



City of Winter Springs, Florida
1126 East State Road 434
Winter Springs, Florida 32708

INVITATION TO BID

PROPOSAL : ITB # 06-24-04 PH

DATE: June 28, 2024

Sealed Bids for the provision of Aquatic Weed Control & Pond Maintenance Services will be received by the City of Winter Springs (CITY) Procurement Department, located at Winter Springs City Hall, 1126 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, Florida 32708, until:

August 16, 2024

2:00 p.m., local time

FOR

Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

Said Bids shall conform to the minimum requirements outlined in this Invitation To Bid. The CITY reserves the right to reject any and all offers and to waive minor informalities.

The CITY issues this Invitation To Bid in order to select a Bid for further contract negotiation. Selection by the CITY Commission may not result in the formation of a contract.

Submission and Receipt of RFP's:

Bidders shall submit their Bid response to this ITB by:

Providing one (1) original, marked as such, three (3) copies, marked as such and one (1) electronic copy of your ITB response and a Bid Bond or certified check in the amount of 5% of the value of your Bid, to this office by the date and time indicated above. Unsuccessful Bidders will have their bid bonds or certified checks returned.

The ***outside of your package must be clearly labeled with the ITB number, title, opening date and time, and the name and address of the Bidder.*** The CITY is not responsible for submittals via postal or mail courier services, receipt by the post office or mail courier prior to the deadline does not meet the CITY's deadline requirements.

Offers received after August 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., will be rejected.

Deadline for questions is **July 24, 2024 1:00pm local time**

Any Addenda, if required, will be issued by **2:00pm on July 26, 2024 on the Demand Star platform** if questions are received and require clarification.

If you have any questions regarding this Invitation To Bid, please contact Stuart MacLean, Procurement Manager, at (407) 327-7581, or via email at smaclean@winterspringsfl.org

PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FREE OF CHARGE FROM:

www.demandstar.com

or

<https://www.winterspringsfl.org/rfps>

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PART I
SCOPE OF SERVICE/EVALUATION CRITERIA
FOR
ITB # 06-24-04 PH
Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

Background

The City of Winter Springs is located in Seminole County Florida, which is part of the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Area. As of 2021 the City of Winter Springs has a population of 38,317, covering 14.99 square miles.

Scope and Term of Service

The City of Winter Springs is requesting Bids from qualified companies (Bidder or Bidders) for the purposes of providing their services in addressing Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance on a continuing basis in certain areas of the CITY. The detailed requirements are included in this document as Appendix B Scope of Services. The initial term of services shall be for one (1) year, with a maximum of three (3) one (1) year extensions upon the mutual agreement of the parties.

Consideration of Bids

Bids will be considered by the CITY, and the chosen Bidder will be selected based its ability to provide the services required at the lowest possible cost to the CITY. In assessing Bids the CITY shall consider, in addition to the Cost Proposal, but not limited to, the following capabilities and background in determining if a Bid is considered responsible.

- a. The background, and experience of the Bidder in providing similar services elsewhere, including the level of experience in working with municipalities and the quality of services performed or items supplied.
- b. Reasonableness/competitiveness of proposed costs and/or benefits to the City of Winter Springs. The City of Winter Springs reserves the right to negotiate fees and/or benefits with the selected Bidder.
- c. Determination that the selected Bidder has no contractual relationship which would result in a conflict of interest with the CITY.
- d. The Bidder's ability, capacity, and skill to fully and satisfactorily, provide these services and/or items required in this ITB.
- e. Whether the Bidder can provide the service and/or items in a professional, prompt and timely fashion.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 287.05701, the CITY shall not request documentation regarding, consider, or give preference based upon, a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining the vendor's qualifications.

Timeline of Events

Release of ITB	June 28, 2024
Deadline to receive questions (electronically) - 1:00pm local time	July 24, 2024
Addendum Released by 1:00pm local time	July 26, 2024
ITB Submittals Due by 2:00 pm local time	August 16, 2024
ITB Opening immediately following Bid registration in the City Commission Chambers	August 16, 2024
CITY Commission Approval of Selection and Consideration of Contract	TBD

PART II
INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS
FOR
ITB #06-24-04 PH
Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

Definitions (as used herein)

- a. The acronym "ITB" is an "Invitation To Bid" and means a solicitation of proposals.
- b. The term "Bid" means the offer of qualitative evaluations by the Bidder.
- c. The term "professional services" means those services of architects, auditors, dentists, engineers, landscape architects, lawyers, physicians, psychologists, surveyors, and any other professional service as determined by the CITY.
- d. The term " Bidder " means the person, company, or entity making an offer.
- e. The term "Change Order" means a written order signed by the Finance Department or authorized representative directing the Bidder to make changes to a contract or purchase order resulting from the ITB.
- f. The term "CITY" means the City of Winter Springs, Florida.
- g. The term "CITY Commission" means the governing body of the City of Winter Springs. The CITY Commission is the only body that can award Bids.

Preparation of Invitation To Bid

- a. Bidders are expected to examine the minimum requirements and all special and general conditions. Omission on the part of the Bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill every detail the requirements of the contract document, will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the CITY or the compensation to the Bidder. Failure to properly and fully complete the Bid is at the Bidder's risk. The Bidder shall sign the Invitation To Bid and print or type his/her name, address, and telephone number on the face page.
- b. The apparent silence of any supplemental minimum requirements as to any details, or the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point will be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All workmanship is to be first quality. All interpretations of the minimum requirements shall be made upon the basis of this statement.
- c. Bidders should submit their response to this ITB by:

Providing one (1) original, marked as such, three (3) copies, marked as such and one (1) electronic copy of Bidder's Bid to this office by the date and time indicated in Part I Timeline of Events.

The outside of Bidder's package must be clearly labeled with the ITB number, title, opening date and time and the name and address of the Bidder. The CITY is not responsible for submittals via postal or mail courier services, receipt by the post office or mail courier prior to the deadline does not meet the CITY's deadline requirements.

- d. The Bidder should retain a copy of all documents for future reference.
- e. All Bids must be signed with the Bidder's name and by an officer or employee having authority to bind the Bidder by his/her signature as indicated by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations (www.sunbiz.org). Proof of corporate signer must be included with the submittal with the Bid. You may use the Sunbiz website screen shot or include a copy of your Corporate Resolution to prove the authority of the corporate signer.

- f. Failure to follow the instructions in the Invitation To Bid is cause for rejection of your Bid.

Submission and Receipt of Bids

- a. Bids must be received before the specified time as designated in the ITB Timeline of Events. A list of Bidders who submitted Bids will be furnished, upon request, following opening of the Bids.
- b. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope. The envelope shall show the opening date and time, the ITB number, and the name and address of the Bidder.
- c. The City of Winter Springs is not responsible for the U.S. Mail or private couriers, in regard to mail being delivered by the specified time so that a Bid can be considered.
- d. Email and Facsimile (FAX) Bids will not be considered, however, Bids may be modified by email and FAX notice, provided such notices are received prior to the hour and date specified.
- e. Late Bids will be rejected.
- f. Bids having any erasures or corrections must be initialed by the offer or in ink. Bids shall be signed in ink. All amounts shall be typewritten or completed in ink.
- g. All Mandatory Bid Forms, including Bid Bond/check, must be completed and attached to the Bid response.
- h. All costs of Bid preparation, inspection of the ITB documents, and presentation of the Bid shall be solely borne by the Bidder. The CITY shall not be liable for any cost incurred by the Bidder during the preparation and submission of its Bid in response to this ITB.

Selection of Bid

SELECTION OF THE BIDDER AND BID DEEMED THE MOST QUALIFIED, MOST ADVANTAGEOUS, AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS'S SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION, SHALL NOT RESULT IN THE FORMATION OF A CONTRACT. NO CONTRACT SHALL BE FORMED UNTIL FINAL APPROVAL OF SUCH CONTRACT BY THE CITY COMMISSION AFTER SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF SPECIFIC CONTRACT TERMS DETERMINED TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY BY THE CITY COMMISSION. Negotiations may be terminated at any time by the CITY Manager or CITY Commission if, in his/her/its sole discretion, the CITY Manager OR CITY Commission determines that the negotiation of terms acceptable to the CITY will not be successful.

