



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

TO OUR PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS:

The attached Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal represents a cooperative procurement for the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative.

For the past several years, approximately forty-three (43) government entities have participated in Cooperative Purchasing in Southeast Florida. The Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative was formed in an effort to provide cost savings and cost avoidances to all entities by utilizing the buying power of combined requirements for common, basic items.

The Government Agencies participating in this particular procurement and their respective delivery locations are listed in the attached document.

Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Procurement Operational Procedures:

- All questions concerning this procurement should be addressed to the issuing agency, hereinafter referred to as the “lead agency”. All responses are to be returned in accordance with the instructions contained in the attached document. Any difficulty with participating agencies referenced in this award must be brought to the attention of the lead agency.
- Each participating governmental entity will be responsible for awarding the contract, issuing its own purchase orders, and for order placement. Each entity will require separate billings, be responsible for payment to the Contractor(s) awarded this contract, and issue its own tax exemption certificates as required by the Contractor.
- The Contract/purchase order terms of each entity will prevail for the individual participating entity. Invoicing instructions, delivery locations and insurance requirements will be in accordance with the respective agency requirements.
- Any reference in the documents to a single entity or location will, in fact, be understood as referring to all participating entities referenced in the documents and cover letter unless specifically noted otherwise.
- The awarded Contractor(s) shall be responsible for advising the lead agency of those participants who fail to place orders as a result of this award during the contract period.
- The Contractor(s) shall furnish the Lead Agency a detailed Summary of Sales semi-annually during the contract period. Sales Summary shall include contract number(s), contractor’s name, the total of each commodity sold during the reporting period and the total dollar amount of purchases by commodity.
- Municipalities and other governmental entities which are not members of the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative are strictly prohibited from utilizing any contract or purchase order resulting from this bid award. However, other Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative members may participate in their contract for new usage, during the contract term, or in any contract extension term, if approved by the lead agency. New Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative members may participate in any contract on acceptance and approval by the lead agency.
- None of the participating governmental entities shall be deemed or construed to be a party to any contract executed by and between any other governmental entity and the Contractor(s) as a result of this procurement action.

“WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE COSTS”



**City of Pompano Beach, Purchasing Division
1190 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Building C
Pompano Beach, Florida, 33060**

BID T-36-13 – MULCH (COOPERATIVE BID)

May 31, 2013

The City of Pompano Beach is currently soliciting bids to establish annual contracts for the purchase of mulch. This is a cooperative invitation to bid issued by the City of Pompano Beach Purchasing Division on behalf of the participating Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative agencies for the purchase of their respective estimated annual requirements for mulch products. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local), July 1, 2013, in the Purchasing office at 1190 North East 3rd Avenue, Building C, Pompano Beach, Florida. These bids will then be publicly opened at the above time and date in the presence of City officials. Bid openings are open to the public. All bidders and/or their representatives are invited to be present. Bids may not be submitted by facsimile.

Once opened, the bids will be tabulated, evaluated, and presented to the appropriate City officials for contract award.

There are three (3) sections in this bid: Specifications/Special Conditions, General Conditions, and Proposal. Please read all sections thoroughly. Complete the bid in accordance with the instructions and return all numbered pages, initialed at the bottom of each page, when you submit your bid package. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your bid.

If you need any additional information regarding this bid, please contact Otis J. Thomas, Purchasing Agent, at (954) 786-4098.

SECTION I - SPECIFICATIONS/SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Intent

The intent of this bid is to establish annual, open-end contracts for the purchase of mulch, delivered, in bulk or bags, or delivered and installed, as and when needed. The City of Pompano Beach is acting as the lead agency on this bid for the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative, and this bid solicitation includes the requirements of both the City and the participating agencies named herein. Any reference to a single agency or location will, in fact, be understood as referring to all participating agencies referenced in the documents unless specifically noted otherwise.

B. Contract Period

The initial contract period shall be one year, commencing upon award by the appropriate City officials. The contract shall be automatically renewed for a second one-year period unless the General Services Director or the successful bidder receiving award shall give notice to the other party of intent not to renew for the second period, which notice must be delivered by certified mail and must be received at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the initial contract period. All terms, prices and conditions shall remain firm for the initial period of the contract, and any renewal period.

The City may require additions or deletions of participating agencies, if a contract renewal is considered. This may entail additional agencies and locations, and/or deletion of previous participating agencies. The Contractor shall serve all required additions or deletions, as requested by the City, according to the terms and conditions of the bid.

In the event delivery/service is scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue to deliver/service upon the request of the General Services Director. The extension period shall not extend for more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the product/service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

C. Quantities

The total estimated annual quantity of each item is listed on the Bid Proposal form. No warranty or guarantee is given or implied as to the total amount to be purchased as a result of this contract. The quantities stated in this bid are estimates of annual usage, to be used for bid comparison purposes only. Mulch will be ordered as needed.

