

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS SERVICES - PROCUREMENT OFFICE 2018 Church Street Georgetown, S.C. 29440 Phone (843) 436-7000	Invitation for Bid: #1808024 Date Issued: May 7, 2018 Procurement Officer: Vicki Williams, CPPO Phone: (843) 436-7184 Fax: (843) 436-7231 E-Mail Address: vwilliams@gcsd.k12.sc.us
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DESCRIPTION:	Term Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services – Georgetown, Carvers Bay, and Andrews
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The Term "Bid" Means Your "Offer" or "Proposal".

SUBMIT BID BY: (Opening Date/Time):	May 22, 2018 @ 2:00 PM, EST	See "Deadline for Submission of Bid" provision
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NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:	1
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QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:	May 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM, EST	See "Questions From Bidders" provision
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Bids must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package

SUBMIT YOUR BID REFERENCING SOLICITATION NUMBER, DATE AND TIME OF OPENING, AND PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S NAME TO THE ADDRESS AT THE RIGHT:	MAILING ADDRESS: GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT J B BECK ADMINISTRATIVE AND EDUCATION CENTER PROCUREMENT OFFICE, ROOM D150 VICKI WILLIAMS 2018 CHURCH STREET GEORGETOWN, SC 29440
CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A DATE & TIME: N/A As appropriate, see "Conferences-Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	LOCATION: N/A

AWARD/ ADDENDUMS/ INTENT TO AWARD:	Notice of Award and any addendums to the solicitation will be posted on the GCS D website at: http://www.gcsd.k12.sc.us/?DivisionID=14195&DepartmentID=14702&SubDepartmentID=6626 Go to Departments/ Business Services/Procurement/Awards
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Bid. By submitting a Bid or Proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Bid open for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days after the Opening Date.

NAME OF BIDDER: (Full legal name of business submitting the Bid)	Any award issued will be issued to, and the Contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Bidder. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	Person signing must be authorized to submit binding Bid to enter Contract on behalf of Bidder named.
TITLE:	Business title of person signing.
PRINTED NAME: (Printed name of person signing above)	DATE SIGNED
STATE OF INCORPORATION	
(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation).	
BIDDER'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Entity (not tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity (federal, state, or local)	

(Return Page Two with Your Bid)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Bidder's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and Contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)				
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E-Mail Address:					

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA
 Bidders acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days(%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	_____Calendar Days (%)
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MINORITY PARTICIPATION

Please answer the following questions:
 1. Are you certified as a MOB/WOB (minority-owned business/woman-owned business) by the State of South Carolina?
Yes No
 If yes, provide certification number: _____. If no, would you qualify as a MOB/WOB based on the District's requirement of at least fifty-one percent (51%) ownership by a woman or person of ethnic (non-white) origin?
 Minority-owned Woman-owned

PROCUREMENT CARD Do you accept purchasing cards to facilitate ordering and payment? Yes No

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT - ONGOING OBLIGATIONS: (a) You must notify the procurement officer immediately if, at any time during the contract term, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List. (b) Consistent with Section 11-57-330(B), you shall not contract with any person to perform a part of the Work, if, at the time you enter into the subcontract, that person is on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Have you clearly listed any deviations from the requested specifications and fully explained such deviations? Yes No

Failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation exist. None exist Yes If yes, below is a list of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation exist.

Important Note - as of July 1, 2016, the use of any tobacco product, electronic cigarettes, or vaporizers is prohibited on all District property, including but not limited to, school buildings, athletic facilities, District vehicles, and parking lots.

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I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

ACQUIRE SERVICES: The purpose of this solicitation is to solicit bids from qualified contractors to provide **Grounds Maintenance Services** for Georgetown County School District (GCSD) complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions. There will be three (3) contracts issued for correlating areas (Georgetown, Carvers Bay, and Andrews).

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD -- ESTIMATED: Begin: 7/1/2018 End: 6/30/2021. Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting Contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled "Term of Contract – Effective Date / Initial Contract Period".

The contract resulting from this solicitation will be a one (1) year contract with two (2) additional one-year renewal options. The maximum potential contract life is three (3) years unless the Superintendent extends the contract for an additional two (2) years through 6/30/2023.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS – A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

DEFINITIONS, CAPITALIZATION, AND HEADINGS – CLAUSE HEADINGS USED IN THIS SOLICITATION ARE FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE USED TO CONSTURE MEANING OR INTENT, EVEN IF NOT CAPITALIZED, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE

ADDENDUM means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BOARD means the Georgetown County School District Board of Directors.

BUYER means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any Contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the Contract.

CONTRACT See clause entitled Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the Contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the Contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the

Contractor.

CONTRACTOR means the Bidder receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COVER PAGE means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Bidders are cautioned that Addenda may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

DAYS means calendar days.

DISTRICT means Georgetown County School District.

OFFER means the Bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms Bid and Proposal are used interchangeably with the term Offer.

BIDDER means the single legal entity submitting the Bid. The term Bidder is used interchangeably with the term Offeror. See Bidding provisions entitled Signing Your Bid and Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER means any person acting within the scope of his/her authority and duly authorized by Georgetown County School District to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations and findings with respect thereto, as identified as such on either the Cover Page, an addendum, or an award notice.