Only the CITY Commission can select Bids, authorize the CITY Manager to engage in negotiations, and ultimately enter into a contract.

The project owner provides a recommendation to the CITY Commission for selection. The recommendation may or may not be adopted by the CITY Commission.

In the event clarification is required, the CITY may require one or more of the top-ranking Bidders to attend a meeting to make an oral presentation, answer questions. This meeting will be exempt from the requirements of the Sunshine Law in accordance with section 286.0113, Florida Statutes. Bidder(s) will be notified of any further meeting requirements.

Acceptance of Offer

The signed Bid shall be considered an offer on the part of the Bidder; however, such offer shall be deemed accepted only upon issuance by the CITY of a Purchase Order, Blanket Purchase Order, or execution of another contractual document deemed acceptable to the CITY.

The contract will be awarded to the most responsible and responsive, qualified Bidder(s) whose Bid is deemed the most advantageous and in the best interests of the CITY in accordance with the criteria set forth in this ITB.

The CITY reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids or parts of Bids, waive minor informalities, and to request clarification of information from any Bidder.

Notice of Award

Within ten (10) calendar days from the date stipulated in the Notice of Award notifying Bidder that its Bid has been accepted, the successful Bidder shall execute the Agreement. Failure to execute the Agreement and/or to furnish said bonds within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Award entitles the CITY to consider all rights arising out of the CITY's acceptance of the Bid as abandoned and the Bid Bond shall be forfeited. The CITY shall be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.

Discrepancies, Errors, and Omissions

Any discrepancies, errors, or ambiguities in the Invitation To Bid or addenda (if any) should be reported in writing to the CITY's Procurement Manager. Should it be found necessary, a written Addenda will be incorporated in the Invitation To Bid and will become part of the Service Agreement (contract documents). The CITY will not be responsible for any oral instructions, clarifications, or other communications.

Right to Reject Bids

The CITY reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and to disregard typographical, mathematical, or obvious errors. The CITY will not pay costs incurred by any Bidder in the preparation of their Bids.

Compensation

Compensation, which is determined to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, will be considered during the negotiations of a final contract with the selected Bidder.

Fiscal Non-Funding Clause

In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period, the CITY shall notify the Bidder of such occurrence and any contracts entered into between the CITY and Bidder shall terminate on the last day of the current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the CITY.

Rights of the CITY

This ITB constitutes an invitation for submission of Bids to the CITY. This ITB does not obligate the CITY to procure or contract for any of the scopes of services set forth in this ITB. The CITY reserves and holds at its sole discretion, various rights and options under Florida law, including without limitation, the following:

- To prepare and issue Addendums to the ITB that may expand, restrict, or cancel any portion or all work described in the ITB without obligation to commence a new procurement process or issue a modified or amended RFP.
- To receive questions from potential Bidders and to provide such answers in writing as it deems appropriate.
- To waive any informalities, technicalities or irregularities in the Bids submitted.
- To reject any and all Bid submissions.
- To change the date for receipt of Bids or any deadlines and dates specified in the ITB.
- To change the procurement and/or selection process prior to receipt of Bids.
- To conduct investigations with respect to the information provided by each Bidder and to request additional information (either in writing or in presentations and interviews) to support such Bidder's responses and submittals.

- To visit facilities referenced in the Bidder's submittal at any time or times during the procurement process.
- To seek clarification of Bids from the Bidder either in writing or in presentations and interviews
- To cancel the ITB; with or without the substitution of another ITB.

Conflict of Interest

Bidder acknowledges and certifies that this Agreement does not violate any ethics provision found in Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, or Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winter Springs.

The Bidder certifies that, to the best of their knowledge or belief, no elected/appointed official or employee of the City of Winter Springs, a spouse thereof or other person residing in the same household, is financially interested, directly or indirectly, in providing the goods or services specified in this Bid. Financial interest includes ownership of more than five percent (5%) of the total assets or capital stock or being an officer, director, manager, partner, proprietor, or agent of the business submitting the Bid or of any subcontractor or supplier thereof providing goods or services in excess of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount.

Additionally, the Bidder, on company letterhead, must divulge at the time of Bid submittal, any relative, other than those already specified, of an elected /appointed official or employee of the City of Winter Springs who has a financial interest, as defined herein, in providing the goods or services specified in the Bid. The CITY, at its sole discretion, will determine whether a conflict exists and whether to accept or reject the Bid.

Public Entity Crimes

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Options

When the CITY requests Bids with options regarding the extent of services to be provided, the CITY requests all Bidders to provide a cost breakdown for each option proposed. Although all options may be purchased, some options may not ultimately be purchased. The CITY reserves the right to decide, at its discretion, which options shall be purchased. The CITY reserves the right to engage more than one (1) Bidder if it is believed that different Bidders might best serve the CITY's interests in performing different segments of the work (e.g., one Bidder to provide building estimates, and another to provide infrastructure estimates).

Subcontracting

Where Bidders do not have the "in-house" capability to perform work desired in the Invitation To Bid, subcontracting may be permitted only with prior knowledge and approval of the CITY. The CITY must be assured of and agree that any proposed subcontractor(s) can perform work of the desired quality and in a timely manner. The name(s) of any intended subcontractor(s) should be given in the Bid.

Failure to Submit Bid

If Bidder does not wish to submit a Bid, return the ITB and state the reason therefor; otherwise, Bidder's name may be removed from CITY's mailing list.

Default of Contract

In case of default by the Bidder, the CITY may procure the requested services from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for any excess costs occasioned or incurred thereby.

Modification for Changes

No agreement or understanding to modify this ITB and resultant purchase order or contract shall be binding upon the CITY unless made in writing by the City of Winter Springs.

Order of Precedence

In the event of an inconsistency between provisions of the ITB, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Instructions to Bidders and General Provisions; and (b) the minimum requirements.

Examination of Records

The Bidder shall keep adequate records and supporting documentation applicable to the subject matter of this ITB to include, but not be limited to: records of costs, time worked, working paper and/or accumulations of data, and criteria or standards by which findings or data are measured. Said records and documentation shall be retained by the Bidder for a minimum of one (1) year from the date the contract is completed and accepted by the CITY. If any litigation is initiated before the expiration of the one-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved, unless otherwise instructed by the CITY. Should any questions arise concerning this contract, the CITY and its authorized agents shall have the right to review, inspect, and copy all such records and documentation during the record retention period stated above; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours and shall be at CITY expense. Bidders shall be authorized to retain microfilm copies in lieu of original records if they so desire.

Any subcontractor(s) employed by a Bidder who is subject to these requirements and the Bidder itself are required to so notify any such subcontractor(s).

Bids Received

All Bids received in response to this ITB become the property of the CITY.

Lobbying/Cone of Silence

Lobbying is defined as any action taken by an individual, firm, association, joint venture, partnership, syndicate, corporation, and/or all other groups who seek to influence the governmental decision of a CITY Commission Member, the CITY Manager, any requesting or evaluating Department/Division/Office personnel and/or any member of the Evaluation Committee concerning an active solicitation during the black-out period. A lobbying black-out period commences upon the issuance of this solicitation document.

If an award item is presented to CITY Commission for approval or for a request to provide authorization to negotiate a Contract(s) and the CITY Commission refers the item back to the CITY Manager, Procurement Division and/or requesting Department/Division/Office for further review or otherwise does not act on the item, the Cone of Silence/Lobbying Black-out Period will be reinstated until such time as the CITY Commission meets to consider the item for action.

Bidders, Proposers, Respondents, potential vendors, service providers, lobbyists, consultants, or vendor representatives shall not contact any CITY Commission member, the CITY Manager, any requesting or evaluating Division, Department, Office personnel, and/or any member of the Evaluation Committee concerning an active Invitation To Bid during the Lobbying/Cone of Silence Black-out Period.

