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GRANT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 2015 LAWN SERVICE**

Release Date: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Grant County, Washington, by and through the Board of County Commissioners, is seeking to contract with an individual or company for the mowing, weed-eating, and edging of lawns and grasses at the Grant County Fairgrounds located at 3953 Airway Drive NE in Moses Lake, Washington.

**Each proposal/bid (hereafter "Bid") shall specify each and every item as set forth in this Bid Packet. Any and all exceptions must be clearly stated in the bid. Failure to set forth any item in the Bid Packet without taking exception may be grounds for rejection. Grant County reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informality.**

If your company is interested and qualified, please submit one original and two (2) copies of your bid in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the project title "GRANT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 2015 LAWN SERVICE RFB" no later than 11:00:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to:

**Jerry Gingrich, Fairgrounds Director  
Grant County Fairgrounds  
3953 Airway Drive NE  
Moses Lake, WA 98837**

Late bids and/or bids submitted *via* e-mail or facsimile will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Grant County Fairgrounds Office.

Should you have any questions about the bid process, please contact the Fairgrounds Director. I may be reached directly at (509) 765-3581. Thank you in advance for your courtesies.

Sincerely,

*Jerry J. Gingrich*

Jerry Gingrich  
Fairgrounds Facilities and Maintenance Director

cc: Board of County Commissioners

Richard Stevens  
District 1

Carolann Swartz  
District 2

Cindy Carter  
District 3

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**BID SUBMITTAL AND SELECTION**

1. All bids, consisting of one original and two (2) copies, must be **received** by mail, recognized carrier, or hand delivered no later than 11:00:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Late bids and/or bids submitted *via* e-mail or facsimile will not be considered.
2. All correspondence/bids must be directed to:

**Jerry Gingrich, Fairgrounds Director**  
**Grant County Fairgrounds**  
**3953 Airway Drive NE**  
**Moses Lake, WA 98837**

3. Costs of preparation of the bid will be borne by the proposer.
4. Bids will be reviewed and evaluated by the Grant County Fairgrounds Director and two other individuals (hereafter "Review Team").
5. The Review Team will evaluate bids in two areas: (1) the bidder's experience and resources to timely and efficiently complete the below Scope of Work; and (2) the bid/dollar amount per week for lawn mowing, weed-eating, and edging as set forth in the Scope of Work.
6. Each proposer's experience and resources to timely and efficiently complete the Scope of Work will be determined by the Review Team to be either "Clearly Qualified" or "Less Qualified".
7. Only those bids with a "Clearly Qualified" designation by the Review Team will be eligible for evaluation of the bid/dollar amount per week portion of the bid for lawn mowing, weed-eating, and edging as set forth in the Scope of Work.
8. In the event of a low dollar bid tie between bidders with a "Clearly Qualified" designation, a random method – such as a coin toss – to determine the low bid will be utilized.
9. The successful bidder will be recommended by the Grant County Fairgrounds Director to the Board of County Commissioners for award of a contract to be signed by the bidder and the Board of County Commissioners.
10. This request does not constitute an offer of employment or to contract for services.
11. The County reserves the option to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, received by reason of this request.
12. The County reserves the option to retain all bids, whether selected or rejected. Once submitted, the bids and any supplemental documents become the property of the County.

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13. All bids shall remain firm for thirty (30) days following the closing date for receipt of bids.
14. The County reserves the right to award the contract to the individual/company that presents the bid which, in the judgment of the Review Team, best accomplishes the desired results.
15. Selection will be made on the basis of the bids as submitted. The Review Team may deem it necessary to interview responders. The County retains the right to interview responders as part of the selection process.
16. Members of the Review Team are not to be contacted by the proposers regarding this contract opportunity; however, they may contact the Fairgrounds Director at the location listed in Item #2 hereinabove, or at (509) 765-3581.

**BID FORMAT AND CONTENTS**

1. Bids must be typed/computer generated and/or written in such a way as to be clearly legible; any bid that contains illegible information and/or dollar amounts subject to interpretation will render the entire bid to be designated “Non-responsive” as it will not allow the County to confidently compare bid prices.
2. As stated above, the bid/dollar amount in the bid must be the per week work performed and per week work cost to the County for lawn mowing, mulching, weed-eating, removal of waste and edging services as set forth in the Scope of Work. The bids will be for a weekly service for a minimum of three (3) years. The Bid is valid and binding commencing on Commissioner approval date through September 30, 2017 (3 years), with the County having sole discretion to extend the contract yearly not to exceed 5 years.
3. Bid pricing will be locked in for the 3 year period. Changes to pricing after 3 years will only be negotiated with 45 days written request to the County and approval by both parties.
4. Bids must show numerical dollar amounts with decimal and commas (as appropriate). Any bid that indicates “No Bid” or similar wording or is left blank will render the entire bid to be designated “Non-responsive” as it will not allow the County to confidently compare bid prices.