D. Basis of Award

Bidders may bid on any or all items. The primary contract award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder per item. Alternate awards will be made to the other responsive, responsible bidders per item to provide the City and Cooperative a source of supply should the primary contractor be unable to supply product when required. It is anticipated that most orders will be placed with the primary awardee for each item to achieve the lowest cost to the City and Cooperative.

E. Pricing

All prices bid shall be F.O.B. destination/delivered to each location, as specified on the individual order.

F. Delivery

Bidders are to state the number of calendar days after receipt of an order required for delivery. The City seeks a source of supply that will provide accurate and timely delivery. The awarded bidder must adhere to delivery schedules. If, in the opinion of the General Services Director, the successful bidder(s) fail at any time to meet the requirements herein, including the delivery requirements, then the contract may be cancelled upon written notice. See Section II - General Conditions, (6) "Delivery," and (10) "Default," for additional information.

Each individual participating agency will establish delivery requirements, delivery locations, and dates with the Contractor. Contractor shall await release by the authorized contact person at each agency for all shipments. Bidders must agree to accept "blanket" purchase orders, with verbal or fax requests for partial shipments, if required by the participating entities.

G. Addenda

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 Bid solicitation the City will attempt to notify all known prospective Bidders, however, it shall be the responsibility of each Bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to contact the City Purchasing Office at (954) 786-4098 to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda a part of their Bid proposal.

H. Current Contracts

Government entities listed as participants in this bid solicitation may have current contracts to purchase one or more of the items included in this bid. These agencies will place orders with the awarded Contractor(s), if additional product is needed, after the expiration of their current contract(s).

I. Participating Agencies/Contact Persons/Delivery Locations/Special Requirements

The following agencies are participating in this bid solicitation and the resulting contract:

1. **City of Boca Raton**, contact person Lynn Kunkel, Purchasing Manager, (561) 393-7871.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 8,600 cubic yards.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 1,400 cubic yards.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 3,400 bags.

Deliveries/installation to various locations within the City.

2. **City of Coconut Creek**, contact person Christina Semeraro, Purchasing Agent, (954) 956-1548.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 750 cubic yards.

Mulch, installed, brown, estimated annual quantity 200 cubic yards.

Mulch, installed, red, estimated annual quantity 2,100 cubic yards.

Fibar Engineered Wood Fiber, bulk, installed, estimated annual quantity 500 cubic yards. (No substitutes accepted.)

Installation to various locations within the City.

3. **City of Cooper City**, contact Kerri Anne Fisher, Purchasing Agent, (954) 434-4300.

Mulch, installed, brown, estimated annual quantity 300 cubic yards.

Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, delivered, estimated annual quantity 100 cubic yards.

Installation to various locations within the City.

4. **City of Coral Springs**, contact person Leonardo Bermudez, Purchasing Agent, (954) 344-1101.

Mulch, installed, red, estimated annual quantity 2500 cubic yards.

Deliveries/installation to various locations within the City.

Special requirements: Must provide proper MOT, when needed.

5. **City of Dania Beach**, contact Tania Stevens, Senior Accountant, (954) 632-1485.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 500 cubic yards.

Mulch, installed, red, estimated annual quantity 3,700 cubic yards.

Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, delivered, estimated annual quantity 200 cubic yards.

Installation to various locations within the City, and deliveries to 1201 Stirling Road, Dania Beach.

6. **Town of Davie**, contact person Herb Hyman, Procurement Manager, (954) 797-1017.

Mulch, installed, brown, estimated annual quantity 420 cubic yards.

Mulch, installed, red, estimated annual quantity 420 cubic yards.

Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, delivered, estimated annual quantity 100 cubic yards.

Delivery and/or installation to various locations within the City.

7. **City of Deerfield Beach**, contact person David Santucci, Purchasing Manager, (954) 480-1380.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 1,000 cubic yards.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 1,000 cubic yards.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 500 bags.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 500 bags.

Mulch, installed, red, estimated annual quantity 10,000 cubic yards.

Mulch, installed, brown, estimated annual quantity 5,000 cubic yards.

Playground Safety Wood Chips, installed, estimated annual quantity 300 cubic yards.

Installation to various locations within the City, and deliveries to 401B S.W. 4th Street

8. **City of Fort Lauderdale**, contact person AnnDebra Diaz, Purchasing Agent II, (954) 828-5949.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 400 cubic yards.

Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, delivered, estimated annual quantity 800 cubic yards.

Deliveries to 220 S.W. 14th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale.

9. **City of Hollywood**, contact person Linda Silvey, Procurement Services, (954) 921-3200.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red estimated annual quantity 1,200 cubic yards.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 700 bags.

Mulch, installed, red, estimated annual quantity 1,000 cubic yards.

Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, delivered, estimated annual quantity 50 cubic yards.

Installation to various locations within the City, deliveries to 1600 South Park Road, and 3150 Taft Street, Hollywood.

Special requirements: All mulch should be applied according to the City of Hollywood and the University of Florida Cooperative Extension IFAS specifications.

10. City of Lauderdale Lakes, contact person Vince Muller, (954) 535-2792.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red estimated annual quantity 300 cubic yards.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 260 cubic yards.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 100 bags.

