

2025 REQUEST FOR BIDS

BY THE

SCIOTO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

FOR

MOWING AND TRIMMING OF SCIOTO TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

**Scioto Township Board of Trustees
Scioto Township Government Office
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**Legal Notice of Request for Bids
For Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township
Cemeteries**

Bids will be received by the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio (hereinafter "Board") c/o Kathy Melvin, Scioto Township Fiscal Officer, upon request by email kmelvin@sciototownshipohio.com or by phone 740-666-3014 or 740-272-1407, beginning January 16, 2025, until February 24, 2025 at the Scioto Township Government Office, located at 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061 for mowing and trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries. Bids received after this time and date shall not be considered and will be returned unopened.

At 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2025, at the Scioto Township Government Office, located at 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be considered valid until sixty (60) days after the bid opening date although not accepted or rejected.

The Board seeks a single contractor to enter a contract for mowing and trimming the grass in the Township's four (4) cemeteries, once each week beginning on or about the 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October each year during the contract.

The term of this contract will be two (2) years, inclusive of two (2) mowing seasons, extending from on or about April 1, 2025 through on or about October 31, 2026, with the potential for a mutually agreed written extension for a period of one (1) to two (2) additional years.

A Request for Bids ("RFB") containing the terms and conditions of this contract, together with detailed technical specifications and bid documents, can be obtained upon request by email kmelvin@sciototownshipohio.com or by phone 740-666-3014 or 740-272-1407 at the Scioto Township Government Office, located at 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061. It will also be available to download at the Scioto Township website sciototownshipohio.com.

Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the RFB, shall contain the full name of each person, party, or parties submitting the bid and all persons interested therein, and shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope addressed and submitted to Kathy Melvin, Scioto Township Fiscal Officer, Scioto Township Government Office, 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061 and be marked: "Response to RFB for Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries."

The Board shall award the Contract to the bidder deemed to have submitted the lowest and best bid, as determined solely by the Board and/or its representative(s). The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or any portion of any and/or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities that do not affect the substance of the specifications and contents of the RFB and to award a contract in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Board and Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

IMPORTANT NOTE

By submitting an RFB, Bidders will be presumed to be familiar with all the instructions, requirements, and specifications set forth in this RFB. Bidders are advised to read, understand, and become familiar with the instructions, requirements, and specifications set forth in this RFB.

Section 1 – Definitions

1.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this RFB and related documents:

- A. "Bidder" means any person, company, partnership, or firm submitting a bid pursuant to this RFB. Bidder includes the Contractor.
- B. "Board" means the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio.
- C. "Board's Offices" means the offices of the Board located at 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061.
- D. "Contract" means any contract resulting from this RFB.
- E. "Contracted Parties" means the Contractor, any subcontractor, and any sub-subcontractor and includes, but is not limited to any of the Contractor's, any subcontractors, or any sub-subcontractor's officers, officials, boards, employees, agents, servants, volunteers, and/or representatives
- F. "Contractor" means the successful bidder and holder of a lawful two (2) year contract, inclusive of two (2) mowing seasons, with the Board to provide mowing and trimming of certain Scioto Township cemeteries as specified in this RFB once each week beginning on or about the first 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October of each year of the Contract. As used in this RFB, "Contractor" also means the board, officers, officials, employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives of the Contractor.
- G. "Exception" means a Bidder's inability or unwillingness to meet a term, condition, specification, or requirement in the manner specified in the RFB.
- H. "Indemnified Parties" means the Township, the Board and all their respective officers, officials, employees, volunteers, agents, servants, and representatives.
- I. "Party" means the Board or Contractor individually.
- J. "Parties" means the Board and Contractor collectively.
- K. "Proper Invoice" means an invoice meeting all the following requirements:
 - Free from defects, discrepancies, errors, or other improprieties
 - As applicable, shall include, but is not limited to including, the following:
 - Contractor's name and address as designated in the Contract.
 - Contractor's federal employer identification number.
 - The purchase order number authorizing the purchase of services.
 - Equipment/Unit number.
 - Invoice number.
 - Description of service performed and/or equipment/unit provided.
 - Invoice total cost; and

- All other information as otherwise specified and required by the Board.
- L. "RFB" means this request for bids package.
- M. "Services" means the mowing and trimming of certain Scioto Township cemeteries as specified in this RFB and all other services provided by the Contractor pursuant to and as required by this RFB.
- N. "Township" means Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 2 – Introduction

2.1 Purpose

The Board owns and maintains four (4) cemeteries as specified in this RFB. All are located within the boundaries of Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

The Board seeks a single Contractor to enter into a two (2) year Contract pursuant to which the Contractor, using the Contractor's own mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials, will mow and trim the grass in the cemeteries once each week beginning on or about the first (1st) day of April and ending on or about the thirty-first (31st) day of October each year during the Contract term. The rate charged shall be per mow/trim and the parties agree that the selected Contractor shall, upon request of the Board, mow/trim before April 1 and/or after October 31 of each year. The Board shall be invoiced monthly. All such mowing and trimming shall be performed all in accordance with the detailed specifications contained within this RFB.

