

	<b>REQUEST FOR QUOTATION</b>	<b>PURCHASING OFFICE</b>
	Quotations will be received until 4 p.m., Monday, August 16th, 2021	Department of Health & Social Services FMS – Procurement Section PO Box 110650 Juneau, AK 99801 Email: hss.procurement.proposal@alaska.gov
	RFQ No.: 0621-107	Page 1 of 18    Date <u>08/04/2021</u>

**VENDOR NOTICE (This is NOT a Purchase Order)**

This is an informal quotation that will not be read at public opening. The information may be publicly reviewed after award. The terms and conditions should be reviewed and understood before preparing a quotation. The quotation shall be the best net price, FOB destination, to include all delivery charges, but exclude applicable taxes. Delivery schedule and discount for early payment shall be indicated in the spaces provided below. Return the quotation by the above time and date to the above address. Please reference the Buyer's name and the RFQ number on the outside of the return envelope.

<b>DELIVERY LOCATION:</b> 3601 C Street, Suite 434 Anchorage, AK 99508-4677	<b>BUYER:</b> Kristie Ely
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VENDOR QUOTATION					
Item	Description of Supply or Service	Service	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	<p><b>Do not edit this bid in any manner. In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate proposals (proposals that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected. Contact the Procurement Officer in writing with any questions.</b></p> <p>This Request for Quotation (RFQ) is intended to result in a contract to provide a service for grounds keeping and outdoor plant area maintenance for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API). The length of the contract will be from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 Any bids that exceed \$23,000.00 for the total amount will be considered non-responsive.</p>	Lawn care/maintenance and interior plant/foilage maintenance.	Year		

<b>THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR</b>					
Delivery shall be made _____ calendar days after receipt of order.					
Payment Terms: _____					
Company Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Phone Number
Alaska Business License No.	Vendor Tax I.D. No.	Do you qualify for the Alaska Bidders' Preference? [   ] Yes                      [   ] No			
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**RFQ 210000040**  
**Instructions to Bidders**

Unless otherwise specified in the RFQ, product brand names or model numbers 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.

Bidders may not edit this bid in any manner. In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate proposals (proposals that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

**Firm Offer:** For the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this RFQ must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of quote opening.

**Questions:** Contact the Procurement Specialist in writing with any questions:

Procurement Specialist: Kristie Ely

Email address: [kristie.ely@alaska.gov](mailto:kristie.ely@alaska.gov)

**Quote Submittal:** To be considered responsive, the bidder must return the following items:

1. Page 1 of this RFQ with Contractor information completed and signed.
2. Product or service offered must meet the specifications as described in this RFQ.
3. Return any amendments that request the amendment be signed by the bidder and returned with the bid.

**Method of Award:** Award will be made to the lowest and responsive bidder. In order to be considered responsive, bidders must bid on all items.

**Submission Instructions**

**Email Submission:**

The preferred method of response submission to this solicitation is via email, sent to the following address:

[hss.procurement.proposal@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.procurement.proposal@alaska.gov).

The email submission must contain the RFQ number in the subject line. In the body of the email, please indicate the Procurement Specialist's name, the Bidder's name, the number of attachments, and the names of the attachments being submitted.

When submitting a quote via email, the quote must be a clearly labeled PDF document, such as "Vendor A – Quote.pdf" (Vendor A is the name of the bidder). 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 quote exceeds this size, the quote must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes; each email must complying with the requirements above. Please also include an indication of multiple email submissions (1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc).

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the Procurement Specialist has received the proposal in full, prior to the deadline. The Procurement Specialist will respond to the email to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation, it is your responsibility to contact the Procurement Specialist to confirm. The State is not responsible for lost, unreadable, or corrupt emails, or missing attachments.

A bidder's failure to submit its proposal prior to the deadline will cause the proposal to be disqualified. Late proposals or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

**Paper Submission**

If submitted a quote by mail, bidders must submit one hard copy of their quote, to the procurement specialist, in a sealed package.

