

INVITATION FOR BIDS

BID NUMBER: 2021-12

DATE: June 24, 2021

OPENING DATE AND TIME:

July 13, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

SUBMITTAL ADDRESS:

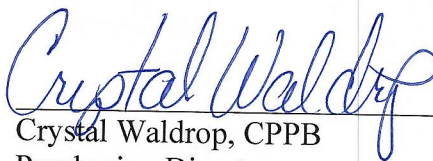
Newberry County Court House Annex
County Administrator's Office, Procurement
Post Office Box 156 (US Postal Service)
1309 College Street, Newberry SC 29108
(Hand Delivered)

PROCUREMENT FOR:

Landscaping-maintenance services at the I-26/Main Street
Interchange (Exit 76) and the Newberry Industrial Park Entrance
(Main Street) in Newberry, SC

Subject to the conditions, provisions and the enclosed specifications, sealed bids will be received at this office until the stated date and time and then publicly opened. Any bid received after the scheduled deadline, will be immediately disqualified. The County assumes no responsibility for the delivery of bids which are mailed. BID NUMBER MUST BE SHOWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:



Crystal Waldrop, CPPB
Purchasing Director
Post Office Box 156
Newberry SC 29108

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Each bidder shall fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this bid. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint himself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this bid. All amendments to and interpretations of this solicitation shall be in writing and issued by the Purchasing Director of the County. Newberry County shall not be legally bound by an amendment or interpretation that is not in writing.

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY
Purchasing Office, 1309 College Street, Post Office Box 156, Newberry S.C. 29108
Ph: (803) 321-2100 / Fax: (803) 321-2102

BIDDERS SCHEDULE

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OPENING LOCATION:

Newberry County Court House Annex
Conference Room 1309 College Street
Newberry, SC 29108

PROCUREMENT:

Landscaping-maintenance on the four quadrants of the Highway
219 Interchange and the entrance to the Newberry Industrial Park

Lump Sum Bid:

\$ _____

*By signing below, the signer has the authority to enter into an agreement with Newberry County and will be responsible for the fulfillment of the services stated in this solicitation.

BIDDER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Address:

Phone & Fax:

FEIN:

Contractor's SC License #:

Acknowledge Addendum #1:

Acknowledge Addendum #2:

Acknowledge Addendum #3:

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Only one copy of bid is required unless otherwise specified.
2. Bids, amendments thereto or withdrawal request must be received by the time advertised for bid openings to be timely filed. It is the vendor's sole responsibility to insure that these documents are received by the purchasing office at the time indicated in the bid document.

PLEASE NOTE THE VENDOR IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEY HAVE RECEIVED ANY/ALL ADDENDA PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.

3. When specifications or descriptive papers are submitted with the bid, enter bidder's name thereon.
4. Submit your signed bid on the bidder's schedule provided. Show bid number on envelope as instructed and the bid name or description. Newberry County accepts no responsibility for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
5. Bidders must clearly mark as "Confidential" each part of their bid which they consider to be proprietary information that could be exempt from disclosure under Section 30-4-40 Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (also known as the Freedom of Information Act). The County reserves the right to determine whether this information should be exempt from disclosure and no legal action may be brought against the County or its agents for its determination in this regard.
6. By submission of a bid, you are guaranteeing that all goods and services meet the requirements of the solicitation during the contract period.
7. Tie bids will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the Newberry County Purchasing Ordinance.
8. A copy of the bidder's W-9 shall be included in the submission.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The County of Newberry reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to cancel a solicitation, and to waive any technicality if deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
2. Unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated in this bid invitation.
3. **PROHIBITION OF GRATUITIES:** South Carolina law and the Newberry County Purchasing Ordinance prohibit the giving of anything of value in return for favors or other preferential treatment in the purchasing process. Bidders should govern themselves accordingly.

