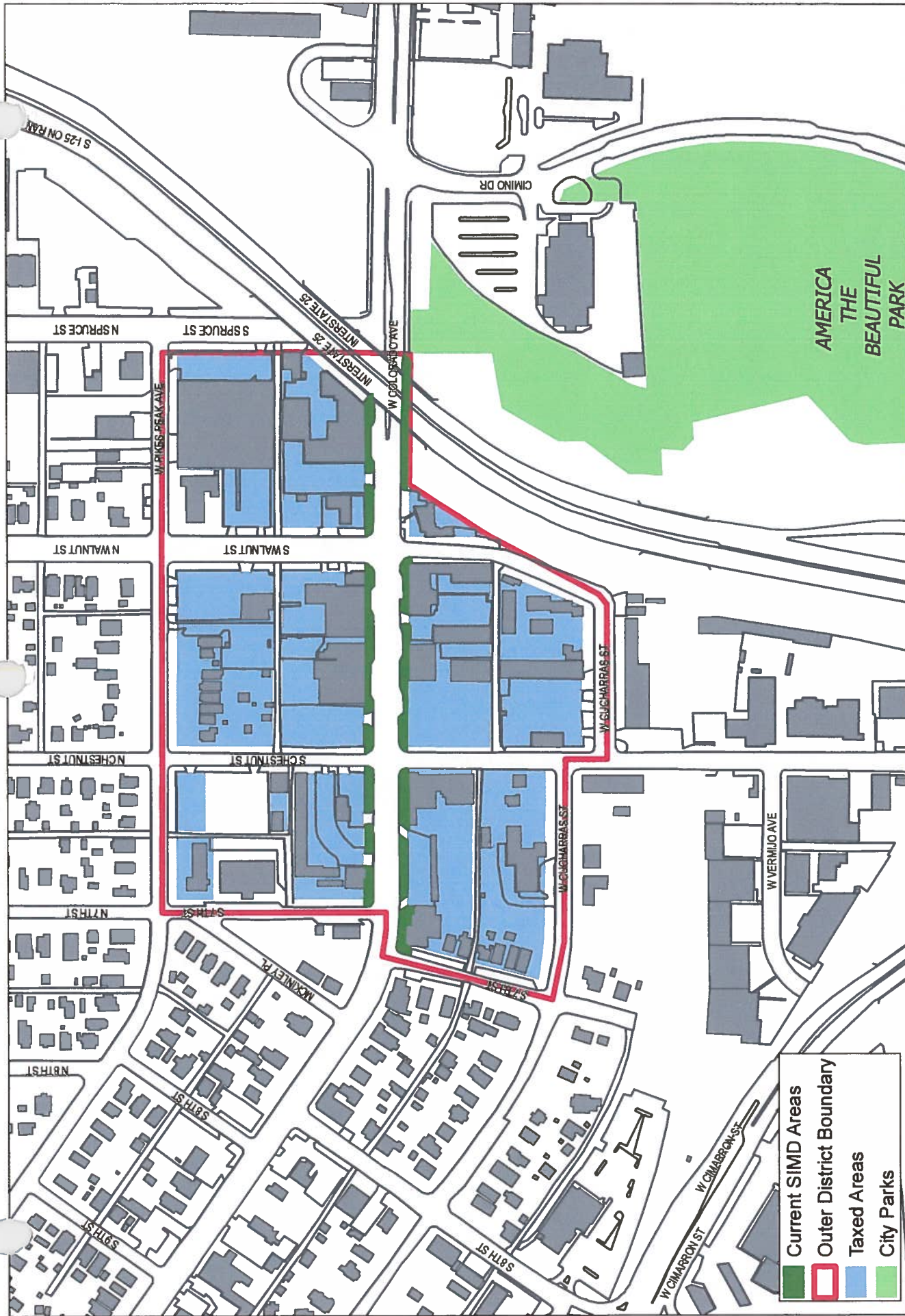
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- Each work crew shall have a designated person on the work site that has the authority to respond to inquiries about work details or priorities.
- The Contractor shall not be permitted to park trucks, trailers, or other equipment on the turf without prior written approval by the Division supervisor.