RESPONSIBLE Bidder means a person who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the Contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability, which will assure good faith performance, which may be substantiated by past performance

RESPONSIVE Bidder means a person who has submitted a Bid or Offer, which conforms in all material aspects to the invitation for Bids or request for proposals.

SOLICITATION means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.

SUBCONTRACTOR means any person having a Contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor's agreement arising from this solicitation.

WORK means all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract

YOU and YOUR means Bidder.

ADDENDUMS TO SOLICITATION: (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Bidders (b) shall acknowledge receipt of any addenda to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the addendum, (2) by letter, or (3) by submitting a Bid that indicates in some way that the Bidder received the addendum. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Notice regarding the District's intent to award a Contract will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page. The date and location of posting will be announced at opening. If the Contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value in excess of fifty thousand dollars, such notice will be sent to all Bidders responding to the Solicitation and any award will be effective the day such notice is given. Should the Contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Bidders responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given.

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT: By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a Contract with Georgetown County School District. Without further action by either party, a binding Contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the Contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Bidder on the Cover Page. A Bid may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint Bids" are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In order to withdraw Your Bid after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH & DOLLARS: Bids submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION: GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION

UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

(a) By submitting a Bid, the Bidder certifies that- (1) The prices in this Bid have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Bidder or competitor relating to— (i) Those prices; (ii) The intention to submit a Bid; or (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered. (2) The prices in this Bid have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the Bidder, directly or indirectly, to any other Bidder or competitor before Bid opening (in the case of a sealed Bid solicitation) or Contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a Bid for the purpose of restricting competition. (b) Each signature on the Bid is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory- (1) Is the person in the Bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this Bid or Proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or (2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the Bidder's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the Bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this Bid or proposal]; (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification. (c) If the Bidder deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the Bidder must furnish with its Bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure. [02-2A032-1]

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS: By submitting a Bid, Bidder certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(a)(1)(i) Bidder and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of Contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this Bid, 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, or local) Contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of Bids; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Bidder has not, within a three-year period preceding this Bid, had one or more Contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Bidder shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to Contract award, Bidder learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) If Bidder is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Bidder must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered

in connection with a review of the Bidder's responsibility. Failure of the Bidder to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Bidder non-responsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of a Bidder is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Bidder knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the District, the Procurement Officer may terminate the Contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE: The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/statmast.htm>. The South Carolina Regulations are available at: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/coderegs/statmast.htm>.

COMPLETION OF FORMS / CORRECTION OF ERRORS: All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the Bid. **Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including Bid schedule).**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID: Any Bid received after the Procurement Officer or his/her designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected, unless the Bid has been delivered to the designated procurement office or the District's mail room, where confirmation can be authenticated by a third party method, prior to Bid opening.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: You warrant and represent that your Bid identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed Contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a Contractor's judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, the District may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, a Bidder will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered. Without limiting the foregoing, you represent that your Bid identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work and that has already been performed by you, a proposed Subcontractor, or an affiliated business of either.

DISTRICT CLOSINGS: If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal District processes so that Bids cannot be received at the designated time for receipt of Bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of Bids will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which the District processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Addendum may be issued to reschedule Bid opening. If District offices are closed at the time a pre-Bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Addendum will be issued to reschedule the conference.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION: By submitting a Bid, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a Contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE: Bidder, by submitting a Bid, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Bid is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Bidders are expected to examine

the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. All ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation shall be interpreted to require the better quality or greater quantity of work and/or materials, unless otherwise directed by addendum. Bidder assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Bidder does not bring to the District's attention.

ETHICS CERTIFICATE: By submitting a Bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on Contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by Contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of Contract. The District may rescind any Contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If Contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public Contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public Contract, Contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT - CERTIFICATION: (a) The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the Board pursuant to Section 11-57-310 that identifies persons engaged in investment activities in Iran. Currently, the list is available at the following URL: <http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/PS-iran-divestment.phtm>(.) Section 11-57-310 requires the government to provide a person ninety days written notice before he is included on the list. The following representation, which is required by Section 11-57-330(A), is a material inducement for the District to award a Contract to you. (b) By signing your Bid, you certify that, as of the date you sign, you are not on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. (c) You must notify the Procurement Officer immediately if, at any time before posting of a final statement of award, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE: Do not include any sales or use taxes in Your price that the District may be required to pay.

OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION: By submitting a Bid, Bidder represents that Bidder is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY: (a) All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement. (b) Purchasing Liability. The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Georgetown County School District acting on behalf of the District pursuant to their Procurement Code. Any Contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the Georgetown County School District.

PROCUREMENT CODE AVAILABLE: The Georgetown County School District's Procurement Code, is available at

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS: Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your Bid, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law.

(a) During the period between publication of the solicitation and final award, ***you must not communicate, directly or indirectly, with the Georgetown County School District or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity,*** unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer. All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. [R. 19-445.2010]

(b) You are advised to familiarize yourself with Regulation 19-445.2165, which restricts donations to a governmental entity with whom you have or seek to have a Contract. ***You represent that your Bid discloses any gifts made, directly or through an intermediary, by you or your named Subcontractors to or for the benefit of the GCSD during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the Opening Date.*** [R. 19-445.2165]

PUBLIC OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Addendum, whichever is applicable.

QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS: (a) Any prospective Bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing, either by mail or electronic communication (e-mail). Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than the end of business (4:30 PM, EST) of the submission date stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the Procurement Officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective Bidder concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Bidders as an Addendum to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting Bids or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective Bidders. (b) The District seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Bidders are urged to advise the Procurement Officer – as soon as possible – regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation, which unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

REJECTION/CANCELLATION: The District may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The District may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part.

RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER BIDS:

- a. Bid as Specified. Bids for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.
- b. Responsiveness. Any Bid which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Bids which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, a Bid will be rejected if the total possible cost to the District cannot be determined. Bidders will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]
- c. Price Reasonableness: Any Bid may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].

- d. Unbalanced Bidding. The District may reject a Bid as nonresponsive if the prices Bid are materially unbalanced between line items or sub-line items. A Bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the Bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the District even though it may be the low evaluated Bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

SIGNING YOUR BID: Every Bid must be signed by the individual with actual authority to bind the Bidder. (a) If the Bidder is an individual, the Bid must be signed by that individual. If the Bidder is an individual doing business as a firm, the Bid must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Bidder is a partnership, the Bid must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words "by its Partner," and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Bidder is a corporation, the Bid must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) A Bid may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Bidder is a joint venture, the Bid must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If a Bid is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Bid must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Bidder must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: For every document Bidder submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Bidder must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Bidder contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Bidder submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Bidder must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Bidder contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Bidder submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Bidder must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Bidder contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (Bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If your response or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the District may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Bidder (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a Contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these Bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final Contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the District will detrimentally rely on Bidder's marking of documents, as required by these Bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a response, Bidder agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Georgetown County School District, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the District withholding information

that Bidder marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

SUBMITTING YOUR BID OR MODIFICATION: (a) Bids and Offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by electronic means) – (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the Bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each Bid must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Bidder must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Bidders using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Bid is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail Bids, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Bids submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation. (g) It is the Bidder’s responsibility to ensure that Bids submitted by electronic commerce were received by the Procurement Officer.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES: Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this District who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, “Minority Business Credit.” A copy of the subcontractor’s certificate from the Governor’s Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor’s income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor’s Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498. [02-2A135-1] Mandatory for all solicitations.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF BID: Bids may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile Bids, Bids may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A Bid may be withdrawn in person by a Bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the Bid. The withdrawal and correction of Bids is governed by the District’s Procurement Code Article 5 Section 1520.7.1.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CLARIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your Bid or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with Bidders who have submitted a Bid which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of a Bid must be documented in writing and included with the Bid. Clarifications may not be used to revise a Bid or the

solicitation. [Section 11-35-1520(8); R.19-445.2080]

PROTESTS: (a) Solicitation - Any prospective Bidder, Bidder, Contractor, or Subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a Contract shall protest within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. (b) Intent to Award - Any actual Bidder, Bidder, Contractor, or Subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a Contract shall protest within ten (10) days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer, and shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. [§ 11-35-4210].

PROTEST – ADDRESS: Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Lisa O. Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Finance & Operations, J B Beck Education & Administrative Center, 2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or to ljohnson@gcsd.k12.sc.us. Additionally, please submit a secondary copy to John Paul, Director of Procurement, J B Beck Education & Administrative Center, 2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or at jpaul@gcsd.k12.sc.us.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES / SPECIFICATIONS

A. BACKGROUND

Georgetown County School District is coextensive with the county and is located on the southern end of South Carolina’s “Grand Strand”. The District is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, the south by Charleston County, the west by Williamsburg County and the north by Horry County. The land area of the District encompasses 812 square miles.

Our District serves students in the towns of Georgetown, Andrews, Pawleys Island, and the rural areas in Georgetown County. The school district is comprised of 19 schools with approximately 10,000 students in grades pre-K through 12. Currently, there are nine (9) elementary schools, four (4) middle schools, and four (4) high schools, as well as the Howard Adult Center (that serves approximately 500 participants) and JB Beck Education Center in GCS.D.

For more information about Georgetown County School District, please view our District website at www.gcsd.k12.sc.us.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is to provide Georgetown County School District with multiple sources of commercial grounds maintenance contractors on a fixed price for such services. The District anticipates awarding individual contracts for servicing the schools in three (3) areas within Georgetown County. These areas include Georgetown, Andrews, and Carvers Bay. The award will be made to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder for each area. There will be a total of three (3) contracts awarded.

The Contract services will be on an as-needed basis only. A District Representative will contact the Contractor to schedule services as the need arises. This contract will be used to supplement the District’s Grounds Department requirements.

C. SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 1. General Information.** The price estimate supplied by the Contractor for a specific project shall include all labor, tools, and equipment. GCSD expects a high standard of professionalism and it is imperative that each property be kept at its best. Mowing and mowing related services shall be completed with extreme professionalism at all times. Public courtesy is a must whether it involves interactions with District personnel or the general public.

Bidders are assumed to have visited the premises and to have taken into consideration all conditions which might affect the work. No consideration will be given to any claim based on lack of knowledge of existing conditions. Visitors to the schools are required to check in at the main office prior to walking the campus.

