

# INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NUMBER

**2518N043**

**RETURN THIS BID TO THE ISSUING OFFICE AT:**



Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Northern Region Procurement Office  
2301 Peger Road  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

**THIS IS NOT AN ORDER**

**DATE ITB ISSUED: May 30, 2018**

**ITB TITLE:** Lawn Maintenance for the Fairbanks Regional Office Building, Fairbanks Alaska

**SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS AND MUST BE TIME AND DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING SECTION PRIOR TO 10:00 AM ON JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 , AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.**

**DELIVERY LOCATION:** Fairbanks Regional Office Building

**DELIVERY DATE:** As requested

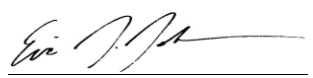
**F.O.B. POINT: FINAL DESTINATION**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you received this solicitation from the State's "Online Public Notice" web site, you must register with the Procurement Officer listed on this document to receive notification of subsequent amendments. Failure to contact the Procurement Officer may result in the rejection of your offer.

**BIDDER'S NOTICE:** By signature on this form, the bidder certifies that:

- (1) the bidder has a valid Alaska business license, or will obtain one prior to award of any contract resulting from this ITB. If the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license, the license number must be written below or one of the following forms of evidence must be submitted with the bid:
  - a canceled check for the business license fee;
  - a copy of the business license application with a receipt date stamp from the State's business license office;
  - a receipt from the State's business license office for the license fee;
  - a copy of the bidder's valid business license;
  - a sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder has applied and paid for a business license;
- (2) the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently and without collusion and that the bidder is complying with:
  - the laws of the State of Alaska;
  - the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
  - the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the State and Federal Government; and
  - all terms and conditions set out in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

If a bidder fails to comply with (1) at the time designated in the ITB for opening the state will disallow the Alaska Bidder Preference. If a bidder fails to comply with (2) of this paragraph, the state may reject the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default. Bids must be also submitted under the name as appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference.



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COMPANY SUBMITTING BID

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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PRINTED NAME

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DATE

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ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER

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FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

\*DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR  
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ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE?  
[ ] YES [ ] NO

\*DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR  
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ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE?  
[ ] YES [ ] NO

\*SEE ITB FOR EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA  
TO QUALIFY

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E-MAIL ADDRESS

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:**

**1. INVITATION TO BID (ITB) REVIEW:** Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Bidders' comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB must be made in writing and received by the purchasing authority at least ten (10) days before the bid opening date. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective bid, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of bidders' prices. Bidders' original comments should be sent to the purchasing authority listed on the front of this ITB.

**2. BID FORMS:** Bidders shall use this and attached forms in submitting bids. A photocopied bid may be submitted.

**3. SUBMITTING BIDS:** Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked, and addressed as shown in the example below. Do not put the ITB number and opening date on the envelope of a request for bid information. Envelopes with ITB numbers annotated on the outside will not be opened until the scheduled date and time.

Bidder's Return Address

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Supply & Services  
2301 Peger Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

ITB Name & No.: 2518N043; Lawn Maintenance for the Fairbanks Regional Office Building

Opening Date: June 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM

**ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION:** Bids may be emailed to [eric.johnson@alaska.gov](mailto:eric.johnson@alaska.gov), no later than the date and time listed on page one of this ITB as the deadline for receipt of bids, and must contain the ITB number in the subject line of the email. Emailed bids must be submitted as an attachment in PDF format. Please note that the **maximum** size of a single email (including *all* text and attachments) that can be received by the state is **20mb (megabytes)**. If the email containing the bid exceeds this size, the bid must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments. It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing office at (907) 451-5102 to confirm that the bid has been received. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in the bid being found non-responsive and rejected.

**FAX BID SUBMISSION:** Bids may be faxed to (907) 451-2313, no later than the date and time listed on page one of this ITB as the deadline for receipt of bids. It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing office at (907) 451-5102 to make arrangements prior to faxing the bid and to confirm that the bid has been received. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in the bid being found non-responsive and rejected.

