



INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF NAPLES
PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY HALL, 735 8TH STREET SOUTH
NAPLES, FL 34102

Cover Sheet

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NOTIFICATION DATE: 05/05/16	TITLE Naples Preserve Vegetation Management	NUMBER: 16-044	OPENING DATE & TIME: 05/27/2016 2:00 PM
PRE-BID DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: Non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting held May 16, 2016; 10:00 AM local time; at Hedges Family Eco-Center, 1690 Tamiami Trail – North, Naples FL 34102			

LEGAL NAME OF PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION OR INDIVIDUAL:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY-STATE-ZIP:	
PH:	EMAIL:
FX:	WEB ADDRESS:

<p>I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder. In submitting a bid to the City of Naples the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the City of Naples 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 FL for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the City of Naples. At the City's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the City tenders final payment to the bidder.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEI/EIN Number _____</p>		
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE	PRINTED NAME/TITLE
Please initial by all that apply I acknowledge receipt / review of the following addendum ____ Addendum #1 ____ Addendum #2 ____ Addendum #3 ____ Addendum #4		

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- > **This page must be completed and returned with your proposal.**
- > **Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with bid number & opening date.**
- > **All submissions must be received and date stamped by Purchasing staff prior to the above "OPENING DATE & TIME".**
- > **Submission received after the above opening date and time will not be accepted.**
- > **Evaluation scores will be available on the City of Naples web site www.naplesgov.com . If you do not have computer access and want a copy of the evaluation scores, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your proposal.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

TO INSURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS. ANY AND ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ATTACHED HERETO, HAVE PRECEDENCE.

- 1. SEALED BID:** All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The face of the envelope shall contain the bid name and bid number. Bids not submitted on attached bid form shall be rejected. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. Those which do not comply with these conditions are subject to rejection.
- 2. EXECUTION OF BID:** Bid must contain a manual signature of authorized representative in the proposal section. Bid must be typed or printed in ink. Use of erasable ink is not permitted. All corrections made by bidder to his bid must be initialed.
- 3. NO BID:** If not submitting a bid, respond by returning the Statement of No Bid and explain the reason in the spaces provided. Failure to respond 3 times in succession without justification shall be cause for removal of the supplier's name from the bid mailing list. NOTE: To qualify as a respondent, bidder must submit a "NO BID," and it must be received no later than the stated bid opening date and hour.
- 4. BID OPENING:** Shall be public, on the date and at the time specified on the bid form. It is the bidder's responsibility to assure that his bid is delivered at the proper time and place of the bid opening. Bids which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered. Offers by telegram; telephone; or fax are not acceptable. Bid files may be examined during normal working hours.
- 5. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:** Withdrawal of a bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids is subject to suspension or debarment in accordance with Section 2-668 of the City Code for up to three years.
- 6. PRICES, TERMS and PAYMENT:** Firm Prices include all packing, handling, shipping charges and delivery to the destination shown herein. Bidder is encouraged to offer cash discount for prompt invoice payment. Terms of less than 20 days will not be considered.

 - A. TAXES:** The City of Naples does not pay Federal Excise and Sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. See exemption number on face of purchase order. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvement of City-owned real property.
 - B. MISTAKES:** Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices, extensions, and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. Failure to do so will be at bidder's risk. In case of mistake in extension, the unit price will govern.
 - C. CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this bid shall be a new, current standard production model available at the time of this bid. All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.
 - D. SAFETY STANDARDS:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Act and any standards there under.
 - E. UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall carry U.L. approval and re-examination listing where such has been established.
 - F. PAYMENT:** Payment will be made by the buyer after the items awarded to a vendor have been received, inspected, and found to comply with award specifications, free of damage or defect and properly invoiced. All invoices shall bear the purchase order number. Payment for partial shipments shall not be made unless specified in the bid. Failure to follow these instructions may result in delay in processing invoices for payment. In addition, the purchase order number must appear on bills of lading, packages, cases, delivery lists and correspondence.
- 7. DELIVERY:** Unless actual date of delivery is specified (or if specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of purchase order in space provided. Delivery time may become a basis for making an award (see Special Conditions). Delivery shall be within the normal working hours of the user, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified.

8. MANUFACTURERS' NAMES AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS: Any manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand for which he is an authorized representative, which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and number. Bidder shall submit with his proposal, cuts, sketches, and descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. The bidder shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Bids which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. Bids lacking any written indication of intent to quote an alternate brand will be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications as listed on the bid form.