- 2. Length of Contract.** The District desires to have grounds maintenance begin with the start of the mowing season in 2018 and end with the conclusion of the mowing season in 2020. This three-year (3) contract shall also be subject to annual budget appropriation. In the absence of an appropriation, a contract issued pursuant to this IFB shall be void and of no effect.
- 3. Bidder's Responsibility.** By submission of a Bid, the Bidder represents that the Bidder is fully informed concerning the requirements of the Contract, the physical conditions to be encountered in the work, and the character, quality, and quantity of service to be performed, and of materials and equipment to be furnished. The Bidder will not be entitled to additional compensation if he subsequently finds that conditions require methods or equipment other than that anticipated in making the Bid. Negligence or inattention of the Bidder in determining the site conditions prior to filing a bid, or in any phase of the performance of the works, shall be grounds for refusal of the District to agree to additional compensation. Bidders having questions regarding this IFB should contact for clarifications.

The Contractor shall comply with the Safety Rules and Regulations of the Associated General Contractors of America, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards of the Construction Industry, SIC Code 0782 – Lawn and Garden Services, as amended, and the Department of Labor, for the protection of workers on this project.

The Contractor shall observe city/county ordinances relating to obstruction of streets and shall obey all laws and city ordinances controlling or limiting those engaged in the work. The Contractor shall handle the work in a manner that will cause the least inconvenience and annoyance to the schools, offices, and to the general public.

- 4. Quality Assurance.** The Contractor shall maintain all equipment in a clean and well-operating fashion, with special consideration for proper maintenance and care of all elements, items and equipment utilized for this Contract. The Contractor will operate in a professional manner and keep all noise and other nuisances to a minimum at all times while under contract with the District.

All work is subject to inspection by the GCSD Representative. Contractor may be required to correct any defective workmanship with no further cost to GCSD. Defective workmanship shall be corrected within 2-business days of notification of deficiency.

- 5. Hours of Operation.** Regular business hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Work extending beyond regular business hours must be approved by a GCSD Representative. Work outside of these timeframes shall require a forty-eight (48) hour

advance approval of the District Facilities Maintenance Supervisor or District Designated Representative.

6. **Sign-In and Sign-Out.** Contractor's personnel must sign in upon arrival at the site and must sign out upon departing. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to coordinate with the District Facilities/Operations Supervisor or designated representative on a procedure for the Contractor's personnel to follow when entering or leaving District facilities. The sign-in and sign-out records may be used in the verification process for approval of any invoices for payment.
7. **Safety.** The Contractor shall provide and utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times as appropriate. PPE includes but is not limited to substantial footwear, eye and face protection, hearing protection, and gloves. The Contractor shall wear, at a minimum, a shirt that covers the torso with half sleeves, and full-length pants, and protective footwear. Light footwear such as, but not limited to tennis shoes, sandals, etc. shall NOT be worn. Deviations from these requirements shall be authorized by the District Facilities/Operations Supervisor.
8. **Uniforms.** All Contractor personnel working in or around buildings designated for service under this Contract are required to wear distinctive clothing/uniforms. Employees of the Contractor shall wear at least one clothing item with the Contractor's name and/or other identifying wording to provide their identification to anyone entering facilities or properties where they are providing services pursuant to these specifications.
9. **Inclement Weather.** Should there be times in which weather is inclement on the scheduled mowing day, the Contractor shall contact the designated GCSD Representative for the next day to be mowed to avoid disruption of school operations.

D. SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor and the District will develop a mutually agreeable schedule for cuttings as to hours and days of the week for the various sites. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the schedule that may be conducted based on actual conditions and what it determines to be in the District's best interest. The Contractor agrees to provide prompt service.

The Contractor shall furnish all labor materials, supplies, devices, or tools needed to perform the required services. In addition, the Contractor is responsible to provide all state-approved vehicles and other equipment, material land use fees and equipment necessary for the provision of grounds services. The Contractor shall be responsible for leaving all work sites in a clean condition and for the removal of any resulting debris. The Contractor shall complete or supervise the completion of, the following work:

Mowing/Trimming.

- Mow and trim all grassed areas, including areas between fences and public roads, including ditches, as needed in order to maintain a high degree of curb appeal.
- Mow and trim as necessary assuring that turf is maintained between three (3) and four (4) inches in height. During hot and dry weather, maintain turf between four (4) and five (5) inches in height to avoid turf stress.
- Trimming of grass shall take place within two (2) days of mowing and as needed to keep a neat edge between the buildings, sidewalks, curbs, parking lots and fences, and the lawn. Trim fence lines of all grass and weeds.

- Trim grass around all buildings, shrubbery, trees and fence lines and around inaccessible portions of school grounds and other stationary objects to maintain the same thickness as the mowed portion of turf.
- Keep fences clear of all weeds, vines and small trees.

Note: Mowing shall not be performed when it is raining or if the grass is still wet. Not more than 1/3 total blade shall be removed during any mowing event. During droughts, lawns will not be mowed unless requested by the District. Mowing should take place when as few vehicles as possible are in the parking lots. Contractor shall be liable for any and all damages to vehicles at any of the District sites if said damages are directly resulting from the performance of their work during hours when the site is loaded with vehicles.

