



PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS MAINTENANCE

Request for Quote #: 320- 250921AG

Downtown Street Tree Pruning

Date of Issue: 10/7/2021

Quote Due Date: 10/21/2021

4:00 P.M.

Direct all inquiries concerning this RFQ to:

Alicia Gaines

Purchasing Clerk

Email: Alicia.Gaines@rockymountnc.gov

Phone: 252-972-1227



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**This page is to be filled out and returned with your bid.
Failure to do so may subject your bid to rejection.**

ID Number:

Federal ID Number or Social Security Number

Vendor Name

“All bidders are hereby notified that they must have the proper license as required under the North Carolina laws. All prospective contractors shall be responsible for complying with state law and local ordinances.”



City of Rocky Mount Parks and Recreation

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Quotes will be due: 10/21/2021
Contract Type: Service

EXECUTION

In compliance with this Request for Quote, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned Vendor offers and agrees to furnish and deliver any or all items upon which prices are quoted, at the prices set opposite each item within the time specified herein. By executing this quote, the undersigned Vendor certifies that this quote is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54), that none of its officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and that it is not an ineligible Vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1. False certification is a Class I felony. Furthermore, by executing this quote, the undersigned certifies to the best of Vendor's knowledge and belief, that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or State department or City department. As required by G.S. 143-48.5, the undersigned Vendor certifies that it, and each of its sub-contractors for any Contract awarded as a result of this RFQ, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system. G.S. 133-32 and Executive Order 24 (2009) prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any City Employee associated with the preparing plans, specifications, estimates for public Contract; or awarding or administering public Contracts; or inspecting or supervising delivery of the public Contract of any gift from anyone with a Contract with the City, or from any person seeking to do business with the City. By execution of any response in this quote, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization. **Do you have a financial interest or tangible personal benefit with a city of Rocky Mount employee, officer, or agent?** Yes No **If yes note the employee, officer, or agent; department; and the perceived or actual conflict of interest.** _____

Failure to execute/sign quote prior to submittal shall render quote invalid and it WILL BE REJECTED. Late quotes cannot be accepted.

VENDOR:		
STREET ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY & STATE & ZIP:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO:
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS ITEM #11):		
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF VENDOR:	FAX NUMBER:	
VENDOR'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	EMAIL:

Offer valid for at least 60 days from date of quote opening, unless otherwise stated here: _____ days.

ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTE

If any or all parts of this quote are accepted by the City of Rocky Mount, an authorized representative of the City of Rocky Mount shall affix his/her signature hereto and this document and all provisions of this Request for Quote along with the Vendor response and the written results of any negotiations shall then constitute the written agreement between the parties. A copy of this acceptance will be forwarded to the successful Vendor(s).

FOR CITY USE ONLY: Offer accept and Contract awarded this _____ day of _____, 20__ as indicated on the attached certification, by _____

(Authorized Representative of City of Rocky Mount)

PRE-AUDIT: This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Finance Director

Date

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1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Park and Recreation department manages over 500 acres of parkland, two community centers, a senior center, four cemeteries, the Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences and the Rocky Mount Sports Complex. Their mission continues to be to advance the quality of life of our citizens by providing positive, inclusive experiences through people, parks and programs. This mission continues to be guided by our value of I.D.E.A. (Innovation, Dynamic, Engaged and Aware).

This agreement will allow the Parks and Recreations Department to continue to meet that mission by providing Professional Landscape Service in order to have sanitary parks and recreation space to the citizens and visitors of the City of Rocky Mount.

Quotes shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFQ and any addenda issued hereto.

2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 REQUEST FOR QUOTE DOCUMENT

The RFQ is comprised of the base RFQ document, any attachments, and any addenda released before Contract award. All attachments and addenda released for this RFQ in advance of any Contract award are incorporated herein by reference. Vendor may attach its quote to this RFQ for submission; however, any and all additional, modified or conflicting terms and conditions submitted on or with Vendor’s quote shall be disregarded and shall not be considered a part of any contract arising from this RFQ. Any attempt to delete or avoid the force of the previous sentence shall render Vendor’s quote invalid, and it shall not be considered.

2.2 NOTICE TO VENDORS REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It shall be the Vendor’s responsibility to read the Instructions, the Cities’ terms and conditions, all relevant exhibits and attachments, and any other components made a part of this RFQ and comply with all requirements and specifications herein. Vendors are also responsible for obtaining and complying with all Addenda and other changes that may be issued concerning this RFQ.