The sealed quote package(s) must be addressed as follows:

Department of Health & Social Services  
Division of Finance & Management Services  
Attention: Kristie Ely  
RFQ Number: 0621-107  
RFQ Title: Grounds Keeping

If mailing via US Mail, please use the following address:

PO Box 110650  
Juneau, AK 99811-0650

If utilizing a delivery service, please use the following address:

333 Willoughby – Suite 760  
Juneau, AK 99801

A bidder's failure to submit its quote prior to the deadline will cause the quote to be disqualified.  
Late quotes or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

Faxed quotes will not be accepted. Oral quotes will not be accepted.

**RFQ #0621-107**  
**Terms and Conditions**

**1. REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) REVIEW:** Offerors shall carefully review this RFQ for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Offerors' comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the RFQ must be made in writing and received by the purchasing authority before the date and time set for receipt of quotes. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective quote, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of offerors' prices. Offerors' original comments should be sent to the purchasing authority listed on the front of this RFQ.

**2. QUOTATION FORMS:** Offerors shall use this and attached forms in submitting quotes. A photocopied quote may be submitted.

**3. SUBMISSION:** Quotations shall be signed where applicable and received at the designated Purchasing Office no later than as indicated.

**4. QUOTE REJECTION:** The State reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, combinations of items, or lot(s), and to waive defects or minor informalities.

**5. EXTENSION OF PRICES:** In case of error in the extension of prices in the quote, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern. Negligence by the vendor in preparing the quotation confers no right for the withdrawal of the quotation after it has been opened.

**6. ALASKA PROCUREMENT CODE:** The Procurement Code (AS.36.30) and its Regulations (2 AAC Ch. 12), are made a part of this document as if fully set forth herein. Note: AS.36.30 and 2 AAC Ch. 12 are available at most public libraries and legislative information offices; and both are available for review at Alaska State Purchasing Offices.

**7. PRICES:** The offeror shall state prices in the units of issue on this RFQ. 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 must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the offeror believes that certain taxes are payable by the State, the offeror 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.

**8. 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 which establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

**9. PAYMENT DISCOUNT:** Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in evaluating the price you quote. However, the State shall be entitled to take advantage of any payment discount(s) offered by the vendor provided payment is made within the discount period. Payment discount periods will be computed from the date of receipt of the commodities or services and/or a correct invoice, whichever is later. Unless freight and other charges are itemized, any discount provided will be taken on full amount of invoice.

**10. VENDOR TAX ID NUMBER:** If goods or services procured through this RFQ 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.

**11. 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.

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

**13. TITLE:** Title passes to the State for each item at FOB destination.

**14. FILING A PROTEST:** An offeror shall attempt to informally resolve a dispute with the procurement officer regarding a small procurement. If the attempt is unsuccessful, the vendor may protest the solicitation or the award of a small procurement contract under AS 36.30.320. The protest must be filed in writing with the commissioner of the purchasing agency or the commissioner's designee 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. The protester must file a copy of the protest with the procurement officer for the purchasing agency. Protests will be treated in accordance with AS 36.30.550 and 2 AAC 12.695.

**15. COMPLIANCE:** In the performance of a contract that results from this RFQ, 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.

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

**17. SPECIFICATIONS:** Unless otherwise specified in the RFQ, product brand names or model numbers 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.

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

**19. QUOTE PREPARATION COSTS:** The State is not liable for any costs incurred by the offeror in quote preparation.

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

**21. CONTRACT FUNDING:** Offerors 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.

**22. 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.

**23. ASSIGNMENT(S):** Assignment of rights, duties, or payments under a contract resulting from this RFQ is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the procurement officer of the contracting agency. Quotes that are conditioned upon the State's approval of an assignment will be rejected as nonresponsive.

**24. 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.

**25. FORCE MAJEURE** (Impossibility to perform): The parties to a contract resulting from this RFQ are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under the contract, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the respective party. 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.

**26. LATE QUOTES:** Late quotes are quotes received after the time and date set for receipt of the quotes. Late quotes will not be accepted.

**27. CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Unless otherwise provided in this RFQ, the State and the successful offeror/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.

**28. 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.

**29. DISPUTES:** If a contractor has a claim arising in connection with a contract resulting from this RFQ that it cannot resolve with the State by mutual agreement, it shall pursue a claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – 632.

