

### NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Weston, Florida, Bonaventure Development District and Indian Trace Development District (collectively the "CITY") will be accepting sealed proposals for:

# COMPREHENSIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ("RFP") NO. 2018-10

The City is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide Comprehensive Landscape Maintenance Services under a continuing services contract ("CONTRACTOR").

Proposers shall provide all labor, supervision, equipment, supplies, tools, materials, and all other necessary incidentals required to perform, the complete maintenance and management of the landscaping and debris in the City rights-of-way, landscape buffers, mitigation areas, and City properties, excluding City parks, including but not limited to, turf mowing, edging, cleanup, shrubs, hedges, small trees and palms under 10 feet in height, fertilization, disease and pest management, application of herbicides, turf renovations, irrigation, and debris cleanup.

The RFP shall be subdivided into THREE DISTINCT Landscape Maintenance Areas (LMA): Bonaventure Development District; Indian Trace Development District Area I; and Indian Trace Development District Area II.

Three contracts will be awarded, one for each LMA. Proposers can submit proposals on one or combinations of LMAs, except for combinations containing BOTH Indian Trace Development District Area I and Indian Trace Development District Area II. The same CONTRACTOR shall not be awarded Indian Trace Development Area I AND Indian Trace Development Area II.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Proposers shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience in providing comprehensive landscape maintenance services of properties and rights-of-way of similar complexity and size as those owned and managed by the City. Proposers shall have been in continuous operation for a minimum of the past five (5) years from the date that the RFP is issued and shall have a resident branch office in Miami-Dade, Broward or Palm Beach County, Florida. Proposer shall be fully licensed with all applicable local, state Federal licenses.

#### PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

Submittals shall be received by the City Clerk until 11:00 a.m., local time, October-23 30, 2018 (the "Proposal Submittal Deadline") at City of Weston, City Hall, located at 17200 Royal Palm Boulevard, Weston, Florida. The official clock at the City Hall reception desk shall govern. Submittals received after this time shall be returned unopened. The sealed submittals will be publicly opened at the City of Weston, City Hall after the Proposal Submittal Deadline. Award of a proposal will be made at a City Commission meeting.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF RFP DOCUMENTS**

Interested parties may purchase a Request for Proposals for: Comprehensive Landscape Maintenance Services ("RFP") at the Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida, 33327, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, upon payment of a \$25.00 non-refundable fee, for each RFP. Payment shall be made by cash, check, Visa, Master Card or American Express. Proposal documents are available for electronic download from Onvia Demand Star at <a href="http://www.demandstar.com">http://www.demandstar.com</a>. This RFP may also be examined at Weston City Hall, at the referenced address. (8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday.)

#### MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A mandatory pre-proposal conference shall be held on October 3, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., local time, at the Weston Community Center, located at 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, Florida 33327. All Proposers planning to submit a proposal are required to attend this conference. Proposers shall allow sufficient time to ensure arrival prior to the indicated time. Failure of a proposer to be present for the entire mandatory pre-proposal conference, beginning at the time stated above and concluding at the dismissal of the mandatory pre-proposal conference by the City, shall render a proposer to be deemed non-responsive and the proposal shall not be considered for award. Decisions of the City shall be final. The official clock at the location of the pre-proposal conference shall govern.

#### **PROPOSAL SECURITY**

Proposal security in the form of a proposal bond acceptable to the City or a cashier's check made payable to the "City of Weston" in the amount of \$20,000.00 will be required to be submitted with the proposal.

## **QUESTIONS**

Any questions concerning this Notice to Proposers shall be submitted in writing to the Technical Advisor: Thad Bielecki, Director of Landscaping, at <u>tbielecki@westonfl.org</u> with "RFP 2018-10, COMPREHENSIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES," in the subject line or via fax at: 954-385-2010 by 4:00 p.m., Local Time at least five business days prior to the Proposal Submittal Deadline.

### **CONE OF SILENCE**

A cone of silence is imposed upon publication of this Notice to Proposers. The cone of silence prohibits communications with the following individuals pertaining to this RFP:

Daniel J. Stermer, Mayor; Margaret Brown, Commissioner; Toby Feuer, Commissioner; and Thomas M. Kallman, Commissioner; and Bryon L. Jaffe, Commissioner

Ryan Fernandes, Director of Technology Services; Selection Committee Chairperson; Bryan Cahen, Director of Budget; Selection Committee Member; Reddy Chitepu, Director of Public Works; Selection Committee Member; Peter Johnson; Assistant Director of Public Works; Alternate Selection Committee Member; and Cindy Tao, Accounting Manager, Financial Reviewer; and

Any member of the Protest Committee, if and when established.

The details of the City's cone of silence are set forth in Section 32.10 of the City Code.

The Selection Committee shall convene at a publicly noticed meeting and review submissions, rank and evaluate the proposals and provide a recommendation to the City Manager.

## **RIGHTS RESERVED**

The City Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in a proposal and to make awards in the best interests of the City.

Patricia A. Bates, MMC City Clerk City of Weston

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