



MEMORANDUM

TO: Prospective Bidders

FROM: Johnna M. Allen, Purchasing Director

RE: Request for Bid - #017-17

DATE: March 6, 2017

Enclosed you will find the necessary information for preparing and submitting your Request for a Proposal for **City Levee Lawn Care and Maintenance** for various locations for the City of Rome.

The deadline for submitting your bid is **April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

A Pre-bid tour will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. in front of City Hall at 601 Broad Street, Rome, GA 30161. Due to limited space, only one person from your company may attend. RSVP to jallen@rome.ga.us or call 706-236-4410.

All questions and answers must be submitted in writing via e-mail to Johnna M. Allen at jallen@rome.ga.us. All questions and answers will be posted on the City of Rome website www.romefloyd.com. It is the responsibility of interested firms to visit the site often to receive any new information that may be posted.

Johnna M. Allen
Purchasing Director

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS

I. Bids must be received by **April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

II. Bids must be delivered to:

City of Rome
Attn: JOHNNNA M. ALLEN
601 Broad Street
P.O. Box 1433
Rome, Georgia 30162

III. Bids must be sealed and marked:

“017-17 – City Levee Lawn Care and Maintenance”

IV. Bids must be complete and include:

- A. Completed Bid Proposal Form
- B. Executed Bidder’s Declaration
- C. Executed Certificate of Non-Discrimination
- D. Executed Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- E. Prompt Payment Affidavit
- F. Request for Taxpayer I.D. Number
- G. Drug-Free Workplace Certification
- H. E-Verify Compliance Affidavit
- I. SAVE Compliance Affidavit

All bids submitted shall be subject to acceptance or rejection and the City of Rome specifically reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding.

Bidder shall submit all required forms and information simultaneously with sealed bids, which forms and information become a part of the property of the City of Rome and will not be returned to bidders unless a written request to withdraw is received prior to **April 13, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.**

V. Payment:

When contracts are awarded, payment by the City of Rome will be the normal 30-day cycle. However, the City does make every effort to honor all discounts.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS

These items apply to and become a part of the terms and conditions of the bidders bid. Any exceptions must be in writing.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Rome will receive sealed bids from interested parties until **April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at its offices located at 601 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia 30162-1433.

Any bids received thereafter will not be considered.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the City of Rome Purchasing Department located at 601 Broad Street on the day and at the hour specified.

The purchaser may consider as non-responsive, any bid in which there is an alteration of, or departure from the bid form hereto attached.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest reliable bidder complying with the conditions of the invitation for bid. The bidder to whom award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The purchaser reserves the right to reject the bid of a bidder who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time, contracts of a similar nature, or the bid of a bidder who, in the sole opinion and discretion of the purchaser is not in a position to perform the contract, or whose name appears on the United States Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors.

Bids may be withdrawn by written or faxed request, provided such withdrawals are received prior to bid opening date.

NOTE: Unless stated on the bid form, the bid submitted will assume all specifications will be met. Please note on the bid form all exceptions.

LEVEE CUTTING SPECIFICATIONS

Provide all labor, tools, equipment, and material to mow the downtown levee. Area A & Area B is approximately 32 acres beginning behind the American legion and ending beyond Avenue A as shown on the map included. Area C is approximately +-10 acres. Cutting crews are required to wear ANSI 107 Level II Safety Green Safety Vest.

Area A = Behind the American Legion building, starting just above the guardrail, ending at Camilla Garden Club Park. Cut both sides of the levee (beginning at Shorter University end of Levee).

American Legion – Recreation Center (Marine Armory): cut from the top of the levee to the parking lot/asphalt and armory fence. Trim around the legion smoke house. The Marine Armory Levee House area should also be included.

Continue to the Garden Club Park beside Rec. Center and stop. (Do not cut this area)

Begin cutting area across from the rear of Walgreens and continue down the levee towards downtown, cutting from the street curb to the top of the levee. Stop at driveway (exit).

Park side of levee: Begin of the American Legion – Recreation Center (Marine Armory) and cut from the top of the levee to the asphalt (parking lot or driveway). This area ends at Camilla Garden Club Park.

Do Not cut the area with the gazebo and covered picnic tables.

Area B = Everything past 2nd Avenue Bridge past Ave. A. Pump Station. Start just under the bridge to the top next to Safe Lock & Key and down to the riverbank. Ave A Levee house area is to be included.

There are places in Area B that must be cut with trimmers because of the location and space.

The stopping points should be to toe of the levee or tree line and the riverbank on the river side of the levee.

Area C = South Rome Levee area from Myrtle Street access to locked gate off of Porter St. This is not a ride thru cut. Access is available at 3 different points. Myrtle Street, Grover Street, and Porter Street.