**30. GOVERNING LAW; FORUM SELECTION:** A contract resulting from this RFQ is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by section 29 of these Standard Terms and Conditions, any claim concerning the contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

**31. 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 quote the offeror 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, Labor Standards & Safety Division, Mechanical Inspection Section, P.O. Box 107020, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7020, (907)269-4925.

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

**33. ORDER DOCUMENTS:** Except as specifically allowed under this RFQ, 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 RFQ. 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 RFQ.

**34. BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:** Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order. 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.

**35. OFFERORS 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 procurement officer named on the cover page of this RFQ as soon as possible, but no later than the date and time quotations are due to make any necessary arrangements.

**36. COMPLIANCE WITH ADA:** By signature of their quote 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.

**37. ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE:** The award of a contract based on a Request for Quotation (RFQ) will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaska bidder preference of five percent (5%) has been applied. An "Alaska bidder" is a person who: (1) holds a current Alaska business license; (2) submits a bid for goods, services, or construction under the name as appearing on the person'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 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(2)

**38. ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990(2) 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)

**39. 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 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.

**40. 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.

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

**42. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference, under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990(2), and is offering goods or services through an employment program as defined under 36.30.990(12), they will be awarded an Employment Program Preference of fifteen percent (15%) in accordance with AS 36.30.321(b).

**43. ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE:** If a bidder qualifies for the Alaskan bidder's preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990(2), and is a qualifying entity as defined AS 36.30.321(d), the 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.

**44. PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER:** Regarding preferences 42 and 43 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' qualification for a certain preference, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of the preferences 42 or 43 above, an individual or business must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list at the time the quote is opened, and must attach a copy of their certification letter to their quote. The bidder's failure to provide this certification letter with their quote will cause the State to disallow the preference.

**45. 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).

**46. HOLD HARMLESS:** The Contractor will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the State, its officers, agents and employees from all liability, including costs and expenses, for all actions or claims resulting from injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly as a result of any error, omission or negligent act of the Contractor, subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of this contract.

All actions or claims including costs and expenses resulting from injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from the Contractor's performance of this contract which are caused by the joint negligence of the State and the Contractor will be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. Any such joint negligence on the part of the State must be a direct result of active involvement by the State.

**47. INSURANCE:** Without limiting Contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that the Contractor will 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 there will be minimum acceptable limits. If the Contractor's policy contains higher limits, the State will 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.

**48. F.O.B. POINT:** Final Destination. The F.O.B. point is always final destination. Ownership of and title to the ordered items remains with the contractor until the items have been delivered to their final destination and accepted by the State.

**49. CANCELLATION:** The State reserves the sole right to cancel the contract in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

**50. TERMINATION:** The State reserves the sole right to terminate the contract in whole or in part in the event of the Contractor's failure to perform in accordance with the provisions of any resultant contract.

**51. PRICE:** Bidders are reminded that their bid prices must include the cost of labor, supplies, taxes, insurance, overhead, profit and all other costs associated with doing business and providing the services required by this RFQ. Price to remain firm through the life of the contract period.

**52. FEDERAL EXCISE TAX:** Federal Excise Tax should not be included in the bid price(s). The State of Alaska is exempt from Federal Excise Tax. The state's FET number is 92-73-0006-K.

**53. INVOICES:** Invoices must be sent directly to H&SS Procurement P.O. Box 110650 Juneau, AK 99811-0650. Procurement will only make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the Procurement Specialist.

**Federal Requirements:**

Expenditures from this contract may involve federal funds. The U.S. Department of Labor requires all state agencies that are expending federal funds to have a certification filed in the proposal (by the offeror) that they have not been debarred or suspended from doing business with the federal government. Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions **(included in this document) must be completed.** <https://www.epls.gov/>

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Lawn Care Yard Maintenance and Interior Plant Foliage Maintenance**

#### **Yard, Plants, Bushes, Trees**

- 1) Pruning and trimmings for health and appearance
- 2) Transplanting, when needed; API will purchase larger decorative containers if needed
- 3) Cleaning of foliage
- 4) Watering, fertilizing, and refreshing the decorative top dressing when necessary
- 5) Insect treatment when needed
- 6) Rotation of plants to light source for even growth
- 7) Service plants on a regular weekly basis
- 8) Currently, any existing plants are NOT Guaranteed. After three months of maintenance, vendor to re-evaluate the health of the plants to determine if they can be covered under the guaranteed replacement policy

