

City of Memphis
Mowing and Right-of-Way Maintenance
RFQ #27174
Questions and Answers #2

The following questions have been asked. Please review to ensure that you are bidding correctly.

1. Is the contractor responsible for the weeds that grow between the curb and the street along the gutter area?
Yes, section 1.4.5 mid paragraph "All areas that have curbs will require edges to be trimmed" You are to inhibit growth in this area via herbicide spraying.
2. Is tree trimming only applicable to the alleys?
Yes
3. What is the maximum diameter of tree limbs that must be removed from the alleys?
No maximum diameter. If it is within the area to be kept clear. It must be trimmed.
4. Is the contractor responsible for removing fallen trees from the alleys?
No. Contact City Supervisor to have the City of Memphis remove fallen trees
5. Will removal of large amounts of litter, such as illegal dumping, be the responsibility of the contractor under this contract?
No. Large items such as TVs, furniture, etc. will not be required to be removed. Any question please contact City Supervisor.
6. What conditions would prompt the city to utilize the additional cuts cycles? Will these cycles most likely be utilized during the growing season to help prevent the contractor from having to double cut areas which has been necessary in the past? This would offset the additional cost that the contractor incurs when having to double cut during the height of the rainy/growing season.
Yes, more than likely the additional cycles would be to control overgrowth during the peak season. They may also be utilized to supplement a possible extended season.
7. If the city issues an addendum to the contract, should it be signed and returned with the bid?
I am not sure. Please contact purchasing at 636-6683
8. Is it the intention or preference of the City of Memphis to divide this bid into multiple contracts or to have one contractor perform all services?
It is neither an intention nor a preference to award this to one bidder. This will be based solely on the award criteria listed in the addendum.
9. Will a company be awarded a contract if they only bid on one section and they are lower on that one section when compared to a company that bids on all sections which is determined to be the low bid for the entire project?
No. It will also depend upon the other award criteria listed in the addendum (equipment, references, locality).
10. Is this bid subject to the requirements of City ordinance No. 5185 or is this ordinance no longer in effect?
This ordinance is no longer in effect.
11. No bid bond is being required for this bid. Is this correct?
Correct

12. In the previous contract liquidated damages were assessed when a mowing cycle was not completed within the allotted time frame even though inclement weather was a major factor. The specifications state that the contractor has 30 days to complete two mowing cycles? This time frame will not be extended past 30 days even to account for inclement weather and the \$500 per day liquidated damages fee will be assessed. Is this correct?
Correct. This is based on the “opinion of the City”. We will closely monitor weather for each cycle and expect cycles to be cut within the timeframe, reasonably speaking. The City Supervisor will make a reasonable decision based on the weather patterns within the two required mowing per month.
13. Under Alley services – does litter removal include only green spaces or are the hard surfaces included as well?
It includes hard surfaces as well.
14. In reference to employment of illegal immigrants on page IX – can the city require an affidavit to be included with all bids to assure bidders are compliant with this?
I am not sure. Please contact purchasing at 636-6683
15. Define commercial line trimmers indicated under section 2.8.1
This is a string trimmer, or a “weed eater”
16. Can acre quantities for each line item be provided? If not, how is bidder to quantify actual areas to be mowed without maps indicating service areas? Are any maps going to be provided to bidders?
No maps will be provided. If there is a question about a particular area send me a email or call to clarify.
17. Are any other licenses required – i.e. contractor license – other than pesticide license?
Number 13 on page III of XIV in the RFQ states the required license. Also section 1.8.7 states a CDL is required if the herbicide truck requires one.
18. In regards to “Cleaning”, if the brush and/or plant materials are on private property and are creating a barrier between the private property and the alley, should it be removed.
This will have to be viewed by the City Supervisor to make a decision.
19. The specifications include mowing up to 15’ from the curb on the ROW. If the contractor is responsible for mowing more than 15’ it will be listed as (Include extra wide) in the location description. Is this correct?
Correct. If it is an embankment at an intersection it is required to mow the entire embankment.
20. Do the large intersections override the 90’ mowing width? If so, what intersections are included?
No. Not that I am aware of.
21. In regards to specification 1.4.5, it states that the contractor shall mow up to 15’ from the edge of the pavement where possible. There are numerous areas that have small trees and brush less than 15’ from the edge of the pavement that would require special equipment to clear. Would this be considered an area that is not possible to mow to 15’ or are we responsible for removing brush and small trees to achieve the 15’ mow area?
This will be an area that is not possible to mow and would not be required to remove the brush or small trees.
22. Removing brush or trees that are encroaching on the ROW is not part of this contract. Is this correct?
Correct
23. What is the requirement for the large drainage ditch located on New Allen Road. The site is inaccessible with riding mowers due to the barricades. Will access points be

created for the contractor to enter or must all of this area be maintained by string trimmers?

