



Macon-Bibb County, Georgia

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FOR

Landscape Maintenance Services

209-66

BID NUMBER: 25-037-LH

ISSUED: MARCH 19, 2025

BIDS DUE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department
700 Poplar Street
Suite 308
City Hall
Macon, Georgia 31201

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FORMS PROVIDED:

- BID FORM
- BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM
- FINANCIAL & LEGAL STABILITY STATEMENT
- LIST OF SUB-CONTRACTORS
- BIDDER MINORITY PARTICIPATION GOAL
- GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT (E-VERIFY) AFFIDAVIT

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – REQUIRED SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS
- B – SCOPE OF WORK
- C - LOCATION LISTINGS

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Landscape Maintenance Services

I. GENERAL

A. Invitation

1. Notice is hereby given that the Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids in the Procurement Department, Suite 308, Macon-Bibb City Hall, 700 Poplar Street, Macon, Georgia 31201, until **12:00 o'clock NOON** at the time legally prevailing in Macon, Georgia on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, for **Landscape Maintenance Services for Macon-Bibb County Recreational Department** Macon, Georgia.
2. **NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DESIGNATED TIME.**
3. Bids will be publicly opened in the Macon-Bibb County Finance Department Conference Room, Suite 306 on **Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 2:00 pm.**
4. Minority, Women Owned, and other Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to participate in the solicitation process. Additionally, respondents are encouraged to use M/W/DBE subcontractors where possible. Small and other disadvantaged businesses requiring assistance with the competitive process can contact Charise Stephens @ 478-300-2297 or Cstephens2@maconbibb.us.

B. Bid Documents

1. Bid documents may be examined and obtained at the Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department, Suite 308, City Hall, 700 Poplar Street, Macon, Georgia 31201, by calling (478) 803-0550, or may be viewed and downloaded from one of the links included below:
Georgia Procurement Registry website
http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRSapp/PR_custom_index.jsp?agency=61100
Macon-Bibb County Procurement Page www.maconbibb.us/purchasing

C. Bid Bond

1. Bids, in order to be considered, shall be accompanied by a bid bond, payable to the Owner, in amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total base bid.
 - a) This bid security shall become payable to the Owner only if the bidder, to whom the award is made, should fail to execute a contract with the Owner and furnish bond and insurance in accordance with terms of the contract within ten (10) days after notification of the award.

D. Pre-Bid

A pre-bid **mandatory** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 10:00 am** at 150 Willie Smokie Glover Drive, Macon, Georgia 31206. **Deadline to submit questions is Friday, April 4, 2025, by 3:00 p.m.** Questions are to be submitted via email only to Lhardwick@maconbibb.us

E. Sealed Bids

1. Envelopes shall be identified on the outside as
Landscape Maintenance Services
and delivered by hand or mailed to:
Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department
Suite 308, 700 Poplar Street
Macon, Georgia 31201

F. Validity

1. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after time has been called on date of bid opening.

G. Contract Award

1. The contract, if awarded, will be based on the total bid price.
2. Guidelines in the award of this contract will be Section 36-10-2.2, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
3. Upon award of the Contract, a pre-construction meeting will be held to discuss the project and to establish a schedule of work.

H. Local Preference

Macon-Bibb County Reserves the right to award bids to County businesses and merchants whose bid is within 5% (five percent) of the lowest responsive and responsible bid which conforms to the Invitation to Bid.

I. Surety

1. Whereas the anticipated contract price exceeds \$25,000, the bidder to whom award is made shall submit a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, both in amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.
 - a) Bonding company/Surety shall be:
 - (1) Rated B+ or better in current Key Rating Guide as issued by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, NJ.
 - (2) Licensed to do business in the State of Georgia.

J. Payment Conditions

1. A 10% retainage will be withheld from each payment until final payment is made. The Owner will only pay for items used and actual work performed.
2. Change orders are issued for any variance from contract or plan sheets.
3. Any unauthorized work or material change will not be paid for unless a change order has been issued prior to the completion of work.

K. Excise Taxes

1. Any material that is to be incorporated into the work of this project may be consigned to Macon-Bibb County in the care of the contractor. If the shipping papers show clearly that any such materials are so consigned, the shipment shall be exempt from the tax on transportation of property under the provisions of Section 3478(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law 180-78th Congress.
2. The Contractor shall pay all transportation charges.
3. Each bidder shall take this exemption into account in calculating his bid.

L. Insurance

1. Insurance coverage shall be carried with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia.
2. Insurance shall be obtained prior to commencement of work and shall remain in force throughout the period of the contract.
3. Macon-Bibb County shall be named as additional insured on the policy.
4. Coverage shall include water damage.
5. Contractor is responsible for any and all deductibles.