2.2 Location of Township

Scioto Township is located on the western edge of Delaware County, Ohio between the City of Delaware and the Delaware County/Union County line.

Section 3 – Calendar of Events and Communications

3.1 Calendar of Events

| ACTION | DATE |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Date of Advertisement | 01/08/2025 |
| RFB Issue | 01/16/2025 |
| Bids Due | 02/24/2025 |
| Bids Opened | 03/05/2025 |
| Intent to Award | 03/05/2025 |
| Contract to Be Executed (Approx.) | 04/01/2025 |

3.2 Obtaining RFB

It is the Bidder's responsibility to obtain this RFB from the Board.

The RFB containing the terms and conditions of this Contract, together with detailed technical specifications and bid documents, may be obtained on the Township's website sciototownshipohio.com or by appointment by contacting the Fiscal Officer, Kathy Melvin. She can be reached by phone 740-666-3014 or 740-272-1407 or by email kmelvin@sciototownshipohio.com.

3.3 Form of Bid Submission

Bids shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

- One (1) complete signed original of the bid must be submitted.
- The bid shall be submitted in hard copy.
- The bid shall be submitted on forms contained in this RFB.
- The bid shall contain the full name of each person, party, or parties submitting the bid and all persons interested therein.
- The bid and all submitted documents shall be typewritten.
- Bids shall not contain any erasures or corrections. Bids containing erasures or corrections may be rejected unless the erasures or corrections are explained or noted over the signature of the Bidder.
- The bid shall be signed in ink by a person authorized to sign the bid on behalf of the person or principal submitting the bid. The signer shall be authorized to bind the Bidder.
- The bid shall be enclosed in sealed opaque envelope addressed to:

Kathy Melvin
Scioto Township Fiscal Officer
Scioto Township Government Office
3737 Ostrander Road
Ostrander, Ohio 43061

- The envelope shall be marked: "Response to RFB for Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries."

3.4 Bid Submission

Bids shall be submitted as follows:

- Bids that are hand delivered will be received by appointment beginning January 16, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. local time on February 24, 2025. A Contractor shall follow the same procedures set forth in Section 3.2 for setting appointments to hand deliver Bids. Bids received after this time and date shall not be considered and will be returned unopened.
- Bids shall be either mailed or hand delivered by appointment to:

Kathy Melvin
Scioto Township Fiscal Officer
Scioto Township Government Office
3737 Ostrander Road
Ostrander, Ohio 43061

- Mailed bids must be received at or before 5:00 p.m. local time on February 24, 2025.
- Bidders are responsible for the timely submission of bids.

3.5 Bid Opening

Bids will be officially opened and read aloud at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2025, before the regular meeting of the Scioto Township Trustees at Scioto Township Government Office located at 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061.

All bids shall be considered valid until sixty (60) days after the bid opening date although not accepted or rejected.

NOTE: IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT BIDDERS CAREFULLY REVIEW ALL ELEMENTS IN THEIR FINAL BIDS. ONCE OPENED, BIDS CANNOT BE ALTERED; HOWEVER, THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST INFORMATION OR RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY.

3.6 Communication Restrictions

With the exception of Section 3.2 and Section 3.4 above, from the time of release of this RFB until the time a contractor is selected, and a contract executed, Bidders shall not communicate with any Board member or Township, official, officer, employee, staff, representative, or agent concerning the RFB. Bidders that attempt any communications will be disqualified.

The Board, for purposes of clarification, reserves the right to contact any person, firm, company, or entity who has submitted a bid after all bids have been publicly opened and read aloud.

3.7 Modification / Amendment / Supplement to RFB

The Board may modify, amend, or supplement this RFB at any time during the bidding process.

Modification(s), amendment(s), and/or supplements to this RFB will only be by written addendum issued by the Board.

The Board will furnish modification(s), amendment(s), and/or supplement(s) to all prospective bidders who have requested and received a copy of this RFB. Should the Board issue a modification, amendment, and/or supplement, the submission deadline, at the discretion of the Board, may be extended, if appropriate, to accommodate changes in bid content.

3.8 Ownership of Submitted Materials

All documents and materials submitted to and accepted by the Board in response to this RFB shall become the property of the Board and will be retained by the Board in accordance with the Ohio Public Records Act and the Ohio Records Retention Act. All submitted documents and materials, including the contents of the bid, may be subject to release/disclosure pursuant to the Ohio Public Records Act (Ohio Revised Code § 149.43.)

