



**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION #15-1916GE
14TH STREET WEST MEDIAN LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

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DESCRIPTION

Manatee County invites your participation in the following Request for Quotes (RFQ). It is the intent of Manatee County to engage a contractor to provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform landscape maintenance for roadway median of 14th Street West in Bradenton, FL. The specifications stated herein are of the minimum requirements. All quotes submitted must be in accordance with the General Conditions and Minimum Technical Specifications.

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter "Manatee County" or the "County") will receive request for quotations from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities organized under the laws of the State of Florida or authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida.


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Important Note: A prohibition of Lobbying has been enacted. Please review the paragraph on (page 4) carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.

CLARIFICATION

It shall be the responsibility of all quoters to request any additional clarification of the contents herein. Clarification deadline is July 31, 2015 at 3:00pm, with no requests allowed after that time. All clarification requests shall be directed to George Earnest CPPB, at fax (941) 749-3034 or email to george.earnest@mymanatee.org. Clarification will be furnished by written addendum from Purchasing. Quoters shall not accept any verbal or telecommunication explanation as an authorized clarification of the contents herein.

Authorization for Release: 

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

QUOTE FORMS

Quotes must be submitted on attached County forms, although additional pages may be attached. Quoters must fully comply with all Quotation Documents, terms, and conditions.

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the County's functions including one's access to, participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities.

CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Each quoter shall examine the Request for Quote (RFQ) documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Request for Quotes shall be made through the Manatee County Purchasing Office. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given. If any addenda are issued to this Request for Quotation, the County will attempt to notify all prospective quoters who have secured same, however, it shall be the responsibility of each quoter, prior to submitting their quote, to contact the Manatee County Purchasing Office (see contact on page 1) to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda a part of their quote.

CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this quote, if any Quoter violates or is a party to a violation of the Code of Ethics of Manatee County per Manatee County Purchasing Code Ordinance 08-43, Article 3, Ethics in Public Contracting, and/or the state of Florida per Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Quoter may be disqualified from performing the work described in this quote or from furnishing the goods or services for which the quote is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future quotes or proposals for work or for goods or services for Manatee County.

The County anticipates that all statements made and materials submitted in a quote will be truthful. If a quoter is determined to be untruthful in its quote or any related presentation, such quoter may be disqualified from further consideration regarding this Request for Quotation.

COLLUSION

By offering a submission to this Request for Quotation, the quoter certifies that the quoter has not divulged, discussed or compared their quote with other quoters, and has not colluded with any other quoter or parties to this quote whatsoever. Also, quoter certifies, and in the case of a joint quote each party thereto certifies as to their own organization, that in connection with this quote:

- a. any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and or cost data, with any other quoter or with any competitor;
- b. any prices and or cost data quoted for this quote have not been knowingly disclosed by the quoter and will not knowingly be disclosed by the quoter, prior to the scheduled opening, directly or indirectly to any other quoter or to any competitor;
- c. no attempt has been made or will be made by the quoter to induce any other person to submit or not to submit a quote for the purpose of restricting competition;
- d. the only person or persons interested in this quote, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this quote or in the contract to be entered into; and

COLLUSION (continued)

- e. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding or a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees or established commercial agencies maintained by quoter for purpose of doing business.

DISCLOSURE

Upon receipt all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to the Request for Quotation become "Public Records" and are subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Quotes/Proposals become subject to disclosure 30 days after the Opening or if a notice of intended award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statute 119.071(1)(b). No announcement or review of the offer shall be conducted at the public opening. If the County rejects all offers and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, initial offers are exempt until the County provide notice of its intended decision or, 30 days after the opening of the new offers

DISCOUNTS

Any and all discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the quote; and not shown separately. The prices as shown on the quote form shall be the price used in determining award(s).

DISQUALIFYING CRIMINAL MATTERS; CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the State's convicted supplier list following a conviction for a public entity crime, as that term is defined in Florida Statute s. 287.133, may not submit a quote, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a quote, 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 quotes, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted supplier list. may not be awarded or perform work as a supplier, 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 Florida Statute [s.287.017](#) for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted supplier list.