**4. PRICES:** The bidder shall state prices in the units of issue on this ITB. Prices quoted for commodities must be in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fees, packaging, and transportation cost to the FOB point so that upon transfer of title the commodity can be utilized without further cost. Prices quoted for services must be quoted in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fee, packaging, and transportation cost so that the services can be provided without further cost. Prices quoted in bids must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the bidder believes that certain taxes are payable by the State, the bidder may list such taxes separately, directly below the bid price for the affected item. The State is exempt from Federal Excise Tax except the following:

- Coal - Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), Section 4121 - on the purchase of coal;

- “Gas Guzzler” - IRC, Section 4064 - on the purchase of low m.p.g. automobiles, except that police and other emergency type vehicles are not subject to the tax;
- Air Cargo - IRC, Section 4271 - on the purchase of property transportation services by air;
- Air Passenger - IRC, Section 4261 - on the purchase of passenger transportation services by air carriers.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Tax (LUST) - IRC, Section 4081 - on the purchase of Aviation Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, and Kerosene.

**5. VENDOR TAX ID NUMBER:** If goods or services procured through this ITB are of a type that is required to be included on a Miscellaneous Tax Statement, as described in the Internal Revenue Code, a valid tax identification number must be provided to the State of Alaska before payment will be made.

**6. FILING A PROTEST:** A bidder may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract for supplies, services, or professional services. The protest must be filed in writing and include the following information: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the protester; (2) the signature of the protester or the protester's representative; (3) identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue; (4) a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents; and (5) the form of relief requested. Protests will be treated in accordance with Alaska Statutes (AS) 36.30.560-36.30.610.

**CONDITIONS:**

**1. AUTHORITY:** This ITB is written in accordance with AS 36.30 and 2 AAC 12.

**2. COMPLIANCE:** In the performance of a contract that results from this ITB, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws; and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds; and pay all applicable federal, state, and borough taxes.

**3. SUITABLE MATERIALS, ETC.:** Unless otherwise specified, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a bidder shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model or crop and of recent manufacture.

**4. SPECIFICATIONS:** Unless otherwise specified in the ITB, product brand names or model numbers specified in this ITB are examples of the type and quality of product required, and are not statements of preference. If the specifications describing an item conflict with a brand name or model number describing the item, the specifications govern. Reference to brand name or number does not preclude an offer of a comparable or better product, if full specifications and descriptive literature are provided for the product. Failure to provide such specifications and descriptive literature may be cause for rejection of the offer.

**5. FIRM OFFER:** For the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this ITB must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

**6. EXTENSION OF PRICES:** In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern.

**7. BID PREPARATION COSTS:** The State is not liable for any costs incurred by the bidder in bid preparation.

**8. CONSOLIDATION OF AWARDS:** Due to high administrative costs associated with processing of purchase orders, a single low bid of \$50 or less may, at the discretion of the State, be awarded to the next low bidder receiving other awards for consolidation purposes. This paragraph is not subject to the protest terms enumerated in “*INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS*”, “*FILING A PROTEST*” above.

**9. CONTRACT FUNDING:** Bidders are advised that funds are available for the initial purchase and/or the first term of the contract. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding purchases and/or additional terms of the contract are subject to the availability and appropriation of funds.

**10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** An officer or employee of the State of Alaska may not seek to acquire, be a party to, or possess a financial interest in, this contract if (1) the officer or employee is an employee of the administrative unit that supervises the award of this contract; or (2) the officer or employee has the power to take or withhold official action so as to affect the award or execution of the contract.

**11. ASSIGNMENT(S):** Assignment of rights, duties, or payments under a contract resulting from this ITB is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of General Services. Bids that are conditioned upon the State's approval of an assignment will be rejected as nonresponsive.

**12. SUBCONTRACTOR(S):** Within five (5) working days of notice from the state, the apparent low bidder must submit a list of the subcontractors that will be used in the performance of the contract. The list must include the name of each subcontractor and the location of the place of business for each subcontractor and evidence of each subcontractor's valid Alaska business license.

**13. FORCE MAJEURE (Impossibility to perform):** The contractor is not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under this Agreement, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the contractor. For the purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.

**14. LATE BIDS:** Late bids are bids received after the time and date set for receipt of the bids. Late bids will not be accepted.

**15. CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Unless otherwise provided in this ITB, the State and the successful bidder/contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and (2) to provide written notice to the other party of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least thirty (30) days before the desired date of cancellation.

**16. DEFAULT:** In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the State of Alaska may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law or equity.

