FORMAL BID

BID FOR: Annual Contract for Mowing Privately-Owned Developed and Vacant Property (Re-Bid)

BID NUMBER: TF0711-16

BID DUE: THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M.

PRE-BID: A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas.

SUBMIT BID TO: This is a FORMAL BID and must be submitted to:

City Clerk’s Office / City Hall
City of Beaumont
801 Main St., Suite 125
Beaumont, TX 77701

You may submit your bid by MAIL or in PERSON. Bids will NOT be accepted via fax or e-mail.

PURCHASING DIVISION

For bid results Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., call 409-880-3720 or visit our web site at http://www.cityofbeaumont.com/Purchasing/purchasing_bids.htm
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Beaumont, 801 Main Street, Room 125 until 2:00 p.m., local time, **Thursday, July 28, 2011** and all bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers on that date for:

**Annual Contract for Mowing Privately-Owned Developed and Vacant Property (Re-Bid)**

**A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas.**

Bidding forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the Purchasing Division, City Hall, 801 Main, Room 315, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Vendors requesting bid packets should call the Purchasing Division at (409) 880-3720 or you may download the specifications from our website at: http://www.cityofbeaumont.com/Purchasing/purchasing_bids.htm

**Bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 801 Main, Room 125, prior to the above stated time.**

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Please make reference to Bid Number: **TF0711-16**

Bid Closing Date: **July 28, 2011**

Tina Broussard
City Clerk

First Publication: **July 13, 2011**

Second Publication: **July 20, 2011**
General Specifications for
Mowing Privately-Owned Developed and Vacant Property

1. It is the intent of the City of Beaumont’s Code Enforcement Division to contract for the services of qualified mowing Contractors to perform the work described herein. This contract will include mowing developed and vacant privately-owned property in violation of the weed ordinance.

2. The contract shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year beginning Monday, August 29, 2011, following the bid award by City Council. At the end of the contract period the City may renew this contract for two (2) additional one (1) year terms. Should the City elect to renew the contract, there shall be no increase in the contracted payments. Any terms and conditions stated in original specifications will apply to any extended periods. Approval on behalf of the City to renew this contract shall be made by the City Manager or his designee.

3. This contract will be awarded to the lowest and most responsible bidders. The two sections will be awarded separately. A single bidder may be awarded both sections only if capacity is demonstrated to handle the combined volume therein.

4. The factors that will be used in awarding this bid will be:

   4.1 Capability and experience of the Contractor, and
   4.2 Price.

5. Bidders shall include the following information to describe the experience and capability factors of the company. Bidder shall complete and submit the Bidder Information Sheet to satisfy this requirement.

   These factors will be evaluated to determine your capability as a supplier. Failure to submit this information with bids will result in rejection of bids.

   5.1 Number of years in operation.
   5.2 Kind of company, i.e., corporation, partnership or sole proprietor. If corporation, please list names and addresses of the three (3) top corporate officers. If partnership, please list names and addresses of partners. Include Federal Tax I.D. Number.
   5.3 Gross revenues for the past two (2) years.
   5.4 Largest dollar amount of contract currently in effect with a business.
   5.5 References from at least three (3) businesses with whom your company has completed similar type work within the last year.
   5.6 Number of employees currently employed.
   5.7 Equipment currently owned by your company.
6. The City of Beaumont or its authorized agent shall have the right to inspect the work at all times and upon completion thereof. There shall be no deviations from any part of the contract or from any approved schedule without prior approval from both the Code Enforcement Division and the Purchasing Division. The Contractor may not assign all or part of this contract without prior consent in writing by the City. The City, through its authorized agents, shall have the right to refuse payment for work not performed to specifications, if such work was represented by Contractor as completed and within compliance.

7. **A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas. The purpose of the conference is to allow the bidders opportunity to ask any specific questions concerning the specifications.**

8. Any problems encountered on properties scheduled to be mowed, such as excessive litter, failure to locate property, inability to access property, or inability to mow for any reason shall immediately be brought to the attention of the authorized agent of the Code Enforcement Division before attempting to mow.

9. The successful bidder shall, within five (5) days after award of contract, furnish the City with proof of insurance as stated in Attachment A.

9.1 A certificate of insurance, or a copy of the insurance policies, shall be furnished to the City within five (5) days after the award of bid.

9.2 The City shall be named as additional insured on all policies. **Should any insurance required by this contract lapse, the Contractor shall immediately cease all operations until authorized in writing by the City.** If the lapse period exceeds fifteen (15) days, the City may terminate the contract and the Contractor shall be in breach of this contract.

10. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Beaumont and its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, and damages of every kind, for injury to or death of any person and damages to property arising out of or in connection with the work done by Contractor under this contract, and including acts or omissions of the City of Beaumont or its officers, agents or employees in connection with said contract.