9. INTERPRETATIONS: Any questions concerning conditions and specifications shall be directed in writing to this office for receipt no later than ten (10) days prior to the bid opening. Inquiries must reference the date of bid opening and bid number. Failure to comply with this condition will result in bidder waiving his right to dispute the bid.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: All bid awards are subject to Section 2-973 Conflict of Interest, City of Naples Code of Ordinances, which states: *"No public officer or employee shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of or is doing business with the city; nor shall an officer or employee have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his private interests and the performance of his public duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his public duties. Any member of the city council or any city officer or employee who willfully violates this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall forfeit his office or position. Violation of this section with the knowledge, express or implied, of the person or corporation contracting with or making a sale to the city shall render the contract or sale voidable by the city manager or the city council."*

11. AWARDS: As the best interest of the City may require, the right is reserved to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof; to reject any and all bids or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received.

12. ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES: For a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of acceptance of this offer by the buyer, the right is reserved to acquire additional quantities up to but not exceeding those shown on bid at the prices bid in this invitation. If additional quantities are not acceptable, the bid sheets must be noted "BID IS FOR SPECIFIED QUANTITY ONLY." (THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY FOR A TERM CONTRACT.)

13. SERVICE AND WARRANTY: Unless otherwise specified, the bidder shall define any warranty service and replacements that will be provided during and subsequent to this contract. Bidders must explain on an attached sheet to what extent warranty and service facilities are provided.

14. SAMPLES: Samples of items, when called for, must be furnished free of expense, on or before bid opening time and date, and if not destroyed may, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, bid number and item reference. Request for return of samples shall be accompanied by instructions which include shipping authorization and name of carrier and must be received with your bid. If instructions are not received within this time, the commodities shall be disposed of by the City of Naples.

15. BID PROTEST: The city has formal bid protest procedures that are available on request.

16. INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND TITLE: Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless otherwise provided. Title and risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the contract supplier until accepted by the ordering agency, unless loss or damage results from negligence by the ordering

17. DISPUTES: In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the items to be furnished hereunder, the decision of the buyer shall be final and binding on both parties.

18. GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS: In the event any governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered on this proposal prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to notify the buyer at once, indicating in his letter the specific regulation which required an alteration. The City reserves the right to accept any such alteration, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract at no expense to the City.

19. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicable provision of all Federal, State, county and local laws, and of all ordinances, rules, and regulations shall govern development submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City of Naples by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

20. PATENTS AND ROYALTIES: The bidder, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Naples and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City of Naples. If the bidder uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

21. ADVERTISING: In submitting a bid, bidder agrees not to use the results there from as a part of any commercial advertising.

22. ASSIGNMENT: Any Purchase Order issued pursuant to this bid invitation and the monies which may become due hereunder are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the buyer.

23. LIABILITY: The supplier shall hold and save the City of Naples, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any kind in the performance of this contract.

24. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES: 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 in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

25. DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide 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 award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

26. COUNTY TAXES: No proposal shall be accepted from and no contract will be awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears to the government of Collier County, Florida.

27. OFFER EXTENDED TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: The City of Naples encourages and agrees to the successful bidder/proposer extending the pricing, terms and conditions of this solicitation or resultant contract to other governmental entities at the discretion of the successful bidder/proposer.

IF THIS BID IS FOR A TERM CONTRACT, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL ALSO APPLY

28. ELIGIBLE USERS: All departments of the City of Naples are eligible to use this term contract. Such purchases shall be exempt from the competitive bid requirements otherwise applying to their purchases.

29. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: Any price decrease effectuated during the contract period by reason of market change shall be passed on to City of Naples. Price increases are not acceptable.

30. CANCELLATION: All contract obligations shall prevail for at least one hundred eighty (180) days after effective date of contract. After that period, for the protection of both parties, this contract may be cancelled in whole or in part by either party by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

31. RENEWAL: The City of Naples reserves the option to renew the period of this contract, or any portion thereof for up to two (2) additional periods. Renewal of the contract period shall be by mutual agreement in writing.

32. ABNORMAL QUANTITIES: While it is not anticipated, should any unusual or abnormal requirements arise, the City reserves the right to solicit separate bids thereon.

33. FISCAL NON-FUNDING CLAUSE: In the event sufficient funds are not budgeted for a new fiscal period, the City shall notify the contractor of such occurrence and the contract shall terminate on the last day of the current fiscal year without penalty or expense to the City.

IF THIS BID IS FOR PERFORMING A SERVICE, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL ALSO APPLY

34. ALTERNATIVE BIDS: Bidders offering service delivery methods other than those permitted by the scope of work may submit a separate envelope clearly marked "ALTERNATIVE BID". Alternative bids will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for award. All such responses will, however, be examined prior to award. Such examination may result in cancellation of all bids received to permit rewriting the scope of work to include the alternative method, or the alternative method may be considered for future requirements of the City of Naples.