Insurance and Hold Harmless Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless CITY and its consultants, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expenses (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property other than the Work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom and (b) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of Bidder, any Subcontractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder or arises by or is imposed by Law and Regulations regardless of the negligence of any such party.

In any and all claims against CITY or any of their consultants, agents or employees by any employee of Bidder, any Subcontractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under the previous paragraph shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Bidder or any such Subcontractor or other person or organization under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

Bidder's Liability Insurance - The Bidder shall not commence any work under this Contract until he has obtained all insurance required under the Agreement. Bidder shall purchase and maintain such comprehensive general liability and other insurance as is appropriate for the Work being performed and furnished and as will provide protection from claims set forth which may arise out of or result from Bidder's performance and furnishing of the Work and Bidder's other obligations under the Contract Documents, whether it is to be performed or furnished by Bidder, by any Subcontractor, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The insurance required shall include the specific coverage's and be written for not less than the limits of liability and coverage's provided or required by law, whichever is greater. The comprehensive general liability insurance shall include completed operations insurance. The comprehensive general liability insurance shall also include Contractual Liability Insurance applicable to Bidder's obligations under the Hold Harmless Indemnification. All of the policies of insurance so required to be purchased and maintained (or the certificates or their evidence thereof) shall contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed or renewal refused until at least thirty days' prior written notice has been given to CITY by certified mail. All such insurance shall remain in effect until final payment and at all times thereafter when Bidder may be correcting, removing or replacing defective work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Bidder's General Liability Insurance shall include the CITY, and CITY's consultants as insured or additional insured which may be accomplished by either an endorsement of Bidder's Comprehensive General Liability policy or by Bidder 's carrier issuing a separate protection liability policy.

Qualifications of Bidder

A Bidder may be required, before the award of any contract, to show to the complete satisfaction of the CITY that they have the necessary facilities, equipment, ability and financial resources to perform the work in a satisfactory manner within the time specified.

Disqualification of Bidder

Any or all Bids will be rejected if there is any reason for believing that collusion exists among the Bidders, and participants in such collusion will not be considered in future Bids for the same work.

Licenses and Permits

The Bidder shall secure all licenses and permits and shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and codes as required by the United States, the State of Florida, or by the City of Winter Springs. The Bidder must fully comply with all Federal and State Laws and County and Municipal Ordinances and Regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the work.

Provisions for Other Agencies

Unless otherwise stipulated by the Bidder, the Bidder agrees to make available to the Government agencies, departments, and municipalities the prices submitted in accordance with said terms and conditions therein, should any said governmental entity desire to buy under the Bid.

Applicable Law and Venue

This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to the conflicts or choice of law principals thereof. Each of the parties hereto: (a) irrevocably submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Florida, and agree that venue shall lie exclusively in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Seminole County, Florida for any state court action arising out of this Agreement, and exclusively in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, for any federal court action arising out of this Agreement; (b) waives and agrees not to assert against any party hereto, by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, in any suit, action or other proceeding, (i) any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts for any reason whatsoever, and (ii) any claim that such suit, action, or proceeding by any party hereto is brought in an inconvenient form or that venue of such suit, action, or proceeding is improper or that this Agreement or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such courts.

Bid Disclosure; Public Records Responsibilities

Florida law provides that municipal records shall, at all times, be open for personal inspection by any person. Section 119.01, Florida Statutes et. seq. (the Public Records Law). Unless otherwise provided by the Public Records Law, information and materials received by the CITY in connection with an ITB response and under any awarded contract shall be deemed to be public records subject to public inspection and/or copying at the end of the statutory exemption time period pursuant to Section 119.071, Florida Statutes. However, certain exemptions to the Public Records Law are statutorily provided for under sections 119.07 and 119.071, Florida Statutes, and other applicable laws. If the Bidder believes any of the information contained in its response is exempt from the Public Records Law, including trade secrets as defined by Florida law, the Bidder must, in its response, specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption; otherwise, the CITY will treat all materials received as public records.

Pursuant to section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, for any tasks performed by Bidder on behalf of the CITY, Bidder shall: (a) keep and maintain all public records, as that term is defined in chapter 119, Florida Statutes ("Public Records"), required by the CITY to perform the work contemplated by this Agreement; (b) upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, provide the CITY with a copy of the requested Public Records or allow the Public Records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the costs provided in chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law; (c) ensure that Public Records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from Public Records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the term of this Agreement and following completion or termination of this Agreement, if Bidder does not transfer the records to the CITY in accordance with (d) below; and (d) upon completion or termination of this Agreement, (i) if the CITY, in its sole and absolute discretion, requests that all Public Records in possession of Bidder be transferred to the CITY, Bidder shall transfer, at no cost, to the CITY, all Public Records in possession of Bidder within thirty (30) days of such request or (ii) if no such request is made by the CITY, Bidder shall keep and maintain the Public Records required by the CITY to perform the work contemplated by this Agreement. If Bidder transfers all Public Records to the CITY pursuant to (d)(i) above, Bidder shall destroy any duplicate Public Records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from Public Records disclosure requirements within thirty (30) days of transferring the Public Records to the CITY and provide the CITY with written confirmation that such records have been destroyed within thirty (30) days of transferring the Public Records. If Bidder keeps and maintains Public Records

pursuant to (d)(ii) above, Bidder shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining Public Records. All Public Records stored electronically must be provided to the CITY, upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology of the CITY. If Bidder does not comply with a Public Records request, or does not comply with a Public Records request within a reasonable amount of time, the CITY may pursue any and all remedies available in law or equity including, but not limited to, specific performance. The provisions of this section only apply to those tasks in which Bidder is acting on behalf of the CITY.

IF THE BIDDER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE PROPOSER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Telephone number: (407) 327-6560 ext. 7003 E-mail address: cityclerkdepartment@winterspringsfl.org

E-Verify

Pursuant to section 448.095, Florida Statutes, beginning January 1, 2021, any CITY vendors/contractors shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp>, to verify the work authorization status of all employees hired on and after January 1, 2021. CITY contractors must provide evidence of compliance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes. Evidence shall consist of an affidavit from the Bidder stating all employees hired on and after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system and a copy of their proof of registration in the E-Verify system. Failure to comply with this provision will be a material breach of the contract, and shall result in the immediate termination of a contract without penalty to the CITY. Bidder shall be liable for all costs incurred by the CITY securing a replacement contract, including but not limited to, any increased costs for the same services, any costs due to delay, and rebidding costs, if applicable. If the Bidder utilizes subcontractors the following shall apply:

Bidder shall also, as applicable, require all subcontractors performing work under the Agreement to use the E-Verify system for any employees they may hire during the term of the Agreement.

Bidder shall obtain from all such subcontractors an affidavit stating the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, as defined in section 448.095, Florida Statutes. Bidder shall provide a copy of all subcontractor affidavits to the CITY upon request and shall maintain a copy for the duration of the Agreement.

Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained from the Procurement Manager, (407) 327-7581, or from any other individual listed on the ITB cover letter.

Modification and Withdraw

Bids may not be modified after submittal.

Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the deadline. Withdrawal requests shall be made in writing and must be received by the CITY's Procurement Manager before the time and date stated or, as amended, for the Bid Opening. Properly withdrawn Bids will be returned unopened to the Bidder submitting the Bid.

A Bidder who timely withdraws its Bid may submit a new Bid in the same manner as specified herein under "Submission of Bid." A Bid submitted in place of a withdrawn Bid shall be clearly marked as such on the outside of the envelope and on the Bid Form.

If a Contract is not awarded within 90 calendar days after opening of Bids, a Bidder may file a written request with the CITY's Procurement Manager for the withdrawal of its Bid.

Prohibition on Gifts to City Employees and Officials

No organization or individual shall offer or give, either directly or indirectly, any favor, gift, loan, fee, service or other item of value to any CITY employee, as set forth in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, the current CITY Ethics Ordinance, and CITY Administrative Policy.