In addition, the Manatee County Code prohibits the award of any contract to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 5 years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of an environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the purchasing official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a responsible manner; To ensure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with the County to execute and file with the purchasing official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity, and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have a such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with the County. In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, such affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, such affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). A confirming Criminal Matters Certification Affidavit is attached for this purpose.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

Manatee County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all quoters that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit quotes in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

IRREVOCABLE OFFER

Any quote may be withdrawn up until the date and time set for opening of the quote. Any quote not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an **irrevocable offer for a period of 90 days** to sell to Manatee County the goods or services set forth in the attached specifications until one or more of the quotes have been duly accepted by the County.

LEGAL NAME

Quotes shall clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the quoter. Quotes shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer must have the authority to bind the quoter to the submitted quote.

LOBBYING

After the issuance of any Invitation for Bids or Request for Quotation, prospective quoters, proposers or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such quoter or proposer shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Invitation for Bids or Request for Quotations with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Director or as directed in the Invitation for Bids or Request for Quotations. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any Invitation for Bids, or Request for Quotations, and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the invitation or request has been cancelled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Purchasing Code.

MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

Quotes submitted shall be based on the quantities stated on the Quote Form. Quantities shall be used for the comparison of Quotes. Payment to the Supplier will be made based on the actual quantity of work completed and accepted at the date of payment request, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

In the event of multiplication/extension error(s), the unit price shall prevail. In the event of addition error(s), the extended totals shall prevail. All quotes shall be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards prior to additional evaluation. Calculations shall be factored to the second decimal point.

MBE/WBE

The State of Florida, Office of Supplier Diversity provides the certification process and the database for identifying certified MBE/WBE firms. This service may be directly accessed at: <http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm> If you have any questions regarding this State service, please contact their office at (850) 487-0915.

MODIFICATION OF QUOTATION DOCUMENTS

If a quoter wishes to recommend changes to the Quotation Documents, the quoter shall furnish in writing, data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the request to modify the Quotation Documents. The County is not obligated to make any changes to the Quotation Documents. Unless an addendum is issued as outlined in Article A.04, the Quotation Documents shall remain unaltered. **Quoters must fully comply with the Quotation Documents, terms, and conditions.**

QUOTE EXPENSES

All expenses for submitting quotes to the County are to be borne by the quoter.

REGULATIONS

It shall be the responsibility of the quoter to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA and/or other Federal or State of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all quotes, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, the County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the quote and to increase or decrease quantities or add related products/services to meet additional or reduced requirements of the County. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by the County depending on available competition and current needs of the County. For all items combined, the quote of the lowest responsive, responsible quoter will be accepted, unless all quotes are rejected. The lowest responsible quoter shall mean that quoter who makes the lowest quote to sell goods and/or services of a quality which conforms closest to or most exceeds the quality of goods and/or services set forth in the attached Quotation Documents or otherwise required by the County, and who is fit and capable to perform the quote as made.

To be responsive, a quoter shall submit a quote which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Request for Quotation. To be a responsible quoter, the quoter shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit which will assure good faith performance. Also, the County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any quoter to deliver the goods or service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the quoter. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to: current financial statements, verification of availability of equipment and personnel, and past performance records.

TAXES

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; Florida Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6); therefore, the bidder is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in his bid for any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect the bidder's normal tax liability.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind and character, including, but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and materials furnished under the award in accordance with the laws and Regulations of the place of the project which are applicable during the performance of the work. Nothing herein shall affect the bidder's normal tax liability.

END OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS****PURPOSE**

It is the intent of the County of Manatee to enter into an annual contract to maintain the landscaping along the medians of the 14th Street from 26th Avenue West to Cortez Road.. The Work includes, but is not limited to edging, weed control, fertilizing, bush trimming, tree pruning, plants, grass, shrubs, tree and stump removal, herbicide, and insecticide services, and all major and minor repairs pertaining to the landscape maintenance at the median locations. It is the specific purpose of this quote to establish an annual contract for the required services and to secure the cost and a reliable, experienced contractor to perform these services.

SPECIFICATIONS

Contractors must submit quotes strictly in accordance with specifications. No variances or alterations to these specifications shall be allowed without an addendum provided by the County.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall have been in this line of business for at least three (3) years in the state of Florida at the same address. The Contractor shall also be registered to do business in Florida. Contractors shall supply three (3) references of current similar contracts on the Questionnaire/References form. All quoters must submit with their quote the Questionnaire/References form included herein.