Employee Wear

- All employees must wear a DOT approved class II safety vest.
- All employees must wear proper personal protective safety equipment during fertilization operations.
- All employees must wear clothing with company identification.

Other

- Any structures, property, plant material or irrigation system components damaged by fertilization activities of the contractor or the contractors' representatives must be reported to the department and repaired immediately upon occurrence at the contractors' expense or, if approved by the District Supervisor, by Parks and Recreation staff on a time and materials basis and will be subsequently deducted from the contractor's payment.
- All operations shall take place on weekdays, between 7 AM and 5PM, and shall not interfere with any scheduled activities or park users. Unanticipated events or circumstances may impact the ability for fertilization to occur during the Monday to Friday window. Aeration may occur on weekends only with the approval of the Division supervisor.
- Acreage totals found on maps are approximations for estimation purposes only. Actual acreage totals may vary; it is the responsibility of the contractor, if so desired, to verify actual acreage.
- Any damage or hazardous conditions observed in any park area shall be reported immediately to the District Supervisor for repair by parks staff.



- Current SIMD Areas
- Outer District Boundary
- Taxed Areas
- City Parks



COLO. AVE GATEWAY SPECIAL IMPROV. MAINT. DIST.

MAP VERSION: 05-03-2007

State Plane Coordinates
Colorado Central Zone

NAD83 - US Survey Feet
Vertical Datum - NGVD29

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LEGACY LOOP TRAILHEAD – 1867 RECREATION WAY

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: APRIL 1 – NOVEMBER 30

BILLING: PAYMENTS MADE IN 8 EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON A NET 30 BASIS

WHEATGRASS MOWING/TRIMMING/CLIPPING REMOVAL

- Wheatgrass areas shall be mowed between the 1st and 15th, June-October, at a height of 5-6 inches.
- Trash and/or accumulated debris shall be removed and disposed of properly prior to and if necessary, after all mowing operations.
- All mowing equipment is to be equipped with sharp blades so as not to tear, but cleanly cut the blades of grass.
- Upon completion of each mowing the area shall be free of clumped grass and tire tracks or ruts left by the equipment. Wheatgrass shall be cut in a professional manner so as not to scalp or leave areas of uncut grass. Multiple mowing's may be required to achieve this result depending upon environmental conditions.
- All mowing operations shall take place on weekdays, between 7 AM and 5PM, and shall not interfere with any scheduled activities or park users. Unanticipated events or circumstances may impact the ability for mowing to occur during the Monday to Friday window. Mowing may occur on weekends only with the approval of the District Supervisor.
- On the respective mowing day, all park structures, trees, poles, tables, signs, fences, shrub beds, etc., are to be trimmed at the same height that the surrounding area was mowed. Special care shall be given to trimming around any tree as to not inflict damage to the bark of the trees. The City Forester will inspect all identified damage and liquidated damages shall be assessed per City Code 4.4.103.
- All hard surfaces (i.e., walks, picnic shelters, multi-use courts, etc.) shall be cleared of grass clippings and other debris immediately following mowing. Care shall be taken to prevent discharge of grass clippings onto any paved surface such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks, or driveways or onto any adjacent property.
- No clippings may be left within street or parking lot gutters.

BLADE EDGING

- All sidewalks, curbs and concrete edgers shall be edged between the 1st and 15th, June-October. Edging shall be to a maximum 1" depth and 1/4" width to achieve a neat, uniform line. Use of string trimmers to edge along sidewalks is not acceptable. All walks shall be cleared of grass and debris immediately following edging/trimming operations.

WEED CONTROL

- Landscape beds, hardscapes, breeze, tree rings, sidewalks, and curb pans are to be kept weed free. Pre and post emergent herbicides to be applied as needed. Manual removal of weeds to be done as necessary.
- Nativegrass areas are to be treated with a pre-emergent herbicide in early May, then spot treated using a post emergent herbicide as necessary throughout the growing season. Manual removal of weeds to be done as necessary.
- See "Weed Control Specifications" for further details.