If Vendors have questions, issues, or exceptions regarding any term, condition, or other component within this RFQ (including proposed alternate language), those **must** be submitted as questions in accordance with the instructions in Section 2.4. QUESTIONS ABOUT QUOTE. If the City determines that any changes will be made resulting from the questions asked, then such decisions will be communicated in the form of an RFQ addendum. The City may also elect to leave open the possibility for post-contract negotiation and amendment of specific provisions of the Contract that have been addressed during the question and answer period. Other than through this process, the City rejects and will not be required to evaluate or consider any additional or modified terms and conditions submitted with Vendor’s quote. This applies to any language appearing in or attached to the document as part of the Vendor’s quote that purports to vary any terms and conditions or Vendors’ instructions herein or to render the quote non-binding or subject to further negotiation. *Vendor’s quote shall constitute a firm offer.* **By execution and delivery of a quote in response to this RFQ, the Vendor agrees that any additional or modified terms and conditions, whether submitted purposefully or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect, and will be disregarded. Noncompliance with, or any attempt to alter or delete, this paragraph shall constitute sufficient grounds to reject Vendor’s quote as nonresponsive. Any quote that contains language that indicates the quote is non-binding or subject to further negotiation before a contractual document may be signed shall be rejected.**

Contact with anyone working for or with the City regarding this RFQ other than the City of Rocky Mount Purchasing Office Contract Lead named on the face page of this RFQ or in the manner specified by this RFQ shall constitute grounds for rejection of said Vendor’s offer, at the Cities election.

2.3 RFQ SCHEDULE

The table below shows the *intended* schedule for this RFQ. The City will make every effort to adhere to this schedule.

Action	Responsibility	Date/Time
Issue RFQ	City	Thursday, 10-7-21
Urged and Cautioned Site Visit	Vendors	Tuesday, 10-12-21 10:00 AM
Submit Written Questions/Question Deadline	Vendors	Thursday, 10-14-21
Provide Response to Questions/Addendum	City	Monday, 10-18-21
Submit Bids	Vendors	Thursday, 10-21-21 4:00 PM
Award Contract	City	TBD

Urged and Cautioned Site Visit

Instructions: Vendor representatives are URGED and CAUTIONED to attend this event and apprise themselves of the conditions and requirements that will affect the performance of the work called for by this Invitation for Bid. A non-mandatory site visit is scheduled at Intersection of Main St and Thomas St, Rocky Mount NC 27804 on October 12, 2021. Submission of a bid shall constitute conclusive evidence of Vendor’s understanding of the purpose and significance of this event, and no allowance will be made for unreported conditions that a prudent Vendor would recognize as affecting the performance of the work called for in this bid. This conference is the only occasion on which this information shall be made available.

Vendor is cautioned that any information released to attendees during the site visit, other than that involving the physical aspects of the facility referenced above, and which conflicts with, supersedes, or adds to requirements in this Invitation for Bid, must be confirmed by written addendum before it can be considered as a part of this bid.

2.4 QUESTIONS ABOUT QUOTE

Purpose: Upon review of the RFQ documents, Vendors may have questions to clarify or interpret the RFQ in order to submit the best quote possible. To accommodate the Quote Questions process, Vendors shall submit any such questions by the above due date.

Instructions: Written questions shall be emailed to Alicia.Gaines@rockymountnc.gov by the date and time specified above. Vendors should enter “RFQ # _____ – Questions” as the subject for the email. Questions submittals should include a reference to the applicable RFQ section and be submitted in a format shown below:

Reference	Vendor Question
RFQ Section, Page Number	Vendor question...?

Questions received prior to the submission deadline date, the City’s response, and any additional terms deemed necessary by the City will be posted in the form of an addendum, available on the City of Rocky Mount Purchasing webpage <http://www.rockymountnc.gov/services-finance-bids/> and/or the North Carolina’s Interactive Purchasing System (IPS), <http://www.ips.state.nc.us>, and shall become an Addendum to this RFQ. No information, instruction or advice provided orally or informally by any City personnel, whether made in response to a question or otherwise in connection with this RFQ, shall be considered authoritative or binding. Vendors shall be entitled to rely *only* on written material contained in an Addendum to this RFQ. The dated noted in the RFQ schedule for the City to provide responses to questions also serves as the addendum deadline. If you do not receive a courtesy email notification regarding the addendum by that date do check the City of Rocky Mount Purchasing webpage.