UNSUCCESSFUL SERVICES

In the event the work performance of the Contractor is unsatisfactory, the Contractor will be notified by the County and given a time frame to correct the work. There will be no cost to the County for these corrections. If work is not corrected, or if the Contractor fails to perform any required service within the time frame agreed to, the County reserves the right to obtain the service of an alternate contractor. Deductions of the cost of such substitute will be made from the Contractor's payments. Exemptions may be given by the County if notified of any delays, problems or conflicts that may arise during the course of a particular project. Repetitive unsatisfactory performance shall result in the termination of the contract.

CANCELLATION

It is mutually understood and agreed that any award made as a result of this RFQ may be canceled by the Contractor upon 90 days written notice by Certified Mail to the County. However, the County is hereby authorized to purchase, in accordance with the prices quoted, any quantity of materials and/or services during this 90 day interim provided the County requests delivery during this period. The County reserves the right to terminate a contract by giving 30 days written notice of intention to terminate if at any time the Contractor fails to abide by or fulfill any of the terms and conditions of the contract. The County also reserves the right to terminate this contract for the convenience of the County, with or without cause.

RENEWAL

If not cancelled by the Contractor or the County, this term agreement shall be automatically extended/renewed beyond the first 12-month contract period for four (4) additional twelve (12) month optional periods providing there are no changes of prices, terms or conditions. The total contract period shall not exceed five (5) years unless agreed to by the County and the Contractor and shall extend under the terms and conditions current as of that time. The contract period begins with the issue and acceptance of the blanket purchase order. Written notice of intention not to renew or to request a pricing adjustment must be submitted by the Contractor 90 days prior to the end of the contract period. Should the Contractor choose not to renew the quote, the County reserves the right to terminate the Contract with that Contractor and select the next qualified quoter or solicit a new Request for Quote.

PAYMENT

Within forty-five (45) days after delivery by the Contractor, acceptance by the County, and presentation of an appropriate invoice, the County shall pay the total amount due. This is mandated by Florida State Statute 218.74. Payment invoices must indicate the Purchase Order and Release Order number.

BASIS OF AWARD

Award shall be made to the lowest responsive and responsible quoter having the lowest total quote price. Quoters must quote for each item to be considered responsive. Also, the County reserves the right to place orders with other Contractors, in the event of an urgent, immediate need, and/or delivery time and availability of service requested cannot be met by the lowest priced Contractor at the time of need.

Whenever two or more quotes are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the bid received from a local business shall be given preference in award. Whenever two or more quotes which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received, and both quotes or neither of these quotes are received from a local business, the award shall be determined by a chance drawing conducted by the Purchasing Office and open to the public. Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of the goods and/or services to be procured, and which certifies within its bid that for at least six (6) months prior to the announcement of the solicitation of bids it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one full-time employees at that location.

END OF SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

MINIMUM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, material, equipment, and supervision needed to maintain the medians and median landscaping of 14th Street West from 26th Avenue West to Cortez Road. The work may include, but is not limited to, edging, weeding, fertilizing, bush trimming, tree pruning, watering, use of herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, furnishing and installing plants, (grass, shrubs and trees) shrub, tree and stump removal, furnishing and installing mulch, removing and disposing of plant/landscaping material and litter, and finally all major and minor repairs pertaining to landscape maintenance. The work will not include mowing, sidewalks or any area not medians (e.g. grass along the roadside sidewalk). All service personnel shall be uniformed (with the Contractor's name prominent on the uniform) and be skilled in all services as listed herein.

In the event the Contractor damages the turf, curbs, or pavement, the Contractor shall be responsible for the repair/or replacement thereof at no cost to the County. This also includes, but is not limited to sign structures, appurtenances, and trees. Where landscaping has been established or natural landscaping has been preserved, work shall conform to the established contours and borders.

SITE INSPECTION

To submit a complete quote, contractors shall examine the sites and fully acquaint themselves with all existing conditions of the work to be done in order to familiarize themselves with all precautions to be taken to avoid injury to persons and property. The Contractor shall determine, by site investigation, any necessary work not specifically called for, but necessary to satisfactorily complete the work. Signature on Quote Response Form will attest that the above investigation has been completed.