Deliveries to Vincent Torres Park, 4331 N.W. 36th Street, Lauderdale Lakes.

11. City of Lauderhill, contact person Gwen Jones, Purchasing Manager, (954) 730-3044.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 85 cubic yards.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 3,500 bags.

Deliveries to various locations within the City.

12. City of Miami, contact person Maria de Cardenas, Park Services Coordinator, (305) 960-3004.

Mulch, Melaleuca, bagged, delivered, estimated annual quantity 5,760 bags.

Mulch, Melaleuca, bulk, delivered, estimated annual quantity 120 cubic yards.

Mulch, Rubber, bagged, delivered, estimated annual quantity 10 super sacks.

Deliveries to various locations within the City.

13. **City of Miami Gardens**, contact Pam Thompson, Procurement Manager, (305) 622-8031.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 4,800 bags.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 800 bags.

Deliveries to 3000 N.W. 179 Street, and 1050 N.W. 163 Drive, Miami Gardens.

14. **City of Miramar**, contact person Nathan Lawrence, Superintendent, (954) 602-3000.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, red, estimated annual quantity 800 bags.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 800 bags.

Deliveries to 13900 Pembroke Road, Miramar.

15. **City of Oakland Park**, contact Maggie Turner, Purchasing Specialist, (954) 630-4256.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 6,400 bags.

Deliveries to City Maintenance Compound, 3801 N.E. 5th Avenue, Oakland Park, 33334.

16. **City of Parkland**, contact person William Mohler, Environmental Superintendent, (954) 757-4186.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 750 cubic yards.

Mulch, installed, brown, estimated annual quantity 750 cubic yards.

Deliveries/installation to various locations within the City.

17. **City of Pembroke Pines**, contact person Christina Sorensen, Purchasing Manager, (954) 704-1251.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 1,000 bags.

Mulch, installed, brown, estimated annual quantity 300 cubic yards.

Deliveries/installation to various locations within the City.

18. **City of Pompano Beach**, contact person Otis Thomas, Purchasing Agent, (954) 786-4098.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, red estimated annual quantity 3,600 cubic yards.

Deliveries to various locations within the City.

19. **City of West Palm Beach**, contact person Althea Pemsel, Procurement Officer, (407) 929-1592.

Mulch, bulk, delivered, brown estimated annual quantity 1,500 cubic yards.

Mulch, bagged, delivered, brown, estimated annual quantity 1,200 bags.

Deliveries to various locations within the City.

J. Detail Specifications

1. General Wood Mulch Specifications

- a. Mulch shall be of the recycled, dyed variety and shall be free of sand, dirt, CCA treated lumber, seed, and other foreign matter. Size shall not exceed three inches (3").
- b. Colors required: Red, Brown.

2. Mulch, Bulk, Delivered

- a. Mulch product to be as specified above.
- b. Delivered in bulk and unloaded (dumped).
- c. Bidder to state size of truckload (cubic yards), and minimum order.

3. Mulch, Bagged, Delivered

- a. Mulch product to be as specified above.
- b. Mulch to be supplied in two (2) cubic foot bags. Bags to be water-resistant, delivered on pallets. There shall be no charge for pallets pending their return. Bidder to state number of bags per pallet.
- c. Delivered, pallets unloaded.

4. Mulch, Bulk, Installed

- a. Mulch product to be as specified above.
- b. Contractor must have the ability to install a minimum of twenty (20) cubic yards within an eight (8) hour period.

The contractor shall be fully responsible for the performance of his company and completion of all work as outlined in these specifications. The contractor shall employ sound horticultural practices and methods standard in the industry. Supervision of personnel shall be conducted in a competent and professional manner. All personnel shall wear uniforms bearing the company name and all vehicles shall be likewise identifiable.

When working in traffic arterial medians, personnel are required to wear safety vests. Proper safety signage, such as “Men Working Ahead”, cones, flagmen or other warning devices should be used to alert motorists of work in the area. All signs shall be temporary and must be in accordance with the Florida Department of Transportation’s Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Safe Practices. OSHA standards shall be utilized where applicable. Installed price must include M.O.T. on roadways.

Any damage to public and/or private property, including the road, facilities, services, utilities, irrigation lines, or vegetation caused by the action of the contractor shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the contractor to the satisfaction of the customer. Failure to restore said property within three (3) working days following notification will result in a deduction from the vendor’s invoice of customer expenses incurred through the execution of appropriate labor, material, and equipment use or rental to restore the property to its original condition.

All equipment shall be maintained in an efficient and safe operating condition while performing work under the contract. Equipment shall have proper safety devices maintained at all times while in use. If equipment does not contain proper safety devices and/or is being operated in an unsafe manner, the City shall direct the contractor to remove such equipment and/or the operator until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the customer. The contractor shall be responsible and liable for injury to persons caused by the operation of the equipment.

- c. Installation Specifications

The contractor shall be fully responsible for confirming the amount of mulch needed, coordinating delivery to the site, and for all transportation costs.