Violation of this provision may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- a. Prohibition by the individual, firm, and/or any employee of the firm from contact with CITY staff for a specified period of time;
- b. Prohibition by the individual and/or firm from doing business with the CITY for a specified period of time, including but not limited to: submitting bid/Proposals, RFP, and/or quotes; and,
- c. Immediate termination of any contract held by the individual and/or firm for cause.

Discrimination

An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a Bid, Proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a Bid, Proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit Bids, Proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

Federal Requirements

This contract may be funded in whole or in part with federal funding. As such, federal laws, regulations, policies and related administrative practices shall apply to any contract negotiated with a selected firm as required by federal law. The most recent of such requires, including any amendments made such the submission of the Bid, shall apply, unless federal government determines otherwise.

The federal government requirements contained in the most recent version of the Uniform Administrative Requirements for federal awards (Uniform Rules) codified at 2.C.F.R, Part 200, including any certifications and contractual provisions required by any federal statutes or regulations referenced therein to be included in this contract are deemed incorporated herein by reference and shall be incorporated into any sub-agreement or subcontract executed by the Bidder pursuant to its obligations under federal law.

PART III
SPECIFIC BID REQUIREMENTS

For
ITB 06-24-04 PH
Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

Format

To assure consistency, Proposals must conform to the following format:

- A. Bidder Information and Acknowledgement Form
- B. Table of Contents
- C. Introduction Letter
- D. Qualifications
- E. Other Information
- F. Cost & Time
- G. Mandatory Bid Forms
- H. Florida State Corporate Filing

Section A – BIDDER Information and Acknowledgement Form

- 1. Use the form provided in the Mandatory Bid Form titled “BIDDER INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM.” (See Proposal Form 1)

Section B – Table of Contents

- 1. Identify Bid material by section and page number.

Section C – Introduction Letter

- 1. Summarize the key points of the Bid including an understanding of the scope of work. Must be signed by an authorized official of the Bidder.

Section D – Qualifications

- 1. General – Provide general information about the Bidder, including size, office location(s), and structure of Bidder. Identify and explain any significant changes in organizational structure, ownership, or management both firm-wide and within Fixed Income/ Public Finance during the past five (5) years.
- 2. Bidder Experience – Describe the Bidder’s experience with providing Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance services, focus on the Bidder’s experience with such services for municipalities
- 3. Team Experience – Identify key members of Bidder’s team that will service the CITY. Identify the proposed project manager. Provide brief resumes for key team members that will service the CITY as an Appendix.
- 4. References – Use the form provided in the Mandatory Bid Form titled “REFERENCE INFORMATION FORM”
- 5. Conclusion – Briefly summarize why Bidder should be selected, including why Bidder is pursuing the City of Winter Springs’ business. In short, summarize what makes Bidder different and why the CITY should select Bidder above all others.

Section E - Other Information

This section should address any other information necessary for a full understanding of Bidder’s services. Please provide relevant information on any additional services offered by Bidder.

Section F – Cost and Time

This section must clearly state the cost and estimated completion time, if applicable, associated with the project. Use Appendix A: Cost Proposal Worksheet.

Section G – Mandatory Bid Forms

1. Fill out and return the forms provided; Bidder Information and Acknowledgement Form, References Information Form, Insurance Requirement Form, Scrutinized Company Certification, Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Respondent, Drug Free Workplace Form, Public Entity Crimes Statement, E-Verify Statement, Conflict of Interest Statement, SMWBE Utilization Plan and Appendix A Cost Proposal Worksheet.

Section H – Florida State Corporate Filing

1. All Bids must be signed with the Bidder's name and by an officer or employee having authority to bind the Bidder by his/her signature as indicated by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations (www.sunbiz.org). Proof of corporate signer must be included with the submittal with the Bid. Use Sunbiz website screen shot or include a copy of Corporate Resolution or a Power of Attorney.

MANDATORY BID FORMS

Proposal Form 1	-	Bidder Information and Acknowledgement Form
Proposal Form 2	-	References Information Form
Proposal Form 3	-	Insurance Requirements Form
Proposal Form 4	-	Scrutinized Company Certification
Proposal Form 5	-	Non-Collusion Affidavit
Proposal Form 6	-	Drug Free Workplace Form
Proposal Form 7	-	Public Entity Crimes Statement
Proposal Form 8	-	E-Verify Statement
Proposal Form 9	-	Conflict of Interest Statement
Proposal Form 10	-	SMWBE Utilization Plan
Appendix A	-	Cost Proposal Worksheet

Mandatory forms must be submitted with the Bid.

Failure to submit forms may disqualify the Bidder from the ITB

Appendix B Scope of Work (Not a Mandatory Form To Return)

Appendix C Bid Bond Agreement

BIDDER INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

For

ITB #06-24-04 PH

Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

The undersigned Bidder does hereby agree to furnish the City of Winter Springs, Florida, the items listed in accordance with the minimum requirements/evaluation criteria shown by the Invitation To Bid to be delivered to the specified site for the price indicated.

**IT IS THE BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK www.demandstar.com
FOR FINAL DOCUMENTS AND ADDENDA BEFORE SUBMITTAL**

THIS BID MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR DIRECTOR AS INDICATED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS (www.sunbiz.org). Proof of corporate signer must be submitted with Bid. If not submitted, Bidder will be considered non-responsive. Use Sunbiz website screen shot or copy of Corporate Resolution or Power of Attorney.

BIDDER NAME: _____

TAX ID# SNN or EIN: _____

BIDDER ADDRESS: _____

PURCHASE ORDER ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

COMPANY WEBSITE: _____

COMPANY CONTACT (REP): _____

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

THE UNDERSIGNED:

A. Acknowledges receipt of:

1. ITB # 06-24-04 PH Pertaining To: Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

2. Addenda:

Number: _____, Dated _____.

Number: _____, Dated _____.

B. Has examined the site and all ITB Documents and understands that in submitting its Bid, they waive all right to plead any misunderstanding regarding the same.

C. Agrees:

1. To hold this Bid open for 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

2. To furnish the services specified in this ITB at the prices quoted in the Bid and in compliance with the ITB Documents.

3. To accept the provisions of the Instructions to Bidders.

4. To negotiate a contract with the CITY incorporating the Bid prices, if selected on the basis of this Bid.

5. To accomplish the work in accordance with the contract documents.

D. Certifies:

1. That all information contained in this Bid is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2. That I am duly authorized to submit this Bid on behalf of the Bidder and that the Bidder is ready, willing, and able to perform if awarded the Bid.

Stipulated Amount

A. Submit on Cost Proposal Worksheet, Appendix A.

REFERENCE INFORMATION FORM

ITB # 06-24-04 PH

Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Project Cost: _____ Date Performed: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Project Cost: _____ Date Performed: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Project Cost: _____ Date Performed: _____

Bidder Representative
Typed Name/Title: _____

Bidder Representative Signature: _____

Bidder: _____

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FORM

Insurance Type	Required Limits
✓ Worker's Compensation	Statutory Limits of Florida Statutes, Chapter 440 and all Federal Government Statutory Limits
✓ Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 each accident, single limit per occurrence
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence \$3,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury Liability & Property Damage Liability.
✓ (Occurrence Form) patterned after the current ISO form	This shall include Premises and Operations; Independent Contractors; Products & Completed Operations & Contractual Liability.
✓ Indemnification	To the maximum extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless City of Winter Springs, its officers and employees from any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful conduct of the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant or anyone employed or utilized by the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant in the performance of the Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph. This section does not pertain to any incident arising from the sole negligence of the City of Winter Springs.
✓ Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 each person; Bodily Injury & Property Damage, Owned/Non-owned/Hired; Automobile Included.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Bidder shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements that it is required to meet. The same Bidder shall provide the CITY with certificates of insurance meeting the required insurance provisions.

The City of Winter Springs must be named as "Additional Insured" on the Insurance Certificate for Commercial General Liability where required.

The Certificate Holder shall be named as City of Winter Springs.

Thirty (30) days cancellation notice required.

The undersigned Bidder agrees to obtain, prior to award, if selected, insurance as stated above.