SPRING CLEANUP

- In April, all ornamental grasses and shrubs shall be cut back, and debris properly disposed of. Any dead tree limbs or leaves shall also be removed at this time.

FALL CLEANUP

- In late October and/or early November, when 80% of the leaves have fallen, all debris shall be removed from turf, landscape beds, curb and gutter and parking areas and be properly disposed of.

MULCH AND BREEZE

- Any addition of mulch and/or breeze shall be billed on a time and materials basis.

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

- The irrigation system shall be activated in early-May once overnight low temperatures are consistently above freezing.
- The irrigation system shall operate efficiently at all times throughout the growing season.
 - Properly adjust all sprinkler heads to prevent waste and improve efficiency.
 - Master valve and flow sensing capabilities shall be operational at all times.
 - Rain sensor shall be checked regularly for functionality during and after rain events.
 - Monitor and respond to controller alerts within 48 hours.
 - Perform a monthly zone by zone “wet check” after mowing or other maintenance activities have taken place.
- **Any necessary troubleshooting or repairs shall be billed on a time and materials basis** and must be approved by owner prior to repairs taking place.
- The irrigation system shall be scheduled to adequately irrigate turfgrass, nativegrass, shrubs and trees and in accordance with the Irrigation Associations “Landscape Irrigation Best Management Practices” and with Colorado Springs Utilities Water Shortage Ordinance.
- At the end of the growing season, the irrigation system shall be winterized using compressed air to remove water from all lines.
 - Any damage occurring during or from the winterization process must be repaired at the contractor’s expense.
- Annual backflow testing shall be conducted by Park and Recreation staff.

PARKS & RECREATION HEADQUARTERS - 1401 RECREATION WAY**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** APRIL 1 – NOVEMBER 30**BILLING:** PAYMENTS MADE IN 8 EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON A NET 30 BASIS**TURFGRASS MOWING/TRIMMING/CLIPPING REMOVAL**

- Turfgrass mowing shall begin during the week of May 1st and continue until approximately October 31st.
- Mowing and trimming of turfgrass areas shall be completed no less than once every seven calendar days at a height between 3-4".
- Trash and/or accumulated debris shall be removed and disposed of properly prior to and if necessary, after all mowing operations.
- All mowing equipment is to be equipped with sharp blades so as not to tear, but cleanly cut the blades of grass.
- Upon completion of each mowing the area shall be free of clumped grass and tire tracks or ruts left by the equipment. Turf shall be cut in a professional manner so as not to scalp or leave areas of uncut grass.
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TURFGRASS FERTILIZATION

- Turfgrass areas shall be fertilized in mid-May using a 120-day controlled release fertilizer, then again in mid-September using a quick-release nitrogen source. Both applications shall be at 1 lb. of N/1000 and product provided by contractor.
- See 'Fertilizer Application Specifications.'

AERATION

- Turfgrass areas shall be core aerated in early September. See 'Aeration Specifications.'

WEED CONTROL

- Landscape beds, hardscapes, breeze, tree rings, sidewalks, and curb pans are to be kept weed free. Pre and post emergent herbicides to be applied as needed. Manual removal of weeds to be done as necessary.
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FALL CLEANUP

- In late October and/or early November, when 80% of the leaves have fallen, all debris shall be removed from turf, landscape beds, curb and gutter and parking areas and be properly disposed of.

MULCH AND BREEZE

- Any addition of mulch and/or breeze will be on a time and materials basis.

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

- The irrigation system shall be activated in early-May once overnight low temperatures are consistently above freezing.
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PLATTE AVENUE SIMD - UNION BLVD. TO CIRCLE DR.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31

BILLING: PAYMENTS MADE IN 12 EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON A NET 30 BASIS

POLICING, LITTER AND DEBRIS REMOVAL

- Services shall be completed twice per month, every 2nd and 4th week, either on Friday or Saturday.
- Sidewalks, landscape beds, tree rings, center medians, and curb pans shall have all trash and litter picked up and disposed of.
- Sidewalks shall have debris swept up and/or blown off, and wood/rock mulch put back in landscape beds and tree rings.