Contractor must coordinate all work with the designated customer contact. The customer reserves the right to inspect each truckload of material that is delivered to the job site prior to the material being unloaded. The contractor shall meet with the customer prior to installation in order to discuss unusual needs in the area of work to be performed that day.

Mulch shall be uniformly distributed at a minimum depth of three inches (3") to a maximum depth of four inches (4") around all trees and shrubs within the maintenance area. Mulch shall extend outward for a minimum of one (1) to a maximum of two feet (2') from all shrubs and trees. A six-inch (6") band, free of mulch, shall be maintained around the tree trunks and shrubs. Mulch shall be pulled back from the base of shrubs and groundcovers.

Mulching shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of order unless otherwise specified on written purchase order. Should the contractor encounter any problems that might cause a delay in mulch installation, he shall notify the customer within two (2) hours.

Sidewalks, paved areas, and sodded areas shall be left free of mulch at time of job completion.

5. Melaleuca Mulch Specifications

- a. During processing, raw materials shall be stacked and stored in curing piles for no less than 120 days.
- b. Mulch shall be made entirely from the above ground portion wood and bark of the Melaleuca Quinquenervia Tree. It shall not contain more than 10% (by volume) bark and shall not contain roots or root pieces. Shreds and chips shall not be larger than 3/4 inch diameter and 1 1/2 inch in length. Mulch shall be free of weed seeds, soil and on other organic or inorganic material.
- c. Prior to its final processing, mulch will have been inspected and certified by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, as free of burrowing nematodes. All proofs of delivery shall bear the official State of Florida stamp of inspection and verification.
- d. Melaleuca mulch to be supplied in bulk, and in two (2) cubic foot bags. Bags to be water-resistant, delivered on pallets. There shall be no charge for pallets pending their return. Bidder to state number of bags per pallet.

6. Rubber Mulch Specifications

- a. For playground use, meeting ADA and ASTM standards. Various standard colors.
- b. To be furnished in “super sacks”, 2,000 pounds per sack.

7. Playground Safety Wood Chips Specifications

- a. Mulch shall be made entirely from Pine and other Hardwoods and shall be free of sand, dirt, CCA treated lumber, seed, and other foreign matter. Shreds and chips shall not be larger than 3/4 inch diameter and 1 1/2 inch in length.

Mulch shall be delivered in bulk. If installation is requested, delivery trucks must be capable of installing mulch into playground areas through use of hoses attached to blown in place systems on the trucks.

- b. Installation of Playground Chips

Mulch shall be installed by being blown into place through hoses connected to the delivery truck.

The contractor shall be fully responsible for confirming the amount of mulch installed, coordinating delivery to the site, and for all transportation costs.

Contractor must coordinate all work with the designated customer contact. The customer reserves the right to inspect each truckload of material that is delivered to the job site prior to the material being unloaded. The contractor shall meet with the customer prior to installation in order to discuss unusual needs in the area of work to be performed that day.

Mulch shall be uniformly distributed in the playground area, to bring the upper surface to the height designated by the customer. The customer will designate the depth and/or cubic yards to be installed at each location. Access to playgrounds may be limited. Trucks must have sufficient length of hose to provide installation to an area 250 feet from truck.

8. Fibar Engineered Wood Fiber Specifications

- a. Fibar is made only from virgin wood. Fibar EWF meets all the requirements of ASTM F1292 for safety, F2075 for purity, and F1951 for wheelchair access. All testing certified by the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA).

Fibar is to be delivered in bulk, or installed, as requested. All installation specifications detailed herein apply to this product.

Fibar is manufactured by The Fibar Group, LLC; contact information: info@fibar.com, telephone (800) 342-2721, 80 Business Park Drive, Armonk, New York, 10504.

K. Relevant Project Experience

For mulch installation, Bidders shall show specific project experience as a prime contractor for a minimum of three projects within the last three years of similar or greater complexity and cost. Reference contact information must be furnished for all mulching projects claimed as relevant experience under this requirement including: Project Name, the customer for whom the project was done, total project cost, when the project commenced and was completed, project manager with phone number. Include reference information with bid proposal.

L. Insurance

The contractor shall not commence operations, construction and/or installation of improvements pursuant to the terms of this agreement until certification or proof of insurance, detailing terms and provisions of coverage, has been received and approved by the City of Pompano Beach Risk Manager.

The following insurance coverage shall be required.

A. Worker's Compensation Insurance covering all employees and providing benefits as required by Florida Statute, Chapter 440, regardless of the size of the company (number of employees). The Contractor further agrees to be responsible for employment, control and conduct of its employees and for any injury sustained by such employees in the course of their employment.

B. Liability Insurance

- 1) Naming the City of Pompano Beach as an additional insured, on General Liability Insurance only, in connection with work being done under this contract.
- 2) Such Liability insurance shall include the following checked types of insurance and indicated minimum policy limits. (See next page.)