35. ANTITRUST: By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns and transfers to the City of Naples all rights, titles and interest it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida that relate to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the City of Naples under said contract.

36. BIDDER INVESTIGATIONS: Before submitting a bid, each bidder shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the City of Naples upon which the bidder will rely. If the bidder receives an award as a result of its bid submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the bidder from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract documents, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation.

37. CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES: The Contractor, at time of proposal, shall possess the correct occupational licenses, all professional licenses or other authorizations necessary to carry out and perform the work required by the City of Naples and Collier County for this project pursuant to all applicable Federal, State and Local Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, and rules and regulations of any kind.

38. CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK: The City of Naples may order changes in the work consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions within the general scope of the contract. No claims may be made by the contractor that the scope of the project or of the contractor's services has been changed, requiring changes to the amount of compensation to the contractor or other adjustments to the contract unless such changes or adjustments have been made by written amendment to the contract signed by the City of Naples and the contractor. If the contractor believes that any particular work is not within the scope of the project, is a material change, or will otherwise require more compensation to the contractor, the contractor must immediately notify the City in writing of this belief. If the City believes that the particular work is within the scope of the contract as written, the contractor will be ordered to and shall continue with the work as changed and at the cost stated for the work within the scope.

39. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL: The City of Naples shall, throughout the life of the contract, have the right of reasonable rejection and approval of staff or subcontractors assigned to the work by the contractor. If the City

reasonably rejects staff or subcontractors, the contractor must provide replacement staff or subcontractors satisfactory to the City in a timely manner and at no additional cost to the City. The day-to-day supervision and control of the contractor's employees and sub-contractors is the responsibility solely of the contractor.

40. COST REIMBURSEMENT: The contractor agrees that all incidental costs, including allowances for profit and tools of the trade, must be included in the bid proposal rates. If an arrangement is made between the contractor and the City to reimburse the contractor for the cost of materials provided in the performance of the work, the contractor shall be reimbursed in the following manner: The City shall reimburse the contractor on completion and acceptance of each assigned job, only for those materials actually used in the performance of the work that is supported by invoices issued by the suppliers of the contractor describing the quantity and cost of the materials purchased. No surcharge shall be added to the supplier's invoices or included in the contractor's invoice submitted to the City that would increase the dollar amount indicated on the supplier's invoice for the materials purchased for the assigned job.

41. EXCEPTIONS: Bidders taking exception to any part or section of the solicitation shall indicate such exceptions on the bid form. Failure to indicate any exception will be interpreted as the bidder's intent to comply fully with the requirements as written. Conditional or qualified bids, unless specifically allowed, shall be subject to rejection in whole or in part.

42. FAILURE TO DELIVER: In the event of the contractor to fail to deliver services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the City, after due oral or written notice, may procure the services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies that the City may have.

43. FAILURE TO ENFORCE: Failure by the City at any time to enforce the provisions of the contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of the contract or any part thereof or the right of the City to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

44. FORCE MAJEURE: The contractor shall not be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by the contract due to legal strikes, fires, riots, rebellions and acts of God beyond the control of the contractor, unless otherwise specified in the contract.

45. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: The contractor shall be legally considered an independent contractor and neither the contractor nor its employees shall, under any circumstances, be considered servants or agents of the City of Naples and the City of Naples shall be at no time legally responsible for any negligence or any wrongdoing by the contractor, its servants or agents. The City of Naples shall not withhold from the contract payments to the contractor any federal income taxes, Social Security tax, or any other amounts for benefits to the contractor. Further, the City shall not provide to the contractor any insurance coverage or other benefits, including Workers' Compensation normally provided by the City for its employees.

46. ORAL STATEMENTS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in this contract. All modifications to the contract must be made in writing by the City of Naples.

47. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS: The bidder may be required, before the award of any contract, to show to the complete satisfaction of the City of Naples that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to provide the service specified therein in a satisfactory manner. The bidder may also be required to give a past history and references in order to satisfy the City in regard to the bidder's qualifications. The City may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the City all information for this purpose that may be requested. The City reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the bidder fails to satisfy the City that the bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work described therein. Evaluation of the bidder's qualifications shall include:

- > The ability, capacity, skill and financial resources to perform the work or service.
- > The ability to perform the work service promptly or within the time specified, without delay.
- > The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the bidder.

> The quality of performance of previous contracts or services.

48. QUALITY CONTROL: The contractor shall institute and maintain throughout the contract period a properly documented quality control program designed to ensure that the services are provided at all times and in all respects in accordance with the contract. The program shall include providing daily supervision and conducting frequent inspections of the contractor's staff and ensuring that accurate records are maintained describing the disposition of all complaints. The records so created shall be open to inspection by the City.