WEED CONTROL

- Landscape beds, hardscapes, breeze, tree rings, sidewalks, and curb pans are to be kept weed free. Pre and post emergent herbicides to be applied as needed. Manual removal of weeds to be done as necessary.
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IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

- The irrigation system shall be activated in early-May once overnight low temperatures are consistently above freezing.
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GATEWAY SIMD – W. COLORADO AVE FROM S. SPRUCE STREET TO S. 7TH STREET

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MULCH AND BREEZE

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GRAFFITI REMOVAL

- Graffiti to be removed from hardscape and fixtures when found. If painting over painted surfaces, City will provide paint.

WOODSTONE SIMD – 1390 W, WOODMEN RD.**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** APRIL 1- NOVEMBER 30**BILLING:** PAYMENTS MADE IN 8 EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON A NET 30 BASIS**TURFGRASS MOWING/TRIMMING/CLIPPING REMOVAL**

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MULCH AND BREEZE

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- Annual backflow testing shall be conducted by Park and Recreation staff.

SNOW REMOVAL

- Snow removal shall occur within 24 hours following a snow event and when there is greater than 1" of snow on sidewalks.
- Magnesium chloride shall be used to mitigate ice accumulation.
- Payment of snow removal shall be on a time and materials basis.

GENERAL PROVISIONS**TREES AND SHRUBS**

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- Contractor will be liable to the City for the appraised value of the tree based upon International Society of Arboriculture appraisal standards per section 4.4.103 of the City code.
- No pruning of any shrub or tree is permitted.

SAFE OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT

- All equipment used by the Contractor shall be operated in a safe manner consistent with the manufacturers' recommendations, with all original manufacturer installed safety devices, deck shields, etc., in place and operational.
- Equipment shall be operated at a speed and in a manner that poses no danger to the public and achieves the desired appearance.

SUPERVISION OF CREW

- Contractor shall provide supervision of all work crews at all times while performing work under this contract. Personal supervision is not required provided that communication devices are provided that enable the work crew to communicate with the Contractor at all times.
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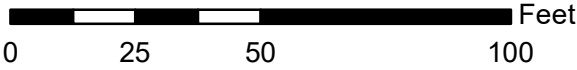
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