You will not be required to maintain drainage ditches. Drainage areas are maintained by the City.

24. In regards to specification 1.8, Herbicide Spraying, it is our experience that the herbicide application equipment required in the bid would not be the most efficient piece of equipment to spray the required areas such as sidewalks, curbs, gutters, ditches, sign post, delineators, concrete walls, etc. Will it be acceptable to submit alternative herbicide spraying equipment information that will be more efficient to perform the required scope of work with our bid?

Yes. The equipment specified is what is required at a minimum. You may use whatever equipment you have available as long as you have the minimum requirement and can achieve the results expected.

25. Please clarify the scope of work that requires herbicide spraying equipment that can spray 20' horizontally and 10' vertically. It's our understanding that we are only required to mow up to 15' on the ROW's and up to 90' on the ROW's which are listed as extra wide areas. Are we going to be required to spray herbicides on all of the mow areas or only the areas outlined in 1.8.2.1?

Only areas outlined in 1.8.2.1. The equipment requirement is in order to spray herbicide in high traffic areas where other equipment may not be feasible.

26. There are miles of sidewalks that have not been edged in a long period of time and are about 75% covered up with weeds and dirt. Is the contractor going to be responsible for reclaiming these sidewalks? If so, will the contractor be allowed more than one cycle to complete this task? (See attached Picture)

No you will not have to reclaim. If a sidewalk is covered and you cannot trim, please notify City Supervisor so that we can get the sidewalk cleared.

27. Group A, Henning- Does this include along the river? What areas are included on this line item?

No, this only includes the first 15 feet along both sides of the road on Henning St.

28. Group A, University- Is this only in front of Grand View Park? What are the start/stop points?

This is the southbound, west side of the street between Slocum and Clifton

29. Group B, Walnut Grove Viaduct- Does this include the entire interchange beyond the 15' specification?

Yes, this includes the entire interchange

30. Group C, Kirby road, Messick @ Kirby- What is included at this location?

This only includes the median at intersection of Messick & Kirby

31. Group C, Lamar- Does this include the large interchange at Lamar and E Raines Road?

Yes

32. Group C, Old US 78, Across from 5404 and 5410 Old Lamar- Please give more information as to what is included at this location.

This includes the first 15 feet of ROW (beginning once you turn off of HWY 78 and make the first left to the end)

33. Group C, Pidgeon Roost, Homewood to Delp (behind fence and all around the glass company)- Please give more information on the boundaries of this line item.

It will be the first 15 feet from edge of curb beginning at Homewood and ending at the dead end (headed south).

34. Group C- the median listed in Group C, Winchester, is included in Group C, Winchester Road. Is this a typo or do we price the Winchester median twice?

- This is a typo. Place \$0 for Winchester. I will issue an addendum.
35. Group D, Dexter Road- This area is being cut approx. 50' of the roadway but is not listed as extra wide. Do we only cut 15' off the roadway at this location?
No. Cut the 50'. I will issue an addendum.
36. Group D, Forest Hill and Irene Road- This is a ROW but has no start/stop points. Please advise.
This is beginning at Walnut Grove Rd headed north to the dead end.
37. Group D, Macon Road, Germantown Parkway westbound to city limit- It appears Macon turns into Raleigh Lagrange road if you go east from Germantown Parkway. Please clarify the stop point for this location.
This begins at Macon & Germantown Rd and then head west and follows Macon Rd and ends at City Limit (at Dalemore and Macon).
38. Group D, Powers- What is included at this location?
This is the ROW that extends on Powers between Lansford and Mayo
39. Group D, Sanga Creek Road- Group D, Rocky Hills is incorporated in Sanga Creek Road. Is this a typo or should we price two times?
This is a typo. Place \$0 for Sanga Creek Rd. I will issue an addendum.
40. Group D, Sycamore View, Macon to Whitten- Cannot locate where Sycamore View intersects Whitten. Please advise.
This is a typo. Place \$0 for Sycamore View - Macon to Whitten. I will issue an addendum
41. Group D, Walnut grove- Does this include the I-240 interchange?
No
42. Group D, Wattaker, Wendt, Tant, Palm, Rawdon, Burrow, Etc.- Please clarify what streets are included in ETC.
The only street remaining in that area is Jackson Rd. This location only includes ROW within the subdivision accessible by Jackson Rd only.
43. Group E, Democrat Median- Is the entire interchange located at Democrat and Plough included? If so, what line item should it be included in? Does this include the steep embankment that is not currently being cut and has very high vegetation?
Yes, this interchange is included. Areas of high vegetation on the steep embankment in the picture will not be required to be maintained.
44. Group E, Norris- Does this include the on/off ramps of I-69?
No
45. Group E, South Parkway- Does this include the I-240 interchange?
No
46. Group F, Batchelor- Please clarify the boundaries for this location.
Only the first 15 feet on each side of the road beginning at Fields and ending at dead end
47. Group F, Cook, Osceola, Batchelor, Outlet- Batchelor is already listed in this group. Should it be priced twice?
This is a typo. Please list \$0 for Batchelor location. I will issue an addendum.
48. Group F, Elvis Presley Blvd- North of Stateline- where is the stop point for this location?
Stop point will be Winfield Dr. I will issue addendum.
49. Group F, Elvis Presley Blvd- Brooks to Corporate- Does this include the I-55 interchange?
No