Bidder

Authorized Signature

Officer Title

Date

SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION

Florida Statutes, Sections 287.135 and 215.473

Pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2017), a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a Bid for, or enter into or renew a contract with the CITY for goods or services of:

- a. Any amount if, at the time of submitting a Bid for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the Bidder is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or
- b. One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a Bid for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the Bidder:
Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473; or
Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Subject to limited exceptions provided in state law, the CITY will not contract for the provision of goods or services with any scrutinized company referred to above. The Bidder must submit this required certification form attesting that it is not a scrutinized company and is not engaging in prohibited business operations.

The following shall be grounds for termination of the contract at the option of the awarding body:

- a. The Bidder is found to have submitted a false certification; been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List;
- b. Been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or
- c. Is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or
- d. Been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

The CITY shall provide notice, in writing, to the Bidder of any determination concerning a false certification.

- a. The Bidder shall have five (5) days from receipt of notice to refute the false certification allegation.
- b. If such false certification is discovered during the active contract term, the Bidder shall have ninety (90) days following receipt of the notice to respond in writing and demonstrate that the determination of false certification was made in error.
- c. If the Bidder does not demonstrate that the CITY's determination of false certification was made in error then the CITY shall have the right to terminate the contract and seek civil remedies pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes.

THIS CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND INCLUDED IN YOUR BID RESPONSE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM AS INSTRUCTED SHALL RENDER YOUR BID SUBMITTAL NON-RESPONSIVE.

- a. The Vendor, owners, or principals are aware of the requirements of Section 287.135, Florida Statutes; and
- b. The Vendor, owners, or principals are eligible to participate in this solicitation and not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel; and
- c. For contracts of one million dollars or more, the Vendor, owners, or principals are eligible to participate in this solicitation and not listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List and, further, are not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria; and
- d. If awarded the Contract, the Vendor, owners, or principals will immediately notify the CITY in writing if any of its company, owners, or principals: are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; engage in a boycott of Israel; or engage in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of (_____) physical presence or (_____) online notarization,

this _____ day of _____, 2024 by _____ the _____ of _____, a _____ (_____) who is personally known to me or (_____) who produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public: _____

Print Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT of PRIME BIDDER

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

_____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He/she is _____ of _____
Title Bidder

The Bidder that has submitted the attached response.

(2) He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such solicitation.

(3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham solicitation.

(4) Neither the Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agent representatives, employees or parties in interest including this affiant, has in any way, colluded, conspired, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person, to submit a collusive or sham response in connection with the ITB for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such ITB, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by Agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposed price or the proposed price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful Agreement any advantage against the City of Winter Springs, Florida, or any person interested in the proposed Agreement.

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, or unlawful Agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties of interest, including affiant.

(Signed) (Title)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ by _____,

who is (___) personally known to me or (___) who has produced _____ as identification and who (did / did not) take an oath.

(Signature of Notary Public)

(Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped) Notary Public

(Commission Number)

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned Bidder, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that

_____ does:
(Name of Bidder)

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under contract a copy of the Drug-Free statement.
4. Notify the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under contract, employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.
7. As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this business complies fully with the above requirements.

(Authorized Signature)

(Date)

(Print/Type Name as Signed Above)

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

SWORN STATEMENT UNDER F.S. SECTION 287.133(3) (A), ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted with Bid for ITB #06-24-04 PH Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services.

2. This sworn statement is submitted by (Bidder) _____ whose business address is _____ and (if applicable) Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____ (If a Sole Proprietor and you have no FEIN, include the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number: _____).

3. My name is _____ and my relationship to the Bidder named above is _____.
4. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(a) (g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any proposal or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or any agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
5. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in paragraph 287.133(a) (b), Florida Statutes, means finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of records relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
6. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (a), Florida Statutes, means:
 - A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The City of Fernandina Beach, Florida ownership by one of shares constituting a controlling income among persons when not for fair interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under a length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who was knowingly convicted of a public entity crime, in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
7. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of the state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract for provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.
directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.
8. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies)
 Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.
 The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)
 The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted FIRM list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted FIRM list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)
 The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted FIRM list. (Please describe any action taken by, or pending with, the Department of General Services.)

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT cont.

Signature

Date:

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

PERSONALLY, APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, who, after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature at the space provided above on this ____ day of _____, 2024, and is personally known to me, or has provided _____ as identification.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

E-VERIFY STATEMENT

Bid Number: ITB # 06-24-04 PH

Project Description: Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services

Bidder acknowledges and agrees to the following:

Bidder shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

1. All persons employed by the Bidder during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and
2. All persons assigned by the Bidder to perform work pursuant to the contract with the CITY.

Bidder: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

This sworn statement is submitted with Bid for **ITB # 06-24-04 PH Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services**

This sworn statement is submitted by (Bidder) _____ whose business address is _____ and (if applicable) Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____ (If a Sole Proprietor and you have no FEIN, include the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number: _____.)

My name is _____ and my relationship to the Bidder named above is _____.

1. The above-named Bidder is submitting a Bid for the City of Winter Springs.
2. The Affiant has made diligent inquiry and provides the information contained in the Affidavit based upon his/her own knowledge.
3. The Affiant states that only one submittal for the above Bid is being submitted and that the above-named Bidder has no financial interest in other entities submitting Bids for the same project.
4. Neither the Affiant nor the above- named Bidder has directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraints of free competitive pricing in connection with the Bidder’s submittal for the above Bid. This statement restricts the discussion of pricing data until the completion of negotiations if necessary and execution of the Contract for this project.
5. Neither the Bidder nor its affiliates, nor anyone associated with them, is presently suspended or otherwise ineligible from participation in contract letting by any local, State, or Federal Agency.
6. Neither the Bidder nor its affiliates, nor anyone associated with them have any potential conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests for this project.
7. I certify that no member of the Bidder’s ownership or management is presently applying for an employee position or actively seeking an elected position with the City of Winter Springs.
8. I certify that no member of the Bidder’s ownership or management, or staff has a vested interest in any aspect of the City of Winter Springs.
9. In the event that a conflict of interest is identified in the provision of services, I, on behalf of the above-named Bidder, will immediately notify the City of Winter Springs.

Signature Date:

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

PERSONALLY, APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, who, after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature at the space provided above on this ___ day of _____, 2024, and is personally known to me, or has provided _____ as identification.

Notary Signature My Commission expires: _____

SMWBE UTILIZATION PLAN

Small, Minority, and Women's Business Enterprises (SMWBE), and Labor Surplus Area Firms Utilization

Bidder Company Name: _____

Project Name : **Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance Services**

RFP Number : **ITB # 06-24-04 PH**

CFR §200.321 requires local governments to take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority business, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. The CITY requires that PROPOSERS (Prime Contractors), if subcontracts are to be let, to take the five affirmative steps as cited below. Please describe your firm's plan for identifying and potential use of SMWBE and Labor Surplus Area Firms. Additional pages may be attached, as necessary.