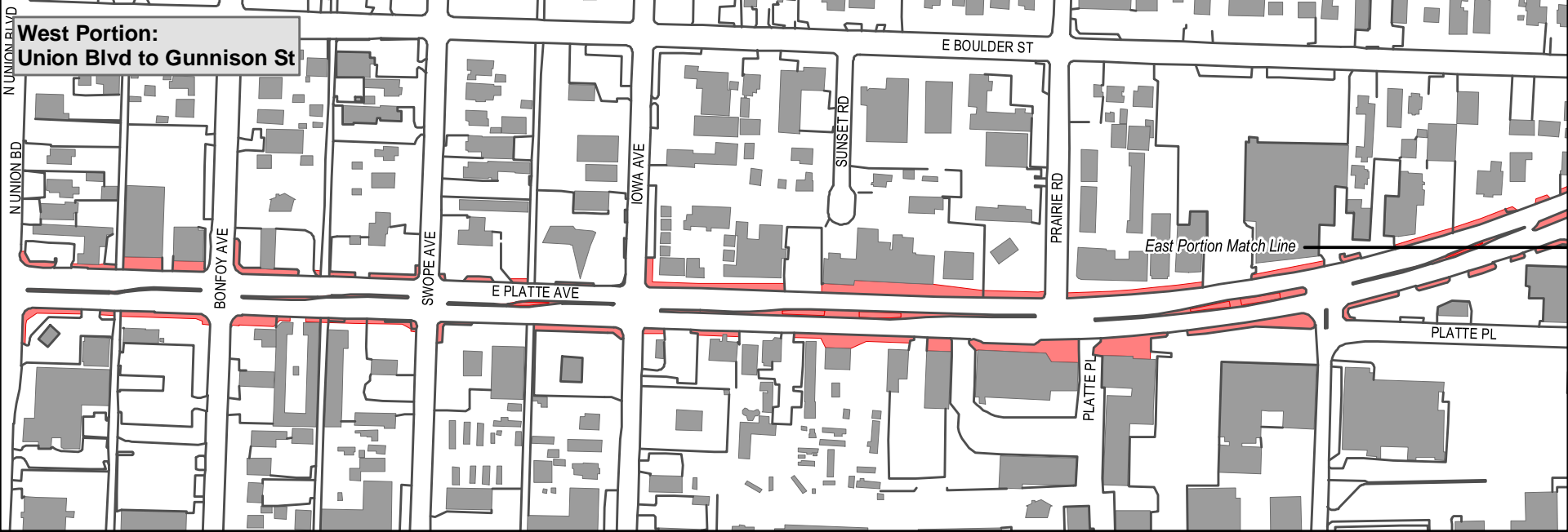
- The Contractor shall submit a schedule identifying the date's maintenance will be performed to the identified area over the duration of the contract. Modifications to this schedule must be requested in writing and approved in advance by the Department.
- All correspondence requesting work modifications, schedule changes, etc. must be performed in writing with text or email being the preferred methods of communication. This includes schedule changes necessitated by weather conditions.
- Acreage totals provided on the Mowing Contract/Groupings spreadsheet are approximations for estimation purposes only. Actual acreage totals may vary, and it is the responsibility of the Contractor, if so desired, to verify actual acreage.
- Any damage or hazardous conditions observed in any area shall be reported immediately to the District Supervisor for repair by parks staff.
- Any structures, property, plant material or irrigation system components damaged by the maintenance activities of the contractor or the contractors' representatives must be reported to the department and repaired immediately upon occurrence at the contractor's expense or, if approved by the District Supervisor, by Parks and Recreation staff on a time and materials basis and will be subsequently deducted from the contractor's monthly payment.
- Performance Appraisals shall be conducted by District Supervisor at the conclusion of each growing season. These are intended to serve as development discussions; further, to allow the contractor an opportunity to share information and to provide feedback.