Locations and Mowing Sites: The estimated acreage is an approximate number.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	CITY	EST. ACREAGE
Andrews Elementary	13072 County Line Rd.	Andrews	14
Andrews High	12890 County Line Rd.	Andrews	10
Brown's Ferry Elementary	7292 Brown's Ferry Rd.	Georgetown	5
Carvers Bay High	13002 Choppee Rd.	Hemingway	20
Carvers Bay Middle	13000 Choppee Rd.	Hemingway	20
Georgetown High/Career Center	2500 Anthuan Maybank Dr.	Georgetown	6
Georgetown Middle	2400 Anthuan Maybank Dr.	Georgetown	6
Howard Adult Center	500 South Kaminski St.	Georgetown	3
Kensington Elementary	86 Kensington Blvd.	Georgetown	4
Maryville Elementary	21215 Poplar St.	Georgetown	10
McDonald Elementary	532 McDonald Rd.	Georgetown	6
Plantersville Elementary	1668 Exodus Dr.	Georgetown	5
Pleasant Hill Elementary	127 Schoolhouse Rd.	Hemingway	12
Rosemary Middle	12804 County Line Rd.	Andrews	10
Sampit Elementary	69 Woodland Ave.	Georgetown	8
JB Beck Admin. & Educ. Center	2018 Church St	Georgetown	13

Debris Removal. Clean all grass and debris from sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, curbs, and parking areas after each mowing and/or edging operation. Grass and debris will not be blown into areas where it will be unsightly.

Clippings. Keep all walkways, parking lots and entryways free of grass cuttings and debris. Mow in direction to avoid blowing cuttings onto parked cars.

Edging. Edge all sidewalks, driveways, walkways, patios, curbs, concrete pads, and ornamental beds, monthly.

Shrubs. Prune as needed to achieve a manicured appearance. Trees/shrubs/plants shall be pruned to maintain a natural appearance of the species with removal of non-variegated stems, stray shoots, suckers, and dead/damaged/diseased wood in the spring after flowering or late summer (depending on specific species requirement).

Flower Beds. Keep weeded and groomed. All grass shall be kept out of flower beds.

Chemical Weed Control. The Contractor is not responsible for chemical weed control along fence lines of property.

Outside Scope of Services. Any work outside the scope of service of these specifications found to be necessary for the safety, operation, regulatory compliance or beautification of the facility shall be brought to the attention of the District Facilities/Operations Supervisor or their designated representative immediately. The Contractor shall submit a proposal explicitly detailing the work required and listing the labor, material and other charges or items necessary to perform the work in accordance with these specifications. An approved quote for work shall be paid by approved methods and timeframes after receipt of a properly formatted invoice. Written approval must be given by GCSD prior to repairs or services being performed. Non-contract work performed without the approval of GCSD shall be at the Contractor's expense.

The District reserves the right to the following without affecting the terms and conditions of this contract:

- Perform any work not covered by this contract with District personnel;
- Place any work not covered by this Contract out for bid.

E. USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS. The Contractor shall perform the work with its own employees under its immediate supervision and shall not subcontract any portion of the work unless approved by GCSD Project Manager or designee.

G. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS: Georgetown County School District reserves the right to add or delete services, locations, etc. to this Contract as necessary. Prices for additions shall be negotiated with the Contractor at that time.

H. EXCLUSIONS: This Contract shall not include any of the District's athletic fields. The District reserves the right to add these sites at any time during the Contract period.

IV. INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS TO SUBMIT

INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL You shall submit a signed Cover Page and Page Two. Your offer should include all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price Proposal; and any appropriate attachments addressed in Part IX. Attachments to Solicitations. You should submit a summary of all insurance policies you have or plan to acquire to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein, if any, including policy types; coverage types; limits, sub-limits, and deductibles for each policy and coverage type; the carrier's A.M. Best rating; and whether the policy is written on an occurrence or claims-made basis.

Submit the following with your Bid:

- Describe company resources available including all equipment and adequate staff to accomplish stated requirements and to serve the District during peak demands (summer months, holidays, etc.).
- Provide evidence of appropriate general liability insurance.
- Provide three (3) references that can verify your company's experience and qualifications to provide grounds maintenance services as described in this solicitation. References should be from commercial projects. References will be contacted by e-mail, so you must provide a current e-mail address for each reference.

- Provide a single point of contact with email and phone contact information for any and all concerns of the District.
- Provide a list of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigations, if any.

SUBMITTING REDACTED BIDS: If your offer includes any information that you marked as “Confidential,” “Trade Secret,” or “Protected” in accordance with the clause entitled “Submitting Confidential Information,” you must also submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). The redacted copy should (i) reflect the same pagination as the original, (ii) show the empty space from which information was redacted, and (iii) be submitted on magnetic media. (See clause entitled “Electronic Copies - Required Media and Format.”) Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer, and the Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password.

V. QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATION OF BIDDER: (1) To be eligible for award, you must have the capability in all respects to perform fully the Contract requirements and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance. We may also consider a documented commitment from a satisfactory source that will provide you with a capability. We may consider information from any source at any time prior to award. We may elect to consider (i) key personnel, any predecessor business, and any key personnel of any predecessor business, including any facts arising prior to the date a business was established, and/or (ii) any Subcontractor you identify. (2) You must promptly furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility upon request. Unreasonable failure to supply requested information is grounds for rejection. (3) **Corporate subsidiaries are cautioned that the financial capability of an affiliated or parent company will not be considered in determining financial capability;** however, we may elect to consider any security, e.g., letter of credit, performance bond, parent-company corporate guaranty, that you offer to provide. Instructions and forms to help assure acceptability are posted on procurement.sc.gov, link to “Standard Clauses & Provisions.”

QUALIFICATIONS – REQUIRED INFORMATION: Submit the following information or documentation for you and for any subcontractor (at any tier level) that you identify pursuant to the clause titled Subcontractor – Identification. Err on the side of inclusion. You represent that the information provided is complete. (a) The general history and experience of the business in providing work of similar size and scope. (b) Information reflecting the current financial position. (c) A detailed, narrative statement listing the three most recent, comparable contracts (including contact information) which have been performed. (d) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.

In order to be considered a properly qualified Contractor under this Contract, the following qualification requirements must be adhered to:

- (a) Bidder must have been in business for a minimum of five (5) years providing like services as stated in this solicitation. Provide a company profile, personnel resources, and expertise, structure, and length of time in business and specific experience to indicate ability necessary to meet all contractual requirements of this solicitation.

NOTE: Throughout the term of the Contract, the Bidder must maintain the criteria stated above or the Contract may be terminated.

VI. AWARD CRITERIA

AWARD CRITERIA – BIDS: Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder(s).

AWARD TO MULTIPLE BIDDERS: Award will be made to more than one Bidder. A guaranteed amount of work is not assured to any one Contractor receiving an award.

The District anticipates awarding individual contracts for servicing the schools in three (3) areas within Georgetown County. These areas include Georgetown, Andrews, and Carvers Bay. The award will be made to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder for each area. There will be a total of three (3) contracts awarded. **Bidders are not required to bid on all lots but must bid on all schools included in a lot.**

LOT 1: The **Georgetown** area includes J. B. Beck Administration and Education Center, Kensington Elementary School, Maryville Elementary School, McDonald Elementary School, Georgetown Middle School, Georgetown High School,

LOT 2: The **Carvers Bay** area includes Browns Ferry Elementary School, Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Plantersville Elementary School, Carvers Bay Middle School, and Carvers Bay High School

LOT 3: The **Andrews** area includes Andrews Elementary School, Andrews High School, Rosemary Elementary School, and Sampit Elementary School.

CALCULATING THE LOW BID: Evaluation will be based on a predetermined scenario for award purposes only.

THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER HISTORIC INFORMATION AND FACT, WHETHER GAINED FROM THE BIDDER'S RESPONSE, REFERENCES, OR ANY OTHER SOURCE.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – A. GENERAL

ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION, AND CHANGE OF NAME, IDENTITY, OR STRUCTURE: (a) Contractor shall not assign this Contract, or its rights, obligations, or any other interest arising from this Contract, or delegate any of its performance obligations, without the express written consent of the responsible Procurement Officer. The foregoing restriction does not apply to a transfer that occurs by operation of law (e.g., bankruptcy; corporate reorganizations and consolidations, but not including partial asset sales). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may assign monies receivable under the Contract provided that the District shall have no obligation to make payment to an assignee until thirty days after Contractor (not the assignee) has provided the responsible Procurement Officer with (i) proof of the assignment, (ii) the identity (by Contract number) of the specific Contract to which the assignment applies, and (iii) the name of the assignee and the exact address or account information to which assigned payments should be made. (b) If Contractor amends, modifies, or otherwise changes its name, its identity (including its trade name), or its corporate, partnership or other structure, or its FEIN, Contractor shall provide the Procurement Officer prompt written notice of such change. (c) Any name change, transfer, assignment, or novation is subject to the conditions and approval required by Regulation 19- 445.2180, which does not restrict transfers by operation of law.

BANKRUPTCY: (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the

bankruptcy to Georgetown County School District. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all District contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This Contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the District upon the Contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

CHOICE-OF-LAW: The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: (a) Any Contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) documentation regarding the clarification of a Bid, if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your Bid, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (5) your Bid, (6) any statement reflecting the District's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (6) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the District or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

DISCUSSIONS WITH BIDDERS: After opening, the Procurement Officer may, in his sole discretion, initiate discussions with you to discuss your Bid. Discussions are possible only if your Bid is apparently responsive and only for the purpose of clarification to assure your full understanding of the solicitation's requirements. Any discussions will be documented in writing and shall be included with the Bid.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT: (a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices. (b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

DISPUTES: (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to an Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article

17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court in the State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by Georgetown County School District regarding an Agreement is not a waiver of either the District's sovereign immunity or immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by this solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to an Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided, or by personal service, or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FALSE CLAIMS: According to the S.C. Code of Laws Section 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED: Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms, except as otherwise provided in this solicitation. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

NO-INDEMNITY OR DEFENSE: Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the District to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason.