**17. DISPUTES:** Any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be resolved under the laws of Alaska. Any appeal of an administrative order or any original action to enforce any provision of this agreement or to obtain any relief from or remedy in connection with this agreement may be brought only in the superior court for the State of Alaska.

**18. CONSUMER ELECTRICAL PRODUCT:** AS 45.45.910 requires that "...a person may not sell, offer to sell, or otherwise transfer in the course of the person's business a consumer electrical product that is manufactured after August 14, 1990, unless the product is clearly marked as being listed by an approved third party certification program." Electrical consumer products manufactured before August 14, 1990, must either be clearly marked as being third party certified or be marked with a warning label that complies with AS

45.45.910(e). Even exempted electrical products must be marked with the warning label. By signature on this bid the bidder certifies that the product offered is in compliance with the law. A list of approved third party certifiers, warning labels and additional information is available from: Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards & Safety Division, Mechanical Inspection Section, P.O. Box 107020, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7020, (907)269-4925.

**19. SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of the contract is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and, the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

**1.ORDER DOCUMENTS:** Except as specifically allowed under this ITB, an ordering agency will not sign any vendor contract. The State is not bound by a vendor contract signed by a person who is not specifically authorized to sign for the State under this ITB. The State of Alaska Purchase Order, Contract Award and Delivery Order are the only order documents that may be used to place orders against the contract(s) resulting from this ITB.

**2.BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:** Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order, not to the Division of General Services. The ordering agency will make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

**3.CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR:** Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this ITB, the contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

**PREFERENCES:**

**1. ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE:** Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaska bidder preference of five percent (5%) has been applied. The preference will be given to a person who: (1) holds a current Alaska business license at the time designated in the invitation to bid for bid opening; (2) submits a bid for goods or services under the name on the Alaska business license; (3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid; (4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and, (5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1) - (4) of this subsection. AS 36.30.170, AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25]

**2. ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25] and is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.321(f), they will be awarded an Alaska veteran preference of five percent (5%). The preference will be given to a (1) sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran; (2) partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans; (3) limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or (4) corporation that is wholly owned by individuals and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans, and may not exceed \$5,000. The bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other governments, or the general public - AS 36.30.321(i).

**3. USE OF LOCAL FOREST PRODUCTS:** In a project financed by state money in which the use of timber, lumber and manufactured lumber is required, only timber, lumber and manufactured lumber products originating in this state from Alaska forests shall be used unless the use of those products has been determined to be impractical, in accordance with AS 36.15.010 and AS 36.30.322.

**4. LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS PREFERENCE:** When agricultural, dairy, timber, lumber, or fisheries products are purchased using state money, a seven percent (7%) preference shall be applied to the price of the products harvested in Alaska, or in the case of fisheries products, the products harvested or processed within the jurisdiction of Alaska, in accordance with AS 36.15.050.

**5. ALASKA PRODUCT PREFERENCE:** A bidder that designates the use of an Alaska Product which meets the requirements of the ITB specification and is designated as a Class I, Class II or Class III Alaska Product by the Department of Community & Economic Development shall receive a preference in the bid evaluation in accordance with AS 36.30.332 and 3 AAC 92.010.

**6. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25], and is offering goods or services through an employment program as defined under 36.30.990(11), they will be awarded an Employment Program Preference of fifteen percent (15%) in accordance with AS 36.30.321(b).

**7. ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25], and is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.321(d), they will be awarded an Alaskans with Disabilities Preference of ten percent (10%) in accordance with AS 36.30.321(d). A bidder may not receive both an Employment Program Preference and an Alaskans with Disabilities Preference.

**8. PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER:** Regarding preferences 6 and 7 above, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development maintains lists of Alaskan; [1] employment programs that qualify for preference, and [2] individuals who qualify for preference as Alaskan's with disabilities. In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), in order to qualify for one of these preferences, a bidder must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, a bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

As evidence of an individual's or a business' right to a certain preference, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of the preferences 6 or 7 above, an individual or business must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list at the time the bid is opened, and must attach a copy of their certification letter to their bid. The bidder's failure to provide this certification letter with their bid will cause the State to disallow the preference.

**ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES:** Prior to the award of a contract, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran and Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license at the time designated for bid opening. Bidders should contact the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing for information on these licenses.