2.5 EMAILING OR MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions: Quotes, subject to the conditions made a part hereof and the receipt requirements described below, shall be received at the address indicated in the table below, for furnishing and delivering those items as described herein.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY OF QUOTE VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	OFFICE ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY BY ANY OTHER MEANS, SPECIAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT DELIVERY, OR BY ANY OTHER CARRIER
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Quote Number:320- 250921AG

Vendor: [Redacted]

QUOTE NUMBER: 320-250921AG Attn: Alicia Gaines, Purchasing Clerk Address: PO BOX 1180 Rocky Mount, NC 27802	QUOTE NUMBER: 320-250921AG Attn: Alicia Gaines, Purchasing Clerk Address: 331 S. Franklin Street Rocky Mount, NC 27802
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Vendors shall deliver either **one (1) signed electronic emailed copy** to Alicia.Gaines@rockymountnc.gov response or one **(1) signed original executed quote** to the address identified in the table in this Section. Address package and insert quote number as shown in the table above.

Quote number shall be marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Vendor's name and date and time of opening.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Vendor to have the signed quote physically in this Office by the specified time and date quotes are due, regardless of the method of delivery. **This is an absolute requirement.** The time of delivery will be marked on each quote when received, and any quote received after the submission deadline will not be accepted or evaluated.

All risk of late arrival due to unanticipated delay—whether delivered by hand, U.S. Postal Service, courier or other delivery service or method—is entirely on the Vendor. Note that the U.S. Postal Service generally does not deliver mail to the street address above, but to the City 's Mail Service Center. Vendors are cautioned that quotes sent via U.S. Mail, including Express Mail, may not be delivered to the purchasing office on the due date in time to meet the quote deadline. All Vendors are urged to take the possibility of delay into account when submitting a quote.

If quote is hand delivered please note that the Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building requires all visitors to sign in with the guard stationed on the first floor. Visitors will only have access through the building accompanied with a City employee.

This informal RFQ does not require a public opening of bids.

2.6 QUOTE CONTENTS

Vendor shall populate all attachments of this RFQ that require the Vendor to provide information and include an authorized signature where requested, as outlined below. Vendor Responses shall include the following items and they should be arranged in the following order:

- a) Completed and signed version of EXECUTION PAGE, along with the body of the RFQ, and signed receipt pages of any addenda released in conjunction with this RFQ.
- b) Completed version of ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM
- c) ATTACHMENT B: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
- d) ATTACHMENT C: ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- e) ATTACHMENT D: SUPPLEMENTAL VENDOR INFORMATION

2.7 DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

- a) **BUYER:** The employee of the City Department that places an order with the Vendor.
- b) **CONTRACT LEAD:** Representative of the *City of Rocky Mount Purchasing Office* who corresponds with potential Vendors in order to identify and contract with that Vendor providing the greatest benefit to the City of Rocky Mount and who will administer the contract for the City.
- c) **RFQ:** Request for Quote.

- d) **VENDOR:** Supplier, proposer, company, firm, corporation, partnership, individual or other entity submitting a response to a Request for Quote.

3.0 METHOD OF AWARD AND QUOTE EVALUATION PROCESS

3.1 METHOD OF AWARD

Contracts will be awarded in accordance with G.S. 143-129, 143-131 and the evaluation criteria set out in this solicitation. Prospective Vendors shall not be discriminated against on the basis of any prohibited grounds as defined by Federal and State law.

The City may obtain quotes from one or more potential Vendors. All quotes will be evaluated, and award will be based on lowest responsive quote meeting specifications.