Legacy Loop Trailhead Surface Acres

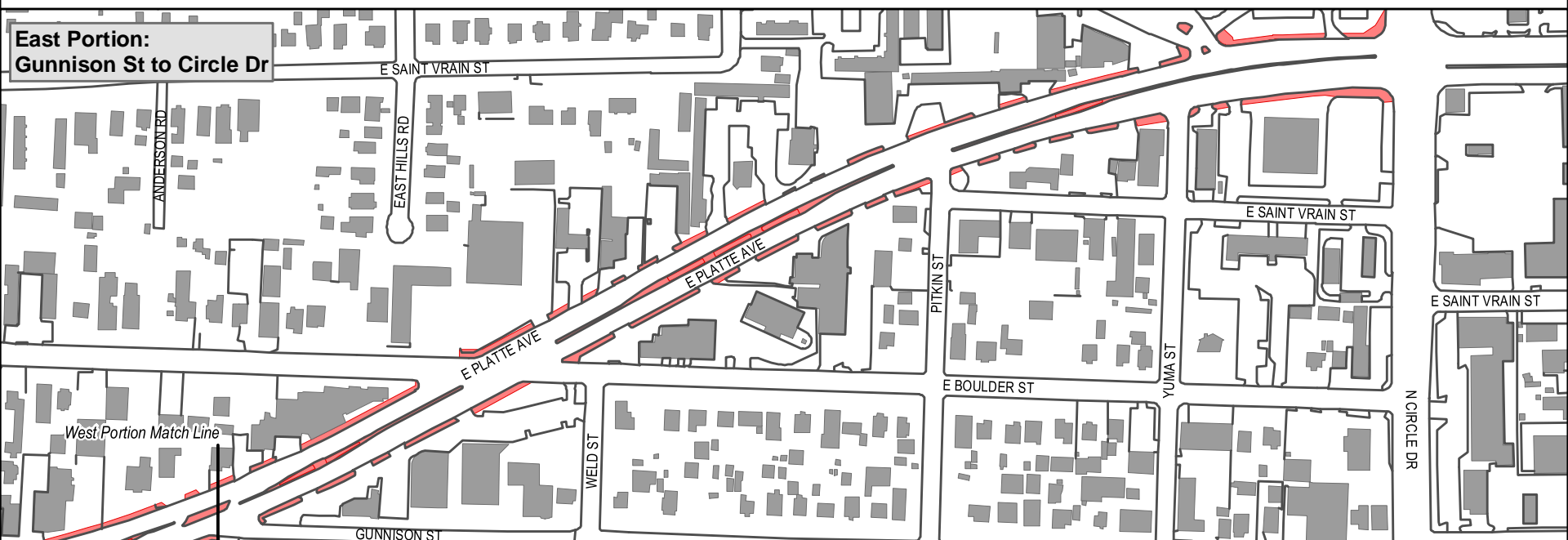


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**West Portion:
Union Blvd to Gunnison St**



**East Portion:
Gunnison St to Circle Dr**



Supplemental Bid Notes - Irrigation Systems

Legacy Loop Trailhead

- **Controller:** WeatherTrak LC
- **Master valve and flow sensor:** Yes
- **Rain sensor:** Yes
- **# of zones:** 11
- **Zone Types:** (7) MP rotators, (3) drip, (1) bubbler
- **ET Capabilities:** Yes

1401 Rec Way

- **Controller:** WeatherTrak LC
- **Master valve and flow sensor:** Yes
- **Rain sensor:** Yes
- **# of zones:** 10
- **Zone Types:** (4) MP rotators, (5) drip, (1) micro spray
- **ET Capabilities:** Yes

Platte Ave. SIMD

- **Controller:** (2) WeatherTrak LC
- **Master valve and flow sensor:** Yes
- **Rain sensor:** No. We currently utilize the rain pause feature.
- **# of zones:** 4 on the west side, 2 on the east
- **Zone Types:** All drip
- **ET Capabilities:** Yes

Woodstone SIMD

- **Controller:** WeatherTrak LC
- **Master valve and flow sensor:** Yes
- **Rain sensor:** Yes
- **# of zones:** 3
- **Zone Types:** (2) RVAN, (1) drip
- **ET Capabilities:** Yes

Gateway SIMD

- No irrigation at this site.



EXHIBIT 6 – QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

This statement will provide information which will enable the City to evaluate the qualifications of your firm and staff with regard to the requirements of this Request for Proposal. Please complete this form in its entirety and submit it (in the number of copies requested) along with the other required proposal documents. If a request in the Qualification Statement is contained in the proposal, indicate the section in the proposal where that information can be found.

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NAME: _____

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CORPORATION

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INDIVIDUAL

☐

PARTNERSHIP

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JOINT VENTURE

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OTHER: _____

3. TYPE OF SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED FOR RFP:

4. NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS:

5. ON A SEPARATE SHEET PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR FIRM, STAFF SIZE AND EXPERIENCE. SUBMIT A RESUME FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER AND EACH KEY PERSON ASSIGNED TO THIS PROJECT.

6. WHAT OTHER NAME(S) HAS YOUR COMPANY OPERATED UNDER:

7. HAVE YOU OR YOUR FIRM EVER FAILED TO COMPLETE ANY WORK AWARDED TO YOU?

YES

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NO

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IF "YES", EXPLAIN:

8. HAS ANY OFFICER OR PARTNER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION EVER BEEN AN OFFICER OR PARTNER OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT FAILED TO COMPLETE A CONTRACT WITHIN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS?				YES		NO	
IF "YES", EXPLAIN:							

9. HAS YOUR FIRM OR ANY PARTNERS OR OFFICERS EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY BANKRUPTCY ACTION?			
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IF "YES", EXPLAIN:			

10. ARE YOU PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY LITIGATION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY?				YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IF "YES", EXPLAIN TYPE, KIND, PLAINTIFF, DEFENDANT, ETC., AND STATE THE CURRENT STATUS:							

11.BANK REFERENCE:	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT:	PHONE:

NOTE: DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE PROJECTS MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED IN THE RFP PACKAGE.

12: PAST PROJECT REFERENCE INFORMATION:	
1.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project By Acreage:
	Contract Amount:
	Reference Contact Name and Title:
	Contract Address:
	Reference Contact telephone numbers:
	Explain how you were successful in performance of this contract:
2.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project By Acreage:
	Contract Amount:
	Reference Contact Name and Title:
	Contract Address:
	Reference Contact telephone numbers:
	Explain how you were successful in performance of this contract:
3.	Location of Project:

Size of Project By Acreage:
Contract Amount:
Reference Contact Name and Title:
Contract Address:
Reference Contact telephone numbers:
Explain how you were successful in performance of this contract:

13. LIST **CURRENT SIMILAR PROJECTS (LOCAL OR STATE-WIDE) UNDER CONTRACT INCLUDE LOCATION OF PROJECT, SIZE OF PROJECT (CONTRACT AMOUNT) CONTACT NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS.**

NOTE: DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE PROJECTS MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED IN THE RFP PACKAGE.

1.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project By Acreage:
	Contract Amount:
	Reference Contact Name and Title:
	Contract Address:
	Reference Contact telephone numbers:
	Explain how you were successful in performance of this contract:
2.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project By Acreage:
	Contract Amount:
	Reference Contact Name and Title:
	Contract Address:
	Reference Contact telephone numbers:
	Explain how you were successful in performance of this contract:
3.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project By Acreage:
	Contract Amount:
	Reference Contact Name and Title:
	Contract Address:
	Reference Contact telephone numbers:
	Explain how you were successful in performance of this contract:

**14. LIST OF SUB-CONTRACTORS TO BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT:
(INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, TYPE OF WORK)**

1.	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Type of Work:
2.	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Type of Work:
3.	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Type of Work:

15. Commercial Pesticide Applicator Licenses are required for this project. Identify license number, category and holder: _____

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ON A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ANY OF THE ITEMS, CLEARLY SPECIFY WHERE IT CAN BE LOCATED IN YOUR PROPOSAL PACKAGE.