- Placing qualified small and minority business and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business and women's business enterprises.
- Establishing delivery schedules where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises and veteran owned businesses.
- Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration or the Florida Office of Supplier Diversity

https://www.dms.myflorida.com/agency_administration/office_of_supplier_diversity_osd

Appendix A
COST PROPOSAL WORKSHEET

ITB 06-24-04 PH Aquatic Weed Control and Pond Maintenance												
Base Bid												
Pond #	Pond Name	Location			Approx. (FT) Circumference	Treatment Frequency (Activities/Year)	Pond Treatment (Cost/Activity)	Trash Removal (Cost/Activity)			Annual Cost	
1	Tanglewood Pond	Wildwood Subdivision at Tanglewood Rd			400	12						
2	Highlands Pond	Off of Shepard Rd behind Highlands Clubhouse			1100	12						
3	The Oaks	At Shepard Rd across from The Oaks Subdivision			1000	12						
4	Highland Lakes - Shepard Road	At Shepard Rd adjacent to The Oaks Subdivision			550	12						
5	Highland Village - Large	Next to 405 Macgregor Rd			950	12						
6	Highland Village - Small	Between 320 & 325 Macgregor Rd			300	12						
7	Highland Village - 3rd Street	Corner of Macgregor & 3rd St.			750	12						
8	Moss Rd Pond	Wet pond at Torcaso Park & Fire Station			1300	24						
9A	Safety Bldg. Pond A (south)	Police Station site at Moss Rd			500	12						
9B	Safety Bldg. Pond B (north)	Police Station site at Moss Rd			500	12						
10	Cory Lane Pond	end of cul-de-sac (Cory Ln)			400	12						
11	Rhoden Lane Pond	end of cul-de-sac (Rhoden Ln)			750	12						
12	Alligator Pond	Off of Murphy Rd Behind Murphy Pond B			1300	12						
13	Murphy Pond B	Off of Murphy Rd Behind Murphy Pond B			700	12						
14	Murphy Lake	Off of Murphy Rd after Bridge			1200	12						
15	Donut Lake	S Edgemon Ave b/w Cottonwood & Panama Cir			1550	12						
16	Fruitwood Lake	At Fruitwood Lake Park off Fruitwood Ave			1400	12						
17	Gee Creek Pond	Corner of Elderwood St & Edgemon Ave			550	12						
18	Arbors - Dolphin Pond	Corner of Dolphin Rd & Lancers Dr			1350	12						
19	Stone Gable	Between 112 & 114 Sone Gable Circle			1100	12						
20	Winding Hollow #10	Power Line Easement south of Stone Gable			1050	12						
21	Winding Hollow #15	Before Twelve Oaks Dr on Winding Hollow east			1000	12						
22	Winding Hollow #14	Before Twelve Oaks Dr on Winding Hollow west			350	12						
23	Winding Hollow #19	Corner of Winding Hollwo Blvd& Twelve Oaks Dr			350	12						
24	Winding Hollow #17	At the Power Line Easement north of Pond #27			900	12						
25	Winding Hollow #22	Corner of Winding Hollow and Winding Chase Blvds			1400	12						

26	Winding Hollow #11	East side of Winding Hollow Blvd just pass Springview Ct	650	12			
27	Winding Hollow #20	Large wet pond at the Power Line Easement	4000	24			
28	SR434 DOT Pond E	Across from The reserve subdivision at Tuscora Dr	2150	12			
29	SR434 DOT Pond D	Across from Seminole Cty School Transportation Svcs	350	12			
30	SR434 DOT Pond A	Between Winding Hollow & Stone Gable Subdivision	1800	12			
31	SR434 DOT Pond B	At Winter Springs Post Office - front	1350	12			
32	SR434 DOT Pond C	At Winter Springs Post Office - rear	950	12			
33	Winter Springs City Hall Pond	Behind Winter Springs City Hall off SR 434	850	12			
34	Central Winds Park Pond	Adjacent to Lake Jesup (at the Main Park)	1300	24			
35A	Central Winds Park Soccer Field C	At soccer fields east of Parkd Maintenance Bldg	850	4			
35B	Central Winds Park Soccer Field D	At Soccer Fields between Baseball #4 & Soccer Field D	800	4			
36	O'Day Pond	Between 1132 & 1142 O'Day Dr	750	12			
37	Baltic Lane Pond/Ditch	At Baltic Lane	250	4			
38	Freedom Lane Pond/Ditch	At Freedom Lane	750	4			
39	Oak Forest/Chokecherry Pond	at 875 Chokecherry (access at the Power Easement)	300	12			
40A	Oak Forest Lake	Corner Tusawilla Rd & Winter Springs Blvd	2300	24			
40B	Oak Forest Lake Outfall	Across from 1063/1065 Winter Springs Blvd	150	12			
41	Trotwood Pond	Along Trotwood Blvd by the park's roundabout	1100	12			
42	Tuskawilla Lake	Trotwood Park Lake off Northern Way	2700	12			
44	Tusc Oaks 8	Across from the Eatre Plant at Northern Way	900	12			
47	Willa Lake	B/W Ermine/Antelope, Deer Run & Wolverine	3300	12			
48	Mt. Laurel Pond	Between 1450 & 1454 Mt. Laurel Dr	500	12			
49	Bear Creek Ct Pond	End of the cul-de-sac	400	12			
50	Seneca Pond	Near intersection of Seneca & Vistawilla Dr	400	12			
51	Running Bear Ct Pond	Behind 695 Running Bear Ct	200	12			
52	Tiverton Pond	At Carrington Woods off Tiverton St	700	12			
53	Carrington Pond	At Carrington Woods off Carrington Ave & Ct	1000	12			
54	Warrington Pond	At Carrington Woods off Warrington Ct	1100	12			
55	Winter Sp Blvd/Across from Park	Next to Fox Glen Subdivision Entrance at Winter Sp. Blvd	600	12			
56	Sam Smith Park Pond	At Sam Smith Park	2000	12			

57A	White Dove Pond A	Between White Dove Dr & Woodchuck Ct	350	24			
57B	White Dove Pond B	See Pond 57A access at the Power Easement	250	24			
58A	Tusc Pond - Boat Pond A	Off Seneca Blvd b/w Canadice & Lamoka	350	24			
58B	Tusc Pond - Boat Pond B	See Pond 58A access at the Power Easement	350	24			
59	Tusc Pond - Chelsea Large	Off Seneca Blvd b/w Tioga Ct & Conesus Ln	2500	24			
60	Little Sparrow Ct Pond	Behind 1630 Winter Sp Blvd east of Little Sparrow Ct	600	12			
61	Chestnut Estates - 1	Between 222 & 223 Blue Creek Dr	350	12			
62A	Bear Creek Pond - W.S. Blvd	North of Winter Sp Blvd by entrance at Chestnut Est.	300	24			
62B	Pond behind #62	Behind Pond 62	350	12			
63	Chestnut Estates - 2	Between 200 & 206 Blue Creek Dr	550	12			
64	Chestnut Estates - 4	East Side of Chestnut Est. bordering Oviedo	1100	12			
65	Hole 13 Lake	At Tusawilla Golf Course	1450	12			
66	Hole 12 Lake	At Tusawilla Golf Course	1650	12			
67	Fairway Oaks Pond	Center of Fairway Oaks Subdivision	600	12			
68	Chestnut Ridge	East Side of Greenbriar Ln at Subdivision entrance	750	12			
69	Greenbriar Pond	West side of Greenbriar Lane	550	12			
70	Dyson Pond	Between Shetland Ave & Dyson Dr	550	12			
80	Winter Springs High School	Winter Springs High School Fields corner Tusawilla Rd	1300	12			
100	N. Edgemon Ave / Civic Ctr	At Sunshine Park behind the ball fields	1000	12			
103	Sheoah Rd Park Outfall area	At Sheoah Park across from 3rd St	100	12			
104	Highlands Canal/Sheoah Cir	Ditch by fenced area off of Sheoah Circle	400	12			
106A	C W Park Ext. Pond - South	At Central Winds Park Extension	350	12			
106B	C W Park Ext. Pond - Mid	At Central Winds Park Extension	350	12			
106C	C W Park Ext. Pond - North	At Central Winds Park Extension	250	12			
107A	P W / Utility Compound Pond E	P W Utility Compound - Old Sanfor Oviedo Rd	500	12			
107B	P W / Utility Compound Pond W	P W Utility Compound - Old Sanfor Oviedo Rd	400	12			
108	Fisher Road Pond	At Fisher Rd	2500	12			
109A	Solary Canal Pond A	Off of Deleon St	2500	12			
109B	Solary Canal Pond B	Off of Deleon St	1800	12			
111A	Lake Jesup Augmentation	at the Lake Jesup Augmentation Plant	350	4			
112	Herrell Rd Pond	At Williams, Herrell, Morton & Sunrise	1200	12			
113A	Winter Springs Village Pond (1)	At Fanning Drive (between Tusawilla Rd & Gainer Way)	1000	12			
113B	Winter Springs Village Pond (2)	At Fanning Drive (between Wakulla Ln & Ginnie Way)	1200	12			

113C	Winter Springs Village Pond (3)	At Fanning Drive (between Eagle Bay & Treehouse St)	1500	12			
114	Jesup's Rerserve	At Old Farm Lane	800	12			
115A	Jesup's Landing A	At Jesup's Springs Lane & Orange Ave	875	12			
115B	Jesup's Landing B	At 476 Gee Hammock Lane	1150	12			
116A	Seven Oaks A	Small portion from 779 Maple Leaf Loop to 791 Maple Leaf Loop	500	6			
116B	Seven Oaks B	Behind 823 Maple Leaf Loop	1100	12			

Bid Additives:

Triploid Grass Carp Stocking \$ _____/Fish

Application of Flouridone
(or equivalent) \$ _____/SF

The Bidder is invited to submit per unit pricing on any other optional/ancillary services which it offers and which may be of interest to the CITY.