#### **API Will Provide**

- 1) To allow the maintenance to be performed during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
- 2) Make all plants under the contract readily accessible for plant maintenance
- 3) To accept full responsibility for any abuse to the plants
- 4) The replacement of damaged plants at a reduced price if the damage is a result of circumstances beyond the control of Green Connection, Inc., including, but not limited to, vandalism; drop in temperature below 55 degrees Fahrenheit or rise in temperature at such location above 85 degree Fahrenheit; fire; inadequate lighting; theft or the occurrence of other situations.

### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

#### **Spring Season Clean UP**

- Rake or thatch lawns to remove dead grass, leaves, trash and foreign materials
- Prune trees and shrubs with snow or moose damage.
- Clean landscape areas of weeds and trash
- Apply fertilizer to lawn and shrubs as required, and water immediately to prevent damage to grass and plants

#### **Summer Maintenance:**

- Immediately following completion of Spring Cleanup, vendor will begin the following ground maintenance; service to continue through September 30.
- Mow and trim lawns as required keeping the height of the grass less than three (3) inches and remove all grass clippings
- Edge lawn areas where they meet curbs or sidewalks
- Trim shrubbery and hedges as required for proper health of plants
- Apply fertilizer to turf areas to promote proper color and growth
- Weed landscaped areas
- Reseed damaged lawn areas, not to exceed 10 square feet total, to insure germination and growth. Areas larger than 10 square feet will be reseeded pursuant to a separate work order on a time and materials basis.

**Final Fall Clean up**

- Ensure leaves and other debris are removed from the grounds
- Continue to mow the lawn until the end of the contract
- Fertilize all lawn and shrub areas to ensure proper spring growth

**OTHER / GENERAL**

Any staff employed with successful vendor, must successfully pass a background check administered by API through the State System in order to work on the premises and provide services.

Vendor may use herbicides, pesticides or other control measures necessary to prevent or control weeds, disease and insect infestation. Signage/notification is required on property when using pesticides/herbicides, following state Division of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and federal regulations when performing such tasks. Extreme care will be exercised in the selection of materials and their application to avoid hazard to plants, animals, people or structures.

**Note: Please see enclosed map for areas of exterior lawn care and maintenance.**

**Bid Submittal:** To be considered responsive, the bidder must return the following items:

1. Page 1 of this RFQ with contractor information completed and signed.
2. Page 9 – Federal requirements signed.
3. Contractor must fill out attached cost sheet to attached to page one of RFQ.
4. Product or service offered must meet the specifications as described in this RFQ.
5. Return any amendments that request the amendment be signed by the bidder and returned with the bid.

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

### COST ESTIMATE

Cost proposal must be fully filled out to be considered “responsive”. If a vendor's bid exceeds the total “do not exceed” amount of \$23,000.00, their bid will be considered “non-responsive”.

API Groundskeeping and Interior Foliage Maintenance Estimate														
Plant Maintenance		Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	TOTAL
\$ _____	mo.													\$ -
														\$ -
Groundskeeping														\$ -
Spring Cleanup	May or Jun													\$ -
Monthly Maint/Mow	May thr Sep													\$ -
Watering	May thr Jul													\$ -
Fall Cleanup	Late Sep/Oct													\$ -
Total Year:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATE:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**This document must be completed.**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participant's responsibilities.

The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

**(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE WHICH ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CERTIFICATION)**

(1) The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds certifies, by submission of this bid, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Proposal.

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Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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Signature Date

### **Instructions for Certification**

1. By signing and submitting this Proposal, the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds is providing the certification as set out below.
2. The certification in this class is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department of Labor (DOL) may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this Proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "Proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this Proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds agrees by submitting this Proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the DOL.
6. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds further agrees by submitting this Proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to check the List of Parties Excluded from Procurement or Non-procurement Programs.
8. 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 this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred,

ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the DOL may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.