Site visit question and answers

Q: Will the Lawn care and Landscaping contract only be for one year?
A: The Lawn care and landscaping contract will run from the second Monday in July 2017 and run through the third Saturday of November for a total of 18 weeks of lawn care service.

Q: Will the Lawn care and landscaping work be bid out every year?
A: Work past the current solicitation has not been discussed.

Q: Will the Lawn care and landscaping contract include more than just mowing?
A: Yes

Q: How much insurance will the contractor be expected to have and what is the contractor’s responsibility for workers comp?
A: Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Commercial General Liability (CGL): written on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. The defense costs shall be outside the policy limit.

2. Automobile Liability insurance covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with a limit no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of Ohio, or the state in which the work will be performed, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. If Contractor is a sole proprietor, partnership or has no statutory requirement for workers’ compensation, Contractor must provide a letter stating that it is exempt and agreeing to hold State of Ohio harmless from loss or liability for such.
The Insurance obligations under this agreement shall be the minimum Insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shown in this agreement. Any insurance proceeds in excess of or broader than the minimum required coverage and/or minimum required limits, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the State of Ohio. No representation is made that the minimum Insurance requirements of this agreement are sufficient to cover the obligations of the Contractor under this agreement.

Q: Are the contractors responsible for the woods?
A: No

Q: Does the contractor need to weed eat the area around the trees between the new front parking lot and the fence?
A: Yes

Q: Does the contractor mow around the entire walking path?
A: Yes

Q: How many total acers are there?
A: Total= approximately 20 mow able acers = Fields 13 acers + approximately 7 acers elsewhere.

Q: What is to be mowed outside of the fence?
A: 20’ all the way around the fence and all the way to US 68. This was stated incorrectly in the request for quote.

Q: Are there excess points to the outside of the fence by the fields?
A: Yes-2.

Q: Do the fields tend to stay wet?
A: When it has rained, yes.

Q: Is the contractor responsible for weed eating around all the fencing?
A: Yes

Q: Will the contractor be permitted to use round up?
A: Yes if a license to mix and spray is held by the contractor.

Q: Is the contractor responsible for weeding all flower beds?
A: Yes all accept the raised beds behind the main dining room, those are the resident flower beds.

Q: What is the time frame for the contract?
A: 18 weeks starting the second Monday of July 2017 running through the third Saturday of November.
Q: Is all mowing weekly?
A: Yes

Q: Will the contractor be permitted to weed eat in places where a lawn mower will not be able to go, i.e. tight fit between fence or were it is too wet?
A: Yes

Q: Can the contractor spray round up around the maintenance/storage building?
A: Yes

Q: Will the contractor mow on the outside of the white fence by the dog pound?
A: Yes but normally the dog pound will have already mowed it.

Q: Do the contractors leave the cat tails as is?
A: Yes we are not permitted to touch the cat tails.

Q: Are contractors responsible for flower beds out back (behind main dining room)?
A: No those are the residents

Q: Are contractors responsible to pick up debris on walking paths, sidewalks, etc.?
A: Yes

Q: Where is the key to gain access to the A1 and C1 court yard?
A: Located with the front desk clerk.

Q: Does A1 and C1 court yard doors have to be lock at all times?
A: Yes- A1 is to stay locked at all times. C1 has to be locked when mowing and weed eating are finished.

Q: Do the tree beds also get weeded?
A: yes all flower beds and tree beds with mulch will get weeded.

Q: Is there only one entrance to the court yards?
A: Yes

Q: Will contractor be responsible for picking up yard clipping?
A: yes when noticeable

Q: Can the contractor spray round up around the building?
A: No round up is to be used around the building.

Q: When is the best time to mow the court yards?
A: The earlier the better, A1 is normally done between 7am and 8 am. Below are the meal times for both units. This would be good times to mow whereas resident would normally be inside eating.

A1 and C1 meal schedule: Breakfast served at: 7:30am

Lunch served at: 12:00pm

Dinner served at: 5:00pm

Q: Can roundup be sprayed on weeds if they are just starting to pop through the mulch around the trees and in the flower beds?

A: Yes, the use of a post-emergent herbicide in mulched areas around trees is fine. Contractor is to take precautions to prevent spraying of trees and grass around and in mulched areas through direct contact or overspray.

Q: Is the rock by the dog pound a spill way, can anything be sprayed there for the weeds or will contractor need to weed eat this area.

A: The rocked area by the spillway is normally cut down using a “weed-whacker”.

Q: Will the keys for the court yards be available from anyone else other than the front desk?

A: No

Q: Will the lawn care go out for bid again next year?

A: Work past the current solicitation has not been discussed.

Q: How will the contractor present their bids, weekly or yearly pricing?

A: Please use cost summary attachment sheet.

Q: What are the working hours for lawn care?

A: Monday- Saturday 7am-7pm. No work on Sundays.

Q: How are bids to be submitted to OVH?

A: Drop-off to the Ohio Veterans Home-Georgetown or e-mail

Q: Will OVH provide a tax exempt form for the contractor?

A: Yes

To exceed the request for quote you may follow the link below:

To whom it may concern:

The Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown Ohio will be extending the submission deadline for the following solicitation:

Solicitation Number: LCL-18-0002
Solicitation Title: Lawn Care and Landscaping

Bids shall now be due no later than June 30, 2017 at 12:00pm our clock.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience.

If there are any additional questions or concerns please contact Tim Schultz, Agency Procurement Officer at (419)-625-2454 Ext.1265 or by email at tim.schultz@dvs.ohio.gov.
Solicitation Title: **Lawn Care and Landscaping Services**  
Solicitation Number: **LCL-18-0002**  

**Site:**  
Ohio Veterans Home-Georgetown  
2003 Veterans Blvd  
Georgetown, Ohio 45121

CONTRACTOR: ________________________________

The Contractor must provide all entries in the following table.

**Spring Mowing Season**

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All Offerors who seek to be considered for a contract award must submit the above information in the format specified.

The accuracy of the Offer is the sole responsibility of the Contractor. No changes in the Offer shall be allowed after the date and time that the Offers are due.

The bid price is to include the cost of labor, parts, and materials necessary to provide the proper lawn care and look desired by OVH-G. All services agreed upon in the contract are at a firm fixed price contract.

All quotes must be received by June 23, 2017, 12:00 P.M. Offers received after this date shall be considered non-responsive.