Local Preference Policy. *The only exception to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder method of award will be the local preference policy. The preference will allow an Eligible Local Bidder to match the price and terms of the lowest responsive, responsive bidder who is a Non-Local Bidder, if the Eligible Local Bidder's price is within five percent (5%) or \$25,000, whichever is less, of the lowest responsive, responsive Non-Local Bidder's price .An eligible local vendor is one that is current on property taxes in the City of Rocky Mount and meets the qualifications set forth in the policy. An application can be found at [Services Finance Vendor Registration - Rocky Mount NC](#).*

3.2 QUOTE EVALUATION PROCESS

- a) Quotes are requested for the items as specified, or item(s) equivalent in design, function and performance. The City reserves the right to reject any quote on the basis of fit, form and function as well as cost.
- b) The City shall review the responses to this RFQ to confirm that they meet the specifications and requirements. The City reserves the right to waive any minor informality or technicality.
- c) For all responses that pass the initial review process, the City will review and assess the Vendors' pricing. The City may request additional formal responses or submissions from any or all Vendors for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the quote. Vendors are cautioned, however, that the City is not required to request clarification, and often does not. Therefore, all quotes should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms available from the Vendor. Prices quoted cannot be altered or modified as part of a clarification.
- d) Quotes will be evaluated, based on the award criteria identified in Section 3.1 METHOD OF AWARD.

Award of a Contract to one Vendor does not mean that the other quotes lacked merit, but that, all factors considered, the selected quote was deemed most advantageous and represented the best value to the City.

Vendors are cautioned that this is a request for quote, not a request or an offer to contract, and the City reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers at any time if such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the City .

CONFIDENTIALITY DURING PROCESS: During the evaluation period and prior to award, all information concerning the quote and evaluation is confidential, and possession of the quotes and accompanying information is limited to personnel of the issuing department and any third parties involved in this procurement process, and to the committee responsible for participating in the evaluation. Any attempt on behalf of a Vendor to gain such confidential information, or to influence the evaluation process (e.g., contact anyone involved in the evaluation, criticize another Vendor, offer any benefit or information not contained in the quote) in any way is a violation of North Carolina purchasing law and regulations and shall constitute sufficient grounds for disqualification of Vendor's offer from further evaluation or consideration in the discretion of the City .

3.3 INTERPRETATION OF TERMS AND PHRASES

This Request for Quote serves two functions: (1) to advise potential Vendors of the parameters of the solution being sought by the Department; and (2) to provide (together with other specified documents) the terms of the Contract resulting from this procurement. As such, all terms in the Request for Quote shall be enforceable as contract terms in

accordance with the General Contract Terms and Conditions. The use of phrases such as “shall,” “must,” and “requirements” are intended to create enforceable contract conditions. In determining whether quotes should be evaluated or rejected, the Department will take into consideration the degree to which Vendors have proposed or failed to propose solutions that will satisfy the Department’s needs as described in the Request for Quote. Except as specifically stated herein, no one requirement shall automatically disqualify a Vendor from consideration. However, failure to comply with any single requirement may result in the Department exercising its discretion to reject a quote in its entirety.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS

This Section lists the requirements related to this RFQ. By submitting a quote, the Vendor agrees to meet all stated requirements in this Section as well as any other specifications, requirements and terms and conditions stated in this RFQ. If Vendor is unclear or has any question about the specifications, requirements and terms and conditions herein, it is urged and cautioned to contact the issuing department Contract Lead as specified in this RFQ.

4.1 CONTRACT TERM

The Contract shall have an initial term of one (1) year, beginning on the date of contract award (the “Effective Date”).

4.2 PRICING

Quote price shall constitute the total cost to Buyer for delivery fully assembled and ready for use, including all applicable charges for shipping, delivery, handling, administrative and other similar fees. Vendor shall not invoice for any amounts not specifically allowed for in this Quote. Complete ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM and include with Quote.

4.3 INVOICES

Vendor shall invoice the City of Rocky Mount Accounting Department. The standard format for invoicing shall be Single Invoices meaning that the Vendor shall provide the Buyer with an invoice for each order. Invoices shall include detailed line item information to allow Buyer to verify pricing at point of receipt matches the correct price from the original date of order. At a minimum, the following fields shall be included on all invoices:

Vendor’s Billing Address, Customer Account Number, NC Contract Number, Order Date, Buyers Order Number, Manufacturer Part Numbers, Vendor Part Numbers, Item Descriptions, Price, Quantity, and Unit of Measure.

4.4 MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

The Bidder has the responsibility to make a good faith effort to solicit minority proposals and to attain the aspirational ten percent (10%) goal. We encourage all Bidders even MWBE/HUBs to obtain the aspirational goal where sub-contracting and supplier opportunities exist.