Website: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing.aspx>

Phone: (907) 465-2550

Email: [license@alaska.gov](mailto:license@alaska.gov)

Acceptable evidence that the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- (a) copy of an Alaska business license;
- (b) certification on the bid that the bidder has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the bid (see front page);
- (c) a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;
- (d) a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; or
- (e) a sworn and notarized statement that the bidder has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time bids are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
- liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
- insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
- Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

At the time designated for bid opening, all bidders must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

**ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE:** An Alaska Bidder Preference of five percent will be applied prior to evaluation. The preference will be given to a bidder who:

- (1) holds a current Alaska business license at the time designated for bid opening;

- (2) submits a proposal for goods or services under the name appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license;
- (3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid;
- (4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company (LLC) organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and
- (5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1)-(4) of this subsection.

**ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE STATEMENT:** In order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference, the bid must also include a statement certifying that the bidder is eligible to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference.

If the bidder is a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner and include a statement certifying that all members or partners are residents of the state.

If the bidder is a joint venture which includes a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner of each LLC or partnership that is included in the joint venture and include a statement certifying that all of those members or partners are residents of the state.

**BIDDERS WITH DISABILITIES:** The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this procurement should contact the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities at one of the following numbers no later than Ten (10) days prior to bid opening to make any necessary arrangements.

Telephone: (907) 451-5102  
Fax: (907) 451-2313  
TDD: (907) 451-2363

**COMPLIANCE WITH ADA:** By signature of their bid the bidder certifies that they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.

Services or activities furnished to the general public on behalf of the state must be fully accessible. This is intended to ensure that agencies are in accordance with 28 CFR Part 35



Section 35.130 and that services, programs or activities furnished to the public through a contract do not subject qualified individuals with a disability to discrimination based on the disability.

**PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION:** In order to qualify for an Alaska Veterans Preference, Employment Program Preference, or Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, a bidder must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or a bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

**CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION:** By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States.

If the bidder cannot certify that all work will be performed in the United States, the bidder must contact the procurement officer in writing to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

The request must include a detailed description of the portion of work that will be performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary.

Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that the bidder is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report.

The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/>

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive, or cancel the contract

**CONTRACT INTENT:** This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is intended to result in the establishment of a term limit contract to perform Lawn Maintenance at the Fairbanks Regional Office Building, for the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD:** After the responses to this ITB have been opened and evaluated, a tabulation of the bids will be prepared. This tabulation, called a Notice of Intent to Award, serves two purposes. It lists the name of each company or person that offered a bid and the price they bid. It also provides notice of the state's intent to award a contract(s) to the bidder(s) indicated. A copy of the Notice of Intent will be mailed to each company or person who responded to the ITB. Bidders identified as the apparent low responsive bidders are instructed not to proceed until a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice is given by the contracting officer. A company or person who proceeds prior to

receiving a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice from the contracting officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

**PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES:** Payment for agreements under \$500,000 for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to a state agency, will be made within 30 days of the receipt of a proper billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later. A late payment is subject to 1.5% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Interest will not be paid if there is a dispute or if there is an agreement that establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

**PROMPT PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES:** The state is eligible to receive a 5% discount for all invoices paid within 15 business days from the date of receipt of the commodities or services and/or a correct invoice, whichever is later. The discount shall be taken on the full invoice amount. The state shall consider payment being made as either the date a printed warrant is issued or the date an electronic funds transfer (EFT) is initiated

**FEDERAL EXCISE TAX:** The State of Alaska is exempt from Federal Excise Tax except for the following:

- Coal - Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), Section 4121 - on the purchase of coal;
- "Gas Guzzler" - IRC, Section 4064 - on the purchase of low m.p.g. automobiles, except that police and other emergency type vehicles are not subject to the tax;
- Air Cargo - IRC, Section 4271 - on the purchase of property transportation services by air;
- Air Passenger - IRC, Section 4261 - on the purchase of passenger transportation services by air charter.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Tax (LUST) - IRC, Section 4081 - on the purchase of Aviation gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, and Kerosene.

The State of Alaska is also exempt from State Motor Fuel Taxes. The appropriate exemption forms will accompany a contract(s) resulting from this ITB. The state is not exempt from the Federal Superfund Tax.

**CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** The administration of this contract is the responsibility of Eric Johnson, Procurement Officer, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** The contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the contractor under this agreement. The contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the contractor and the independent negligence of the Contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "Contractor" and "Contracting agency", as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term "independent negligence" is negligence other than in the Contracting agency's selection,

administration, monitoring, or controlling of the contractor and in approving or accepting the contractor's work.