A qualifying bid must address all of the following points:

1. Project Title
2. Applicant Information
  - a. Individual/company name.

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- b. Mailing address, phone number, fax number, and contact person's e-mail address.
  - c. Federal Tax ID number.
3. Individual/Company Qualifications
- a. Type of company, size, and any applicable professional registration and affiliations.
  - b. Names and qualifications of individual/persons to administer this project.
  - c. Outline of recent or current contracts successfully completed or being carried out that are comparable to this Request For Bids. The individual/company is required to demonstrate specific service provisions and expertise relating to the requirements of the Scope of Work on page 6.
  - d. Qualifications of the individual's/company's staff and/or subcontractors, if applicable.
  - e. Client references from recent related contracts, including name, address and phone number of individual(s) to contact for referral.
4. Understanding of and Approach to the Contract
- a. The proposer must be a licensed/registered contractor within the State of Washington at the time of bid opening and not banned from bidding by the Department of Labor and Industries.
  - b. Time is of the essence in contracting and service. Bidders must be willing and able to:
    - b.1 Meet with the Fairgrounds Director, if requested, within two (2) working days of any request for meeting/clarification;
    - b.2 Sign a contract with Grant County for services within three (3) working days of receipt of the contract for review/signature; and
    - b.3 Mobilize and begin services within three (3) working days of Board of County Commissioner signature of the approved contract.
  - c. Identify any information and/or participation the bidder will require from County staff, if not addressed within the Scope of Work.
  - d. Any damages caused by contractor/company employee(s) must be reported to the Fairgrounds Director, or his staff, and: (1) be repaired by the contractor/company to the same standard or condition of the item prior to the damage; or (2) pay for repairs of the damaged item to the same standard or condition of the item prior to damage.

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6. Fees and Insurance

a. Within five (5) business days after final signatures are obtained on the contract, the individual/company shall provide the County with a certificate of liability insurance naming Grant County and its employees and officers as additionally named insured. Said insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect for the duration of the contract and must be in an amount and format satisfactory to the County.

b. Indemnification

The individual/company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments, attorney fees, liabilities or other losses that may be asserted by any person or entity, and that arise out of or are made in connection with the acts or omissions relating to the performance of any duty, obligation, or work hereunder. The obligation to indemnify shall be effective and shall extend to all such claims and losses, in their entirety, even when such claims or losses arise from the comparative negligence of the County, its officers and employees. However, this indemnity will not extend to any claims or losses arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its officers and employees.

The preceding paragraph applies to any theory of recovery relating to said act or omission, by the individual/company, or its agents, employees, or other independent contractors directly responsible to individual/company including, but not limited to the following:

b.1 Violation of statute, ordinance, or regulation;

b.2 Willful, intentional or other wrongful acts, or failures to act;

b.3 Negligence or recklessness;

b.4 Furnishing of defective or dangerous products;

b.5 Premises liability;

b.6 Strict Liability;

b.7 Violation of civil rights; and/or

b.8 Violation of any federal or state statute, regulation, or ruling resulting in a determination by the Internal Revenue Service, Washington State Board of Tax Appeals or any other Washington public entity responsible for collecting payroll taxes, when the company is not an independent contractor.

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It is the intent of the parties to provide the County the fullest indemnification, defense, and "hold harmless" rights allowed under the law. If any word(s) contained within the contract are deemed by a court to be in contravention of applicable law, said word(s) shall be severed from the contract and the remaining language shall be given full force and effect.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The successful bidder will enter into a contract with Grant County for a period of performance from the date of Board of County Commissioner signature. This contract will:

- Be valid and binding through September 30, 2017 (3 years), with the County having sole discretion to extend the contract yearly not to exceed 5 years;
- Have pricing locked in for the 3 year period. Changes to pricing after 3 years will only be negotiated with 45 days written request to the County and approval by both parties.

The successful bidder will be responsible to administer and/or ensure the following work/requirements are met:

1. Services are to commence within three (3) working days of Board of County Commissioner signature of the approved contract.
2. Provide personnel and equipment for the purpose of mowing, weed-eating, mulching and edging of lawn area around the food Midway, exhibit buildings, Brian Miller Stage area, Commercial Buildings area, center field, south field, north campground, pavilion campground, east campground, Fairgrounds Office and the rodeo campground of the Grant County Fairgrounds located at 3953 Airway Drive NE in Moses Lake, Washington.
3. Mowing will include mulching the grass to cut down on grass waste and assist in water preservation. Mowing blades will be sharp at all times to provide a high quality cut and minimize disease.
4. Services include the clean-up (*i.e.*, sweeping, blowing off, etc.) of all paved walkways after lawn mowing, weed-eating, and edging is completed.
5. Lawn mowing, weed-eating, and edging is to occur on Tuesdays, on a weekly basis, as requested by the Fairgrounds, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., completed in one (1) day unless otherwise arranged with the Grant County Fairgrounds Director.
6. Coordinate with the Fairgrounds Director, or his designee, with work project matters as needed and/or scheduled by the Director.

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