11. The Contractor shall exercise proper precautions at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property, either on or off the site, which occur as a result of his prosecution of the work.

12. The Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of all cases of death, occupational disease, and injury requiring medical attention or causing loss of time from work, arising out of and in the course of employment on work under the contract. The Contractor shall promptly furnish the City of Beaumont with reports concerning these matters.

13. The City, besides all other rights or remedies it may have, shall have the right to terminate this agreement upon five (5) days written notice if the successful bidder fails to perform the service or breaches this agreement. If the City elects to do so you will receive five (5) days written notice from the Purchasing Manager. Failure to perform services or breach of agreement includes the following:

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13.1 By failing to pay insurance premiums, liens, claims or other charges.

13.2 By failing to pay any payments due the City, State or Federal Government from the successful bidder or its principals, including, but not limited to, payments identified in this agreement or any taxes, fees, assessments, or liens.

13.3 Upon the institution of voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against the successful bidder or upon dissolution of the firm or business.

13.4 By violation of any provision of this agreement.

14. Contractor is responsible for contacting the Code Enforcement Division each day by 9:00 a.m. to receive list of properties to be mowed. The notification consists of a legal description of the property and/or address. Each “Notice to Mow” shall be dated upon issuance (see Exhibit “A”). The number of lots or parcels to be mowed cannot be guaranteed and may vary from day to day.

15. The “Notice to Mow” shall be obtained from the following:

Code Enforcement Division  
801 Main, Ste. 200  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 409-880-3719  
Fax: 409-880-3775

Failure to contact the Code Enforcement Division on a daily basis may result in termination of the contract.

16. Properties listed on the “Notice to Mow” must be completed within five (5) working days from the date of issue. Failure to complete the work within the stated time frame may result in liquidated damages being assessed. Liquidated damages in the amount of twenty-five dollars ($25) per day per “Notice To Mow” will be assessed for delinquent work unless an extension has been granted. Extensions may be granted due to wet weather or extenuating circumstances only when the request is submitted in writing to the Code Enforcement Division.

17. Work not performed to the satisfaction of the City inspector must be corrected within forty-eight (48) hours after notification.

18. Rescheduled work that is not completed within this time frame is subject to liquidated damages of twenty-five dollars ($25) per day per “Notice to Mow” and to be deducted from submitted invoice.

19. Should the Contractor not complete the work within the seven (7) working days, including rescheduled work, the City shall have the right to have such work completed by any means at its command. The City shall require the Contractor to reimburse the City for the costs of such work incurred over the amount of the contract.
20. The Contractor will submit an invoice to the Code Enforcement Division upon completion of work. Payment for completed work will be made within thirty (30) days only after verification by a Code Enforcement inspector that work was performed satisfactorily and within the time constraints allowed.

21. NO PERSON has the authority to verbally alter these specifications. Any changes to specifications will be made in the form of an Addendum which will be made available online at http://www.cityofbeaumont.com/Purchasing/purchasing_bidlist.htm and will be faxed to the vendors on the bid announcement list.

22. If information is needed concerning the bid process please contact:

   Terry Welch, Buyer II
   Purchasing Division
   City of Beaumont

   Physical Address:
   801 Main St., Suite 315, Beaumont, TX 77701

   Mailing Address:
   P.O. Box 3827, Beaumont, TX 77704-3827

   Phone # (409) 880-3107  •  Fax # (409) 880-3747

   E-mail: twelch@ci.beaumont.tx.us
Technical Specifications for
Mowing Privately-Owned Developed and Vacant Property

1.0 STATEMENT OF WORK

1.1 The work performed under this contract is for mowing and trimming on privately-owned property, when grass, weeds or other uncultivated plants, i.e., bamboo, exceeds ordinance limitations and has not been cut by owner. For the purposes of this contract the city is divided into two sections. Section 1 being all properties North of Gladys Street from Main Street to the city limits. Section 2 being all properties South of Gladys Street from Main Street to the city limits.

1.2 All work shall be performed within the City of Beaumont and includes all areas within its corporate limits.

1.3 Contract does not include:

1.3.1 Ditches exceeding a depth of four (4) feet

1.3.2 Street Medians

1.3.3 City-owned property

1.4 The Contractor shall furnish all supervision, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and service, and shall perform and complete all work in an efficient, professional, and workmanlike manner.

2.0 DEVELOPED AND VACANT PROPERTY

2.1 Principal items of work on developed and vacant lots consist of:

2.1.1 Cutting grass on separate lots as assigned and directed by the City. Grass shall be cut within one hundred (100) feet of the property line of developed property or any developed street rights-of-way.