**INSURANCE:** Without limiting contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with, and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

**Proof of insurance is required for the following:**

Workers' Compensation Insurance: The contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the state.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

Failure to supply satisfactory proof of insurance within the time required will cause the state to declare the bidder non-responsible and to reject the bid.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** The state strongly desires that bidders submit all required technical, specification, and other supporting information with their bid, so that a detailed analysis and determination can be made by the contracting officer that the product offered meets the ITB specifications and that other requirements of the ITB have been met. However, provided a bid meets the requirements for a definite, firm, unqualified, and unconditional offer, the state reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products offered completely meet the ITB requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the state and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the state can make a first-hand examination and determination.

A bidder's failure to provide this supplemental information or the product sample(s), within the time set by the state, will cause the state to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

**FIRM, UNQUALIFIED AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFER:** Bidders must provide enough information with their bid to constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer. To be responsive a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all of the material terms of the ITB. Material terms are those that could affect the price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included as material terms are those which are clearly identified in the ITB and which, for reasons of policy, must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

**NONDISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** Contractor agrees that all confidential information shall be used only for purposes of providing the deliverables and performing the services specified herein and shall not disseminate or allow dissemination of confidential information except as provided for in this section. The contractor shall hold as confidential and will use reasonable care (including both facility physical security and electronic security) to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, the confidential information. "Reasonable care" means compliance by the contractor with all applicable federal and state law, including the Social Security Act and HIPAA. The contractor must promptly notify the state in writing if it becomes aware of any storage, disclosure, loss, unauthorized access to or use of the confidential information.

Confidential information, as used herein, means any data, files, software, information or materials (whether prepared by the state or its agents or advisors) in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialized that is classified confidential as defined by State of Alaska classification and categorization guidelines (i) provided by the state to the contractor or a contractor agent or otherwise made available to the contractor or a contractor agent in connection with this contract, or (ii) acquired, obtained or learned by the contractor or a contractor agent in the performance of this contract. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to: technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data (infrastructure, architecture, operating systems, security tools, IP addresses, etc).

Additional information that the contractor shall hold as confidential during the performance of services under this contract include: N\A

If confidential information is requested to be disclosed by the contractor pursuant to a request received by a third party and such disclosure of the confidential information is required under applicable state or federal law, regulation, governmental or regulatory authority, the contractor may disclose the confidential information after providing the state with written notice of the requested disclosure (to the extent such notice to the state is permitted by applicable law) and giving the state opportunity to review the request. If the contractor receives no objection from the state, it may release the confidential information within 30 days. Notice of the requested disclosure of confidential information by the contractor must be provided to the state within a reasonable time after the contractor's receipt of notice of the requested disclosure and, upon request of the state, shall seek to obtain legal protection from the release of the confidential information.

The following information shall not be considered confidential information: information previously known to be public information when received from the other party; information freely available to the general public; information which now is or hereafter becomes publicly known by other than a breach of confidentiality hereof; or information which is disclosed by a party pursuant to subpoena or other legal process and which as a result becomes lawfully obtainable by the general public.

**CONTRACT PERIOD:** From date of award through June 30, 2019, with the option to renew for Five (5) additional one year options. Renewals will be exercised solely at the State's discretion.

**SERVICE DATES:** Dates of service for this contract shall be from May 15 through September 30 of each year the contract is in effect.

**CONTRACT PRICES:** Contract prices are to remain firm through the duration the contract(s) and the extension or renewal of the contract(s). Renewals are to be exercised solely by the state.

**PRICE DECREASES:** During the period of the contract all price decreases experienced by the contractor must be passed on to the state. A contractor's failure to strictly and faithfully adhere to this clause, within the time required, will be considered in breach of contract.

**ALTERATIONS:** The contractor must obtain the written approval from the contracting officer prior to making any alterations to the specifications contained in this ITB. The state will not pay for alterations that are not approved in advance and in writing by the contracting officer.

