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ADDENDUM 2
ITB #27-006 Grounds Maintenance Services

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Dear Vendors,

The following questions were received by the Purchasing Department:

1. What was the previous annual contract value and can you provide the prior bid tabulations?

   Answer: Information regarding the current contract can be found on the District website at www.muscogee.k12.ga.us under ITB 24-012.

2. Is the scope of work the same as the previous contract? If not, what changed?

   Answer: The scope of work remains generally the same as under the previous contract, with the addition of Mary A. Buckner and revisions to the acreage. All changes and updated details are reflected in the quote form.

3. Will the contract be awarded to one contractor or multiple contactors?

   Answer: The contract will be awarded to one contractor.

4. Will the district arrange a site walkthrough during the meeting?

   Answer: The District will not arrange an additional site walkthrough. A walkthrough of this location was conducted during the pre-bid meeting. Information regarding the remaining properties may be obtained through Google Earth.

5. Who is the current contractor, and how long have they held the contract?

   Answer: The current contractor is Outdoor Solutions, which has held the contract for approximately six (6) years.

6. Are the maintenance frequencies fixed or adjustable based on seasonal conditions?

   Answer: Maintenance frequencies shall be followed as specified in the bid package. Any adjustments must be consistent with the requirements outlined in the bid documents.

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7. Appendix C: Should column N include all maintenance services, including athletic fields, or are certain services priced separately?

   Answer: All maintenance services shall be priced in accordance with the provided quote form, including any services identified for athletic fields.

8. Should APPA Level 2 and Level 4 acreage be calculated separately and combined into one annual price per location?

   Answer: Yes. APPA Level 2 and Level 4 acreage should be combined into one annual price for each location.

9. Should pine straw and fertilizer be included in annual pricing or only in separate pricing fields?

   Answer: Pine straw and fertilizer shall be included in the annual contract price. Separate pricing for these items is also requested for reference in the event additional quantities or services are needed.

10. Performance Bond: We noticed the solicitation indicates that no bond is required, but Appendix C includes a performance bond pricing field. Can you clarify whether a bond is required and whether this field should be left blank?

    Answer: A performance bond is not required at this time. However, bidders are requested to provide an estimated cost for a performance bond in the designated field in Appendix C. This information is being requested for planning purposes and to allow the District the option to require a performance bond if deemed necessary upon award of the contract. The estimated bond cost will not be included in the total bid price or considered in the evaluation of bids. Providing this estimate does not constitute a requirement to obtain a performance bond at this time.

11. Will payments be made in equal monthly installments or based on services performed?

    Answer: Payments will be made in equal monthly installments.

12. Are price adjustments permitted during the contract period?

    Answer: No. Price adjustments are not permitted during the contract period. All pricing shall remain firm for the duration of the contract.

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13. What was the CPI increase over the past 5 years for the grounds contract?

Answer: There has not been any Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the last ITB to now.

14. What is the anticipated grounds budget for the 2027-2028 that the District has penciled in for budgeting purposes?

Answer: The District has budgeted $1.3M for the grounds maintenance services for 2027-2028.

15. Have there been any additional costs for the grounds program aside from the price listed on the bid summary?

Answer: No. There have been no additional costs.

16. Since it is unclear that all bed areas have received pine straw recently, could the district provide bale counts per school of historical use?

Answer: There is not any historical data that the school district has related to this subject.

17. Would the school district consider implementing a bid bond to prevent extreme low bidding?

Answer: The school district will not implement a bid bond requirement for this solicitation. All bids will be reviewed to ensure they are responsive and that bidders are responsible in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Invitation to Bid.

18. Would the school district consider requiring all basic maintenance and athletic field services to be self-performed (no sub-contractor)? And only allow subs for mulch and tree work?

Answer: Mulch is not part of the project and no sub-contractors allowed as we are not asking for standing trees to be cut, only deadfall.

19. Would the school district consider grading or weighting K-12 experience and school maintenance methodology within the evaluation?

Answer: No. This is an Invitation to Bid (ITB), not a Request for Proposals (RFP). Award will be based on pricing, provided all bids are determined to be responsive and the bidders

responsible. The School District will review all submitted bids for compliance with the requirements and specifications outlined in the ITB. K-12 experience, maintenance methodology, and in-person interviews will not be separately evaluated or weighted as part of the award process.

20. Would the school district evaluation team consider in-person interviews of the top evaluated companies?

Answer: See the answer to question # 19.

The following questions were asked at the pre-bid meeting on 10/29/2026 for ITB #27-006 Grounds Maintenance Services:

1. What happens when a tree falls, are we responsible for picking it up? Do we need to include that in the scope of work?

   Answer: Yes. Fallen tree removal should be included in the scope of work. However, there may be instances when the District handles the removal. These situations are infrequent, but contractors should account for this responsibility in their bid pricing.

2. What about playground mulch?

   Answer: Playground mulch is included in a separate contract and is not included in the scope of work for this contract.

3. Pest Control just mentioned kind of a broad statement, are you referring to more ant hills does the athletic differ from the base service.

   Answer: Pest control services apply only to the athletic field component and are limited to the management of ant hills in those areas.

4. What's the cut-off time for questions for Monday?

   Answer: Questions must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, November 2, 2026.

5. Will the awarded contractor be responsible for removing any existing deadfall or vegetation along the fence lines at the start of the contract.?

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Answer: The District will address existing deadfall and vegetation along the fence lines prior to the start of the new contract. Any areas or items inadvertently missed by the District will become the responsibility of the awarded contractor to address as part of the scope of work.

6. Who is responsible for dragging the ball fields. Looked like the city was dragging the field when we pulled up?

Answer: The coaches drag the field.