C. Real & Personal Property Insurance

The Contractor is responsible for any loss or damage to tools, equipment and supplies at the job site and is also responsible for any loss or damage to buildings

being constructed until that building is completed and a certificate of occupancy is issued.

REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION OF MULCH

LIMITS OF LIABILITY

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| | each | aggregate |
| Type of Insurance | occurrence | |

GENERAL LIABILITY

MINIMUM \$500,000.

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|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| xx | comprehensive form | |
| xx | premises - operations | bodily injury |
| xx | explosion & collapse hazard | property damage |
| xx | underground hazard | _____ |
| xx | products/completed operations hazard | bodily injury and property damage |
| xx | contractual insurance | combined |
| xx | broad form property damage | _____ |
| xx | independent contractors | |
| xx | personal injury | personal injury |

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

MINIMUM \$500,000.

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | bodily injury (each person) |
| | | bodily injury (each accident) |
| xx | comprehensive form | _____ |
| xx | owned | property damage |
| xx | hired | bodily injury and property damage |
| xx | non-owned | combined |

REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | | | |
|----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| __ | comprehensive form | \$ _____. | \$ _____. |
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EXCESS LIABILITY

MINIMUM \$500,000.

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| xx | umbrella form | bodily injury and property damage |
| xx | other than umbrella | combined |

REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY ONLY OF MULCH

LIMITS OF LIABILITY

_____ Type of Insurance _____ each occurrence _____ aggregate

GENERAL LIABILITY

MINIMUM \$300,000.

- xx comprehensive form
- xx premises - operations bodily injury
- xx explosion & collapse property damage
- hazard
- xx underground hazard
- xx products/completed _____
- operations hazard bodily injury and
- xx contractual insurance property damage
- xx broad form property combined
- damage _____
- xx independent contractors
- xx personal injury personal injury

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

MINIMUM \$300,000.

- xx comprehensive form bodily injury
- xx owned (each person)
- xx hired bodily injury
- xx non-owned (each accident) _____
- property damage _____
- bodily injury and
- property damage
- combined

REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

___ comprehensive form \$_____. \$_____.

EXCESS LIABILITY

- ___ umbrella form bodily injury and
- ___ other than umbrella property damage
- combined

The certification or proof of insurance must contain a provision for notification to the City ten (10) days in advance of any material change in coverage or cancellation.

The successful bidder shall furnish to the City the certification or proof of insurance required by the provisions set forth above, within ten (10) days after notification of award of contract.

Any questions as to the intent or meaning of any part of the above required coverage should be directed to the Risk Manager at (954) 786-5555.

M. Questions And Communication

All questions regarding the bid are to be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Office, 1190 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Building C (Front), Pompano Beach, Florida 33060, fax (954) 786-4168. All questions must include the inquiring firm's name, address, telephone number and Bid name and number. Questions must be received at least seven (7) calendar days before the scheduled bid opening. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Questions and answers will be distributed to all firms known to have obtained the bid document from the City.

N. E-Payables

The City of Pompano Beach has implemented a voluntary E-Payables Program. This program allows the City to pay vendors via credit card and turn around vendor payments in a shorter timeframe than the traditional check payment mechanism.

How Does the Program Work?

The City will issue a unique credit card number to each vendor. Vendors would retain the credit card number on file. The card will retain a zero balance until payments have been authorized by the City. Once goods have been delivered or services rendered, vendors submit invoices to the Finance Department according to the normal process. When payments are processed by Finance and authorized, an email notification is sent to an email address provided by the vendor. The email notification includes the invoice number, invoice date, and amount of the payment. Once the vendor receives the email, the credit card has been authorized to be charged for the amount listed in the email. When the vendor charges the full amount authorized in the email the, the card will return to a zero balance until the next payment is authorized.

Is There a Cost to Participate in the Program?

The City of Pompano Beach does not charge vendors to participate in the program, however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions.

What are the Benefits of Receiving Payments by Credit Card?

Vendors that accept credit card payments are not subject to the City's payment terms of net 45 days. This will allow:

- Vendors to receive their payments sooner to use for day to day operations or investments.
- Vendors to quickly reduce outstanding Accounts Receivable balances.
- Vendors to reduce the cost of paper processing, employee time spent on preparing and making deposits and bank check processing fees.

Potential vendors may access more detailed information about the E-Payables Program at <http://www.bankofamerica.com/epayablesvendors>, including answers to "Frequently Asked Questions". Vendors may also contact the City's Finance Department at 954-786-4545.

Vendors submitting a proposal to the City should indicate in their response whether or not they would be willing to enroll in the City's E-Payables Program. Vendors ultimately awarded a contract with the City may contact the Finance Department at 954-786-4545 to enroll in the Program.

