

City of Scranton

Invitation to Bid

Separate sealed bids will be received by the Office of the City Controller for the City of Scranton, 340 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pa, 18503 until Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at which time proposals will be opened in City Council Chambers and made available for public viewing at: www.youtube.com/user/electricitytv570 for the following:

GRASS CUTTING AT THE TAYLOR LANDFILL FOR A SIX (6) MONTH CONTRACT

MAY 1, 2021 THRU OCTOBER 31, 2021

All bids will be in accordance with the specifications which may be obtained from the City of Scranton Purchasing Department and which may be had by bona fide bidders. Copies can be obtained on the City of Scranton website at www.scrantonpa.gov. If you intend to submit a bid, you are required to notify Julie Reed, Purchasing Clerk for the City of Scranton via email at: jreed@scrantonpa.gov. If you fail to notify the Purchasing Clerk of your intent to submit a bid, you will not receive any Addenda or answers to any questions that may be submitted by other bidders.

A **mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works (DPW) located at 101 West Poplar Street, Scranton, Pa. 18508 for the purpose of reviewing and receiving directions for the project. All bidders are required to attend to review the scope of work and schedule requirements for the project. Only bids from the vendors attending the Pre-Bid Conference will be considered. Masks are required.

Proposals will be received and identified by "**Grass Cutting at the Taylor Landfill for a Six (6) Month Contract**". Due to the closure of City Hall, all proposals will be submitted electronically to John Murray, City Controller for the City of Scranton via: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/86KBOOra976QIUhy7iud> so as to arrive by the date and time specified above. The City will require a PDF document of this proposal.

All proposals **must** be accompanied by signed Affirmative Action, Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities, Non-Collusion Affidavit and Disclosure Forms.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Preambo, Director of the Department of Public Works via email only at: tpreambo@scranton.pa.gov.

Thomas Preambo

DPW Director

Superfund Site Landfill Maintenance

SPECIFICATIONS FOR LANDFILL GRASS CUTTING

LOCATIONS – Taylor Landfill; Acreage to be determined at mandatory pre-bid conference.

CUTTING HEIGHT – Routine mowing of grass to a setting height of 6 inches. The last mowing in the fall should be timed so as to leave the grass with a 6-inch height over the winter.

FREQUENCY – Bids should be based upon monthly cutting. However, if an unseasonably wet month occurs requiring a second cutting, this too should be factored into your bid.

TERMS- Contract shall start May 1, 2021 and will expire on October 31, 2021.

CITY OF SCRANTON

GRASS CUTTING OF THE TAYLOR LANDFILL

SIX (6) MONTH CONTRACT

STARTING MAY 1, 2021 THRU OCTOBER 31, 2021

LUMP SUM BID _____

Attachment A. Affirmative Action Certification

During the term of this contract, Bidder agrees as follows:

- (1) Bidder shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, independent contractor or any other person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex or handicap. Bidder shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and that employees or agents are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex or handicap. Such affirmative action shall include, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training. Bidder shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees, agents, applicants for employment, and other persons, a notice to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth the provision of this affirmative action certification.
- (2) Bidder shall, in advertisements or requests for employment placed by it or on its behalf, state all qualified applicants will received consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex or handicap.
- (3) Bidder shall send each labor union or workers' representative with which it has a collective bargaining agreement to other contract or understanding, a notice advising said labor union or worker's representative of its commitment to this affirmative action certification. Similar notice shall be sent to every other source of recruitment regularly utilized by bidder.
- (4) It shall be no defense to a finding of noncompliance with this affirmative action certification that bidder has delegated some of its employment practices to any union, training program, or other source of recruitment which prevents it from meeting its obligations. However, if the evidence indicates that the bidder was not on notice of the third-party discrimination or made a good faith effort to correct it, such a factor shall be considered in mitigation in determining appropriate sanctions.
- (5) Where the practices of a union or of any training program or other source of recruitment will result in the exclusion of minority group persons, so bidder will be unable to meet its obligations under this affirmative action certification, bidder shall then employ and fill vacancies through other affirmative action employment procedures.
- (6) Bidder shall comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in hiring or employment opportunities. In the event of bidder's noncompliance with affirmative action certification of this contract or with any such laws, this contract may be terminated or suspended, in whole or in

part, and bidder may be declared temporarily ineligible for further City of Scranton contracts, and other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked.