MWBE FIRM	OWNERSHIP STATUS	ADDRESS	WORK TYPE

4.5 REFERENCES

Vendors shall provide at least three (3) different references for which your company has provided Services of similar size and scope to that proposed herein. The city of Rocky Mount may contact these users to determine the Services provided are substantially similar in scope to those proposed herein and Contractor’s performance has been satisfactory.

The information obtained shall be considered in the evaluation of the quote. If city of Rocky Mount references are provided it cannot be counted towards your three (3) required references but may be included in addition to.

COMPANY NAME	CONTACT NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Optional: City of Rocky Mount			

5.0 SCOPE OF WORK

5.1 GENERAL SCOPE

Tree pruning and maintenance services shall be performed on approximately (55) High Tower Willow Oaks/Crepe Myrtles located in downtown Rocky Mount according to the most current editions of the following benchmark standards:

- a) American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 Pruning Standards
- b) ANSI Z133.1 Safety Standards
- c) ISA Best Management Practices: Tree Pruning

To ensure that pruning is appropriate for the species and tree/site conditions, it is important to have a clear understanding of the specific needs of the tree and the objectives for pruning. Pruning objectives include the following:

- a) Improve structural strength and reduce failure potential
- b) Provide clearance for pedestrians, vehicles, structures, and low voltage utilities
- c) Improve safety and security for residents and visitors
- d) Repair structural damage from wind loading
- e) Improve aesthetic characteristics
- f) Reduce maintenance costs
- g) Prevent or mitigate a pest problem

Standard 1: All pruning cuts shall conform to ANSI A300 standards (Part 1: Pruning). Do not make flush cuts or leave branch stubs. Cuts shall be made outside the branch collar in a manner that promotes callous growth to cover wounds.

Standard 2: Not more than 25% of the crown shall be removed within an annual growing season. The percentage of foliage removed shall be adjusted according to age, health, and species considerations. Up to 30% crown removal may be accepted for *Ulmus parvifolia* or other special species after consultation with the City Parks Staff.

Standard 3: Pruning equipment shall be sharp and sized appropriately for the pruning cut. Chainsaws shall not be used to remove branches 2" or less in diameter. Avoid the use of any pruning and climbing equipment that may cause damage to bark tissue. Spikes (climbing spurs) shall not be used for climbing trees unless the tree is being removed. Pruning tools shall be treated with a disinfectant (such as Lysol) when pruning trees infected with a pathogen that may be transmitted (on tools) from one tree to another of the same species, such as elms (*Ulmus spp.*). Disinfectants should be used before and after pruning individual trees.

Standard 4: All persons engaged in tree pruning shall be familiar with each of the pruning types. Selection of the pruning type(s) shall be based on pruning objectives. Refer to publication ISA Best Management Practices Tree Pruning for descriptions of pruning types. Clearance pruning that does not comply with Standard 2 shall be conducted only under the supervision of the City Parks Staff.

Standard 5: Heading cuts shall not be used when pruning mature trees, except in very limited cases with approval from the City Parks Staff. Whenever possible, use reduction cuts to reduce height and branch removal cuts (thinning cuts) to reduce branch end weights. When reduction and branch removal cuts are not possible (such as when interior lateral branches are not present) and tree hazard potential is high, then heading cuts may be needed, but their use should be minimized.

Standard 6: Clearance pruning shall be defined as to provide the following distances:

- a) Roadway- not less than 14' from road surfaces
- b) Sidewalk- not less than 7' from sidewalk surfaces
- c) Building- not less than 8' from vertical building surfaces
- d) Roofs and streetlights- not less than 10' from building roof surfaces or streetlamps.

Standard 7: Wildlife Protection: Prior to the commencement of any work in the vicinity of any tree, each tree shall be visually surveyed, from all sides, for the sole purpose of detecting the presence of bird nests or wildlife of any type. If a nest is found and is determined to be active, there shall be no work of any type in the tree in which the nest is found without the written permission of the City's designated representative. At no time shall any nest or wildlife be removed from its location. If wildlife is accidentally displaced, the Contractor shall notify the City representative for assistance. Prior to beginning City tree pruning, removal and maintenance work, the Contractor shall review with the City Parks Staff various methods, tools, and work scheduling to be used on the project. Daily tree pruning operations shall commence no earlier than 6:00 A.M. and shall be completed each day no later than 5:00 P.M.