**BID GUARANTEE:** Bids must be accompanied by a bid guarantee in the form of a Certified or Cashier's check, or Bid Bond in the amount of **\$5,000.00** made payable to the State of Alaska. The bid guarantee of each successful bidder will be retained until that bidder has furnished a satisfactory Performance Bond or Individual Surety. If the successful bidder fails to deliver the required Performance Bond or Individual Surety within the time required, the bid guarantee will be forfeited to the State of Alaska. The bid guarantee of each unsuccessful bidder will be returned as soon as practical after award has been made.

Bidders **must** submit their bid guarantee with their bid in order to be considered responsive.

**SITE INSPECTION:** Bidders are encouraged to visit the work site so that they can see the conditions under which the work described in this ITB will be performed. Work shall be performed at 675 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701. The bidder's failure to visit the work site will in no way relieve the bidder of the responsibility of performing the work in strict compliance with the true intent and meaning of the terms, conditions and specifications of this ITB. The site may be inspected by contacting; Keith Gaudin, at telephone number 451-2906. The contact person is only empowered to allow bidders to view the work site. Any questions the bidders have must be directed to the contracting officer named on the front page of this ITB. The contact person can not and will not answer bidder questions regarding the work to be performed under this ITB or the terms, conditions and specifications of this ITB.

**INVOICES:** Invoices must be sent directly to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order. The ordering agency will only make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Question concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

**THIRD-PARTY FINANCING AGREEMENTS NOT ALLOWED:** Because of the additional administrative and accounting time required of state agencies when third party financing agreements are permitted, they will not be allowed under this contract.

**CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR:** Regardless of the terms and conditions of any third-party financing agreement, the contractor agrees that none of its responsibilities under this contract are transferable and that the contractor alone will continue to be solely responsible until the expiration date of the contract. Such responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the provision of equipment, training, warranty service, maintenance, parts and the provision of consumable supplies. By signature on the face page of this ITB the bidder acknowledges this requirement and indicates unconditional acceptance of this continuing obligation clause.

**SERVICE CONTRACT DEFICIENCIES:** See Section 2.6 of the specifications.

**WORKMANSHIP & MATERIALS:** All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices. The contractor will be held responsible for the quality of the finished item. The state will reject any item that does not meet the specifications of the ITB. Rejected items will be returned to the contractor at the contractor's risk and expense.

**CONTRACT CANCELLATION:** The state reserves the right to cancel the contract at its convenience upon Thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the contractor. The state is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services or supplies provided before the effective date of termination.

**METHOD OF AWARD:** Award will be made as one lot to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In order to be considered responsive, bidders must bid on all items.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### 1.0 SCOPE OF WORK:

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and supervision necessary to perform summer grounds maintenance at the Fairbanks Regional Office Building, located at 675 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska.

No watering of the lawn areas shall be required. Only watering of the flower bed areas will be required.

### 2.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 2.1 The Contractor shall report hazardous conditions and items in need of repair to the Project Manager immediately.
- 2.2 Any trees or shrubs, sidewalks, concrete curbs, building finishes that are damaged due to the Contractor's operations shall be replaced or repaired at the Contractor's expense.
- 2.4 No oral statement of any person other than the Procurement Officer or Project Manager shall have authority to modify or otherwise affect the terms of this contract.
- 2.5 Any modification must be submitted in writing and approved by both parties in order to be considered binding to the contract.
- 2.6 Service Contract Deficiencies: The Contractor's failure to provide a service required by this contract will be grounds for the state to issue a Service Deficiency Claim (SDC) to the Contractor. The SDC will be provided to the Contractor in writing. The contractor will advise the state, in writing, of the corrective action being taken.

If a deficiency is not corrected within 24 working hours from the time it is issued, the state may issue another SDC and procure, from another Contractor, the services necessary to correct the problem.

If a Contractor gets more than two substantiated SDC's in a 30-day period or a total of 4 substantiated SDC's during the term of a contract period it will be grounds for the state to declare the Contractor in default. The State reserves the right to cancel the contract based on non-availability of State funds.