Appendix B
SCOPE OF WORK
AQUATIC WEED CONTROL AND POND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

1. PROJECT SCOPE

Provide all supervision, labor, equipment, materials and fuel to perform grounds, aquatic weed control and pond maintenance as indicated in this statement of work. The work consists of maintaining stormwater ponds and several canals/ditches throughout the City.

2. GENERAL

2.1 Supervisor: The contractor shall provide an individual who shall be responsible for the performance of the work. The name of this person and alternate(s) who shall act for the contractor when the supervisor is unavailable shall be designated in writing to the Project Manager or other designated City employee.

2.1.1 Authority: The Project Manager or alternate shall have full authority to act for the Contractor on all matters relating to daily operation of this contract.

2.1.2 Availability: The supervisor or alternate shall be available during normal business hours within 24 hours to meet with City Personnel designated by the Project Manager to discuss problem areas.

2.1.3 Office and/or Facility: There shall be an office and/or maintenance facility located within 25 miles of the City of Winter Springs.

2.2 Employees

2.2.1 Contractor Personnel Appearance: Contractor personnel shall present a neat appearance and be easily recognized. This may be accomplished by wearing distinctive clothing bearing the company name or by wearing appropriate badges which contain the company and employee name.

2.2.2 Vehicle Operator Licenses: The contractor shall ensure that all vehicle operators have a valid Florida operators' license for the type of vehicle being driven, prior to starting work.

2.3 Quality Control

2.3.1 Quality Control Plan: The contractor shall establish and maintain a quality control plan to ensure the requirements of the contract are provided for as specified.

2.4 Standards of Work

2.4.1 Standards of Service: The standards of service provided by the contractor shall be equal to City of Winter Springs standards and those normally expected of a competent firm engaged in the aquatic weed control services business.

2.4.2 Qualified Technicians: The contractor is held responsible for providing fully qualified and licensed/certified technicians/workers to perform the tasks necessary in providing these services.

2.5 Hours of Work: Work may be performed by the contractor between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No work may be performed before sunrise or after sundown without advance written permission from the City.

2.6 Damage to City Property: The contractor shall take necessary precautions to protect City property. Any damage to City property resulting from the wrongful or negligent acts of the contractors' employees shall be repaired or replaced by the contractor or be deducted from the payment due the contractor.

2.7 Safety: The contractor shall exercise proper safety procedures which are in accordance with all state, local, and OSHA regulations or standards.

2.8 Contractors Work Plan: The contractor shall furnish with his bid a complete proposal of his/her plan for accomplishing the required work, including a list of the equipment and personnel intended to be used.

3. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

3.1 Description: The work in this section consists of the following:

The intent of the BID is to obtain a price for providing management of certain lakes and/or waterways in accordance with the following specifications.

Ninety-five (95) stormwater ponds (approx. 89,475 ft. total circumference) and three (3) ditches/canals (approx. 1,400 ft total length) located at various locations throughout the City of Winter Springs. (See Bid Form and Map for locations).

A minimum of twelve (12) inspections per year, with treatment as required, except on certain ponds and or canals listed with more or less frequency, as shown on the Bid Form. The period between individual pond inspections, for ponds on a monthly inspection schedule, must not exceed 35 days.

Water Management Services are to include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- A. Algae and aquatic weed control in open water areas only.
- B. Shoreline grass control to the waters' edge in non-vegetated areas only.
- C. Vegetation in the bottom of dry ponds shall be limited in height to 12".
- D. Littoral shelf maintenance-wicking for the control of cattail and primrose willow.
- E. Water chemistry testing, as needed by the contractor for the success of the control program. Routine testing of the oxygen level of the lakes and ponds as needed.
- F. Bacteria testing, as needed by the contractor for the success of the control program.
- G. Triploid grass carp stocking (to control "Hydrilla" and slender "Spikerush") based on a unit cost provided on the Bid Schedule. Fish barriers are not part of this scope. The installation of fish barriers will be negotiated on a case by case basis.
- H. Removal of all trash and other nonorganic materials (bottles, cans, litter, etc.) that are floating in the pond or at the water line will be conducted as part of each inspection. Management reporting will be used to verify trash removal activities. Trash to be removed is limited to trash which can physically enter the pond via the storm sewer system. The total amount/volume of trash collected must be reported with the monthly report.

- I. Overflow structures shall be cleared of weeds and debris at each inspection. The total amount/volume of weed and debris collected must be reported (added to item H) with the monthly report.
- J. Heavy physical removal of organic materials is not part of this contract and will be negotiated separately.
- K. Management reporting will require the use of daily forms by the contractor and monthly provided by the City and will be used as a basis for Invoice approval and contract performance inspection. Any activity conducted as part of the contract will have to be submitted within 72 hrs of the activity taking place. The report(s) shall include the types of weeds treated, the chemicals and the equipment used for the treatment. A separate report of chemicals applied to ponds 28-32 shall be submitted once a month.
- L. Pond #111A (Lake Jesup Shoreline at Reclaimed Water Plant) will be sprayed for the maintenance of invasive weeds.
- M. In the event of a 'fish kill', upon notification of the fish kill the contractor shall immediately mobilize the resources necessary to perform the removal and proper disposal of the dead fish, and all related clean up of the pond.

3.2 Inspection and Unsatisfactory Work: During periods of heavy pond maintenance the contractor shall consult with the City for inspection and tentative approval of work quality being accomplished. In the event of unsatisfactory work, the contractor shall perform whatever work is necessary without additional compensation.

3.3 Bid Items and Items of Payment: The measurement of production and item(s) of payment shall be made by unit/work areas as shown in the bid form.