2.1.2 Mowing from back of curb or shoulder of road including ditches less than four (4) feet in depth.

2.1.3 The number of parcels or lots are subject to change during contract period.

3.0 DEVELOPED AND VACANT PROPERTY CONTRACT PRICE

The City of Beaumont will pay the Contractor for performance of the contract. The bid price will be based upon a per square foot rate for each parcel to be cut. When the City requires the mowing of right-of-ways adjacent to lots, the rate per square foot shall be the same as the rate for the lot being mowed. Bidder is required to furnish a minimum price in lieu of the per square foot price for properties 6,500 square feet or less in size. The per square foot price will be applied to all properties...
in excess of 6,500 square feet. Please be advised that the per square foot price applied to properties in excess of 6,500 square feet will determine the payment to the Contractor even if the price is less than the minimum price bid.

A price per acre is also requested for properties one acre or greater in size. Payment for properties over one acre will be calculated from the per acre price.

4.0 RELEASES AND RECEIPTS

The City of Beaumont, before making payment, may require the Contractor to furnish releases or receipts for any or all persons performing work and supplying material or services to the Contractor, for work under this contract if this is deemed necessary to protect its interests.
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

A. Definitions:

1. **Grounds Maintenance Project Area** - Developed and Vacant Privately-Owned Property.

2. **Maintenance Cycle** - Means each time period allowed to complete specified work. Each time period is defined by a beginning and ending date, in which all prescribed maintenance activities for each area shall be completed. Cycle is five (5) working days for this project.

3. **Area Inspector** - Means the duly authorized representative of the Code Enforcement Division who shall monitor the contractor’s progress. Inspections will be performed on weekdays, Monday through Friday.

4. **Inclement Weather** - Means weather as determined by the area inspector that causes the soil to be in a condition that will not allow grass cutting to be accomplished satisfactorily or without damage to the soil.

5. **Trash and Litter** - Debris such as paper, cans, bottles, bags of trash, limbs, rocks, etc.

6. **Trimming** - Means the cutting or removal of all plant material immediately adjacent to or around trees, poles, signs, fences, etc. Also, includes the removal of all low hanging tree limbs three inches (3”) in diameter and smaller to obtain a clearance from the ground to a height six foot (6’), plant material from expansion joints and any other cracks in curbs, sidewalks, driveways and any other concrete surface within the right of way, excluding street surface.

7. **Edging** - Means the vertical removal of any and all plant material which encroaches over or onto sidewalks (both sides), curbs, driveways and pavements. Edges shall be vertical cut with a minimum depth of 1 inch and minimum width of 1/4”.

8. **Scalping** - Means any action which results in the mowing of any turf area below a one (1) inch height down to and including the soil.

9. **Growing Season** - April 1 through October 31

10. **Non-Growing Season** - November 1 through March 31

B. Removal of Grass Clippings:

1. Removal of cut grass from the ground area where growth occurred will not be required. Cut grass and debris which falls or is thrown by equipment upon the pavement, streets, sidewalks, driveways, or adjacent properties through the action of the work crew, shall be removed from the area prior to the exit of the work crew from the immediate work site.
C. **Edging:**

1. All sidewalks, curbs and steps must be mechanically edged to a 1" depth and 1/4" width using a metal blade exposing the concrete surface. Edging and maintenance of edge shall use a vertical cut approach. All material dislodged by edging must be removed from the site. Sidewalks must be edged on both sides.

D. **Mowing:**

1. Contractor shall remove all trash and litter from the entire area prior to initiating any mowing. All mowing equipment shall be equipped with sharp blades so as not to tear, but cleanly cut the blades of grass. All grass shall be cut at a maximum height of four (4) inches. All trees, poles, signs, and fences are to be trimmed closely. All trimming shall be accomplished maintaining the maximum 4" cutting height. All trimming must be accomplished concurrently with mowing operations. Upon completion, a mowed area shall be free of clumped grass and tire tracks or ruts from the mowing equipment. Care shall be taken to prevent discharge of grass clippings onto any paved surface such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks or driveways and onto adjacent properties. Any materials so discharged shall be removed immediately prior to proceeding with mowing of other areas. All trash and litter removed shall be disposed of by the contractor to an off-site location in accordance with local, state and federal laws. Any trash and litter cut or broken during maintenance operations shall be completely removed from area immediately. Ruts caused by tractor or equipment must be filled in at the Contractor’s expense.

E. **Equipment:**

1. Mowers equipped with a discharge deflectors or flail mowers must be used in the performance of this contract. It is not required that grass cuttings be mulched but every effort should be made to reduce the discharging of materials onto non grassy areas.

2. Tractor with a minimum 27-horsepower engine and at least a four (4) foot bushhog may be necessary on some properties covered in this contract.