- 2.7 The Contractor shall submit a monthly invoice to the Project Manager, no later than five (5) days after the last day of the month, once the required services under Section 3.0 – Description of Work have been completed and approved

The Contractor shall furnish the following information on all invoices:

- a) Contract Number and name
- b) List the month and date for which payment is being requested
- c) List services performed

Payment will be made under:

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Pay Item</u></b>	<b><u>Pay Unit</u></b>
001	Spring Clean-up	Per Service
002	Fertilizer	Per Service
003	Lawn Maintenance	Per Service
004	Weed Control	Per Service
005	Re-seeding	Per Square Foot
006	Flower Bed Maintenance	Per Service
007	Additional Work	Per Hour

- 2.8 Each invoice shall be emailed to the current Project Manager.
- 2.9 At least one (1) person at the supervisory level who can speak, read and write English fluently must be available at all times during the performance of any work under this Contract.
- 2.10 Services may be performed any time during the day seven days a week. The only time this service is not to be performed is when it conflicts with other State contract work.
- 2.11 The Contractor shall furnish all supervision, labor, supplies, materials, equipment, including but not limited to, rakes, lawn mowers, brooms, edgers, string trimmers, powered mechanical thatchers, trash bags, fertilizer, weed killer, and plug aerator.
- 2.12 The Contractor shall not use any material which the Project Manager determines would be unsuitable or harmful to the surface and surrounding area to which it may be applied or to any part of the facilities and/or vegetation, its contents or equipment.



DOT&PF will not be responsible in any way for damage or loss to the Contractor supplies, materials, equipment or personal belongings stored at the site.

**2.13 Safety Data Sheet Information (SDS):** The Contractor shall provide SDS's, to the Project manager prior to using any chemical substances according to the Alaska OSHA on DOT&PF property.

The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its employees receive training as required by the Alaska OSHA

2.14 The State reserves the right to add or delete locations.

### **3.0 DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

#### **3.1 SERVICES REQUIRED:**

The Project Manager shall determine the frequency of services to be scheduled under this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for monitoring this schedule and providing the Project Manager with professional advice on its increase or decrease.

Prior to May 15, the Contractor will provide the Project Manager with a schedule for lawn maintenance service. The Contractor will not begin services until the schedule has been completed and approved.

**001 – Spring Clean-up:** The Contractor shall perform the following work and will be completed by May 15 each year of the contract (weather permitting).

- a) Thorough policing of the grounds, including the lawns, and flower/shrub beds of all trash and foreign materials.
- b) Thatch, aerate, mow, trim, and rake all lawns free of leaves, and dead or clipped vegetation.
- d) Clean and rake all flower/shrub and rock/wood chip areas of weeds, leaves, and dead vegetation.
- f) Edge lawn areas where the grass meets the sidewalks in a neat line and even line. The edging shall be accomplished by using a gas powered or hand tool to make a small ditch next to the sidewalk at least 1/4" wide, cutting off all overgrown lawn.
- g) All waste materials shall be hauled off and legally disposed of.

**002 – Fertilizer:** The Contractor shall perform as a minimum the following work one time per year preferably at the end of May. This service may be provided again if lawn conditions require it. **Note: This work will not be performed until scheduled and approved by the Project Manager.**

- a) Periodic Fertilizer Application: As needed, 16-16-16 fertilizer shall be applied to lawns in late May.

**003 – Lawn Maintenance:** The Contractor shall perform the following related work at a minimum of two (2) times per month (subject to change due to abnormal weather). **Note:** If the schedule increases, the contractor will be paid the same fee as the scheduled service each additional time the service is performed.

- a) Mow and trim all lawn areas at least once bi-weekly, to maintain grass at a nominal height not to exceed two (2) inches. The Contractor shall notify the Project Manager in the event that excessive rainfall delays or prohibits mowing of lawns. Care will be taken by the Contractor in convex areas to prevent scalping of the lawns. It will be the responsibility of the contractor to re-seed any areas that this may occur at no cost to the State.
- b) Trim grass around all buildings, sidewalks, trees, shrubs, poles, and other obstacles utilizing methods that do not cut, harm or damage the bark off trees or damage the sides of buildings.
- c) The Contractor shall remove all grass clippings, broken limbs, and dirt collected from the services performed. All waste materials shall be hauled off and legally disposed of.
- d) Pick up all trash, cigarette butts, soda cans, glass bottles, newspapers, etc., throughout the lawns, flower, bush, shrub beds and sidewalks each time the grass is mowed. All trash may be deposited in dumpster located on site.

**004 – Weed Control:** The Contractor shall, on an as needed basis, provide the following work: **This task will be coordinated with and approved by the Project Manager before scheduling.**

- a) Provide weed control in all contract areas by supplying and applying appropriate weed control products as recommended by the manufacturer. If any product is used which requires a certified applicator, the Contractor shall provide a copy of the certifications to the Project Manager. Remove product from sidewalks and other building structures to prevent staining and other damage.