Any structural weakness, decayed trunk or branches, split crotches or limbs and included bark discovered by the Contractor during trimming shall be reported to the City's designated representative for determination of action as soon as it is discovered. When working on a tree, the Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of all vines entwined in the tree or around its trunk, and for the removal of sucker growth from tree trunks.

Limbs one-inch (1") in diameter or greater shall be removed with a series of three (compound) cuts. Make the first cut on the underside of the branch one foot (1') to two feet (2') from the branch junction. The undercut should be at least one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the diameter. Make the second cut one-inch (1") to three inches (3") further from the branch junction than the first. Make the final cut just outside the branch collar in a manner that will stimulate rapid callus growth that will cover the wound.

Removal from a tree of branches three and one-half inches (3.5") or larger in diameter, unless dead, broken or cracked, require prior approval by the City Parks Staff and once cut, shall be lowered by proper ropes to the ground. Any damage caused by dropping limbs shall be repaired within three (3) days at the Contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the City Parks Staff. All debris resulting from tree pruning operations shall be removed from the work site daily.

A work zone shall be established and maintained for each tree trimming or other operations. The Contractor shall use all appropriate methods used in the field of tree trimming and tree maintenance for establishing and maintaining such work zone. No person other than members of the Contractor's work crew may be allowed to enter such work zone. If any person enters such work zone, the Contractor shall immediately cease all work and operation of all equipment until the work zone is clear.

Contractor shall provide the highest quality of Tree Pruning, Removal and Maintenance services. The

Contractor agrees to provide the highest quality commercially accepted methods, procedures and controls for tree pruning removal and maintenance consistent with the International Society of Arboriculture Pruning Standards (BMPs), ANSI A300 Standards and information in standard arboriculture industry references. This shall include the use of proper knowledge, skills, materials and equipment of a timely basis to maintain all areas in a clean, safe, healthy, and aesthetically acceptable manner during the entire term of this contract. The Contractor shall furnish tree services by qualified arborists, site managers and tree worker crews to provide tree pruning, removal and maintenance activities that comply with this Specification. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide all equipment, materials, and labor as necessary to perform the work described in these documents in a safe, efficient, and legal manner. Full compensation for conforming to the requirements of this Specification shall be considered as included in the contract prices paid for the various items of work and no separate payment may be made thereof.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The bidding Contractor shall provide pricing to the City for the pruning of (55) High Tower Willow Oaks/Crepe Myrtles located in downtown Rocky Mount. The following work descriptions will be used during the contract period by the City and the Contractor:

1. Pruning to Raise: Raising is the selective removal of branches to provide vertical clearance. Crown raising shortens or removes lower branches of a tree to provide clearance for buildings, signs, vehicles, pedestrians, and views. Live crown ratio should be no less than 66% when raising is completed and some structural pruning is considered by the City to be part of this pruning. Clearance objectives are specified above in Tree Pruning Standard 6.
2. Pruning to Clean: Crown Cleaning or cleaning out is the removal of dead, diseased, detached and broken branches 1/2" or larger. This type of pruning is done to reduce the risk of falling branches and to reduce the risk of decay spreading into the tree from dead or dying branches. Cleaning is the preferred pruning method for mature trees. Cleaning removes branches with cracks that may be prone to fail. Care must be used to avoid stripping branches of too foliage at the interior of the tree crown. This practice which is known as "lion tailing" is unacceptable. The location and diameter of branches to be removed may be specified.
3. Pruning to Reduce: Crown Reduction is the selective removal of branches and stems to decrease the height and/or spread of a tree. This is done to minimize risk of failure, to reduce height or spread, to clear vegetation form buildings, structures, or utilities. Crown reduction should be accomplished with reduction cuts, not heading cuts. While reducing a crown, tree workers must adhere to basic tree trimming practices involving limb/branch size relationships and use of the branch bark collar to avoid the onset of decay at cut sites.

Public Noticing of Tree Pruning or Removal Operations

Contractor shall be required to notify residents and/or businesses of scheduled tree pruning operations at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the work being performed. Resident and business notifications shall be made in the form of City approved door hangers. City approved "No Parking" signs shall be posted on individual trees scheduled for pruning twenty-four (24) hours prior to the work being performed. Nailing or stapling notices on trees is not permitted; contractor is responsible to remove all posting within 2 hours of work completion.

