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## LANDSCAPE BED MAINTENANCE SERVICES AMMENDMENT 1

RFQ OC-1-2025

Issue Date: February 4, 2025

Buyer: Scarlet Geddings

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Open Date: February 27, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

Public opening not held for quotes.

### Question 1

What is the 2025 Annual Budget for this project?

Answer: Current budget is \$13,000/yr. Expectation is that the total cost would be under \$40,000 for three-year contract.

### Question 2

The SOW indicates that all shrubs must be pruned to a 3 to 3.5-foot height. In touring the property it was noted that many of the existing loropetalum, hollies and other plant material are well over that height, and it would be detrimental to the vegetation (and appearance) to cut them down that low. Are we to assume that those particular exceptions be maintained at their current height?

Answer: This answer also covers Question 9. With loropetalum, at this time, tip pruning should be done since they are getting to go into full bloom. After the initial bloom is done, they can be trimmed a little harder, but not done to 3.5 feet. Hollies don't need to be just tip pruned. Trim appropriately to prevent major damage to them.

### Question 3

Will there be any areas where irrigation impedes the contracted activity? i.e. Will the sprinklers be timed appropriately, so as not to prevent workers from completing necessary tasks.

Answer: The only irrigation in use is at the brick entrance flower beds on US 601 and the bed at the digital sign on US 601, near the stoplight. There is irrigation all over campus but not usable. You can, however, see heads and even some pipe. Just need to take care not to break any heads or pipe.

**Question 4**

The SOW mentions that the contractor is to remove dead or declining plant material. Considering the number (and size in some cases) of declining plants, is this to be done in sections/on a schedule? Also, is there a plan for replacement of the applicable plants? When I asked Ozzie, she said that we should just let her know before we pull, but I'd like confirmation of how this is to be handled.

Answer: a.) The shrubs can be removed in sections. You would just need to notify the Supervisor Coordinator, Astrid prior to the work, if arrangements need to be made with Campus Police, or any change to traffic patterns, parking spaces or sidewalks that need to be blocked off. b.) The contractor would not be responsible for replacing any removed plants. The Supervisor Coordinator, Astrid would plan and install any new plants in those areas.

**Question 5**

What were you currently paying for the same services?  
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Answer: \$12,900 per year is the current contract

**Question 6**

Is the cracked grass (grass growing in the sidewalk) our responsibility?

Answer: Yes, Contractor is responsible for maintaining sidewalk areas as specified under Section B, Scope of Work.

**Question 7**

What is the exact acreage of the bed maintenance?

Answer: The exact acreage would be the responsibility of the bed maintenance contractor to determine.

**Question 8**

Is the category 7 (a) license a requirement? If we do not have this license, does this automatically remove us from participating?

Answer: a.) The 7(a) Category license is required. b.) License must be obtained by the time all quotes are to be returned on February 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Otherwise, Contractor will not be awarded the contract if he/she does not have proof of a valid license at the time bids are opened.

**Question 9**

Most shrubs are over the 3' height requirement listed in the scope of work. Is the contractor responsible for hard pruning these shrubs back down to the required height? Or is tip pruning of the current condition acceptable?

Answer: Answer to this question is covered under Question No. 2

**Question 10**

Is the condition of the current services you receive acceptable?

Answer: Yes

**Question 11**

Could the crepe myrtle pruning be clarified? Is knuckling of the trees required, or are we to just keep the limbs elevated?

Answer: Along with limbs being elevated, the trees should be trimmed to remove old seed heads, to keep off of building roof lines/eaves, and to shape them (like an umbrella). Also, to make sure dead limbs are removed, as well as sprouts growing at the base.

**Question 12**

All crack weeds are included, correct?

Answer: Yes, except the perimeter roadway around the college campus.

**College Hours and Holidays**

Monday – Thursday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday – 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Closed Holidays – July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and two weeks for Christmas and New Year's.

Note: Bed Maintenance not allowed on Weekends (Saturday & Sunday) due to campus being closed.

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