49. RECOVERY OF MONEY: Whenever, under the contract, any sum of money shall be recoverable from or payable by the contractor to the City, the same amount may be deducted from any sum due to the contractor under the contract or under any other contract between the contractor and the City. The rights of the City are in addition and without prejudice to any other right the City may have to claim the amount of any loss or damage suffered by the City on account of the acts or omissions of the contractor.

50. REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT: During the period of the contract, the contractor shall provide all the services described in the contract. The contractor understands and agrees that this is a requirements contract and that the City shall have no obligation to the contractor if no services are required. Any quantities that are included in the scope of work reflect the current expectations of the City for the period of the contract. The amount is only an estimate and the contractor understands and agrees that the City is under no obligation to the contractor to buy any amount of services as a result of having provided this estimate or of having any typical or measurable requirement in the past. The contractor further understands and agrees that the City may require services in excess of the estimated annual contract amount and that the quantity actually used whether in excess of, or less than, the estimated annual contract amount and that the quantity actually used shall not give rise to any claim for compensation other than the total of the unit prices in the contract for the quantity actually used.

51. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: The performance of work under the contract may be terminated by the City in whole or in part whenever the City determines that termination is in the City's best interest. Any such termination shall be effected by the delivery to the contractor of a written notice of termination of at least seven (7) days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work under the contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. After receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed, the contractor shall stop work on the date of the receipt of the notice or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims.

52. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT: The City of Naples reserves the right to terminate the contract if the City determines that the contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily the work required, as determined by the City. In the event the City decides to terminate the contract for failure to perform satisfactorily, the City shall give to the contractor at least seven (7) days written notice before the termination takes effect. The seven-day period will begin upon the mailing of notice by the City. If the contractor fails to cure the default within the seven (7) days specified in the notice and the contract is terminated for failure to perform satisfactorily, the contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for all reasonable, allocable and allowable contract services satisfactorily performed by the contractor up to the date of termination that were accepted by the City prior to the termination. In the event the City terminates the contract because of the default of the contractor, the contractor shall be liable for all excess costs that the City is required to expend to complete the work under contract.

53. STATE AND FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT LAWS: Contractors providing service to the City are required to comply with all state and federal employment laws. This includes, but is not limited to, laws resulting from the Immigration and Reform and Control Act of 1986, wherein all employers are required to verify the identity and employment eligibility of all employees. The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services require employees and employers to complete Form I-9 and the employer must examine evidence of identity and employment eligibility within three business days of the date employment begins. Non compliant contractors will be subject to contract sanctions, up to and including contract termination.

54. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION: The contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order 12549 "Debarment and

Suspension” and 2 CFR 180 “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension.” These rules require all contractors using federal funds not be debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal Government. This includes sub-recipients and lower tier participant for covered transactions. Signing and submitting this document certified the organization and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency, and further have not within the preceding three-year period been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction .

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GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall not commence work until he has obtained all the insurance required under this heading, and until such insurance has been approved by the Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has also been obtained and approved by the Owner.

Certificates of insurance must be issued by an authorized representative of the insurance company at the request and direction of the policyholder and must include sufficient information so as to identify the coverage and the contract for Owner's improvements for which they are issued. Certificates of insurance must be issued by a nationally recognized insurance company with a Best's Rating of no less than B+VII, satisfactory to the Owner, and duly licensed to do business in the state of said Contract.

The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of his employees to be engaged in work under this Contract, and he shall require any subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work, unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's insurance. In case any employees are to be engaged in hazardous work under this Contract, and are not protected under this Worker's Compensation statute, the Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate coverage for the protection of such employees. It is acceptable to use a State-approved Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance fund.

The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this Contract, Public Liability and Property Damage and shall include Contractual Liability, Personal Injury, Libel, Slander, False Arrest, Malicious Prosecution, Wrongful Entry or Eviction, Broad Form Property Damage, Products, Completed Operations and XCU Coverage to be included on an occurrence basis, and to the full extent of the Contract to protect him, the Owner, and any subcontractor performing work covered by this Contract from damages for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by himself or by a subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. The Contractor shall also maintain automobile liability insurance including "non-owned and hired" coverage. The entire cost of this insurance shall be borne by the Contractor.

The amount of such insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury and property damage combined per occurrence.

The City of Naples must be named as Additional Insured on the insurance certificate and the following must also be stated on the certificate. "This coverage is primary to all other coverage the City possesses for this contract only." The City of Naples shall be named as the Certificate Holder. The Certificate Holder shall read as follows:

The City of Naples
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

No City Division, Department, or individual name should appear on the Certificate.