NOTICE: (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to Contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the District shall be to the Procurement Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph

OPEN TRADE: During the Contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

PAYMENT & INTEREST: (a) The District shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this Contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this Contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the District. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by check mailed to the payment address on "Page Two." (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, or Chapter 6 of Title 29 (real

property improvements) when applicable, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the District shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this Contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to the District shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended, unless otherwise required by Section 29-6-30. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. Section 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding. (f) The District shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off.

PAYMENT WITH PROPER INVOICE: Invoices and Statements specifying outstanding invoices by location may be submitted via email to GCSD-AP-Invoices@gcsd.k12.sc.us or mailed directly to Georgetown County School District, Attn: Accounts Payable, 2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

PUBLICITY: Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by Georgetown County School District employees, or include the District in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

PURCHASE ORDERS: Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the District. The District shall order any supplies to be furnished under this Contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this Contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this Contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required.

SETOFF: The District shall have all of its legal, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the District's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this Contract up to any amounts due and owing to the District with regard to this Contract including any Contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this Contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the District for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATION: The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this Contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

TAXES: Any tax the Contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the District, and such sums shall be due and payable to the Contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the District. It shall be solely the District's obligation, after payment to Contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to Contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the Contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the District to Contractor, Contractor shall be liable to the District for any loss

(such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY: This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER: The District does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the District's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS - B. SPECIAL

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE(MODIFIED):(a) Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. (b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(1) **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This Contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.

(2) **Auto Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) **Worker's Compensation:** As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(c) Georgetown County School District, and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the

form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used.

(d) For any claims related to this Contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the District, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District, or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the District if requested with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this section. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The District reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time.

(f) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the District immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this section are or will be changed, cancelled, or replaced.

(g) Contractor hereby grants to the District a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the District by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the District has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(h) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the District. The District may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

(i) The District reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL: The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION - GENERAL: The Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and nonprofessional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The Contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The Contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

DEFAULT: The District may terminate this Contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any material terms and conditions, or fails to provide the District, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the District shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the District for any and all rights and remedies

provided by law. If it is determined that the District improperly terminated this Contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

ESTIMATED QUANTITY - PURCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES: The District may bid separately any unusual requirements or large quantities of supplies covered by this Contract.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: By signing your Bid, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the District upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your Subcontractors or sub-Subcontractors; or (b) that you and your Subcontractors or sub-Subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any Contracts with your Subcontractors language requiring your Subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their Contracts with the sub-Subcontractors language requiring the sub-Subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS - GENERAL: Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees for and against any and all suits or claims of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which are attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property arising out of or in connection with the goods or services acquired hereunder or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of Contractor, its Subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnitee, and whether or not such claims are made by a third party or an Indemnitee; however, if an Indemnitee's negligent act or omission is subsequently determined to be the sole proximate cause of a suit or claim, the Indemnitee shall not be entitled to indemnification hereunder. Contractor shall be given timely written notice of any suit or claim. Contractor's obligations hereunder are in no way limited by any protection afforded under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This clause shall not negate, abridge, or reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination, cancelation, or expiration of the parties' agreement. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. As used in this clause, "Indemnitees" means Georgetown County School District, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

LICENSES AND PERMITS: During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and /or inspections required by the state, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the Contract.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES: Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD: The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial term of this agreement is one (1) year from the effective date. Regardless, this Contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – OPTION TO RENEW: At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this Contract shall automatically renew for a period of one (1) year, unless Contractor receives notice that the district elects not to renew the Contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of renewal. Regardless, this Contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR: Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the initial term, or any renewal term, by providing the Procurement Officer notice of its election to terminate under this clause at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: The Procurement Officer may terminate this Contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the District. In such a termination, the Procurement Officer may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the District in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and Contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the Contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this Contract. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall (a) stop work to the extent specified, (b) terminate any subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work, and (c) be paid the following amounts without duplication, subject to the other terms of this Contract: (i) Contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the Contract, (ii) costs incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work, and (iii) any other reasonable costs that the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided. As a condition of payment, Contractor shall submit within three months of the effective date of the termination a claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination. The absence of an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not increase the obligation of the District beyond what it would have been had the subcontract contained such a clause.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

BIDDER'S CHECKLIST

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS SERVICES - PROCUREMENT OFFICE 2018 Church Street Georgetown, S.C. 29440 Phone (843) 436-7000	Request for Quote: Date Issued: Procurement Officer: Phone: Fax: E-Mail Address:	#1808024 May 7, 2018 Vicki Williams (843) 436-7184 (843) 436-7231 Vwilliams@gcsd.k12.sc.us
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VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE - Term Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services - Georgetown, Carvers Bay, and Andrews Page 1 of 2

All bidders are to complete the following Bidding Schedule and return with their Bid response.

LOT 1 - GEORGETOWN	Per Cut
J.B. Beck Admin. & Educ. Center	\$
Georgetown High/Career Center	\$
Georgetown Middle School	\$
McDonald Elementary School	\$
Kensington Elementary School	\$
Maryville Elementary School	\$
LOT 2 - CARVERS BAY	Per Cut
Brown's Ferry Elementary School	\$
Pleasant Hill Elementary School	\$
Plantersville Elementary School	\$
Carvers Bay Middle School	\$
Carvers Bay High School	\$
LOT 3 - ANDREWS	\$ Per Cut
Andrews Elementary School	\$
Andrews High School	\$
Rosemary Middle School	\$
Sampit Elementary School	\$
Hourly Labor Rate	Per Hour
The District reserves the right to hire Contractor personnel for miscellaneous tasks, as related to the Scope of Services, as needed; for informational purposes only.	\$

Statement of Acceptance

Description: Term Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services

I, the undersigned, have read Solicitation #1808024 and do fully understand all of the requirements stated therein and affirm that the above pricing is representative of an acceptable performance level which would fully meet the expectations of the District.