SECTION II - GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. Submission and Receipt of Bids
 - 1.1. Bidders must use the form furnished by the City.
 - 1.2. Bids having any erasures or corrections must be initialed by the bidder in ink. Bid shall be typewritten or filled in with pen and ink. Manual signature must be in ink.
 - 1.3. It will be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have their bid delivered to the Purchasing office before the closing hour and date shown for receipt of bids.
 - 1.4. Bid envelopes are provided with the bid forms. Your bid should be returned in the envelope (with the correct postage affixed if the bid is mailed) and should show the following information:
 - 1.4.1. Your return mailing address in the upper left-hand corner.
 - 1.4.2. Bid Number - write or type the bid number that appears on the first page of the bid form on the line for it on the front of the envelope.
 - 1.4.3. Bid Items - write or type the title of the bid on line "Sealed bid for: _____".
 - 1.5. If not using the City-provided envelope to mail your bid, or if using a delivery service other than the U.S. Post Office, use the following address:

 City of Pompano Beach
 Purchasing Division
 1190 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Building C
 Pompano Beach, FL 33060
 - 1.6. Late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened.
 - 1.7. Bids transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted.
- 2. Completion of Bid Forms

 Bidder is to fill in all of the blank spaces on the bid forms and return all numbered pages. Bidder should initial each page at the bottom to indicate he has read and understands the provisions contained on that page.
- 3. Signature Required

 All bids must show the company name and be signed by a company officer or employee who has the authority to bind the company or firm by their signature. **UNSIGNED BIDS WILL BE REJECTED.** All manual signatures must be original - no rubber stamp, photocopy, etc.

- 4. Prices to be Firm

 Bidder certifies that prices, terms and conditions in the bid will be firm for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated by the City. Bids may not be withdrawn before the expiration of ninety (90) days. Prices shall be firm, with no escalator clauses unless specified by the City. Bids may be withdrawn after ninety (90) days only upon written notification to the City.
- 5. Extensions

 If there is an error in extensions (mathematical calculations), unit prices will prevail.
- 6. Delivery
 - 6.1. All items are to be bid F.O.B. delivered with freight charges prepaid and included, to designated addresses as specified by the City on its purchase order(s) or in letter(s) of authorization.
 - 6.2. Bidder must state specific number of calendar days required for delivery of each item bid in appropriate space on the bid pages for consideration of award of this bid.
 - 6.3. Delivery time will be a factor for any orders placed as a result of this bid. The City reserves the right to cancel such order(s) or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified herein and hold the vendor in default. (See Section 10.)
- 7. Signed Bid Considered an Offer

 This signed bid is considered an offer on the part of the bidder, which offer shall be considered accepted upon approval by the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach (if required). The City of Pompano Beach will issue a purchase order or a letter of authorization to the successful bidder, as authorization for delivery of the items awarded subject to requirements of detailed specifications and those contained herein.

 In the event of default on the part of the bidder after such acceptance, the City may take such action as it deems appropriate including legal action for damages or specific performance.
- 8. Quality

 All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials or equipment covered by this bid shall be new. The items bid must be new, the latest model, of the best quality and highest grade workmanship unless otherwise specified in this bid by the City.

- 9. Brand Names
Whenever proprietary names are used, (whether or not followed by the words "or approved equal"), the item(s) will be subject to acceptance and/or approval by authorized City personnel, and said personnel will deem it their prerogative to select the item(s) which are lowest bid, item by item, meeting specifications from the information furnished by the bidder with the bid and/or sample inspection or testing of the item(s) called for herein.
- 10. Default Provisions
In the event of default by the bidder, the City reserves the right to procure the item(s) bid from other sources and will hold the bidder responsible for excess costs incurred as a result. A contractor who defaults on a City contract may be banned from doing business with the City for a period of 36 months from the date of default.
- 11. Samples
Samples, when requested, must be furnished at, or before, bid opening, (unless otherwise specified), and will be delivered at no charge to the City. If not used and/or destroyed in testing, said sample(s) will, at bidder's request, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at bidder's expense. If requested by the City, samples and/or inspection of like items are to be made available in the southeast Florida area.
- 12. Acceptance of Materials
The material delivered as a result of this bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of the item(s) is made and thereafter deemed acceptable to the satisfaction of the City, in compliance with the terms and specifications contained herein. In the event that the item(s) supplied to the City is/are found to be defective, or does/do not conform to specifications, the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return the item(s) to the seller at the seller's expense.
- 13. Manufacturers' Certifications
The City reserves the right to obtain separate manufacturer certification of all statements made in the bid.
- 14. Copyrights and Patent Rights
Bidder warrants that there has been no violation of copyrights or patent rights in manufacturing, producing and/or selling the item(s) ordered or shipped as a result of this bid, and successful bidder agrees to hold the City harmless from any and all liability, loss or expense by any such violation.
- 15. Laws and Regulations
All applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government, the State of Florida, and ordinances of the City of Pompano Beach will apply to any resulting bid award.