No other format will be acceptable.

The Certificate must state the proposal number and title.

When using the "Accord"- 25 Certificate of Insurance only the most current version will be accepted.

The City of Naples requires a copy of a cancellation notice in the event the policy is cancelled. The City of Naples shall be expressly endorsed onto the policy as a cancellation notice recipient.

STATEMENT OF NO BID

If you will not be bidding on this product/service, please help us by completing and returning only this page to:

City of Naples, Purchasing Division
City Hall, 735 8th Street South
Naples, FL 34102
Fax 239-213-7105

Bid # _____ and Description: _____

We, the undersigned, decline to proposal on the above project for the following reason(s):

- ___ We are not able to respond to the Invitation to Bid by the specified deadline.
- ___ Our Company does not offer this product or service.
- ___ Our current work schedule will not permit us to perform the required services.
- ___ Specifications are incomplete or information is unclear
(Please explain below).

___ Other (Please specify below)

Company Name _____ PH _____

Name and Title of individual completing this form:

(Printed Name) (Title)

(Signature) (Date)

REFERENCES

THIS SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH BID

PROVIDE AT LEAST THREE REFERENCES FOR WHOM YOUR COMPANY HAS PROVIDED SAME OR SIMILAR SERVICES WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Submitting Vendor Name: _____

CONSTRUCTION
SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. **TERMS OF CONTRACT**

The resulting contract will commence on award and be in effect for a one-year contract with an option for two (2) one-year renewals.

B. **PROHIBITION OF CONTACT**

Under no circumstances should any prospective organization or individual, or anyone acting for or on behalf of a prospective organization or individual, seek to influence or gain the support of any member of the City Council, public official or City staff favorable to the interest of any prospective organization or individual. Likewise, contact with City Council, any public official or city staff against the interests of other prospective organization (s) and or individual(s) is prohibited. Any such activities will result in the exclusion of the prospective organization or individual from consideration by the City.

C. **REFERENCES**

Bidder must submit a minimum of three references on the form provided. Additionally, a signed and dated IRS W-9 form with EIN is required from all vendors.

D. **STATEMENT OF NO BID**

If you will not be bidding on this producer/service, please help us by completing and returning the Statement of No Bid.

E. **BID FORMAT**

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded on the basis of material and equipment illustrated and described on the Drawings or specified in the Specification. If a substitution or an “or equal” item is proposed, Proposer must submit this information to the City of Naples Purchasing Department ten (10) days prior to the Proposal Date for evaluation as an acceptable substitution or an “or equal” item. If the substitution or the “or equal” item is accepted, the City of Naples will issue an Addendum to all Proposers listing the allowable substitution or the “or equal” item. The cost of changes in related work, additional drawings which may be required to illustrate or define the substitute or “or equal” equipment and its relationship to the other parts or portions of the Work shall be paid by the Contractor. No change will be made in the amount of time in which to complete the Work or in the liquidated damages.

F. **BID SECURITY / BID BOND**

It is the policy of the City of Naples to require a Bid Bond for all construction-related sealed bids estimated to be in excess of \$100,000. A bid bond or equivalent financial security in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid price shall be required and must accompany all bids. The Bid Bond is to be provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida or otherwise supplied in a form satisfactory to the City. The bid bond must be submitted with the bid. When the invitation for bids requires a bid bond, noncompliance will result in rejection of the bid.

Note that failure or refusal of the awarded bidder to enter into a contract within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of said contract will result in damages to the City and bid bond will be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

G. PROPOSAL CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS

A Performance and Payment Bond will be required of the Awarded Proposer for any contract that is in excess of \$100,000.00 dollars and will be in an amount equal to 100 (%) percent of the price specified in the Contract.

The bond(s) shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the City for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

Proof of insurance from the successful proposer is required at the time of issuance and award of a contract.

H. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this proposer packet must be received in writing in the Purchasing Division NO LATER THAN TEN CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROPOSAL CLOSING DATE TO ENSURE AN ANSWER IS PROVIDED PRIOR TO CLOSING.