Furthermore, I, the official named below, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the vendor identified below, and, as of the date of my signature, the vendor identified below is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

Proposal Preparer (please print)

Proposal Preparer (signature)

Company Name

Company Address

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email address

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUSINESS SERVICES - PROCUREMENT OFFICE
2018 Church Street Georgetown, S.C. 29440
Phone (843) 436-7000

Invitation for Bid: #1808024
Date Issued: May 7, 2018
Procurement Officer: Vicki Williams, CPPO
Phone: (843) 436-7184
Fax: (843) 436-7231
E-Mail Address: vwilliams@gcsd.k12.sc.us

REFERENCES

Description: Term Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services - - Georgetown, Carvers Bay, and Andrews

Company Name: _____

Company Address _____

Contact: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

Type of service provided: _____ **Date service provided:** _____

Email address: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address _____

Contact: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

Type of service provided: _____ **Date service provided:** _____

Email address: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address _____

Contact: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

Type of service provided: _____ **Date service provided:** _____

Email address: _____

Bidder/Company name (Please print): _____

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SECURITY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

Description: Term Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services - - Georgetown, Carvers Bay, and Andrews

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY: The safety and security of District staff, students and the general public are of utmost priority to the District. To that end, the Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the Contractor, and anyone enjoined to the Contractor comply with the following:

- a. **NO drugs or alcohol on District property or adjacent thereto.** The District reserves the right to require the offending party be removed from District property immediately and to be replaced by the Contractor.
- b. **NO knives, firearms or other weapons on District property or adjacent thereto.** The offending party shall be reported to authorities and arrested.
- c. **NO fraternizing with, threats to, or use of abusive or profane language in the presence of students, parents, visitors, or District representatives, agents, or employees.** The District reserves the right to require the offending party be removed from District property immediately and to be replaced by the Contractor.
- d. **NO improper attire or actions while on District property or adjacent thereto.** The District reserves the right to require the offending party be removed from District property immediately and to be replaced by the Contractor.
- e. **NO smoking on District property.** The District reserves the right to require the offending party be removed from District property immediately and to be replaced by the Contractor.
- f. Take all necessary precautions to ensure minimal loss of utilities and facilities required by the occupants of any existing building or facilities and minimal disruption of the educational process.
- g. Secure **SLED (State Law Enforcement Division) criminal background checks** on all Contractor and subcontractor representatives, agents and employees performing work on District property, and produce proof of such background checks upon request of the District.
- h. Take all necessary precautions to protect students, parents, visitors or District representatives, agents or employees as well as property belonging to those individuals or other third parties during the contract term. **Failure to meet the requirements of conduct in this paragraph, as determined by the District, may result in arrest and/or payment of fines, or stoppage of performance until corrective action is taken, with no increase in contract price or contract term.** In addition, the Contractor may be subject to payment to the District of all reasonable costs incurred by the District as a result of non-conformance to this paragraph.
- i. Contractor/Subcontractor's must stipulate that they are responsible for running a **National Sex Offender Registry check** on their employees who work in schools.

By signing below, the bidder agrees to prohibit any employees or sub-contractor employees from performing work or services at Georgetown County School District if they are deemed to be Registered Sex Offenders, or pose a known criminal danger to children or staff. The vendor hereby agrees to run a National Sex Offender Registry check (<http://www.nsopr.gov/>) or equivalent on all employees or sub-contractor employees who may be in the proximity of school children or staff. This check must be done by the vendor prior to performing any work or services at Georgetown County School District.

Authorized Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Bidder/Company name (Please print): _____

BIDDER'S CHECKLIST

AVOID COMMON BID/PROPOSAL MISTAKES

Review this checklist prior to submitting your bid/proposal. If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your bid/proposal rejected.

- DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS!
- UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES.
- REREAD YOUR ENTIRE BID/PROPOSAL TO MAKE SURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE DISTRICT'S MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ENTITLED: *SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION*. **DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE BID/PROPOSAL AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, OR PROTECTED! DO NOT INCLUDE A LEGEND ON THE COVER STATING THAT YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE IS NOT TO BE RELEASED!**
- HAVE YOU PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS? INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN AMENDMENT SHOULD APPEAR IN ALL AMENDMENTS ISSUED.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE. MAKE SURE THE COVER PAGE IS SIGNED BY A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.
- CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL INCLUDES EVERYTHING REQUESTED!
- IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION, DO NOT RAISE THOSE CONCERNS IN YOUR RESPONSE! **AFTER OPENING, IT IS TOO LATE! IF THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCE OR A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS!** PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE HEADING "SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS" AND ANY PROVISIONS REGARDING PREBID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCES.

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help offerors avoid common mistakes. Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, not against this checklist. You do not need to return this checklist with your response.