EXHIBIT 7 – SAMPLE EVALUATION SCORESHEET

Proposer's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

RFP EVALUATION CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	SCORE
1. Technical Area	
A. Understanding of and Compliance with Technical Requirements	
<p>TECHNICAL AREA</p> <p>In the Technical Area, the Offeror should address each work area in sufficient detail to demonstrate a clear and full understanding of the work necessary to complete the project. The proposal should not merely parrot the requirements of the RFP. Further, the Offeror should provide evidence of sufficient planning to ensure the work is completed on schedule and within budget. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule Management. Discuss Offeror's approach to schedule management including updating and reporting progress of the work. 2. Quality Control. Discuss Offeror's quality control plan, processes and approach to ensure that the City receives a quality product. 3. Safety. Discuss Offeror's approach and commitment to safety for its workers, the public, and City employees, if services are accomplished on a City site. 4. Potential issues that Offeror foresees with this project and how Offeror would make adjustments if encountered. <p>It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the proposal include a complete plan to accomplish each requirement, including subcontracting (if applicable)? 2. Does the proposal demonstrate that appropriate and qualified personnel and equipment will be provided to carry out the requirement? 3. Is the proper level of effort directed toward each requirement? Does the level of effort look unrealistically low or unreasonably high? 	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p>
2. Management Area	
A. Past Performance/Relevant Experience	
<p>In the Management Area, the Offeror should provide at least three references or name contracts demonstrating that it successfully provided services/products that are the same or similar to those required in the RFP. The proposal should adequately explain how the projects were completed on schedule and within budget. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.</p>	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the proposal include at least three references or past performance citations? 2. Are the references or past performance citations relevant to the requirements of the Statement of Work of the RFP? 3. Does the Offeror explain how they were successful on the projects provided as past performance? 4. Does the Offeror apply the past performance to the City requirement in such a way as to demonstrate added value due to experience? 	
B. Program Management Controls	
<p>A Commercial Pesticide Applicator's license issued by the State of Colorado is required for this work. In the Management Area, the Offeror should provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name(s) of personnel holding the required Commercial Pesticide Applicator's license(s). 2. A plan of operation, to include management of personnel, workload, schedule, and budget; 3. Documentation that demonstrates clear and effective lines of authority assigned to the project. Include areas of responsibility and communication for management, supervisory, and technical personnel. The plan should address which job classification or personnel will be assigned to each task and how that determination is made. Basic human resource management concepts should be addressed, including hiring, firing, discipline, incentive plans, etc.; 4. If the Offeror plans to subcontract more than 10% of the work, include information on how the Offeror plans to manage its subcontractors. 5. A detailed schedule for the project showing the key activities and how they will meet or improve the City's timeframe and maximize efficiency to provide the best value to the City and minimize impacts to the public. The schedule shall be based on the Offeror's understanding and approach to the work as addressed above. Schedules should address controls to ensure the project will remain on schedule and on budget. <p>It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the proposal address the issues above in sufficient detail to demonstrate a sophisticated and mature management control system? 2. Are program management controls consistent with the technical portion of the proposal, especially regarding schedule and level of effort? 3. Do the plan and controls indicate that the Offeror will obtain, keep, and efficiently utilize high-quality personnel? 4. Does the proposal explain how the Offeror will address corrective actions in case of delays (e.g., expediting materials, additional resources, etc.)? 5. Does the proposal explain how the Offeror will remain within schedule and budget? 	
C. Laborers and Equipment	
<p>The quality of personnel and equipment is extremely important in the City of Colorado Springs' decision-making process for awarding this contract.</p>	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory</p>

<p>Respond to each of the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many full-time laborers do you have available to work on this project? 2. Are these laborers full-time company personnel or are they subcontracted or temporary staff? 3. What percentage of your laborers are subcontracted or temporary staff? 4. Are any of your proposed laborers seasonal personnel? If yes provide the percentage of laborers that are seasonal. Explain seasonal staff and identify the season(s). 5. What types of landscape equipment does your company have available for this project? 	<p>2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p>
3. Price Area	
<p>In the Price Area, the Offeror should provide a detailed breakdown of the price for each year of performance. The price must be all-inclusive and include all unit costs for material, labor, other direct costs (e.g. travel), indirect costs (i.e. overhead and general and administrative costs), and profit/fee. Offers must include sufficient detail to allow insight into the fairness and reasonableness of the price. If the contract type will be Time and Material (T&M) labor categories, labor rates, separated profit, and estimated material costs must be included in detail. Pricing is to be completed in the excel document “Schedule A – Price Sheet” and returned with the proposal.</p> <p>In addition, although price may not be the most important factor, it is still very important to the City of Colorado Springs. The Offeror’s pricing must be competitive as compared to market pricing in the industry, and the pricing of other Offerors. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the price compare to the industry competition? 2. If low, is it unrealistically low? 3. If high, is there demonstrated added value for the additional cost? 4. Does the Offeror leave applicable costs out of the calculations? For instance, some will say travel is not included and will be an extra cost. This should be considered when comparing to other Offerors. 5. Are there additional costs not addressed that the City would incur if the Offeror were awarded the contract? If so, include those costs when comparing to the budget amount and the competition. 	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p>
4. Presentation Area	
<p>Presentation is an important factor. Offerors should provide a highly professional product, which is complete, accurate, easily understood, and effectively presented.</p>	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p>
TOTAL SCORE – Add Evaluation Scores from Sections 1-4. The sum is the total score.	

SECTION VI – APPENDICES

6.0 APPENDICES

Schedule A Price Sheet is provided in Excel Format uploaded separately to BidNet.