Clean up and Debris Disposal

Contractor shall clean all job sites when work is completed and/or daily, including the raking of leaves, twigs, etc. from the lawns, street gutters, sidewalks and parkways and the sweeping or blowing of streets. Each day's scheduled work shall be completed and cleaned up and only under City approved emergency circumstances may any brush, leaves, debris, or equipment be left on the street overnight. The City Parks Staff shall be the sole judge as to the adequacy of the cleanup.

Wood waste generated from tree removals shall be chipped into pure wood chips with an even uniform size. Diseased trees shall not be commingled with regular trees in the creation of wood chips. The disease-free chips shall be dumped and spread in specified locations in the City at the direction of the City's designated representative. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to appropriately dispose of diseased trees. Wood and branches not suitable for chipping may be dumped at the City Green Waste disposal site. All tree branches produced because of the Contractor's operations under this contract will be reduced, reused, recycled, and/or transformed.

5.2 VENDOR'S REPRESENTATION

- a) Vendor warrants that qualified personnel shall provide all services that may be required under The Contract in a professional manner. "Professional manner" means that the personnel performing the services shall possess the skill and competence consistent with at least the prevailing business standards in the industry. Vendor agrees that it shall not enter any agreement with a third party that may abridge any rights of the City under The Contract. Vendor shall serve as the prime contractor under The Contract and shall be responsible for the performance and payment of all subcontractor(s) that may be approved by the City. Names of any third-party Vendors or subcontractors of Vendor may appear for purposes of convenience in Contract documents; and shall not limit Vendor's obligations hereunder.
- b) If any goods, services, functions, or responsibilities not specifically described in The Contract are required for Vendor's proper performance, provision and delivery of the goods and services under The Contract, or are an inherent part of or necessary sub-requirement included within such goods and services, they will be deemed to be implied by and included within the scope of the contract to the same extent and in the same manner as if specifically described in the contract. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, Vendor will furnish all of its own necessary management, supervision, labor, facilities, furniture, computer and telecommunications equipment, software, supplies and materials necessary for the Vendor to provide and deliver the goods and services.
- c) Vendor warrants that it has the financial capacity to perform and to continue perform its obligations under the contract; that Vendor has no constructive or actual knowledge of an actual or potential legal proceeding being brought against Vendor that could materially adversely affect performance of The Contract; and that entering into The Contract is not prohibited by any contract, or an order by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Attachments to this RFQ begin on the next page.

ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM

FURNISH AND DELIVER:

Item #	QTY.	UOM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	55 APROX	Per Tree	High Tower Willow Oak/Crepe Myrtles		
TOTAL EXTENDED PRICE: \$ _____					

ATTACHMENT B: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

City of Rocky Mount Instructions to Bidders Review <https://rockymountnc.gov/vendor>

ATTACHMENT C: ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Review Terms and Conditions: General at <https://rockymountnc.gov/vendor> Terms and conditions on the vendor webpage that do not apply to this bid: [Federal UG Terms, FEMA Contract Provisions, Sample Contract Terms.](#)

Check here to indicate that you have read and agree to the City of Rocky Mount General Terms & Conditions.

**ATTACHMENT D: SUPPLEMENTAL VENDOR INFORMATION
HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES**

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) consist of minority, women and disabled business firms that are at least fifty-one percent owned and operated by an individual(s) of the categories. Also included in this category are disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.

Pursuant to G.S. 143B-1361(a), 143-48 and 143-128.4, the City invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled. This includes utilizing subcontractors to perform the required functions in this IFB. Any questions concerning NC HUB certification, contact the [North Carolina Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses](#) at (919) 807-2330. The Vendor shall respond to question #1 and #2 below.

- a) Is Vendor a Historically Underutilized Business? Yes No
- b) Is Vendor Certified with North Carolina as a Historically Underutilized Business? Yes No

If so, state HUB classification: [Redacted]

NEW VENDOR REGISTRATION

New vendors must complete a vendor registration form using the link below. If you are a current vendor that needs to update, contact information you may also complete the online vendor registration form. Once registration is complete email a copy of your W9 an E-Verify Affidavit to the contact person listed on the coversheet.

rockymountnc.gov/vendor

HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT

Becoming a Vendor <https://youtu.be/MGOjZxI4iQc>

Competing in the Bid Process <https://youtu.be/yy8dYzPOCUs>

Purchase Order, Payment and Performance <https://youtu.be/wA5zVTizZQM>