3. For Developed Properties the Contractor must provide equipment for finish mowing, including finish mowers, trimmers and edgers. These properties are to be left with a finished, trimmed and presentable appearance. **ROUGH CUT FINISH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
1. The Contractor expressly agrees that work for each work order shall commence on a date specified in the “Notice to Mow” issued by the Code Enforcement Division.

2. Unless additional time is granted by the Code Enforcement Division Inspector, the work shall be completed within the designated time and the Contractor agrees with the City that if the work is not completed within the five (5) working days a sum of $25 per working day per “Notice to Mow” may be deducted from amount owed Contractor as liquidated damages.

3. Mowing shall be completed within five (5) working days. Work not approved by City’s inspector must be completed within forty-eight (48) hours after notification. Contractor’s failure to adhere to start date does not release him from completing work within five (5) days.
**BIDDER'S INFORMATION SHEET**

Mowing Privately-Owned Developed and Vacant Property  
Bid No. TF0711-16

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1. Kind of company, i.e., corporation, partnership or sole proprietor.

2. If Partnership, list name and addresses of partners, If corporation, list names and addresses of top three (3) officers. Include Federal Tax I.D. Number.

3. Number of years in operation.

4. Number of employees currently employed.

5. Gross revenue for the past two (2) years. $__________________________

   $__________________________

6. Largest dollar amount of contract currently in effect with a business. $__________________________

7. Should your company be the successful bidder list the equipment you would use for performing the work described in this contract. If necessary, please use an additional sheet of paper.

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   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________

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8. State past experience and references to contact for past performance records.

**REFERENCE #1**

Company Name: 
Contact Person: 
Phone Number: 
Dates of Service: 
Value of Service: 

**REFERENCE #2**

Company Name: 
Contact Person: 
Phone Number: 
Dates of Service: 
Value of Service: 

**REFERENCE #3**

Company Name: 
Contact Person: 
Phone Number: 
Dates of Service: 
Value of Service: 

ATTACHMENT A  
(Revised 5/2/2011)  

INSURANCE  

SECTION A. Prior to the approval of this contract by the City, CONTRACTOR shall furnish a completed Insurance Certificate to the Purchasing office. The certificate shall be completed by an agent authorized to bind the named underwriter(s) to the coverages, limits, and termination provisions shown thereon, and shall furnish and contain all required information referenced or indicated thereon. CITY SHALL HAVE NO DUTY TO PAY OR PERFORM UNDER THIS CONTRACT UNTIL SUCH CERTIFICATE IS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT'S PURCHASING DIVISION, and no officer or employee of the City shall have authority to waive this requirement.

INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED  

SECTION B. CITY reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this section during the effective period of the contract and to adjust insurance coverages and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by CITY, based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the CONTRACTOR.

SECTION C. Subject to CONTRACTOR'S right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by CITY, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this contract, and any extension hereof, at CONTRACTOR'S sole expense, insurance coverage written by companies approved by the State of Texas and acceptable to CITY, in the following type(s) and amount(s):

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<td>1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability</td>
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NOTE: For building or construction projects, and services provided at City-owned facilities, the successful Contractor shall meet the minimum requirements defined in the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Rule 28 TAC §110.110 which follows this insurance attachment.

2. Commercial General (public) Liability including coverage for the following:
   a. Premises operations
   b. Independent contractors
   c. Products/completed operations
   d. Personal injury
   e. Advertising injury
   f. Contractual liability
   g. Medical payments

   Combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of $500,000 per occurrence or its equivalent with an aggregate limit of $1,000,000.
h. Professional liability*

d. Underground hazard*

j. Explosion and collapse hazard*

k. Liquor liability*

l. Fire legal liability*

m. City's property in Contractor's*

care, custody, or control

n. Asbestos specific liability*

* Not required for this contract

3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability

insurance, including coverage for loading and unloading hazards, for:

a. Owned/leased vehicles

b. Non-owned vehicles

c. Hired vehicles

Combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of $500,000 per occurrence or equivalent.

4. Errors and Omissions

insurance policy

(when applicable)

Provide a prudent amount of coverage for the willful or negligent acts or omissions of any officers, employees or agents thereof.

ADDITIONAL POLICY ENDORSEMENTS

CITY shall be entitled, upon request, and without expense, to receive copies of the policies and all endorsements thereto and may make any reasonable request for deletion, revision, or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations, or exclusions (except where policy provisions are established by law or regulation binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter of any of such policies). Upon such request by CITY, CONTRACTOR shall exercise reasonable efforts to accomplish such changes in policy coverages, and shall pay the cost thereof.

REQUIRED PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR agrees with respect to the above required insurance, all insurance contracts and certificate(s) of insurance will contain and state, in writing, on the certificate or its attachment, the following required provisions.

a. Name, the City of Beaumont and its officers, employees, and elected representatives as additional insured(s), (as the interest of each insured may appear) to all applicable coverage.

b. Provide for 30 days notice to City for cancellation, non-renewal, or material change.

c. Provide for notice to City at the address shown below by registered mail.
d. CONTRACTOR agrees to waive subrogation against the City of Beaumont, its officers, employees, and elected representatives for injuries, including death, property damage, or any other loss to the extent same may be covered by the proceeds of insurance.

e. Provide that all provisions of this agreement concerning liability, duty, and standard of care together shall be underwritten by contractual liability coverage sufficient to include such obligations within applicable policies.

f. For coverages that are only available with claims made policies, the required period of coverage will be determined by the following formula: Continuous coverage for the life of the contract, plus one year (to provide coverage for the warranty period) and an extended discovery period for a minimum of five years which shall begin at the end of the warranty period.

NOTICES

CONTRACTOR shall notify CITY in the event of any change in coverage and shall give such notices not less than 15 days prior to the change, which notice must be accompanied by a replacement CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE. All notices shall be given to CITY at the following address:

Purchasing Division
City of Beaumont
P.O. Box 3827
Beaumont, Texas  77704

SECTION D. Approval, disapproval, or failure to act by CITY regarding any insurance supplied by CONTRACTOR shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of full responsibility or liability for damages and accidents as set forth in the contract documents. Neither shall the bankruptcy, insolvency, or denial of liability by the insurance company exonerate CONTRACTOR from liability.
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE
for
Building or Construction Projects and Services Provided at City-Owned Facilities

TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION RULE 28, §110.110
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As required by the Texas Workers' Compensation Rule 28, §110.110, the Contractor shall accept the
following definitions and comply with the following provisions:

Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage

A. Definitions:

1. Certificate of coverage ("certificate")-A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of
authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81,
TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance
coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the
duration of the project.

2. Duration of the project-includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project
until the Contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the
City of Beaumont.

3. Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in §406.096) - includes all
persons or entities performing all or part of the services the Contractor has undertaken to
perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the
Contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without
limitation, independent Contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers,
owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes
persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation,
providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor,
transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities
unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and
delivery of portable toilets.

B. The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and
payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of
Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the Contractor providing services on
the project, for the duration of the project.

C. The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the City of Beaumont prior to being
awarded the contract.

D. If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the
duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new
certificate of coverage with the City of Beaumont showing that coverage has been extended.
E. The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the City of Beaumont:

1. A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the City of Beaumont will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

2. No later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

F. The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.

G. The Contractor shall notify the City of Beaumont in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the Contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

H. The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

I. The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

1. Provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

2. Provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

3. Provide the Contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

4. Obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:

   a. A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

   b. A new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
5. Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter;

6. Notify the City of Beaumont in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

7. Contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (1) - (7), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

J. By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the City of Beaumont that all employees of the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

K. The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the City of Beaumont to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the City of Beaumont.

As defined by the Texas Labor Code, Chapter 269, Section 406.096(e), building or construction is defined as:

1. Erecting or preparing to erect a structure, including a building, bridge, roadway, public utility facility, or related appurtenance;

2. Remodeling, extending, repairing, or demolishing a structure; or

3. Otherwise improving real property or an appurtenance to real property through similar activities.

The employment of a maintenance employee who is not engaging in building or construction as the employer's primary business does not constitute engaging in building or construction.
CITY OF BEAUMONT
INSURANCE REQUIREMENT AFFIDAVIT

To be Completed By Appropriate Insurance Agent
and submitted with bid proposal

I, the undersigned Agent/Broker, certify that the insurance requirements contained in this bid document have been reviewed by me with the below identified Contractor. If the below identified Contractor is awarded this contract by the City of Beaumont, I will be able to, within ten (10) days after being notified of such award, furnish a valid insurance certificate to the City meeting all of the requirements defined in this bid.

Agent (Signature)  Agent (Print)

Name of Agency/Broker: ____________________________
Address of Agent/Broker: __________________________
City/State/Zip: __________________________________
Agent/Broker Telephone #: _________________________
CONTRACTOR'S NAME: ____________________________
(Print or Type)

NOTE TO AGENT/BROKER
If this time requirement is not met, the City has the right to invalidate the bid award and award the contract to the next lowest bidder meeting specifications. Should an awarded bid be invalidated the Contractor may be liable for breach of contract. If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please contact the Purchasing Manager for the City of Beaumont at (409) 880-3720.
BID OPENING DATE: Thursday, July 28, 2011  
BID OPENING TIME: 2:00 P.M.