- 16. Taxes
The City of Pompano Beach is exempt from any taxes imposed by the State and Federal government. Exemption certificates will be provided upon request. State sales tax exemption certificate #16-08-196489-54C and Federal exemption tax #59-74-0083K apply and appear on each purchase order.
- 17. Conflict of Instructions
If a conflict exists between the General Conditions and instructions contained herein, and the Specific Conditions and instructions contained herein, the specifics shall govern.
- 18. Exceptions to Specifications
For purposes of evaluation, bidder must indicate any exception to the specifications, terms, and/or conditions, no matter how minor. This includes any agreement or contract forms supplied by the bidder that are required to be signed by the City. If exceptions are not stated by the bidder, in his bid, it will be understood that the item(s)/services fully comply with the specifications, terms and/or conditions stated by the City. Exceptions are to be listed by the bidder on an attachment included with his bid. The City will not determine exceptions based on a review of any attached sales or manufacturer's literature.
- 19. Warranties
The City of Pompano Beach will not accept any disclaimer of the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose for the product(s) offered. Proposals will clearly state any additional warranties and guarantees against defective materials and workmanship. A copy of the complete manufacturer's warranty statement is to be submitted with the bid.
- 20. Retention of Records and Right to Access Clause
The successful bidder shall preserve and make available all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this contract for a period of five (5) years after termination of this contract; or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of these five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of audit finding.
- 21. Facilities
The City reserves the right to inspect the bidder's facilities at any time, without prior notice.
- 22. Anti-collusion Statement
By submitting this bid, the bidder affirms that this bid is without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, business, or corporation submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and that this bid is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud.

Additionally, bidder agrees to abide by all conditions of this bid and certifies that they are authorized to sign this bid for the bidder. In submitting a bid to the City of Pompano Beach, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the City of Pompano Beach all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the State of Florida for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the City of Pompano Beach. At the City's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the City tenders final payment to the bidder.

23. Indemnification

Contractor covenants and agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the City and all of the City's officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, costs, charge or expense arising out of any act, action, neglect or omission by contractor during the performance of the contract, whether direct, or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which the City of said parties may be subject, except that neither the contractor nor any of its sub-contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of injury or damage to persons or property directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence of City or any of its officers, agents, or employees.

24. Reservation for Rejections and Award

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request re-bids. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on such items the City deems will best serve the interests of the City. The City further reserves the right to award the contract on a "split order" basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interests of the City unless otherwise specified.

25. Interpretations

Any questions concerning the conditions and specifications contained in this bid should be submitted in writing and received by the Purchasing Division no later than five (5) working days prior to the bid opening. The City of Pompano Beach shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any City personnel or representative or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

26. Failure to Respond

If you elect not to bid, please return enclosed "Statement of No Response" form by the bid due date, and state your reason(s) for not bidding. Failure to respond, either by submitting a bid, or by submitting a "Statement of No Response" form, may result in your name being removed from our mailing list.

27. Bid Tabulations

Bidders who wish to receive a copy of the bid tabulation should request it by enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their bid, or by requesting a tabulation be sent to their fax machine. Bid results will not be given out by telephone. The City does not notify unsuccessful bidders of contract awards.

28. Assignment

Successful bidder may not assign or transfer this contract, in whole or part, without prior written approval of the City of Pompano Beach.

29. Termination for Convenience of City

Upon seven (7) calendar days written notice delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the successful bidder, the City may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, terminate the agreement for the City's convenience whenever the City determines that such termination is in the best interest of the City. Where the agreement is terminated for the convenience of the City the notice of termination to the successful bidder must state that the contract is being terminated for the convenience of the City under the termination clause and the extent of the termination. Upon receipt of such notice, the contractor shall promptly discontinue all work at the time and to the extent indicated on the notice of termination, terminate all outstanding sub-contractors and purchase orders to the extent that they relate to the terminated portion of the contract and refrain from placing further orders and subcontracts except as they may be necessary, and complete any continued portions of the work.

30. Public Entity Crimes

In accordance with Florida State Statute 287.133 (2)(a): A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, 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 s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

31. Governing Procedures

This bid is governed by the applicable sections of the City's General Services Procedures Manual. A copy of the manual is available for review at the City Purchasing office.

32. Identical Tie Bids

In accordance with Section 287.087, State of Florida Statutes, preference shall be given to businesses with Drug-free Workplace Programs. Whenever two or

more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received for the procurement of commodities or contractual service, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a Drug-free Workplace Program shall be given preference in the award process.

Established procedures for processing tie bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a Drug-free Workplace Program. In order to have a Drug-free Workplace Program, a business shall:

- 1) Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- 2) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3) Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
- 4) In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States of any State, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- 5) Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- 6) Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

33. Invoicing/Payment

All invoices should be sent to City of Pompano Beach, Accounts Payable, P.O. Drawer 1300, Pompano Beach, Florida, 33061. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 218, payment will be made within 45 days after receipt of merchandise and a proper invoice. The City will attempt to pay within fewer days if bidder offers a payment discount. The City cannot make advance payments, make deposits in advance of receipt of goods, or pay C.O.D. Bidders should state any payment discount in space provided on Proposal form.