Direct all questions to:
Gerald “Jed” Secory, MBA / CPPO / CPM
Purchasing and Contracts Manager
City of Naples, Purchasing Division
735 8th Street South
Naples, Florida 34102
PH: (239) 213-7102 FX: (239) 213-7105
Jsecory@naplesgov.com

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Bidder should check off each of the following items as completed and submit with bid response:

CHECKLIST ELEMENTS	INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit one (1) original signature and one (1) copy of your original bid proposal / document AND a Windows© compatible PDF of the original document on a CD or Flash / Thumb Drive that is clearly labeled. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include any required drawings; descriptive literature; qualifications; schedules; product compliance / exceptions; alternatives; questionnaire; references, forms, tabs, pricing/cost; and any information required of the proposer identified in the text of the bid including information for bid evaluation. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include any delivery information. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory FORMS from this document to be included are: <u>Cover Sheet</u>, <u>References Sheet</u>, <u>Submission Checklist Sheet</u>, <u>IRS W-9 Form</u> (DEC 2014) and <u>Bid Schedule</u>. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an authorized individual sign the appropriate pages including the <u>Cover Sheet</u> with any bid addendums initialed. Also, examples of vendor contracts used by the City can be found on the Naples Purchasing web site and should be reviewed by the vendor. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid proposal / document needs to be received by the OPENING DATE & TIME indicated on the Cover Sheet. The mailing envelope must be addressed to: <div style="text-align: center;"> City of Naples Purchasing Division 735 8th Street South Naples, Florida 34102 </div> 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p style="text-align: center;">The mailing envelope should be sealed and marked with:</p> <p>BID Number: 16-044 BID Title: Naples Preserve Vegetation Management BID Opening Date: 05/27/2016</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ALL COURIER DELIVERED PROPOSALS MUST HAVE THE BID NUMBER AND TITLE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE COURIER PACKET.

Submitting Vendor Name: _____

At the discretion of the Purchasing Manager, bids or proposals with minor irregularities may be accepted and allowed to be corrected when in the best interest of the City.

City of Naples FL
Invitation to Bid
16-044 Naples Preserve Vegetation Management

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**THE NAPLES PRESERVE
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS – VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City of Naples' (City) Community Services Department (Department) is requesting proposals for a one-year contract with an option for two (2) one-year renewals for conservation vegetation management at the Naples Preserve (Preserve) while ensuring the site's ecological integrity is protected. The project involves reducing weedy vines, removal of exotic vegetation, and thinning the tree canopy.

B. AWARD OF BIDS

More than one Contractor may be utilized to accomplish the scheduled work for this project. Award shall be made to the lowest, most qualified and the most responsible bidder meeting the City's Purchasing Policy for each section of work identified. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals or any part of any bid/proposal and to award a contract in a manner that is in the best interest of the City.

C. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Heather Shields, Contract Services Manager for the Department and/or another authorized representative will serve as the City's Contract Manager.

D. LICENSES AND PERMITTING

Licenses may be required by the State of Florida, Collier County, or the City to perform all or part of this work. Contractors who submit proposals are solely responsible for investigating and determining if they hold the necessary License(s) prior to bid submittal. **All licenses and certifications must be current and in good standing at the time of the bid opening.**

E. INSURANCE

Successful contractor(s) shall furnish proof of insurance per the City's specifications and requirements.

F. CONDUCT

The contractor and his employees will conduct themselves in such a manner as to avoid embarrassment to the City of Naples, and shall at all times be courteous to the public. Although uniforms are not required, proper clothing shall be worn

at all times to include shirts, necessary safety equipment, pants, and proper footwear. Proper safety equipment shall be worn as required to complete each task and in accordance with industry safety standards (i.e., eye protection, ear protection, safety vests, helmets, harnesses, etc.).

G. CONTRACTORS EQUIPMENT

As a Contractor to the City, all vehicles and equipment must be maintained in good repair, appearance and sanitary condition at all times. Vehicles must be identified with the name of the company and phone number clearly visible. In addition, the contractor shall be responsible for using the necessary safety equipment according to State DOT and OSHA standards while working on City, County, or State roads. All trucks used by the Contractor at the Preserve must display the City's certification decal which demonstrates that the contractor is in compliance with the City's Landscape Certification Ordinance.



H. DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS

The contractor shall dispose of all debris and other materials gathered from the described work in compliance with contract specifications and City, County and State Laws.

I. SCHEDULING OF WORK

All work shall be performed from Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm unless prior approval has been obtained from the Contract Manager. No work may be performed on Sundays or legal holidays. Any work performed during the summer months must be carefully coordinated and approved by the Contract Manager to prevent conflicts with summer camps and organized events.

Work for Phase 1 to begin within 5 business days after receipt of purchase order and must be completed within 10 business days after start of work. Phase 2 is to begin after a 30 day period from the completion of Phase 1 and must be completed within 10 business days after start of work. Phase 3 is to begin after a 30 day period from the completion of Phase 2 and must be completed within 10 business days after start of work.

Work performance deficiencies and associated problems identified by the City must be corrected by the Contractor within a minimum of three-working days of notification by the Contract Manager. The City has the sole authority to determine if a performance deficiency or problems exists that the Contractor must correct.