CITY BID NUMBER: TF0711-16
FOR FURNISHING: Annual Contract for Mowing Privately-Owned Developed and Vacant Property (Re-Bid)  
(AS PER SPECIFICATIONS)

**OUTLINE OF BID DATA:**

For bids to be considered valid, Bidders **MUST** complete and submit the following:

4. Provide a valid signature at the appropriate locations within these bid documents.

**BIDDER INFORMATION:**

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<td>(Signature required for bid to be accepted.)</td>
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**TOTAL BID:** $ 

* Quantities are for bid purposes only.

### SECTION 2
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**INSERT BIDDING VENDOR’S COMPANY NAME:**

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DATE OF DELIVERY AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER: ________________________________

WARRANTY: ___________________________________________________________________

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the following addenda to the Specifications:

Addendum No. 1 dated_________ Received_________

Addendum No. 2 dated_________ Received_________

DOES YOUR BID MEET SPECIFICATIONS?  YES____ NO____

IF NO IS INDICATED, ATTACH SHEET INDICATING EXCEPTIONS.

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR COMPANY:

Ownership of Firm (51% or more)___ Non-Minority____ Hispanic____ Black____ Other____

Minority (please specify)____________________ Female Owned____ Handicapped Owned____

Small Business (less than $1,000,000 annual receipts or 100 employees) ______

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE BIDDER

I, ____________________________, CERTIFY THAT I AM ___________________________, (title) OF THE CORPORATION NAMED AS BIDDER HEREBIN; THAT ____________________________WHO SIGNED THIS BID ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER, WAS THEN ____________________________ (title) OF SAID CORPORATION; THAT SAID BID WAS DULY SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CORPORATION BY AUTHORITY OF ITS GOVERNING BODY AND IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS CORPORATE POWERS.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

________________________________________________________

TYPE OR PRINT NAME

________________________________________________________

TITLE OF OFFICER

________________________________________________________

BIDDERS

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid.

Vendor________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________

Bidder________________________________________________________

(Signature)

Bidder________________________________________________________

(Print Name)

Position With Company________________________________________

(Title)
CONFlict of interest Questionnaire

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

☐ Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

☐ Yes ☐ No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity ___________________________

Date ___________________________

Adopted 06/29/2007
STATEMENT OF CITY CHARTER PROVISION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The following provisions were adopted in an effort to avoid potential conflict of interest with prospective bidders and City employees or officers in the awarding of City employees or officers in the awarding of City contracts:

1. No officer, elected or appointed, or other employee of the City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, or by reason of ownership of stock or share exceeding one percent (1%) in a business entity contracting with the City. Nor shall such officer or employee be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies or services from such business entity, except on behalf of the City in his official capacity as an officer or employee.

2. Any willful violation of this provision shall constitute malfeasance in office and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall thereby forfeit their office or position.

3. Any violation of this section with the knowledge expressed or implied of the person or business entity contracting with the City shall render the contract involved null and void. (Beaumont City Charter, Article XVII, Section 9.)

I, ____________________________ (name) have read and hereby understand the aforementioned Beaumont City Charter provision prohibiting conflict of interest between City employees or officers and prospective bidders in the award of City contracts. I affirm, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that there is no conflict of interest between the herein stated person or business entity and any City officer or employee if a City contract is awarded. I further state that I have no outside interests that conflict or suggest a potential conflict of interest with the City. I understand that knowledge, express or implied, or concealment of such material fact could nullify and void any such City contract awarded.

If I am awarded this contract, I herein agree to report promptly any further situation that might involve or appear to involve me in any conflict of interest with the city.

SIGNED this the _____ day of ________________, 20____.

______________________________
Name

______________________________
Title

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BIDDING
(Revised 6/30/11)

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BIDDING MAY RESULT IN THE BID BEING DISQUALIFIED.

1. BIDDING:

A. All bids must be on blank forms furnished by the Purchasing Division, and must be written in ink or by typewriter. Pencil quotations will not be considered. The bid must be executed personally the bidder, or if executed by an agent, a power of attorney or other evidence of his authority to act on behalf of the bidder must accompany the bid. If the bidder is a corporation, the certificate of corporate bidder must be executed under the corporate seal by some duly authorized officer of the corporation other than the officers signing the bid. By execution of the bid, the bidder accepts all general and special conditions of the contract and the specifications.

B. TIME & DATE: Formal bids must be in the office of the City Clerk by 2:00 P.M., local time, on the day bids are due, unless otherwise specified; an early postmark will not suffice. Be sure you have allowed ample time for postal delivery. The City will not be responsible for the delivery of your bid to the office of the City Clerk. If you choose to send your bid by postal delivery then it is recommended that you call the City Clerk’s office to verify receipt of your bid prior the bid opening. Formal bids may NOT be faxed or e-mailed.

