



LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AREAS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – OCTOBER 17, 2023

Questions below are provided verbatim from emails received.

- 1. Previous contract amount?**
The annual base bid amount for year one of the contract was \$282,835.53. It should be noted that this was a three-year contract (total of \$887,331.06), and certain line items have been added, edited, or removed as the contract has progressed.
- 2. All qualifications needed (c-27 or anything else?)**
Per the Contract included in the RFP, *Section 9 Licensing*, Contractor is required by law to be licensed and regulated by the Contractors' State License Board. Per *Section 10 Prevailing Wages – Labor Code Compliance*, Contractor must be registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).
- 3. Does the City approve of how the landscaping looks in these areas currently?**
Yes and no. Contractor is required to maintain to City standards (*see pages 31-38 of RFP*).
- 4. Are there any plans in the next 2 years to replace and install plants or trees?**
Yes.
- 5. What is the current landscape maintenance budget for servicing these areas?**
For Fiscal Year 2022/23, the budget was roughly \$300,000.
- 6. Since we are responsible for the irrigation repairs from the valve to the sprinkler heads, what is the condition of the irrigation system now?**
All irrigation currently operates to City standards.
- 7. Will there be a trial period in January where we turn the irrigation on and see what is broken and the city helps pay to bring the system to a maintainable level? Or should we figure on just fixing everything from valve to sprinkler to be included in January?**
As stated in *Exhibit D – Outcome-Based Contract and Inspection Problem Resolution Process*, Contractor has three months upon services commencing to identify and report any deficiencies that may be present to the City before the Contractor becomes responsible.
- 8. Which pesticide is being used currently instead of Roundup? There are many options for this, can you provide a couple names of pesticides that are already approved by the City?**
Roundup is the only product prohibited at this time.

9. **How many times per year are the areas in Site #53 sprayed with pesticides? Ori is that left for us to decide?**
This is an outcome-based contract. All sites must remain weed free per *Exhibit C – Landscape Maintenance Standards*.
10. **Are there any City compost sites that we are permitted to use for green waste?**
Yes. Green waste dumpsters are available at the Municipal Services Center.
11. **Are there any City sites we are permitted to use for storing equipment?**
No.
12. **Section 3.1.1 states that irrigation needs to be checked daily. Is this currently being done? Can we check the areas through electronic smart controllers? Please confirm how often we need to check the irrigation at each site. For this big of a project we would suggest every other month or monthly inspections.**
Yes. Irrigation controllers can be checked through smart controllers where those are available. Typically the controllers are checked by one of contractor's irrigation technicians on a daily basis or as-needed.
13. **Section 4.2 – states *Integrated Pest Management – withholding any controls until such time as pests demonstrate damage to plant materials, or become a demonstrated irritant or safety concern to the public, such as in the case of wasps, ants, gophers, etc.* Are we responsible for all pest control including gophers, wasps or ants? Or should we report it to the city representative and provide a proposal for extra work to solve the problem?**
Contractor shall be responsible for all pest control at the all sites in this contract.
14. **Section 8.1.5.1. – states *Bark mulch will be placed around tree and maintained on an as-needed basis.* Is this for all trees or just trees in turf? On the medians there are several trees that have plants within the tree circle. Are there any records of how much mulch this takes per year for these areas?**
No. All bark mulch is to be installed as-needed and where applicable.