- (7) Bidder shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to, and permit access to its books, records, and accounts by, the City of Scranton Department of Business Administration, for purposes of investigation to ascertain Compliance with the provision of this certification. If bidder does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, it shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the City of Scranton Department of Business Administration.
- (8) Bidder shall actively recruit minority subcontractors or subcontractors with substantial minority representation among their employees.
- (9) Bidder shall include the provisions of this affirmative action certification in every subcontract, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.
- (10) Bidder's obligations under this clause are limited to the bidder's facilities within Pennsylvania, or where the contract is for purchase of goods manufactured outside of Pennsylvania, the facilities at which such goods are actually produced.

DATE: _____

(Name of Bidder)

BY _____

TITLE _____

Attachment B. Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities

The bidder certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees and segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location under his control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Bidder certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location under his control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Bidder agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal opportunity clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of his bid. As used in this certification, the term "segregated Facilities," means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Bidder agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposal sub-contractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed sub-contractors prior to the award of sub-contracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he will retain such certification in his files.

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. §1001.

DATE: _____

(Name of Bidder)

BY _____

TITLE _____

Attachment C. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He is _____
(Owner, partner, officer, representative or agent)

of _____, the Bidder that has submitted the bid;

2. He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;
3. Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;
4. Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, Representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, or to Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Scranton (Local Public Agency) or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and;
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Non-Collusion Affidavit
Signature Page

Signed _____

(TITLE)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

THIS _____ DAY OF _____
_____, 20 _____

(TITLE)

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____
_____, 20 _____

D. Disclosures by Current Contractors

List of Municipal Officials

Mayor of Scranton
Scranton City Councilpersons
Scranton Controller
Scranton Tax Collector

1. Provide the names and titles of all individuals providing professional services to the City including advisors and subcontractors, if any. After each name, please provide the responsibilities of that person with regard to the professional services provided to the City of Scranton.

- List the names of any of the above individuals who are current or former officials or employees of the City of Scranton and their position;
- List the names of any of the above individuals who has been a registered federal or state lobbyist and the date of the most recent renewal/registration.

2. Since January 1, 2015, have any of the individuals identified in paragraph two above been employed by the City of Scranton. If yes, please identify the individual by his/her name and position with the City of Scranton and dates of employment.

3. Since January 1, 2015, has the Contractor employed paid compensation to a third party intermediary, agent, or lobbyist to directly or indirectly communicate with any individual on the list of municipal officials in connection with any transaction or investment involving the Contractor and the City of Scranton. This question does not apply to any officer or employee of the Contractor who is acting within the scope of the Contractor's standard professional duties on behalf of the Contractor including the actual provision of legal, accounting, engineering, real estate, or other professional advice, services or assistance pursuant to its professional services contract with the City of Scranton.

4. Since January 1, 2015 has any agent, officer, director, or employee of the Contractor solicited a third party to make a political contribution to any municipal official or candidate for municipal office in the City of Scranton or to the political party or political committee for whom the solicitation was made. If yes, please identify the agent, officer, director, or employee who made the solicitation; the individual or individuals who were solicited, and the municipal officers, candidates, political party, or political committee for whom the solicitation was made.

5. Since January 1, 2015, has the contractor, officer, director, executive-level employee, or owner of at least five percent (5%) of the company made any contribution to a municipal official or candidate for municipal office in the City of Scranton. If yes, please identify the recipient, the amount, and the date of the contribution.

6. Does the Contractor have a direct financial, commercial, or business relationships with any individual on the List of Municipal Officials. With regard to every municipal official for which the answer is yes, identify that individual and provide a detailed written description of that relationship.

7. Since January 1, 2015, has the Contractor, officer, director, executive-level employee, or owner of at least five percent (5%) of the company conferred any gift of more than nominal value to any

individual on the list of Municipal Officials. A gift includes money, services, loans, travel, and entertainment, at value or discounted value. With regard to every municipal official for which the answer is yes, identify the recipient, the gift, and the date it was conferred.

8. Regarding the provision of professional services to the City of Scranton, are you aware of any conflicts of interest, whether apparent, potential, or actual, with respect to any officer, director, or employee of the Contractor and officials or employees of the City of Scranton. If yes, please provide a detailed written explanation of the circumstances which you believe provide a basis to conclude that an apparent, potential, or actual conflict of interest may exist.

9. Please provide the name(s) and person(s) completing this form. One of the individuals identified by the Contractor in paragraph two must participate in completing this form and must sign the verification statement below.

VERIFICATION

I, _____, hereby state that I am the owner of

_____ and that I am authorized to make this verification.

I verify that the facts set forth herein for entities providing professional services to the City of Scranton are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 P.A.C.S section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Signed: _____

Date: _____