Informal bids are due at the date and time stated in the bid document. Informal bids may be faxed.

C. WITHDRAWAL OF BID: A bidder may withdraw his proposal before Council acceptance of his bid without prejudice to himself, by submitting a written request for its withdrawal to the City Clerk.

D. Bids should show net prices, extensions and net total. In case of conflict between unit price and extensions, the unit price will govern.

E. No change in price will be considered after bids have been opened.

F. Unless otherwise specified, any catalog or manufacturer’s reference or brand name used in describing an item is merely descriptive, and not restrictive, and is used only to indicate type, style or quality of material desired. If a bidder quotes on an article other than the one specified, which he considers comparable, the name and grade of said article must be
specified in the bid and sufficient specifications and descriptive data must accompany same to permit thorough evaluation. In the absence of these qualifications, he will be expected to furnish the article called for.

G. If this bid is altered, any erasure or alteration of figures on the item on which the erasure or alteration is made must be initialed by signee of this bid.

H. Bids will not be considered in cases in which bidder quotes an item price and also an alternate price on the proposed substitute item, except in cases in which alternate bids are called for.

I. All bids are to be delivered not later than the time stated in the specifications, F.O.B. Beaumont, Texas unless otherwise stated in the specifications an/or bid form.

J. Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids. After opening, bids may be inspected in the Purchasing Division offices.

K. If there is an honest mistake in the bid, due to clerical errors, and the bidder calls attention thereto promptly, he will not be bound by the bid.

L. Where the mistake was a result of bidder’s negligence, and City has no knowledge of the mistake when bids were opened, and contract awarded, he will not be released and shall be bound by the bid.

M. If a mistake is not discoverable and verifiable by the City, bidder’s incorrect interpretation of Engineering specifications set forth in a construction contract will not release him from his obligations, once a contract has been awarded by City Council and bidder has received notice of such award.

N. Sealed formal bids due in the City Clerk’s office will not be accepted through facsimile equipment.

2. TAXES:

A. The City is exempt from the Federal Excise and Transportation Tax, and the Limited Sales and Use Tax. Unless the bid form or specification specifically indicates otherwise, the price bid must be net exclusive of the above mentioned taxes, and will be so construed. A vendor desiring refunds of, or exemptions from taxes paid on merchandise accepted by the City must submit the proper forms. The Purchasing Manager, if satisfied as to the facts, will approve or issue the necessary certificates.

3. AWARD:

A. The City reserves the right to consider and make awards of bids on articles of similar nature that in all respects will serve the purpose for which the purchase is being made. The City reserves the right to be the sole judge as to whether such articles will serve the purpose.

B. Unless otherwise specified, the City reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any bid submitted or to waive any informalities in the best interest of the City.

4. BID DEPOSIT:

A. No bid deposit will be expected of bidder unless specifications expressly provide otherwise.

B. When specifications expressly call for a bid deposit, the deposit may be in the form of a cashier’s check, cash, a certified check made payable to the City of Beaumont or a bond. The bond shall be executed by a surety authorized by the Texas State Insurance Commission and must be signed by both the surety and the bidder.

C. When specifications call for a bid deposit, it should be placed in a separate bid envelope and enclosed with your bid. Should your bid deposit not be acceptable to the City, your bid will be returned.

5. DELIVERIES:

A. Unless otherwise stated in the bid form or specification, deliveries must consist only of new and unused merchandise.

B. Full fare must be allowed and no charge made for packages.

C. In the event that deliveries of the supplies covered in the proposal are not made within the number of days specified, or in the event that the supplies delivered are rejected, and are not removed and replaced within the number of days specified in the official notice of rejection, the City reserves the right to purchase said supplied in the open market. Upon any such breach of contract, the City reserves the right to proceed against the successful bidder and/or the surety on this bond for any and all damages occasioned by the breach.

6. REJECTIONS:

A. Articles not in accordance with samples and specifications must be removed by the bidder at his expense. All disputes concerning quality of supplies delivered under this proposal will be determined by the City Purchasing Manager or his/her designated representative.
B. All articles enumerated in the proposal shall be subject to inspection or delivery by an officer designated for the purpose and if found inferior to the quality called for, or not equal in value to the department’s samples, or deficient in weight, measurements, workmanship or otherwise, this fact shall be certified to the Purchasing Manager who shall have the right to reject the whole or any part of the same.

7. **BILLING:**

A. All bills are subject to approval by the Purchasing Manager.

8. **PATENTS:**

A. The contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, the Purchasing Manager, and his/her assistants from all suits and actions of every nature and description brought against it or any of them, for or on account of the use of patented appliances, products or processes, and he shall pay all royalties and charges which are legal and equitable. Evidence of such payment or satisfaction shall be submitted, upon request of the Purchasing Manager, as a necessary requirement in connection with the final estimate for payment in which such patented appliances, products or processes and used.