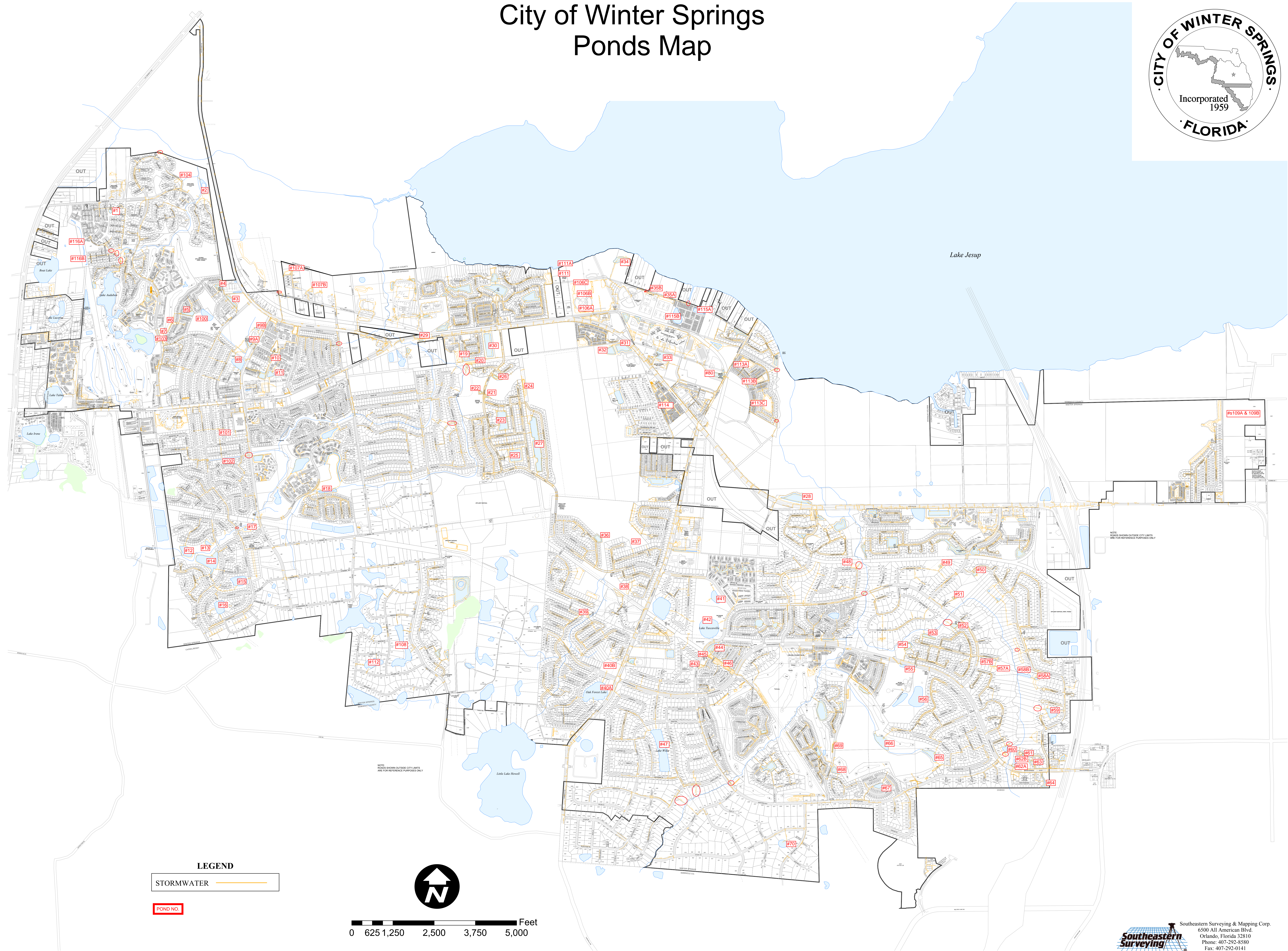
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

#	Question	Response
1	Width if mowing/weed eating perimeter around each pond/lake from water?	This is handled in a separate contract
2	Will shorelines be treated with herbicide to kill vegetation or left with a trim buffer zone to protect filtration as well as reduce access to water?	All shorelines are treated except for pond #108
3	For control of Cattails-primrose will there be new maintenance-wicking systems be put in place or are these to be existing to be maintained and kept up at a cost per square foot?	No new Maintenance-wicking systems will be installed. This will be cost per square foot.
4	What is minimum frequency of algae and aquatic weed control in open water only?	This is done as needed.
5	Can you specify the standards (2.4.1) required by the city of Winter Spring?	"those normally expected of a competent firm engaged in the aquatic weed control services business"
6	What is the frequency of Bacteria and water chemistry testing?	Typically only after a fish kill.
7	Will both grass carp and herbicide or option by the city or by the contractor?	This will be by the contractor.
8	Is trash/debris removal limited to light debris or will it include obstacles, logs,branches, shopping carts,vehicles, appliances as found,etc?	This is limited to light debris.
9	Will city reimburse for dumpsite tickets from trash disposal?	This should be part of the bid, the city will not reimburse.
10	Does the city presently provide these services to the community directly and at what cost?	Currently Provided by a Vendor
11	Who is your present contractor for these services?	As we expect them to submit a bid, we will not disclose at this time
12	What is the actual dollar amount contract for these services?	As we expect them to submit a bid, we will not disclose at this time
13	Fluridone is dosed in Parts Per Billion (PPB) and is applied as a measure of concentration to volume (PPB per Acre-Foot, typically). Square feet is a measure of area. To price this accordingly we need to get to volume and a specified concentration. So the pricing is unclear and ambiguous. Is that area of application (Square Foot) in an area that is 1 foot deep? or 10 feet deep? Then, is the City looking for a dose of 1 PPB in that area, or 150 PPB?	The intent of the pricing request is that in the event the selected vendor believed it was necessary to apply Fluridone, then there was an established methodology for the amount charged versus the usage. The request of a price per square foot was looking at the surface area of the treatment to establish a cost methodology and it does not address the depth of the area. We would advise you to quote in whatever methodology you are comfortable with while still addressing our basic requirement of validating the cost billed versus the treatment area.
14	Does a respondent need to be licensed in the state of Florida to bid on the project and win the award?	No, a company may be registered and licensed as a legal entity in any other state, it just needs to be licensed/authorized to do business in Florida, Bidders can accomplish this through www.sunbiz.org . There is a requirement to have an FDACS Commercial Applicators License for the work and you need to see if your state has a reciprocity agreement with Florida for this requirement.
15	Does the City prefer dredging/excavation versus chemical treatments and is the majority of the treatment along the shore area or in the pond?	The City prefers non-chemical treatment whenever possible in order to maintain water quality standards, but the specifications do allow for Fluridone treatments when necessary. Treatment must be consistent with applicable standards such as NCRS etc. As indicated in the specification, the majority of the treatment area will be focused along the shore, but some in pond treatments may be necessary


APPENDIX B (cont.)


City of Winter Springs Pond Map

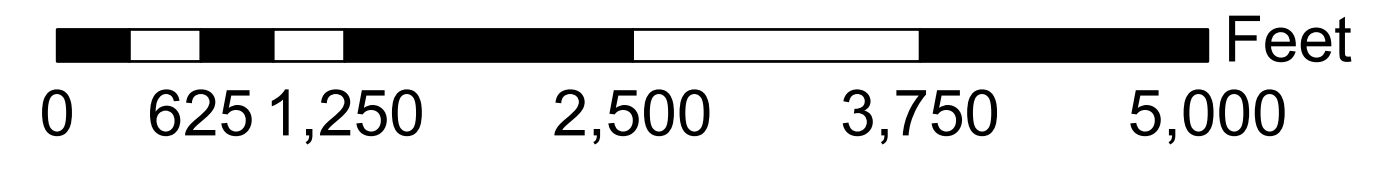
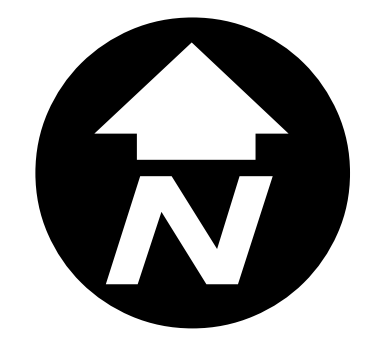
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LEGEND

STORMWATER 

POND NO. 



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Appendix C
BID BOND FORM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned,

_____ as Principal, and _____
_____ as Surety, are hereby and firmly bound unto the CITY OF
WINTER SPRINGS as OWNER, in the penal

sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) for the
payments of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs,
executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the CITY OF
WINTER SPRINGS a certain Bid, attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof to enter into a contract
in writing, for the Work described as:

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall not withdraw said Bid within 90 days after the opening of the
same, or in the alternate, if said Bid shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver required
certificates of insurance and a contract that, at minimum, includes the terms of the Form of Agreement
attached hereto (properly completed in accordance with said Bid), and shall give bond with good and
sufficient surety or sureties, as may be required, for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of
such contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the same shall remain in force and effect and
the sum herein stated shall be due and payable to the CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS and the Surety herein
agrees to pay said sum immediately, upon demand of the CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS, in good and lawful
money of the United States of America, as liquidated damages for failure of the Principal; it being
expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in
no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its
bond shall be in no way impaired or affected by an extension of the time within which the OWNER may
accept such Bid; and said Surety does hereby give waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bounded parties have executed this instrument under their

several seals this _____ day of _____, 2024, the name and corporate seal of each corporate body being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

_____	}	_____

(Witness)		(Principal) (Seal)

		(Title)

		(Address)

		(Surety) (Seal)

		(Title)

		(Address)