6. Required coverage:

Workers Compensation (WC): Required for all Contracts
NO EXEMPTIONS

Commercial General Liability (CGL):

Each Occurrence Limit	\$ 1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit	\$ 2,000,000

Automobile Liability

Combined Single Limit	\$ 1,000,000
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If herbicide, fungicide, pesticide or other chemical application is involved:

Environmental Impairment Liability (with 1 year extended reporting period)	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. Definitions

1. Wherever the term “Owner”, “County”, or “Macon-Bibb County” occur in these specifications, it shall mean Macon-Bibb County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia acting through the Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners.
2. Wherever the term “work” occurs in these specifications, it shall mean the work as defined herein, including, all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and supervision necessary to complete the contract.

B. Related Documents

1. Required Submission Documents (Attachment “A”)
2. Scope of Work (Attachment “B”)
3. Location Listings (Attachment “C”)

C. Bidder’s Representation

1. Each bidder, by making his bid, represents that he has:
 - a) Read and understand the bidding documents.
 - b) Visited the site and became familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be performed.
 - (1) Bidders shall examine the areas wherein the work of this project is to be carried out and shall take into consideration all conditions that might affect his work.
 - (a) Failure of the bidder to inspect firsthand the areas affected by work in this project shall not relieve him of the obligation to comply fully with the scope of the work as defined herein.
 - (b) No consideration will be given any claim based on lack of knowledge of existing conditions, except where the Contract Documents make definite provisions for adjustment of cost or extension of time due to existing conditions that cannot be readily ascertained.

D. Document Discrepancies

1. Should the bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from the documents, he shall at once notify the Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department.
2. Requests for Interpretations of Drawings and Specifications shall be made in writing to the Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department no later than April 4 2025, by 3:00 p.m. prior to receipt of bids, email required, to Lhardwick@maconbibb.us.
3. Any subsequent instructions to bidders will be issued in the form of addenda to the specifications and sent to the bidder. All addenda shall be enumerated in the Bid Form.

4. All definitions set forth in the specifications are applicable to this Instruction to Bidders, the Bid Form and the proposed Contract Documents including, but not limited to, drawings, project manual, and any addenda issued prior to receipt of bids.
 - a) Addenda are written or graphic instruments issued prior to the execution of the Contract that may modify or interpret the bidding documents by deletion, additions, clarifications or corrections.
 - b) Addenda will become part of the Contract Documents when the Contract is executed.

E. Submittals

1. In order for bids to be considered, the complete bid document package shall be submitted including each of the following completed documents.
 - a) Bid Form (included in this bid document)
 - b) Attachment "A" Required Submission Documents
 - Bidder's Qualification Form
 - List of Sub-Contractors
 - Bidder Minority Participation Goal
 - Financial & Legal Stability Statement
 - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion ability Statement
 - Non-Collusion Affidavit
 - Instructions and additional information regarding the three forms below can be found on our website under the Procurement Department Documents tab if needed.
 - Macon-Bibb County Vendor Application
 - Form W-9
 - E-Verify Affidavit
 - c) Bid Bond in amount of 5% of the total base bid (acquired separately)

F. Reservations

1. The bidder acknowledges that Macon-Bibb County reserves full freedom (in addition to the right to reject any and all bids) in awarding bids to consider all available factors including, but not limited to, price, the provision of needed and unneeded features, usefulness to the using department and prior County experience. In addition, the bidder recognizes the right of the Owner to reject a bid if the bidder failed to furnish any required submittals on the date required by the bidding documents, or if the bid is in any way incomplete or irregular. Hence the County may award bids to other than the lowest bidder if in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners the interest of the County will be best served by award to another.

G. Surety and Insurance Companies

1. The Contract provides that the surety and insurance companies must be acceptable to the Owner. The bidder shall require the attorney in fact who executes the required bonds on behalf of the surety to affix thereto a certified and current copy of his power of attorney indicating the monetary limit of such power.

III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. General

1. All work to be performed as part of this specification shall comply with all codes, ordinances and regulations applicable to the contract, including, but not limited to:
 - a) International Building Code
 - b) State and Local Building Code
 - c) Georgia Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)
 - d) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
 - e) Other Federal, State, or Local Codes

B. Permits and Licenses

1. Contractor shall obtain all permits and licenses, paying all fees as required, for execution of the Contract. In addition, the Contractor shall arrange for necessary inspections required by the City, County, State and other authorities having jurisdiction, and submit certificates of approval to the Owner or his designated representative.

C. Layout of Work

1. The Contractor shall verify all existing conditions and contiguous work and lay out his work there from, providing for himself all other necessary measurements, lines and levels, and shall assume the responsibility for the correctness of the layout of the work.