After contract award, monthly site visits are required for scheduling the work and reporting any unusual circumstances as delineated on the Schedule of Task / Payment Authorization Form. The Contractor shall prearrange a mutually acceptable date for site inspection with the County's representative for each month's services. The inspection, conducted by the Contractor and the County's representative using the Schedule of Task / Payment Authorization Form, shall be used for the County's authorization for payment for the tasks successfully completed.

PERMITS, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS

All permits and licenses necessary for the completion of the work shall be secured and paid for by the contractor. The Contractor shall submit evidence of proper certification and licensing for all applicators contracted to apply pesticides or herbicides on municipal property. Applicators contracted to apply fertilizer shall utilize proper nutrient management practices.

WORKING HOURS

All work shall be performed during regular working hours, 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday work may be accomplished, upon prior approval from the County, if weather conditions prevent the work from being completed during regular working hours. Overtime is NOT permitted and overtime charges shall not be included in the Quoted Price.

Non-scheduled (emergency and non-emergency) maintenance, depending upon the circumstances, may require work to be performed during the week at non-regular working hours or weekends as may be requested by the County.

WORK AUTHORIZATION

Scheduled: Each month's Work shall be completed as delineated on the Schedule of Task / Payment Authorization Form resulting from the inspection conducted by the Contractor and County representative. The County shall use the Authorization Form as a schedule of tasks and authorization for payment for tasks successfully completed.

WORK AUTHORIZATION (continued)

Emergency: Work authorization for non-scheduled maintenance for emergency work shall be initiated via email or verbal contact (followed by written documentation) by the County representative concerning maintenance requiring immediate clean-up, such as, but not limited to unsafe or substandard conditions (e.g. rutted plant beds) wind damage, rain damage, or debris from storm damage, in order to prevent any inconvenience or hazardous conditions to the general public. The County shall use the Authorization Form as a schedule of tasks and authorization for payment for tasks successfully completed.

Non-Emergency: Work authorization for non-scheduled, non-emergency maintenance shall be initiated only with written notice from the County representative. Notice shall establish the maximum compensation in accordance with the rates established, schedule for performing the service, and schedule for final performance inspection. The County shall use the Authorization Form as a schedule of tasks and authorization for payment for tasks successfully completed.

Authorization Form: For Scheduled, Emergency, and Non-Emergency Work, a copy of the original invoice and the applicable Form shall be provided by the Contractor to the County prior to payment for the items or services received and accepted on the basis of such work as authorized.

SUBCONTRACTORS

It is expected that contractors shall have in-house capability to provide all the services required by this contract; however, should the Contractor find it necessary to utilize the services of a subcontractor, the Contractor shall first obtain the approval of the County. The Contractor shall also require each subcontractor to adhere to applicable provisions of this contract. The utilization of any subcontractor shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability or responsibility to the County pursuant to the provisions of this contract or obligate the County to the payment of any compensation to the subcontractor or additional compensation to the Contractor.

The employment of unauthorized aliens by any Contractor/Subcontractor is considered a violation of Section 274(e) of the Immigration and Employment Act. If the Contractor/Subcontractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this agreement.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY

The Contractor shall continuously maintain adequate protection of all their work from damage and shall protect all property from loss arising in connection with the contract. The Contractor shall comply with the Florida Department of Commerce Safety Regulations and any local safety regulations.

The Contractor shall at all times so conduct their work as to assure the least possible obstruction to traffic and inconvenience to the general public and the residents in the vicinity of the work and to insure the protection of persons and property, satisfactory to the County. No road or street shall be closed to the public, except with the permission of the County. Fire hydrants on or adjacent to the work shall be kept accessible at all times.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**A) Roadways, Sidewalks, & Medians**

Shall be maintained so that at no time will any build-up of litter, debris or weeds detract from the appearance of or the safe use of these areas. Such material shall be removed after each work session.

B) Authorization for Chemical Maintenance Activities

- 1) Prior to the start of any maintenance activities requiring the use of chemical agents such as fertilizers, insecticides, or herbicides, the Contractor shall obtain approval from the County for the type, rate of application, method of application, and areas/locations of the proposed application.

- 2) The Contractor shall use only licensed personnel as appropriate to the chemical being used to perform all chemical maintenance activities.
- 3) The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper cleaning of all equipment used and the disposal of all empty and partially used containers in compliance with all applicable Federal and Florida regulations.

C) Turf Maintenance – Mechanical

- 1) MEDIANS- There is no grass to be mowed on the 14th Street West medians, so work will be done as follows:
 - a) Edging frequency - shall be done three times per month from April through July and twice per month from October thru March, so no plant material extends over the edge of the surrounding surface (roads, sidewalks and planting areas).
 - b) Weeding - will be done at the time of edging, either by hand or mechanical means as necessary, so that no weeds shall detract from the appearance of the medians. There are several concrete-only medians between 30th Ave W and 26th Ave W, and other medians with mulch-only that will require periodic weed removal.
 - c) Watering- of all plants shall be performed during the weeding and edging of the medians for the dry months (July thru March), and as needed during the rainy months of April thru August. Watering shall be sufficient for optimum survival and high quality appearance of plants chosen as xeriscape varieties.
 - d) Litter control and removal - shall be performed prior to work. The Contractor remove litter and plant material from all sidewalks and a minimum of 6 inches, from the base of trees and shrubs.

D) Turf Maintenance- Chemical

- 1) Fertilization
 - a) Medians – Soil samples shall be taken to check for Micro and Macro elements, prior to the first application of the year to determine and correct for any deficiencies in the soil content. Soil sample test results are to be provided to the County. Fertilizers shall be applied four (4) times per year.
- 2) Insect Control
 - a) Medians – insecticides shall be applied four (4) times per year for the control of pests. Ongoing visual inspection shall be made to correct any problems that may arise between scheduled applications.
- 3) Mulching
 - a) Medians – Cypress mulch shall be furnished and installed to maintain a three (3) inch depth on the medians between 30th Avenue and Cortez Road on 14th Street West only where there are plant beds. No mulch will be installed against the tree trunk, it shall be installed a minimum of six (6) inches away from the trunk to prevent trunk damage.

Mulch shall be applied once a year during the dry season, preferably December, and raked and replenished throughout the contract year as needed to maintain an optimal appearance.

- 4) Weed Control - All basins around tree and shrub areas, mulched areas, and concrete medians without mulch and trees or shrubs shall be maintained weed free. A non-selective post/pre emergent herbicide shall be used and the label closely followed. Hand weeding shall be performed as deemed necessary by the County. The Contractor is responsible to replace any shrub or tree damaged by herbicide application.

E) Tree and Shrub Maintenance – Mechanical

- 1) Trees (hardwood and coniferous) – trees shall be pruned once per year and as needed to maintain the health and appearance of the tree as per ANSI 300 standards. Also, pruning of occasional limbs may be necessary. Staking shall be installed where necessary, regularly maintained, and removed when no longer necessary.
- 2) Shrubs – shrubs shall be trimmed on a once every other month basis to maintain health, appearance and growth of the plant. Trimming will take into consideration special growing characteristics of the plant, such as pruning after flowering.
- 3) Note - Shrubs and trees, when damaged, shall be pruned immediately. Trees, shrubs, ground covers, and/or other installed landscape plants shall be pruned, trimmed, staked, appropriately treated, or replaced if damaged or destroyed. With priority to storm damage, accidents or other incident, to be straightened per ANSI 300 standards and corrected within 48 hours of notification to the Contractor.

F) Tree and Shrub Maintenance – Chemical

- 1) Fertilization
Trees and shrubs – shall be fertilized as surrounding work is done or as needed to sustain the plant with proper formula for trees and shrubs.
- 2) Insect Control – on all trees and shrubs shall begin when there is a noticeable and undesirable change in the condition of the plant, or when known insect problems occur.
- 3) Weed Control – weeds and grass shall be controlled within a two foot radius around trees and shrubs for visual control. This may require hand weeding to limit tree and shrub exposure to herbicides.

DEFINED AREAS

14th Street West maintenance areas and detailed descriptions:

- A) Medians - Single and multiple sectioned area containing mulch, tree, shrub, and/or concrete within a County roadway.
 - 1) Acreage and Inventory (Estimated)
 - a) 1/2 Acre b) 16 Trees c) 400 Shrubs & Plants
 - 2) 14th Street West - beginning at 26th Avenue West and going South to Cortez Road.

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEW PLANTS

A. INSTALLATION OF NEW PLANTS The quotation includes cost per plant installed

- 1) During installation, the Contractor shall use the following fertilizers and soil amendments (where applicable):
 - a) 15-8-15 fertilizer (or comparable),
 - b) Soil replacement to be 1/3 organic and 2/3's native,
 - c) Soil amendment to be microiza,
 - d) Mulch to be Grade A cypress.

B. MAINTENANCE AND WATERING OF NEW PLANTS

- 1) Watering shall be required for a minimum of ninety days for the new plants at the following frequency:
- a) First month shall be three (3) times per week,
 - b) Second month shall be two (2) times per week,
 - c) Third month shall be one (1) times per week.

C. WARRANTY OF NEW PLANTS

All new plants shall be guaranteed for a minimum of one hundred eight (180) days.

D. NEW PLANT LIST/SPECIFICATIONS

Indian Hawthorne,	3 Gal., 14" O.A., 30" O.C. full
Dianella Flax Lily	3 Gal., 16" O.A., 30" O.C. full, Sun Grown
Juniper Shore	1 Gal. 12" O.A., 3 stems min., 2" O.C.
Florida Heather	1 Gal., 10" Spr., 2" O.C.
Dwarf Yaupon	3 Gal., 14" O.A., 30" O.C.
Black Olive	16-18' Ht X 9' Spr. Mn., 5" Cal. Min., B&B
Yellow Elder	16-18' Ht X 9' Spr. Mn., 5" Cal. Min., B&B
Live Oak	16-18' Ht X 9' Spr. Mn., 5" Cal. Min., B&B
Simpson's Stopper	16-18' Ht X 9' Spr. Mn., 5" Cal. Min., B&B

SERVICE DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the type of service for the 14th Street West Median Landscape:

Edging- Trimming of grass from sidewalks, roadways, curbs.

Trim- Line whipping of grass from poles, posts, signs, guardrail and other areas.

Blow- Removal of grass from sidewalks, roadways, and driveways by sweeping or blowing

Plant beds and/or trees -Trim and maintain health of plants, trees and shrubs, fertilize according to plant needs and quote specifications.

Mulch - mulch all beds annually and rake and replenish throughout the year as needed for optimal appearance.

All service types shall include the chemical maintenance according to turf and plant needs as described in the quote specifications.

END OF MINIMUM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

QUOTATION RESPONSE FORM (two pages)**RFQ#15-1916GE****14th STREET WEST MEDIAN LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE****DATE DUE:** August 5, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

To: Manatee County Purchasing

1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803

Bradenton, Florida 34205

Attention: George Earnest CPPB, Buyer

Email to: george.earnest@mymanatee.org

Or via Fax @ (941) 749-3034

We, the undersigned hereby declare that we have reviewed the quote documents and with full knowledge and understanding submit our quote. We also understand that the pricing list here is firm for the first year of the contract.

Company Name

Phone Number

Address

Fax Number

City, State Zip Code

Email

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S):

Printed Name and Title of Signer

Quantities listed are estimates intended for Quote Total calculations only and are not a guarantee of work to be expected.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	EXTENDED PRICE
SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE				
1	Scheduled Services to be paid on a monthly basis- three times per month April thru September, and twice per month October thru March	\$	X 30 Cuts =	\$
SERVICES TO BE ORDERED ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS				
2	Cut and remove tree and stump: Up to 12" Diameter	\$	X 5 Each =	\$
3	Cut and remove tree and stump: 12" to 36" Diameter	\$	X 3 Each =	\$
4	Cut and remove tree and stump: Over 36" Diameter	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
5	Cut and remove tree: Up to 12" Diameter	\$	X 5 Each =	\$
6	Cut and remove tree: 12" to 36" Diameter	\$	X 3 Each =	\$
7	Cut and remove tree: Over 36" Diameter	\$	X 1 Each =	\$

QUOTATION RESPONSE FORM

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNT PRICE	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	EXTENDED PRICE
SERVICES TO BE ORDERED ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS				
8	Remove stump: Up to 12" Diameter	\$	X 5 Each =	\$
9	Remove stump: 12" to 36" Diameter	\$	X 3 Each =	\$
10	Remove stump: Over 36" Diameter	\$	X 1 Each =	\$

Removal of designated shrubs at base ground level of plant:				
11	Complete shrub removal: Up to 3" Diameter	\$	X 5 Each =	\$
12	Complete shrub removal: 3" to 6" Diameter	\$	X 3 Each =	\$
13	Complete shrub removal: Over 6" Diameter	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
Labor and Material for the replacement of trees, shrubs and repair of damaged plant materials including watering:				
14	Labor cost per hour/per person	\$	X 40 Hours =	\$
15	Percentage markup above Contractor's cost for new landscape vegetation and associated materials	%	X \$100 =	\$

ONE-TIME PLANT REPLACEMENT

The Contractor may be asked to furnish and install new plant materials and maintain them until established. The Contractor shall remove and properly dispose of all dead, stressed, and diseased plants and replace them at the prices listed below. All plants shall be Florida #1 quality or better. Plant size details are included in the Technical Specifications.

16	Indian Hawthorne	\$	X 5 Each =	\$
17	Dianella Flax Lily	\$	X 5 Each =	\$
18	Juniper Shore	\$	X 10 Each =	\$
19	Florida Heather	\$	X 10 Each =	\$
20	Black Olive	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
21	Yellow Elder	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
22	Live Oak	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
23	Dwarf Yaupon Holly	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
24	Simpson's Stopper	\$	X 1 Each =	\$
TOTAL QUOTE PRICE FOR AWARD PURPOSES: (sum of Extended Price for Items 1 thru 24)			\$	

The following shall be completed, signed and submitted with this Quotation Form:

Contractor's Questionnaire & References..... Pages 14-15
 Public Contracting & Environmental Crimes Attachment "A"
 Insurance Requirements Compliance Submittal Attachment "C"

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CONTRACTOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR QUOTE

1. Is your firm a registered Florida Business:

Yes _____ No _____ (check one) for _____ continuous years';

Current Florida Business Registration # _____ Expiration: _____
2. Summary of any litigation filed against the quoter in the past five years which is related to the services provided. The summary shall state the nature of the litigation, a brief description of the case, the outcome or projected outcome, and the monetary amounts involved.
3. List any notice of violations, formal notices of regulatory non-compliance, safety violations and accidents resulting in a Worker's Compensation claim.
4. Have you ever failed to complete work awarded to you? If so, where and why?

Company Name: _____

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CONTRACTOR'S REFERENCES

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR QUOTE

5. Three current references from commercial projects in Florida for similar services.

A. CUSTOMER NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ SERVICE PERIOD: _____

SERVICE
DETAILS: _____

B. CUSTOMER NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ SERVICE PERIOD: _____

SERVICE DETAILS: _____

C. CUSTOMER NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ SERVICE PERIOD: _____

SERVICE DETAILS: _____

Company Name: _____

Attachment "A"**PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION****SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6,
MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING CODE**

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

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by

_____ [print individual's name and title]

_____ for _____
[print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is: _____

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____. If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____

I understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a county contract for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or a county lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of county monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to the County that it has not:

- (1) been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of Manatee County, the State of Florida, or any other public entity, including, but not limited to the Government of the United States, any state, or any local government authority in the United States, in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or
- (2) been convicted of an agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise; or
- (3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, in the sole opinion of the County's Purchasing Director, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a responsible manner; or
- (4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above, which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or
- (5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of or has admitted guilt to any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such an entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors. For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if an individual or group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to the County's Purchasing Director. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with the County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR MANATEE COUNTY IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT **SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

[Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____ by

_____.

Personally known _____ OR Produced identification _____
[Type of identification]

_____ My commission expires

Notary Public Signature

[Print, type or stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public]

Signatory Requirement - In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, this affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). In the case of a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by the corporate president.

Attachment "B"

STATEMENT OF NO QUOTE

If you do not intend to quote please return this form immediately to:

Manatee County Purchasing
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, Florida 34205

We, the undersigned, have declined to quote on RFQ No.: 15-1916GE – 14th Street West Median Landscape Maintenance the following reason(s):

- ☐ Specifications too restrictive, i.e., geared toward one brand or manufacturer.
- ☐ Insufficient time to respond
- ☐ We do not offer this product or service
- ☐ Our schedule would not permit us to perform
- ☐ Unable to meet specifications
- ☐ Unable to meet Bond requirement
- ☐ Specifications unclear (explain below)
- ☐ Unable to meet insurance requirements
- ☐ Remove us from your "Bidders List"
- ☐ Other (specify below)

REMARKS:

We understand that if we do not submit a quote and this Statement of No Quote is not executed and returned, our name may be deleted from your Bidders List for this commodity or service.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Print or type name and title of above signer)

Attachment "C"**INSURANCE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor shall at its own expense, carry and maintain insurance coverage from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida as set forth in the Insurance and Bonding attachment of this solicitation. The Contractor shall procure and maintain property insurance upon the entire project, if required, to the full insurable value of the scope of work.

The County and the Contractor waive against each other and the County's separate Contractors, Design Consultant, Subcontractors agents and employees of each and all of them, all damages covered by property insurance provided herein, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. The Contractor and County shall, where appropriate, require similar waivers of subrogation from the County's separate Contractors, Design Consultants and Subcontractors and shall require each of them to include similar waivers in their contracts.

Manatee County shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining, its own liability insurance.

Certificates issued as a result of the award of this solicitation must identify "For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County."

The General Liability Policy provided by Contractor to meet the requirements of this solicitation shall name Manatee County, Florida, as an additional insured as to the operations of Contractor under this solicitation and shall contain a severability of interests provisions.

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners shall be named as the Certificate Holder. The Certificates of Insurance must state the Contract Number, or Project Number, or specific Project description, or must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County. The "Certificate Holder" should read as follows:

Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners
Bradenton, Florida

The amounts and types of insurance coverage shall conform to the minimum requirements set forth in Insurance and Bonding attachment, with the use of Insurance Services Office (ISO) forms and endorsements or their equivalents. If Contractor has any self-insured retentions or deductibles under any of the below listed minimum required coverage, Contractor must identify on the Certificate of Insurance the nature and amount of such self-insured retentions or deductibles and provide satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility for such obligations. All self-insured retentions or deductibles will be Contractor's sole responsibility.

Coverage(s) shall be maintained without interruption from the date of commencement of the Work until the date of completion and acceptance of the scope of work by the County or as specified in this solicitation, whichever is longer.

The Contractor and/or its insurance carrier shall provide 30 days written notice to the County of policy cancellation or non-renewal on the part of the insurance carrier or the Contractor. The Contractor shall also notify the County, in a like manner, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage or limits received by Contractor from its insurer and nothing contained herein shall relieve Contractor of this requirement to provide notice. In the event of a reduction in the aggregate limit of any policy to be provided by Contractor hereunder, Contractor shall immediately take steps to have the aggregate limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy.

Should at any time the Contractor not maintain the insurance coverage(s) required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverage(s) and charge the Contractor for such coverage(s) purchased. If Contractor fails to reimburse the County for such costs within thirty (30) days after demand, the County has the right to offset these costs from any amount due Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between the County and Contractor. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverage(s) purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverage(s) shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract Documents.

6. ☐ Bid bond Shall be submitted with proposal response in the form of certified funds, cashiers' check or an irrevocable letter of credit, a cash bond posted with the County Clerk, or proposal bond in a sum equal to 5% of the cost proposal. All checks shall be made payable to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on a bank or trust company located in the State of Florida and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
7. ☐ Performance and Payment Bonds For projects in excess of \$200,000, bonds shall be submitted with the executed contract by Proposers receiving award, and written for 100% of the Contract award amount, the cost borne by the Proposer receiving an award. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be underwritten by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida and otherwise acceptable to Owner; provided, however, the surety shall be rated as "A-" or better as to general policy holders rating and Class V or higher rating as to financial size category and the amount required shall not exceed 5% of the reported policy holders' surplus, all as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc. of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038.
8. ☒ Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements that he is required to meet. The same Contractor shall provide County with certificates of insurance meeting the required insurance provisions.
9. ☒ Manatee County must be named as **"ADDITIONAL INSURED"** on the Insurance Certificate for Commercial General Liability where required.
10. ☒ The Certificate Holder shall be named as Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, OR, Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County, OR Manatee County Government, OR Manatee County. The Certificates of Insurance must state the Contract Number, or Project Number, or specific Project description, or must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County.
☒ **Thirty (30) Days Cancellation Notice** required.

Contractor's Insurance Statement

We understand the insurance requirements of these specifications and that the evidence of insurability may be required within five (5) days of the award of this solicitation.

Name of Firm _____ Date _____

Contractor Signature _____

Print Name _____

Insurance Agency _____

Agent Name _____ Telephone Number _____