4. **BIDDERS QUALIFICATION:** Bidders must, upon request of the county, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. The County reserves the right to make the final determination as to the bidder's ability to provide the products or services requested herein. Bidder determined to be irresponsible bidders are not allowed to bid to provide the County goods or services.
5. **BIDDERS RESPONSIBILITY:** Each bidder shall fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this bid. It is expected that this will sometimes require on-site observation. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint himself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this bid or to the contract.
6. **AWARD CRITERIA:** The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bid. Award may be made to one or a multiple of bidders, whichever deems to be in the best interest of the County, or unless otherwise stated on the bidder's schedule.
7. **WAIVER:** The County reserves the right to waive any Instruction to Bidders, General or Special Provisions, General or Special Conditions, or specifications deviation if deemed to be in the best interest of the county.
8. **COMPETITION:** This solicitation is intended to promote competition. If any language, specifications, terms and conditions, or any combination thereof restricts or limits the requirements in this solicitation to a single source, it shall be the responsibility of the interested vendor to notify the Purchasing Director on in writing within five (5) days prior to the opening date. The solicitation may or may not be changed but a review of such notification will be made prior to the award.
9. **REJECTION:** Ambiguous bids which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity, or compliance with specifications may be rejected or otherwise disregarded if such action is in the best interest of the County.
10. **RIGHT TO PROTEST:** Any prospective bidder, offeror, or contractor, who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest in writing to the Purchasing Director within ten (10) calendar days of the date of issuance of the Invitation to Bid or other solicitation documents, whichever is applicable, or any amendment thereto, if the amendment is at issue. Any actual bidder, offeror, or contractor, who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract, shall protest in writing to the purchasing director within ten (10) calendar days of the notification of intent to award or statement of award.
11. **PROTEST PROCEDURE:** A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the purchasing director, and shall set forth the specific grounds of the protest with enough particularity to give notice to the issues to be decided.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **DEFAULT:** In case of default by the contractor, the County reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the contractor with any excessive costs. Should such charge be assessed, no subsequent bids of the defaulting contractor will be considered until the assessed charge has been satisfied.
2. **NON-APPROPRIATION:** Any contract entered into by the County resulting from this bid invitation shall be subject to cancellation without damages or further obligation when funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period or appropriated year.
3. **HOLD HARMLESS AND INSURANCE:** The successful bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Newberry and all County officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from, or arising from, the successful bidder's performance of the contract, as well as against any suits or claims of any character brought against the County or its agents or employees by reason of any claim of infringement of any patent, trade mark, trade dress, or copyright, including reimbursement to the County for all attorneys fees and court costs incurred by the County in defending itself or its agents or employees against any such claim or suit. **In addition, the successful bidder will maintain a public liability policy with minimum limits of \$500,000 per occurrence, or \$1,000,000 single limit, for damages arising from acts which occur during the contract period, with the County of Newberry named as an additional insured on the policy; the successful bidder shall also maintain workers compensation and vehicle liability insurance in the amounts required by statutory law.** Proof of such coverage will be provided upon demand or as otherwise provided in the bid specifications.
4. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** Questions or problems arising after award of this contract shall be directed to the Purchasing Director, P.O. Box 156, Newberry, SC 29108, or by calling 803-321-2100.
5. **FORCE MAJEURE:** The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without fault or negligence of the contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of a public enemy, acts of Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the contractor and subcontractor and without excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