D. Work Area

1. The Contractor shall confine his operations to as small an area as possible, using only the areas designated for on-site storage.
2. The Contractor shall protect all surrounding adjoining private and public property, taking every precaution to prevent damage or injury to trees, shrubs, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and fences along or adjacent to the work. Should damage occur, the Contractor shall restore, at his expense, any such property damage or injuries by his operations to a condition equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, by repairing, rebuilding or otherwise restoring as may be directed by, and to the satisfaction of the Owner.
3. In case of failure on the part of the Contractor to restore such property, or make good such damages or injury, the Owner may, after forty-eight (48) hours written notice, proceed to repair, rebuild, or otherwise restore such property as may be deemed necessary, and the cost thereof shall be deducted from any monies due or which may become due the contractor under this contract.

E. Underground Utilities

1. The Contractor shall verify all underground utilities and their locations prior to commencing any work under this contract. Damage to underground utilities, and costs to repair same, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

F. Traffic Control

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain traffic by utilizing adequate construction signs and flagmen at all times.

2. The Contractor shall furnish, install, maintain and eventually remove all traffic control devices necessary to properly protect and divert traffic. Such barricades and detour signs shall be illuminated at night.
3. All costs associated with traffic control shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.
4. The Contractor shall assume all responsibility for damages resulting from the failure of the signs and/or barricades to properly protect the work from traffic.

G. Vandalism

1. The Contractor shall take every precaution not to leave equipment and materials where they can be reached and used for defacing new or existing work at any time.

H. Extension of Time

1. In the event the work under this project is delayed by neglect, delay, or default of any other Contractor or the Owner, or by any damage which is the result of an Act of God, or by a general strike of the employees, the Contractor shall have reason to claim for delay and request an extension of time to complete the contract.

I. Inspection

1. Inspectors may be appointed to inspect all materials used and all work performed. Such an inspection may extend to all or any part of the work and to the preparation of manufacture of the materials to be used. The inspectors will not be authorized to revoke, alter, enlarge or relax the provisions of this specification, nor will they be authorized to approve or accept any portion of the completed work or to issue instruction contrary to the plans and specifications. The inspector shall have the authority to reject defective material and to suspend work that is being improperly done, subject to the final decision of the Inspector.
2. It is mutually agreed between the parties to the contract that to prevent all disputes and misunderstandings between them in relation to any of the provisions contained in these specifications, or their performance by either of said parties, the Owner shall serve as the referee to decide all matters of construction of the specifications and of the terms of the contract, and as to all matters arising or growing out of said contract and his decision shall be final and binding upon both parties.
3. The Owner and his inspectors shall have free access to all parts of the work, and to all material intended for use in the work. The work will be inspected as it progresses, but failure to reject or condemn defective work at the time it is done will in no way prevent its rejection whenever it is discovered before the work is finally accepted and approved, nor will final acceptance and approval constitute waiver by the County of any right of action for defective work or the failure to perform the contract according to its terms.

IV. EXECUTION

A. General

1. It is the intent of this specification to provide for the Development of Elm Street Park, for the Macon-Bibb County, Macon, Georgia.

B. Specifications

1. The selected Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, and related services necessary in the performance of this Invitation-to-Bid. Moreover, service all the areas identified as outlined in Attachment "B." Landscape maintenance services include, but are not limited to mowing, weed control, tree/shrubbery pruning, and sidewalk edging.

V. WARRANTY

- A. The Contractor shall guarantee all labor and workmanship for minimum of one (1) year from date of completion.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY AND OPEN RECORDS

In order to ensure compliance with Georgia's Open Records Act, the following language must be included in all Macon-Bibb County contracts and will be a required term for any contract entered into as a result of this solicitation.

The Parties acknowledge that both Vendor and County are required to comply with the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70, et seq. See, *Milliron v. Antonakakis*, 905 S.E.2d 657 (Ga. 2024). As a result, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that County may make such disclosures as are authorized or required under the Georgia Open Records Act, notwithstanding any claims of confidentiality asserted by Vendor as to any records or data in the County's possession.

Upon execution of this Agreement, Vendor shall designate in writing that one or more of its officers shall be the open records officer for Vendor in accordance with the Open Records Act. In the event that Vendor receives a request for records under the Open Records Act, Vendor shall notify County within two business days by sending an email, return receipt requested, to OpenRecordsNotices@maconbibb.onmicrosoft.com. The vendor shall provide the County with copies of all records proposed for production prior to responding to such requests. Vendor shall fully assert all exemptions and exceptions available of the law and shall not produce any records which are subject to withholding under the Open Records Act or any other state or federal law. Vendor shall have a duty to consult with independent legal counsel concerning which records are or are not subject to production prior to making any production and shall certify to County at the time the proposed production is provided to County that the records contained therein have been reviewed by counsel for responsiveness and that all information that is protected or protectable from release under the law has been redacted therefrom. Vendor shall be responsible for calculating response costs and billing requestors for all requests sent in accordance with the Open Records Act, and Vendor's complete compliance with the provisions of this section shall be performed at no cost to County.