J. PAYMENT REQUESTS, INVOICES AND WORK REPORTS

Payment requests shall be submitted at the completion of each phase of work to the Contract Manager. The Contract Manager shall only approve payment requests for actual work completed by the Contractor and approved by the City. Should performance deficiencies exist, the City shall withhold payment for the work in question until the Contractor completes the work to the satisfaction of the Contract Managers. Please see "**FINAL INSPECTION AND APPROVAL**" for additional payment details.

K. NON-PERFORMANCE

The City reserves the right to cancel the contract with a seven (7) day notice should the Contractor fail to perform up to the specified work in accordance with the requirements and standards identified in the City's specifications. The City may withhold part or all payments due to the Contractor until work deficiencies are corrected.

L. QUALIFICATIONS

The Contractor shall be licensed with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in exotic removal and/or environmental work. The Contractor shall be required to have at least one supervisor plus 10% of field staff complete the required Landscape Certification Program – Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) course and have at least one GI-BMP certified employee at the Preserve at all times while work is being performed. Certificates for employees but be submitted with the bid proposal. All proposals shall include a list of at least three (3) commercial references. The City will contact references to determine the competency of the Contractor.

N. REJECTING DEFECTIVE WORK

The City through its Contract Manager shall have the sole authority to disapprove or reject work, which she/he believes to be unacceptable work and not in accordance with Contract Documents. City will notify the contractor, in writing, of unacceptable work. If work has been rejected, contractor shall correct all

defective work within three-working days and bear all costs to correct the defective work. The contractor will contact the Contract Manager to advise when staff shall be on site to correct the rejected work. If the contractor fails to correct the defective work, or if the contractor fails to perform the work in accordance with the Contract Documents, within three-working days after the written notice is issued, the City will withhold payment due to the Contractor for the portion of service not rendered.

O. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

1. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any property including but not limited to trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities, and underground facilities, resulting from the performance of the work.
2. The contractor upon receipt of written notice to discontinue such practice shall immediately discontinue any practice obviously hazardous in the opinion of the Contract Manager. The contractor shall comply with all OSHA and other Federal and State safety standards.
3. Blocking of the public street, except under extreme emergency conditions, shall not be permitted unless prior arrangements have been made with the Contract Manager and the City Police and Fire Departments and other agencies having jurisdiction over the street to be closed.

P. PROTECTION OF OVERHEAD UTILITIES

The work required under this contract may be conducted in areas where overhead electric, telephone, and cable television facilities exist. The contractor shall protect all utilities from damage, shall immediately contact the appropriate utility if damage has occurred, and shall be responsible for all claims for damage, injuries and fatalities related to any work performed in connection with this contract. The contractor shall make arrangements with the utility company for the removal of necessary limbs and branches, which may conflict with, or create a personal injury hazard. Delays encountered by the contractor in waiting for the utility to complete its work shall not be the responsibility of the contractor, provided said delays are documented in writing and the Contract Manager is promptly informed of potential delays caused by utility companies.

Q. PROTECTION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

The Contractor shall be responsible for following the Florida Underground Facility Damage Prevention & Safety Act (556), OSHA Standard 1926.651, Florida Trench and Safety Act (Chapter 90-96) and obtaining utility locations by calling Sunshine State One-Call of Florida Inc. Contractor shall have full responsibility for

reviewing and checking all information and data for locating all underground facilities and shall be responsible for all claims for damage, injuries and fatalities related to any work performed in connection with this contract.

R. TRAFFIC CONTROL

1. Contractor shall be required to furnish traffic control and/or barricades as needed or as required by the State of Florida. Barricading and detouring of the traffic shall be accomplished in conformance with the State of Florida Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Highway Construction and Maintenance Operations, latest edition. A flagman is required when two-way traffic is obstructed by the removal operation.
2. Contractor shall be responsible for adequate barricades, warning devices, and the necessary safety equipment according to State DOT standards while working on City, County or State roads as a sub-Contractor of the City.

SPECIFICATIONS

The City of Naples' (City) Community Services Department (Department) is requesting proposals for a one-year contract with an option for two (2) one-year renewals for conservation vegetation management at the Naples Preserve (Preserve) while ensuring the site's ecological integrity is protected. The project involves reducing weedy vines, removal of exotic vegetation, and thinning the tree canopy.

A. General Objective

The objective of this project is to remove selected vegetation at the natural areas as well as from disturbed areas at the Naples Preserve, 1690 Tamiami Trail North.

B. Scope of Work

Work shall include, but not be limited to, reducing weedy vines, removal of exotic vegetation, thinning of tree canopy and site cleanup. **ALL WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED BY HAND. NO MACHINERY SHALL BE USED.**

The Contractor shall be permitted to use chemicals for eradication provided the chemicals are approved by the Project Manager and the chemicals are applied by an applicator licensed by the State of Florida. The list of chemicals must be included in the proposal. Also to be included is the method of removal and the retreatment process.