6. **PUBLIC RELEASE:** Contractor agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the User.
7. **QUALITY OF PRODUCT:** Unless otherwise indicated in this bid it is understood and agreed that any items offered or shipped on this bid shall be new, in first class condition, and without defect that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging and shipping to the specified destination in Newberry County. No demonstration models shall be sold as new, without prior written permission of the County.
8. **S.C. LAW CLAUSE:** Upon award of a contract under this bid, the person, partnership, association or corporation to whom the award is made must comply with the laws of South Carolina which require such person or entity to be authorized and/or licensed to do business with this State. Notwithstanding the fact that applicable statutes may exempt or exclude the successful bidder from requirements that it be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State, by submission of this signed bid, the bidder agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction and process of the courts of the State of South Carolina as to all matters and disputes arising or to arise under the contract and the performance thereof, including any questions as to the liability for taxes, licenses, or fees levied by the State.
9. **ASSIGNMENT:** No contract or its Provisions may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of the Purchasing Director.
10. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The successful bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap.
11. **DELIVERIES:** All deliveries shall be FOB Destination. It is agreed by the parties hereto that delivery by the contractor to the common carrier does not constitute delivery to the County. Any claim for loss or damage shall be between the contractor and the carrier.
12. **APPROPRIATE S.C. SALES TAXES, FEES AND PERMITS** shall be included in the Contractor's base bid for all materials. All fees, including permits and any removal or disposal of construction debris shall be included in the contractor's bid.
13. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payments will be made in equal monthly increments when billed accordingly.
14. **BID BOND:** For each bid in excess of \$25,000.00 each bidder will submit with their bid a bond in the amount of 5% of the total price of the bid submitted. The bid bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders once the county accepts the lowest most responsive bid. If the most responsive bidder fails to perform the responsibility of the

bid within 10 days of the award, then the bid bond will be forfeited to the county as liquidated damages and the next lowest bidder will be awarded the bid. Bid bonds may be in the form of a surety, a cashier's check or an unconditional letter of credit in favor of Newberry County issued by a commercial bank in South Carolina.

15. **PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:** The chosen vendor will be required to submit to the County both a performance bond and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price before commencing with the work. **Both bonds will be issued from a surety company with an "A" minimum rating of performance as stated in the most current publication of Best Key Rating Guide, Property Liability.**
16. **Compliance with The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Act:** By submitting an offer, Bidder certifies that it will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina code of Laws (originally enacted as Section 3 of The South Carolina Illegal Immigration act, 2008 S.C. Act No. 280) and agrees to provide upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) the applicability of Title 8, Chapter 14 to Bidder and any subcontractor or sub-subcontractors; or (b) the compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14 by Bidder and any subcontractors or sub-subcontractors. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both". Bidder agrees to include in any contracts with its subcontractors language requiring the subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in any contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontract to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

County of Newberry
Procurement of Landscaping-Maintenance Services

General Description:

The County of Newberry is soliciting sealed bids for the landscaping maintenance services at the I26 Interchange, exit 76, and the entrance to the Newberry Industrial Park, located on SC Highway 219, also considered Main Street.

Scope of Work:

The scope of work includes pruning, weeding, litter control and mulch spreading where necessary. The County will provide the mulch materials (delivered to site and dumped); however, it will be the Contractor's responsibility to spread the mulch.

March to November:

Perform Weekly:

- Litter control, pick up trash and debris on all four quadrants and entrance of industrial park
- Mow grass on all four quadrants and entrance of industrial park
- Trim all trees, as needed on all four quadrants and entrance of industrial park
- Maintain mulch beds by hand weeding and/or spraying herbicide on all four quadrants and the entrance of industrial park

December to February:

Perform Bi-Weekly:

- Litter control, pick up trash and debris on all four quadrants and the entrance to the industrial park
- Trim shrubs, crape myrtles and clean beds of weeds on all four quadrants and the entrance to the industrial park

*All plantings will be done during these months, at the County discretion: trees and shrubs/plants

Annually:

Mulch entire four quadrants, and as necessary, the entrance to the industrial park

- Each contractor shall follow all South Carolina Department of Transportation's rules and regulations for performing work on the roadways.
- All licensing shall be provided with the bidder's response, to include proper license to administer pesticides, business licenses, and any other related requirement to perform these services.
- It is a requirement for all vendors to be covered under worker's compensation insurance, which must be provided, regardless of the number of employees. If the insurance cannot be presented at the time of award, the next responsible bidder will be contacted.
- It is the intent to enter into an initial three-year agreement with the chosen vendor, with the option to renew for two consecutive, one year terms.
- The first year of this contract will begin on September 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2022. Subsequent years will begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of each year to coincide with the County's fiscal calendar.