**005 – Re-seeding Lawn:** The Contractor shall provide personnel, labor, and all material needed to re-seed bare patches of lawn not caused by the contractor's services. Work for this item shall be paid, one time **by square foot** of re-seeded section, and guaranteed for the rest of the season. The Contractor shall water the re-seeded sections of the lawn daily until new growth has reached a sufficient height and thickness. **This service will be coordinated with and approved by the Project Manager prior to performing the**

**work. Water is available at the site; the Contractor shall provide all required hoses and sprinklers.**

**006 – Flower Bed Maintenance:** The Contractor shall provide personnel, labor, and all material needed to maintain the flower bed. Reimbursement for flowers each year not to exceed \$500.00 unless pre-approved by the Project Manager. Work will include but is not limited to:

- a) Prepare beds for planting.
- b) Purchase and plant flowers.
- c) Weed flower beds as needed.
- d) Water flower beds as needed.
- e) At the end of the season pull all flowers and clean up beds.

**007 – Additional Work:** The Contractor shall provide personnel, labor, and all material needed to perform other landscape work. Labor will be by the hour. Material compensation will be the actual cost (provide suppliers invoice).

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<b>BID SCHEDULE</b>
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Item Number	Unit of Measure	Description	Unit Price
001	Per Service	Spring Clean-up	\$_____
002	Per Service	Fertilizer	\$_____
003	Per Service	Lawn Maintenance	\$_____
004	Per Service	Weed Control	\$_____
005	Square Foot	Re-Seeding	\$_____
006	Per Service	Flower Bed Maintenance	\$_____
007	Per Hour	Additional Work	\$_____
		Total Basic Bid Price	\$_____

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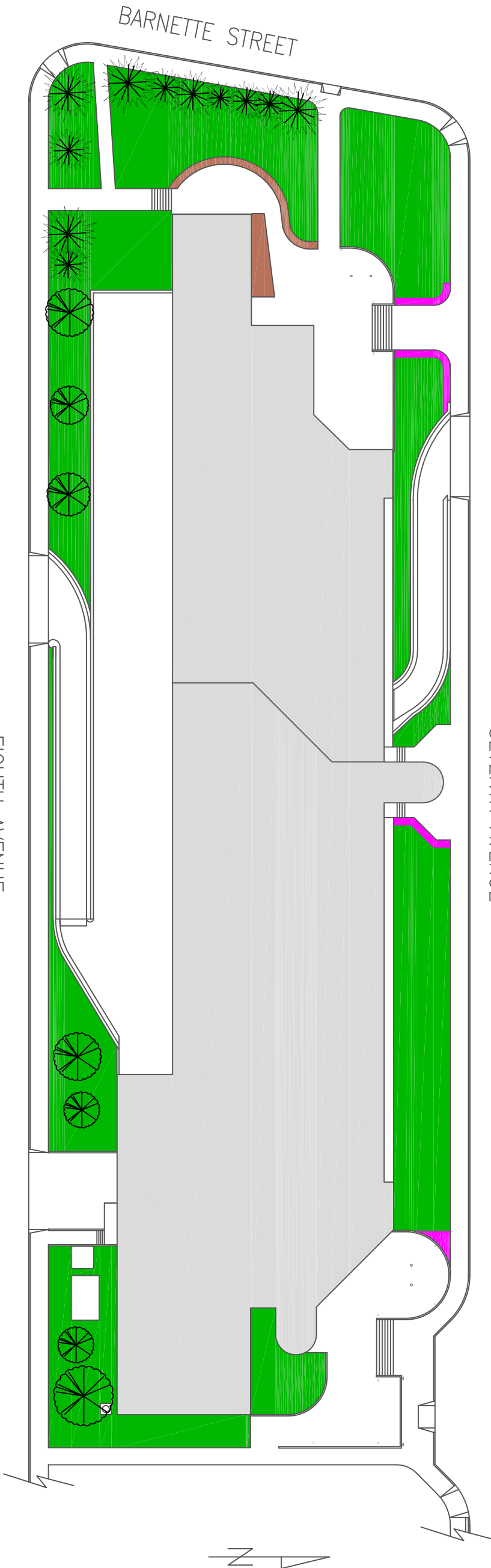
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