1 Phase One:

- a. Remove weedy vine coverage across the site by 50%; including but not limited to Muscadine (*Vitis rotundifolia*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) and some greenbriar species (*Smilax* sp.). Vines are to be cut, removed and the stumps treated. Efforts to reduce the growth of vines should be focused along the boundaries of the property where the edge effect promotes their vigorous growth as well as vines that have climbed into the tree canopies.
- b. Remove all exotic plants from the site, flush cut to grade and treat; including but not limited to Ear leaf Acacia, Melaleuca, Carrotwood, Schefflera, Brazilian Pepper, Rosary Pea and Downy Rose Myrtle.
- c. Reduce growth of vegetation around the large iconic oak trees on the central and southern portions of the site.

2 Phase Two:

- a. Reduce the number of cabbage palms (*Sabal palmetto*); the palms shall be marked for removal after phase one is complete. It is estimated that 50 palms shall be removed. Chain saws may be used in the removal efforts; removals shall be done in a manner that causes the least damage to the site.
- b. Thin clumps of overstory slash pines (*Pinus elliottii* var. *densa*) on the northern end of the property; the pines shall be marked for removal after phase one is complete. It is estimated that 40 trees shall be removed. Chain saws may be used in the removal efforts; removals shall be done in a manner that causes the least damage to the site.

3 Phase Three:

- a. Complete the reduction weedy vine coverage across the site; including but not limited to Muscadine (*Vitis rotundifolia*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) and some greenbriar species (*Smilax* sp.).
- b. Roller-chopping of the site to mimic fire, reducing fuel load and improving forage for gopher tortoises.

4 Phase Four:

- a. Continue to remove or reduce the pine duff layer by hand to promote understory growth. Scattering collected native wildflower and grass seeds in sandy areas and managing against weeds will speed up restoration of herbaceous groundcovers.

C. FINAL INSPECTION AND APPROVAL

All work scheduled for completion under this contract shall be completed according to the requirements. Final acceptance by the City shall be after a two (2) month mortality period from the substantial completion date. At final acceptance, the Contractor shall demonstrate to the City that all exotic vegetation on site has been exterminated to the City's complete satisfaction. The Contractor at no additional cost to the City shall properly remove any re-growth of stumps, cut limbs, or newly discovered exotic plants. Following any re-treatment, there shall be a four (4) month mortality re-evaluation period to determine effectiveness. Final project approval is contingent upon the Project Manager. Payment shall be made for the work completed and accepted upon inspection by the Project Manager. As a method to assure completion of the total project, **retainage in the amount of (20%) of all work completed shall be withheld from the payment. The twenty percent (20%) will not be**

released until all work; including follow-up treatment of re-growth has been completed, inspected, and accepted by the City.

D. SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL HABITAT

All work scheduled for completion under this contract is being completed on land that is considered to be environmentally sensitive. Gopher tortoises are present throughout the site and the Contractor must be vigilant while performing work under this contract to ensure no tortoise is injured while work is being performed. Preserve staff will be present to relocate any tortoise in work zones.

The site also includes vegetation important and unique to the Preserve. The Contractor shall not remove any vegetation identified by the Contract Manager as special or unique to the Preserve.

E. CERTIFICATIONS

Copies of the following Certifications must be included in the Contractor's bid proposal:

1. State Pesticide Applicator's License – Contractor must submit a copy of the Commercial Applicator Licenses issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for all employees who may work at the Preserve.
2. Landscape Certification – Contractor must submit a copy of the Landscape Certifications – Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP for all employees who may work at the Preserve.

**THE NAPLES PRESERVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
BID SCHEDULE**

Item		Cost
Reduce weedy vine coverage across the site	25% reduction	\$
Reduce weedy vine coverage across the site	50% reduction	\$
Remove all exotic plants from the site		\$
Reduce growth of vegetation around the large iconic oak trees		\$
Reduce the number of cabbage palms	Price Per Palm	\$
Thin clumps of overstory slash pines	Price Per Tree	\$
Reduce weedy vine coverage across the site	75% reduction	\$
Reduce weedy vine coverage across the site	100% reduction	\$
Roller-Chop Site		\$
Miscellaneous	Dead Removal	\$
	Trash Removal	\$

TOTAL BID	\$ _____
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ANNUAL EXOTIC MAINTENANCE:
 To be performed quarterly (Every 3 months)

\$ _____ /quarterly

Company Name _____ **PH** _____

Email _____

Name and Title of individual completing this schedule:

(Printed Name) **(Title)**

(Signature) **(Date)**