50. Group F, Fields- Is this already included in Group F, Boxtown Area? Do we price this twice?
No. Fields under 'Boxtown Area' is Fields Rd between Sewanee & Boxtown. I will issue an addendum to make this clear.
51. Group F, Getwell Median- this site is surrounded by barricades, are we to string trim all areas inside the barricades?
No. The median in the middle of the street between Viscount and Raines is a drainage area and will not be required to be maintained. The median along the service road for Getwell between Winchester and Raines is required to be cut by the contractor.
52. Group F, Old Hometown Subdivision- Please clarify what streets are included in the term ETC.
Ignore the word etc. Only price the streets listed. I will have this changed.
53. Group F, Shelby Drive, Getwell (westbound) to dead end- Does this include the I-69 interchange?
No
54. When a location states, to city limits, can you clarify the direction we should go from the start point?
Yes, I can. I will need the specific location in question.
55. Group F, Windsor-this is included in Group F, Horn Lake, Holmes to MS State Line include West Windsor. Do we price this twice?
Group F, Windsor will be revised to Windsor between Neely and Tulane. Group F, Horn Lake will be revised to Horn Lake, Holmes to MS State Line include West Windsor between Horn Lake and Neely
56. Group F, Eight- This exact location is listed twice in Group F.
List \$0 for one of the Eighth locations. I will issue an addendum
57. Group F, Ford, Honduras to McFarland- This is included in Group F, Ford, Third to Holmes. Do we price this twice?
No. List \$0 for the Ford, Honduras to McFarland. I will issue an addendum
58. Group H, Cooper to Cox- Cannot locate alley between Union and Washington. Please advise.
This is a typo. This is Group H, Cooper to Cox between Poplar and Washington
59. Group B, East and Peabody- Is this only the triangle or is the NE section of grass across the street included?
The NE section of grass is also included.
60. Group B, East Parkway Median- Is the grass area located on the west roadside by 281 Parkway included. This is not part of the median but is across the street from the median.
That area is not included.
61. Group B, North Parkway- Is the walkway areas located on the North side by the V& E Greenline included?
The walkway areas are not included
62. Group C, Lamar Median- Is the entire interchange included at Perkins/Raines Road? If so, what areas are included?
Yes, all medians (grassy area between travel lanes) and embankments (hills that incline/decline to road surface) and extra wide ROW (grassy area up to 90' from edge of pavement or up to beginning of heavy vegetation). See attached aerial
63. Group C, Kirby Median- Is the Kirby median located north of Poplar included?
Yes

64. Group D, Germantown Parkway- Is the north east corner bus stop included @ Rockcreek?
No
65. Group E, Wellington Street Median- Is the grassy area located on the north west corner by E Mclemore Ave. and S Wellington St. included?
No
66. Group E, Danny Thomas- Is the Trolley Station on the south side of Madison included?
The embankments for Danny Thomas at Jefferson and at Madison are included
67. Group E, Airways- Are the two triangles south of the airport parking (Airways and Holly Circle) included?
Yes
68. Group E, South Parkway- Does this include any of the interchange/on ramps/off ramps on I-240? If so, what areas?
This does not include interchange on/off ramps
69. Group E, Plough Blvd- Does this include the fenced in steep sloped areas located at Plough Blvd and Democrat? This area is overgrown and cannot be accessed due to the fence. (See Attached Picture)
No
70. Group E, Airways- Is any of the Airways/I-240 interchange included? If so, what areas?
None of the interchange areas are included
71. Group F, Tchulahoma- Are the two triangles located at Tchulahoma and Oak Lawn Lane included?
Only the one triangle at Tchulahoma and Oak Lake is included
72. Group F, Getwell Median- Please clarify- Does this line item only include grass areas that are in the center median or does it also include grassy areas between entrance and exit roads as well?
It also includes grassy areas between entrance & exit roads (embankments)
73. Group C, Getwell- This only includes the ROW from Knight Arnold to Winchester. Are we not responsible for the ROW south of Winchester until it starts again at Shelby Drive?
Correct. You are not responsible for the ROW between Knight Arnold and Winchester. The ROW in question is included (as medians only) in Group G- Getwell Medians
74. Group F, Airways Blvd- East side of Airways and North side of Shelby Drive- Are we responsible for the airports side of these roads up to the airports fence or is this area maintained by the airport?
The area between the curb and the fence is required to be maintained by the contractor