- Contract to be from May 2017 – April 2018 with an option for (1) one year extension if there is no price increase and work is satisfactory up to a maximum of (3) three years.
- Price should be stated at a cost per cutting price.
- Payment terms are net 30 days. Early payment discount will be considered.
- Must have \$2,000,000.00 (two million) in liability insurance and workers compensation as required by the State of Georgia.
- Supply Certificate of Insurance with the City of Rome shown as the additionally insured.
- Contact The Water Department after each cutting. Payment cannot be made without inspection.
- Levee must be cut as needed. Minimum every other week during the growing season.
- Levee must be cut at one time. (Do not spread out over several days).
- Special request for cutting may be requested on short notice due to special events being scheduled.

BID FORM

TO: City of Rome – Purchasing Department
ATTN: JOHNNNA M. ALLEN
P.O. Box 1433
601 Broad Street
Rome, Georgia 30162-1433

“017-17 – City Levee Lawn Care and Maintenance”

Description	Unit Total
Area A	_____
Area B	_____
Area C	_____

TOTAL COST: _____

Expected Start Date: _____

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The undersigned understands that any conditions stated above, clarifications made to the above or information other than that requested should be under separate cover and to be considered only at the discretion of the Purchasing Department.

Name of Individual, Partner
or Corporation

Company

Title

Address

Authorized Signature

City, State, Zip Code

Company phone number

Please Attach Contact’s Business Card:

BIDDERS DECLARATION

The bidder understands, agrees and warrants:

That the bidder has carefully read and fully understands the full scope of the specifications:

That the bidder has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations in said specifications.

That the bidder has liability insurance and a declaration of insurance form is included in the bid package.

That this bid may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to **April 13, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.** but may not be withdrawn after such date and time.

That the City of Rome reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept that bid which will, in its opinion, best serve the public interest. The City of Rome reserves the right to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding.

That by submission of this bid the bidder acknowledges that the City of Rome has the right to make any inquiry or investigation it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by the bidder.

If a partnership, a general partner must sign.

If a corporation, the authorized corporate officer(s) must sign and the corporate seal must be affixed to this bid.

BIDDER:

Name

Title

Name

Title

AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL (If Applicable)

CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the bidder agrees as follows:

The bidder agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. The vendor shall take affirmative action to insure that employees are treated without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruiting or recruitment, advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

In the event of the bidder's non-compliance with this non-discrimination clause, the contract may be canceled or terminated by the City of Rome. The bidders may be declared, by the City of Rome, ineligible for further contracts with the City of Rome until satisfactory proof of intent to comply shall be made by the vendor.

The bidder agrees to include this non-discrimination clause in any sub-contracts connected with the performance of this agreement.

BIDDER

SIGNATURE

TITLE

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The following affidavit is to accompany the bid:

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

Owner, Partner or Officer of Firm

Company Name, Address, City and State

Being of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he/she is the agent authorized by the bidder to submit the attached bid. Affidavit further states as bidder, that they have not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding; or with any office of the City of Rome or any of their employees as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract; or any discussion between bidders and any official of the City of Rome or any of their employees concerning exchange of money or other things of value for special consideration in submitting a sealed bid for:

FIRM NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF GEORGIA PROMPT PAY ACT AFFIDAVIT

THIS AFFIDAVIT IS TO ACCOMPANY THE BID

GEORGIA PROMPT PAY ACT: The Georgia Prompt Pay Act was enacted by the General Assembly in 1994 and took effect January 1, 1995. This act requires owners to pay contractors within 15 days of receipt of a pay request by the owner or the owner's representative. If payment is not made the owner shall pay the contractor 1% per month interest on the delayed payment. Additionally, the contractor must pay subcontractors within 15 days of receipt of payment from the owner.

This Act is Code Section 13-11-1 (Georgia Laws of 1994, p. 1398 par. 4)

Firm Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

CITY OF ROME

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

By signature on this certificate, the Bidder certifies that the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 related to the "Drug-Free Workplace Act" will be complied with in full. The Bidder further certifies that:

1. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Bidder's employees during the performance of the contract; and
2. Each contractor who hires a subcontractor to work in a drug-free workplace shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with (contractor's name), (subcontractor's name) certifies to the contractor that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-24-3(b)(7)."

By signature on this certificate, the Bidder further certifies that it will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

Bidder: _____

By: _____

Name Printed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CITY OF ROME, GEORGIA
E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE AFFADAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the City of Rome, Georgia has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A, § 13-10-91 (b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification number
(Not Required if Less than 10 Employees)

Signature (if less than 10 employees)

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20____ in _____(city) _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

CITY OF ROME, GEORGIA

SAVE COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

O.C.G.A § 50-36-1(e) (2) Affidavit

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a (n) Contract or Services, as referenced O.C.G.A. C. § 50-36-1, from the City of Rome, Georgia, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) _____ I am a United State citizen.
- 2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States
- 3) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.
My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e) (1), with this affidavit. The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:

_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Applicant

Name of Applicant Printed

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN

BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: