

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

INTENT TO AWARD

IFB NO. / TITLE	26-R089018ED Tree Removal Services	DATE POSTED	MC _____	DS _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Emily Diaz Procurement Agent III	PROJECTED AWARD DATE	February 17, 2026	
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Property Management Department	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a contract with A2Z Distributing, LLC, Monster Tree of Sarasota and Manatee County, Olive Branch Enterprises of FL, Inc., Rick Richards, Inc., Simply Tree's, LLC, and Tip Top Tree Experts, LLC for the provision of Tree Removal Services.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

This solicitation was advertised for the purpose of securing qualified contractors to provide county-wide tree removal services, such as trimming, stump grinding, tree removal and emergency tree care services on an as-needed basis.

The solicitation was advertised on December 4, 2025 on the Manatee County website and DemandStar. It was also provided to the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce, the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange and Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce for release to their members. Responses were received from the following firms:

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| 1. A2Z Distributing, LLC, St. Petersburg, FL | 4. Rick Richards, Inc., Myakka City, FL |
| 2. Monster Tree of Sarasota and Manatee County, Bradenton, FL | 5. Simply Trees, LLC, Venice, FL |
| 3. Olive Branch Enterprises of FL, Inc, Bradenton, FL | 6. Tip Top Tree Experts, LLC, Weirsdale, FL |

The following firms were deemed non-responsive/non-responsible: None.

EVALUATION SUMMARY:

A2Z Distributing, LLC, Monster Tree of Sarasota and Manatee County, Olive Branch Enterprises of FL, Inc., Rick Richards, Inc., Simply Tree's, LLC, and Tip Top Tree Experts, LLC were the lowest responsible, responsive bidder(s). A bid tabulation of the results is attached to this Notice of Intent to Award.

RECOMMENDATION

The Procurement Division and the Property Management Department recommend award to A2Z Distributing, LLC, Monster Tree of Sarasota and Manatee County, Olive Branch Enterprises of FL, Inc., Rick Richards, Inc., Simply Tree’s, LLC, and Tip Top Tree Experts, LLC.

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)	Bid Tabulation	COST	Estimated Term Expenditure of \$400,000.00
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**TABULATION SHEET
TREE REMOVAL SERVICES
IFB 26-R089018ED**

				A2Z DISTRIBUTING, LLC		MONSTER TREE OF SARASOTA AND MANATEE COUNTY		OLIVE BRANCH ENTERPRISES OF FL, INC.		RICK RICHARDS, INC		SIMPLY TREES LLC		TIP TOP TREE EXPERTS	
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	U/M	ESTIMATED ANNUAL QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
SECTION A: TREE REMOVAL SERVICES															
ROUTINE / SCHEDULED															
1	Tree diameter less than 12"	Each	4	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00
2	Tree diameter 12" to 24"	Each	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 5,700.00
3	Tree diameter 25" to 36"	Each	5	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 7,750.00
4	Tree diameter of 37" to 48"	Each	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,650.00
5	Tree diameter greater than 48"	Each	5	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 13,750.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 16,250.00
EMERGENCY RESPONSE															
6	Tree diameter less than 12"	Each	2	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
7	Tree diameter 12" to 24"	Each	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 9,300.00
8	Tree diameter 25" to 36"	Each	2	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
9	Tree diameter of 37" to 48"	Each	2	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 6,500.00
10	Tree diameter greater than 48"	Each	2	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 7,300.00
RESTRICTED / LIMITED ACCESS															
11	Tree diameter less than 12"	Each	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
12	Tree diameter 12" to 24"	Each	3	\$ 252.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 4,650.00
13	Tree diameter 25" to 36"	Each	2	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
14	Tree diameter of 37" to 48"	Each	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
15	Tree diameter greater than 48"	Each	3	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 10,950.00
TECHNICAL															
16	Tree diameter 12" to 24"	Each	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
17	Tree diameter 25" to 36"	Each	1	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00
18	Tree diameter of 37" to 48"	Each	6	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 19,500.00
19	Tree diameter greater than 48"	Each	3	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 10,950.00
SECTION B: ARBORICULTURE SERVICES - ROUTINE & SCHEDULED															
ROUTINE / SCHEDULED HOURLY															
20	Bucket Truck	Hourly	40	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 5,960.00
21	Chipper Truck (including disposal fees)	Hourly	20	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 2,980.00
22	Chipper	Hourly	10	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 490.00
23	Crew Lead	Hourly	40	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 3,400.00
24	Crew member	Hourly	120	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 7,800.00
25	Certified Arborist	Hourly	40	\$ 80.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 3,400.00
26	Grapple Truck (including disposal fees)	Hourly	20	\$ 350.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 4,500.00
EMERGENCY / HIGH RISK RESPONSE															
27	Bucket Truck	Hourly	15	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 2,985.00
28	Chipper Truck (including disposal fees)	Hourly	5	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 995.00
29	Chipper	Hourly	5	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 495.00
30	Crew Lead	Hourly	15	\$ 50.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 1,485.00
31	Crew member	Hourly	45	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 4,455.00
32	Certified Arborist	Hourly	15	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 1,485.00

33	Grapple Truck (including disposal fees)	Hourly	20	\$ 350.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 9,000.00
SECTION C: PALM & TREE PRUNING															
34	Palm Pruning up to 60' tall (per stem)	Each	150	\$ 55.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 11,250.00
35	County Right-of-Way Clearnce Pruning	Linear Feet (of canopy pruned)	25,000	\$ 0.80	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2.65	\$ 66,250.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 1.42	\$ 35,500.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 112,500.00
SECTION D: STUMP GRIDING - ROUTINE & SCHEDULED															
36	Tree diameter less than 12"	Each	2	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
37	Tree diameter 12" to 24"	Each	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
38	Tree diameter 25" to 36"	Each	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
39	Tree diameter of 37" to 48"	Each	5	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,000.00
40	Tree diameter greater than 48"	Each	5	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
			TOTAL	\$	118,975.00	\$	228,740.00	\$	138,390.00	\$	137,750.00	\$	131,305.00	\$	296,280.00