34. Optional Contract Usage

As provided in Section 287.042(17), Florida Statutes, State of Florida agencies may purchase from a contract resulting from this solicitation, provided the Department of Management Services, Division of Purchasing, has certified its use to be cost effective and in the best interest of the State. Contractor(s) may sell such commodities or services certified by the Division to State of Florida agencies at the contractor's option.

35. Non Discrimination

There shall be no discrimination as to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, and physical or mental disability in the operations conducted under this contract. Included as applicable activities by the contractor under this section are the solicitation for, or purchase of, goods or services, or the subcontracting of work in performance of this contract.

36. Notice To Contractor

The employment of unauthorized aliens by any contractor is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the contractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of the contract.

SECTION III - PROPOSAL

IMPORTANT!!!

BID MUST BE SIGNED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD
PER GENERAL CONDITIONS SECTION 3

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Unit Price</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. | 14,750 cubic yards | mulch, bulk, delivered, red | \$_____/cy | \$_____ |
| | | # of yards per truckload: _____ | | |
| | | minimum order: _____ | | |
| 2. | 5,395 cubic yards | mulch, bulk, delivered, brown | \$_____/cy | \$_____ |
| | | # of yards per truckload: _____ | | |
| | | minimum order: _____ | | |
| 3. | 8,800 bags | mulch, bagged, delivered, red | \$_____/bag | \$_____ |
| | | # of bags per pallet: _____ | | |
| | | minimum order: _____ | | |
| 4. | 12,400 bags | mulch, bagged, delivered, brown | \$_____/bag | \$_____ |
| | | # of bags per pallet: _____ | | |
| | | minimum order: _____ | | |
| 5. | 18,720 cubic yards | mulch, bulk, installed, red | \$_____/cy | \$_____ |
| | | minimum order: _____ | | |

6. 6,670 cubic yards mulch, bulk, installed, brown \$_____/cy \$_____

minimum order: _____

7. 120 cubic yards Melaleuca mulch, bulk, delivered \$_____/cy \$_____

of yards per truckload: _____

minimum order: _____

8. 5,760 bags Melaleuca mulch, bagged, delivered \$_____/bag \$_____

of bags per pallet: _____

minimum order: _____

9. 10 super sacks mulch, Rubber, bagged, delivered \$_____/super sack \$_____

minimum order: _____

10. 1,200 cubic yards Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, delivered \$_____/cy \$_____

of yards per truckload: _____

minimum order: _____

11. 1,300 cubic yards Playground Safety Wood Chips, bulk, installed \$_____/cy \$_____

minimum order: _____

12. 100 cubic yards Fibar Engineered Wood Fiber, bulk, delivered \$_____/cy \$_____

Bidder Name _____

of yards per truckload: _____

minimum order: _____

13. 500 cubic yards Fibar Engineered Wood Fiber, bulk, \$_____/cy \$_____
installed

minimum order: _____

For bulk or bagged delivered products, delivery time after receipt of order _____
calendar days.

For installed products, delivery time after receipt of order _____ calendar days.

Will vendor accept Purchase Cards as a form of payment? No___ Yes___

Conflict of Interest: For purposes of determining any possible conflict of interest, all bidders must disclose if any City of Pompano Beach employee is also an owner, corporate officer, or employee of their business. Indicate either "Yes" (a City employee is also associated with your business), or "No". If yes, give person(s) name(s) and position(s) with your business. (Note: If answer is "Yes", you must file a statement with the Supervisor of Elections, pursuant to Florida Statutes 112.313.)

No ___ Yes ___ Name & position _____

Drug-Free Workplace: Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received for the procurement of commodities or contractual service, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a Drug-free Workplace Program shall be given preference in the award process. If bidder's company has a Drug-free Workplace Program as outlined in General Conditions, section 32., so certify below:

Yes, bidder has a drug-free workplace program ___ No _____

Name & address of company submitting bid:

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..... zip

Bidder Name _____

Federal Employer Identification #:

Telephone number:

"Fax" number:

Acknowledgment of the following Addenda is noted:

Addendum Number(s) _____ Date(s) Issued _____

Manual signature of company officer:

IMPORTANT!!! -- SIGN IN BOX ABOVE ↑, TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW ↓

Signer's name (typed or printed):

Title of signer:

STATEMENT OF NO RESPONSE

T-36-13- MULCH (COOPERATIVE BID)

If you do not intend to bid on this requirement, please complete and return this form by the bid opening deadline to the City of Pompano Beach Purchasing Division, Building C, 1190 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida 33060; this form may be faxed to (954) 786-4168. Failure to respond, either by submitting a bid, or by submitting a "Statement of No Response" form, may result in your firm's name being removed from our mailing list.

WE, the undersigned, have declined to bid on this solicitation for the following reason(s):

- _____ We do not offer this product or an equivalent
- _____ Our workload would not permit us to perform
- _____ Insufficient time to respond to the Invitation for Bid
- _____ Unable to meet specifications (explain below)
- _____ Other (specify below)

Remarks _____

COMPANY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

SIGNATURE/TITLE _____

DATE _____