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**Landscape Maintenance Questions and Answers**

1. Do you have a map showing these areas to supplement the written descriptions? **See attached.**
2. Is a performance bond required?  I see that it’s mentioned in the RFP.  Typically, GDOT only requires them for new installations, not maintenance. **There is no performance bond required.**
3. Item #11 on the primary road pricing page “weed control along the ROW for all primary roads” is this for all weed control?  Turf, beds, and hard surfaces?  If so, should weed control not be included in items 1-5 pricing?  Or is the intent different for that item? **Weed control is the wrong term. Landscape beds and hard surfaces should always be sprayed and clear of weeds. So, this is different, we are asking for a chemical turf care program for all the right of way along sections 1-5.**
4. Is the one annual pine straw application included in our pricing or will that be proposed and paid for at the time of service? **The CID typically does 2 pine straw applications. One is built into the annual contract, and one is separately paid by the CID at its discretion.**
5. Can you provide me some details on the below contract section including how the merit dollar figure is determined, how receiving the merit payment is determined, if there is a point based grading system, what the grading scale is and what infractions are worth what points, what the cure period is to correct any issues to receive the merit payment, and anything else that pertains to that section that may be pertinent? **The CID has the right to withhold 10% of the monthly sum for tasks not completed. There is no merit pay. Page 8 Section C- 2 will be removed from the document.**
6. Do CID’s furnish public records? If so, could I have the current contract, the amount of the current contract, and who is doing it? **The CID operates under the Sunshine Law if we have an official open record request we must comply with that request.**
7. Will there be any maps available? **Yes**
8. Are there any Pinestraw or Mulch numbers that we need to factor into our price for each location? **That is up to the contractor to gather. I can tell you in the past the CID has taken upwards of 2400 total bales to complete all landscaped areas.**
9. Just to clarify, Chemical turf care is only to be provided on the primary maintenance areas 1-5? **Areas 1-10 should include a chemical turf care program. Interchanges and the primary roads**
10. Will Street Sweeping be included in the RFP? **We do not get into the means and methods of how the contractor cleans the curbs and gutters. However, when considering the amount of curbs and gutters that is required monthly it seems to have worked the best in the past. Curbs and gutters are a very important part of this maintenance program.**
11. Will there be a pre-bid meeting? **No, there will not be.**
12. Could you share the current contract? **It is attached and labeled “sample service service agreement.”**
13. Can you share the previous tabulation? **No as it does not exist.**
14. Page 3 of service agreement - Pinestraw installed one time is listed to include 1x for the interchanges. Should the pinestraw be included in the lump sum? **Yes.**
15. There is black mulch in many of the medians on the roads. Should this be included in lump sum. **No. This will be a separate expense by the CID if and when the CID chooses.**
16. Should any pinestraw/mulch be added to any median or shoulder of the primary or secondary road? **No only in specialty landscaped areas such as beds or medians. (See map)**
17. Can mulch and pinestraw cubic yards and bale counts be provided from historical data? **In the past is has taken close to 2400 bales.**
18. During the winter months under Trash/Debris Removal, is any blowing required? **If necessary, to fulfill contractual obligations.**
19. Brook Hollow Parkway is listed as a secondary road, please confirm it is to receive bi-weekly service vs weekly. **It is to receive biweekly service.**
20. How many total linear miles are to be maintained under this service contract? **Good question. A rough estimate would be close to 35 miles.**
21. Is street sweeping required or is it done as a separate contract? **See question 11.**
22. Are there any areas under the scope of this RFP that include irrigation systems? **No**
23. Should leaf removal be included in the scope of this RFP?  If so, at what frequency? **No.**
24. Would larger / special case items be included in the Trash and Debris Removal scope – such as furniture or tires?  If so, should the contractor assume this cost? **No that would be considered different.**
25. “7) Contractor shall provide control of turf-damaging insects using Federal and State-registered insect control products as needed to prevent or mitigate turf damage.”
    1. What pests should the proposer assume control of, and to what extent?  Should the proposer include only spot treatments for pest control, or wide scale broadcast applications? **Thats up to the contactor to decide. We expect the turf to look its best.**
26. “8) Contractor shall use proper fertilization, mowing and watering practices to promote the growth of weed-resistant turf. Additionally, applications of pre-emergence and post-emergence weed controls will be applied at times if warranted to control weeds without damaging desirable turf.”
    1. In regards to the referenced watering, is this to imply that contractors should provide supplemental hand watering should drought conditions dictate and an irrigation system is not present? **No, watering should not be included in this proposal.**
27. “9) Contractor shall remove and dispose of any dead plant materials.”
    1. Is this to mean only after the contractor has provided a price to the CID for this plant removal, or should this cost be assumed by the contractor? **If there are dead plants in a plant bed the contractor should remove the dead plants and dispose of them.**
    2. If the price is to be assumed by the contractor, under what provisions is this included?  Would this include wide scale events such as freeze damage, or would that be included in #11? **Include it wherever you wish. Just note it is a part of the contract. If there is something on a larger scale such as a large tree of something of the magnitude, then the CID would shoulder the cost.**
28. For the Primary and Secondary areas, should the contractor only include the numbers on the frequency chart regardless of how many weeks are in each month?  Should the contractor not provide additional services in months with more than four weeks? **Contractor should look at it as biweekly meaning every other week and price it that way.**
29. Page 8: is there a percentage of the fee that will be considered a “Merit Payment?” **See question 5.**