9. **CONDITIONS PART OF BID:**

A. The general conditions of bidding defined herein shall be a part of the attached bid.

10. **CONTRACT:**

A. No formal contract will be executed. The following will comprise the contract between the City and the successful bidder:

   i. Notice to Bidders,
   ii. General Specifications,
   iii. General conditions of bidding,
   iv. The Bid Sheet(s),
   v. Resolution awarding the bid.

B. In case of conflict, the specifications shall be controlling.

11. **OSHA REQUIREMENTS:**

A. The vendor or contractor hereby guarantees to the City of Beaumont, Texas, that all material, supplies and equipment as listed on the proposal, contract or purchase order meets the requirements, specifications and standards as provided for under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended and in force at the date hereof.

12. **BIDS:**

A. Bids must remain firm for thirty (30) days from the bid opening date to allow for award by Council, unless otherwise specified.

13. **DISCOUNTS:**

A. Prompt payment discounts will be considered in making the award provided the period of the discount offered is sufficient to permit payment within such period in the regular course of business (minimum 10 days). Prompt payment discounts will not be considered for contract purchases.

B. In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of receipt of supplies or services or from the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made on the date of mailing of the check.

14. **DISCLOSURE FORMS:**

A. All forms must be signed and returned with your bid sheet.

15. **EXCEPTIONS:**

A. If exceptions are being taken to any part of specifications, have them listed separately on your letterhead and manually sign it.

16. **LOCAL BIDDER CONSIDERATION:**

A. Should bids for goods and/or commodities be received from a local vendor and an out of town vendor, a sales tax impact analysis formula shall be applied to the local vendor’s bid. If it is determined by its formula that the local vendor’s bid generates more sales tax revenue to the City than the difference between the two bids, award may be made to the local vendor.

17. **PROTEST PROCEDURES** – Any actual or prospective bidder or proposer who believes they are aggrieved in connection with or pertaining to a bid or proposal may file a protest. The protest must be delivered in writing to the Purchasing Manager, in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, prior to award. The written protest must include:

A. Name, mailing address, and business phone number the protesting party;
B. Appropriate identification of the bid or proposal being protested;

C. A precise statement of the reasons for the protest; and

D. Any documentation or other evidence supporting the protest and any alleged claims.

The Purchasing Division will attempt to resolve the protest, including at the Purchasing Manager’s option, meeting with the protesting party. If the protest is successfully resolved by mutual agreement, written verification of the resolution, with specifics on each point addressed in the protest, will be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

If the Purchasing Division is not successful in resolving the protest, the protesting party may request, in writing, that the protest be considered by the CFO. Applicable documentation and other information applying to the protest will be forwarded to the CFO, who will promptly review such documentation and information. If additional information is desired, the CFO may notify the necessary party or parties to the protest to provide such information.

If the CFO is not successful in resolving the protest, the CFO may forward to the City Manager a request for review. The decision of the City Manager will be final.

18. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT:

A. Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, gives you the right to access government records; and an officer for public information and the officer’s agent may not ask why you want them. All government information is presumed to be available to the public. Certain exceptions may apply to the disclosure of the information. Governmental bodies shall promptly release requested information that is not confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision, or information for which an exception to disclosure has not been sought.

B. To request information from this governmental body, please contact:

Tina Broussard, City Clerk
City Hall

Physical Address:
801 Main Street, Suite 125
Beaumont, TX  77701

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 3827
Beaumont, TX  77704-3827

409-880-3740  Fax
409-880-3745  Phone
openrecords@ci.beaumont.tx.us

19. WEBSITE – Vendors are responsible for verifying all addendum to specifications downloaded from the City website.

20. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – Successful bidder agrees to extend prices to all entities who have entered into or will enter into joint purchasing interlocal cooperation agreements with the City of Beaumont. The City of Beaumont is a participating member of several interlocal cooperative purchasing agreements, as permitted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, with certain other political subdivision, authorizing participation in a cooperative purchasing program. The successful vendor may be asked to provide products/services based upon the bid price, to any other participant.

21. FORCE MAJEURE – Neither the City nor the Contractor shall be required to perform any term, condition or covenant of this agreement so long as performance is delayed or prevented by force majeure.

22. FUNDING OUT – The State of Texas statutes prohibit the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Should, during the term of this contract, funds be withdrawn by the funding authority, a Force Majeure shall be deemed to exist, and this contract may be terminated without penalty or recourse by either party.

23. TERMINATION – This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.
EXHIBIT “A”

NOTICE TO MOW FORM

BID NO. TF0711-16