Vendor assumes all civil and criminal liability for its own compliance with the Open Records Act. In the event that Vendor produces material records that are subject to withholding under the Open Records Act, and it would be impossible or very difficult to accurately estimate the damage and harm caused to County by such production, then Vendor shall pay County the sum of \$10,000.00 per request as liquidated damages. The Parties intend that these liquidated damages shall constitute compensation, and not a penalty, and that the liquidated damages are a reasonable estimate of the anticipated or actual harm that might arise from a breach by Vendor. Where actual damages are calculable, then the County shall reserve the right to seek actual damages for the harm caused by such production instead of liquidated damages. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting in any way the County's right to seek injunctive, declaratory, or other relief to prevent the release of protected information prior to any such production being made.

VII.. SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Contractor shall submit a “Subcontractor/Supplier Participation Report” on this contract quarterly to the Macon-Bibb County Office of Small Business Affairs which shall include the following:
1. The name of each subcontractor or supplier participating in the contract.
 2. A description of the work to be performed, materials, supplies, and services provided by each subcontractor or supplier.
 3. Whether each subcontractor or supplier is a minority owned, woman owned, LGBTQIA+ owned, veteran owned, disabled person owned, Certified Disadvantaged Business Entity, non-profit, or local business.
 4. Whether each subcontractor is a supplier, subcontractor, or other.
 5. The dollar value of each subcontract or supply agreement.
 6. The actual payment to date of each subcontractor or supplier participating in the contract
- B. The report shall be updated during the applicable quarter by the Contractor whenever any of the approved subcontractors or suppliers have completed the portion of the work they were contracted to perform. Copies of this report should be transmitted promptly to the Macon-Bibb County Office of Small Business Affairs.
- C. The County may withhold any payment due to the Contractor on any project for failure to submit the Subcontractor/Supplier Report within thirty (30) days following the end of the calendar quarter or for the failure to submit updates to the quarterly report within thirty (30) days of any subcontractor or supplier having completed the portion of work they were contracted to perform.

BID FORM

Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners
Laura Hardwick, Procurement Director
Macon-Bibb County, Procurement Dept.
700 Poplar Street, Suite 308
Macon, Georgia 31201

DATE: _____

Re: **Landscape Maintenance Services**
Macon-Bibb County
Bibb County, Georgia

Dear Ms. Hardwick:

1. We have examined the Specifications, related documents and the site of the proposed Work, and are familiar with all the conditions surrounding this project, including the availability of materials and labor, and hereby bid to furnish all materials and labor, and to complete the project in accordance with the Contract Documents, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the Work required under these Specifications, of which this bid is part.
2. ADDENDUM RECEIPT:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure that all addenda have been received prior to the submission of a bid.
 - b. Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____
3. We agree to commence actual physical work on site, with adequate force and equipment within the timeframe presented in the specifications and to complete fully all work within the stated timeframe following notice to proceed.
4. We agree that this bid may not be revoked or withdrawn after the time set for the opening of the bids and shall remain open for acceptance for a period of sixty (60) days following such a time.
5. In case of written notification by mail, telegraph, or delivery of the acceptance of this bid within sixty (60) days after the time set for the opening of bids, the undersigned agrees to execute within ten (10) days a Contract for the Work for the below stated compensation and at the same time to furnish and deliver to the Owner a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, both in an amount equal to one-hundred-percent (100%) of the Contract Sum.
6. Enclosed herewith is a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total base bid. We agree that the above stated amount is the proper measure of liquidated damages that the Owner will sustain by the failure of the undersigned to execute the Contract and to furnish the Performance Bond and the Payment Bond.

7. If this bid is accepted within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids and we fail to execute the Contract within ten (10) days after written notice of such acceptance or if we fail to furnish both a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, the obligation of the bond will remain in full force and effect and the money payable thereon shall be paid into the funds of the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure; otherwise, the obligation of the bond will be null and void.
8. We hereby certify that we have not, nor have any member of the firm(s) or corporation(s), either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this submitted bid.
9. We understand the total bid price listed below to be inclusive of all materials, labor, equipment, and other provisions necessary to provide the services in accordance with the associated specification.

Bid Price Form

For

Landscape Maintenance Services

Total Pricing \$ _____

I certify that my bid meets these minimum specifications. This bid shall be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Authorized Signature: _____ **Dated:** _____

Company Name: _____