

**CITY OF AUSTIN
PURCHASING OFFICE
SOLICITATION NO. IFB TVN1003REBID**

PURCHASE SPECIFICATION

I. PURPOSE

The City of Austin, hereinafter referred to as the City, seeks offers in response to this solicitation from firms qualified in the growing, distribution and installation of turfgrass to be utilized for the establishment of a dense, high-traffic, tolerant turf for Golf Courses, Parks and Cemeteries.

The City currently operates five (5) public golf courses, five (5) cemeteries and approximately sixty (60) park facilities and reserves the right to add new locations as the need arises. Contractor shall deliver to the various locations throughout the City of Austin as directed.

See Attachment 1 for the most heavily used locations.

II. MINIMUM CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Contractor shall comply with all federal and State of Texas standards, regulations, and laws concerning the sale and installation of turf grass applicable and effective on the date of delivery. This will include all safety, noise, and emission control standards as apply to private industry and governmental agencies as well as applicable OSHA safety requirements.
- B. Contractor shall have a minimum of FIVE (5) consecutive years' experience installing Bermudagrass turfgrass to golf courses of similar size and scope.
- C. The Contractor shall provide THREE (3) commercial references for work of similar size and scope over the past THREE (3) years.

III. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. SOD:

- 1. Contractor shall provide only healthy, living sod. The presence of fungus, weeds, fire ants, or other material that might be detrimental to the proposed planting and overall health of the sod will be cause for rejection of sod. The Contractor shall replace rejected sod within 48 hours of notification, verbally or written. If the Contractor fails to replace rejected sod within 48 hours, the City reserves the right to purchase replacement sod on the open market and charge the Contractor the difference between the Contract price and the purchase price.
- 2. Rolled sod shall be delivered in rolls measuring a minimum of forty-eight (48) inches wide and containing a minimum of forty (40) square yards of sod.
- 3. Block sod shall be delivered on pallets containing 450sf on each pallet.
- 4. Sod will be installed by the Contractor at various locations throughout Golf Course including greens surrounds, tee slopes, and fairway slopes.
- 5. Sod shall be planted within 48 hours of being harvested from sod farm.
- 6. Contractor will provide all equipment for transportation, delivery, off-loading, and installation of sod.
- 7. Upon delivery of the plant material, the Contractor shall provide a Blue Certification Tag approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Failure to provide the Blue Certification Tag with delivery of the plant material will result in rejection of the delivery at no penalty to the City.
- 8. If delivery is rejected due to Contractor's failure to provide a Blue Certification Tag approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Contractor will provide newly harvested material meeting this specification within 48 hours of rejection notification.

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B. SPRIGS:

1. Contractor shall provide only healthy, living sprigs.
2. Sprigs will be planted by the Contractor on tee surfaces, fairways, and any other disturbed areas identified by the City.
3. Sprigs shall be planted within 48 hours of being harvested from sod farm.
4. Upon delivery of the plant material, the Contractor shall provide a Blue Certification Tag approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Failure to provide the Blue Certification Tag with delivery of the plant material will result in rejection of the delivery at no penalty to the City.
5. If delivery is rejected due to Contractor's failure to provide a Blue Certification Tag approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Contractor will provide newly harvested material meeting this specification within 48 hours of rejection notification.
6. Sprigs will be transported in refrigerated trucks directly from the supplier and delivered to Golf Course Facilities.

IV. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

A. SOD:

1. The Contractor shall employ a method of planting consistent with industry standards, using a tractor driven applicator for installing rolled sod and basic labor for installing block sod.
2. Contractor shall remove stabilization netting prior to planting.
3. The sod shall then be rolled by a separate tractor-operated roller attachment. Rolling will be coordinated with the City's Project Coordinator prior to rolling.
4. Sod shall be planted within 48 hours of being harvested from sod farm.
5. Contractor is responsible for repairing ruts, imperfections, and irrigation damage which is caused by the contractors' equipment and/or delivery trucks before and after sodding. The contractor is responsible for these repairs until the sodded area has been accepted and approved by the City.
6. Bermuda Grass Sod will be delivered in no more than 72 hours of being harvested

B. TIFWAY 419 BERMUDAGRASS SPRIGS:

1. The Contractor shall employ a method of planting consistent with industry standards, using a tractor driven applicator for installing sprigs. All sprig planted areas to be cut-in & rolled after planting.
2. Sprigs shall be planted within 48 hours of being harvested from sod farm.
3. Contractor is responsible for repairing ruts, imperfections and irrigation damage which is caused by the contractors' equipment and/or delivery trucks before and after sprigging. The contractor is responsible for these repairs until the sprigged area has been accepted and approved by the City.
4. The planting rate for Tifway bermudagrass sprigging will be 800 bushels per acre.

C. TIFDWARF 419 BERMUDAGRASS SPRIGS:

1. The Contractor shall hand place Tifdwarf sprigs, followed by walk-behind equipment to cut springs into putting green surfaces. All sprig planted areas shall be rolled after planting.
2. Sprigs shall be planted within 48 hours of being harvested from sod farm.

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3. Sprigs shall be transported in refrigerated trucks directly from the supplier and delivered to Golf Course Facilities.
4. Contractor is responsible for repairing ruts, imperfections and irrigation damage which is caused by the contractors' equipment and/or delivery trucks before and after sprigging. The contractor is responsible for these repairs until the sprigged area has been accepted and approved by the City.
5. The planting rate for Tifdwarf bermudagrass sprigging will be 30 bushels per one thousand (1000) square feet.
6. Sprigs will be transported in refrigerated trucks directly from the supplier and delivered to Golf Course Facilities

The City of Austin reserves the right to add additional types of grass, related materials and additional locations as required.