3.9 Costs of Submission

Bidders are responsible for all costs associated with submitting a bid. The Board is not liable for any costs incurred by Bidders in replying to this RFB.

Section 4 – Specifications

4.1 Term of Contract

The Board is seeking multiple bids relative to the term of the Contract. No alternate bid shall be requested nor considered. The term of this Contract will be for two (2) years, inclusive of two (2) mowing seasons, extending from on or about April 1, 2025, through on or about October 31, 2026 with the potential for a mutually agreed written extension for a period of one (1) to two (2) additional years. Any contract renewal shall be executed by the parties on or before December 31, 2026. The selected Contractor shall, upon request of the Board, mow/trim before April 1 and/or after October 31 of each year at the agreed upon mow/trim rate. All bids submitted shall be based on the above-stated two (2) year term. The Board, within its sole discretion and based on the bids received, shall determine whether to award a contract to the selected bidder, or to award no contract at all.

Any contract awarded shall begin on or about April 1, 2025, and shall continue through on or about October 31, 2026.

Bid One

- 1) Regular mowing of the four cemeteries.

4.2 Location of Cemeteries to be Mowed/Trimmed:

| Cemeteries | Approx. Acreage |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Fairview Cemetery 3447 Ostrander Road Ostrander, Ohio 43061 | 4.04 Acres |
| 2. Mill Creek Cemetery 4622 Ostrander Road Ostrander, Ohio 43061 | 5.41 Acres |
| 3. Newhouse Cemetery 1467 Ostrander Road Ostrander, Ohio 43061 | 4.55 Acres |
| 4. Boke's Creek Cemetery 6360 SR 37 West of SR 257 N Ostrander, Ohio 43061 | 1.78 Acres |

4.3 Requirements

The Contractor shall mow and trim the grass in the cemeteries as listed in Section 4.2 of this RFB once each week beginning on or about the 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October each year during Contract term. The selected Contractor shall, upon request of the

Board, mow/trim before April 1 and/or after October 31 of each year at the agreed upon mow/trim rate. Such Services shall, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

- The Contractor shall provide and use the Contractor's own mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials.
- Each time that the Contractor mows/trims, the Contractor shall bring to the site all mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials that it requires to perform the Services.
- Each time that the Contractor completes mowing and trimming, the Contractor shall remove from the site all mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials that it brings to the site and uses to perform the Services.
- The Contractor will not be permitted to store any mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials on site or on Township property.
- The Contractor shall provide all safety mechanisms, devices, equipment, and protections used by operators of equipment used in providing the Services.
- The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the use of safety mechanisms, devices, equipment, and protections by operators of equipment used in providing the Services.
- The Contractor shall install on all equipment used in providing the Services and engage/use all safety mechanisms, devices, equipment, and protections, which protect the operator, nearby persons, and property from damage, injury, including death, and/or harm, which could result from the use of the equipment.
- The Contractor shall be solely responsible for damage, injury, including death, and/or harm which results to the operator, persons, or property from the use of the equipment.
- All mowing and trimming shall be at a height of +/- 3.5 inches.
- All mowing and/or trimming shall only take place between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weather conditions dictating an alternate schedule can be executed with the approval of the Board.
- The Contractor shall trim around all cemetery monuments/markers and fences in the cemeteries.
- All cemetery monuments/markers shall be free of clippings.
- The Contractor shall not move, disturb, damage, or harm cemetery monuments/markers.
- Damages are to be repaired within 45 days of the incident(s).
- Contractors with rear discharge mowers will be given higher consideration for awarding the contract.
- Excess clippings are to be removed from the entirety of the cemeteries.
- The Contractor shall trim around all structures and fences in the cemeteries.
- The Contractor shall perform the services in a professional and courteous manner.
- Workmanship and materials are to be first quality throughout.
- The Contractor's employees shall wear a uniform shirt with the Contractor's name.
- The Contractor's employees shall be citizens of the United States of America or legally entitled to work in the United States of America. Proof of citizenship or ability to work shall be produced to the Board upon request.
- In performing the Services, the Contractor shall be as unobtrusive and of such little disturbance as possible to users of the cemeteries.
- The rate charged shall be per mow/trim.
- The Board shall be invoiced monthly.

4.3.1 Penalties

- By a majority vote of members present at an open meeting the Board may make a finding and impose up to a \$500.00 per occurrence penalty for violation of any of the requirements set forth in Section 4.3. The maximum penalty that may be imposed by the Board is \$500.00 per week up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per month.
- The Board shall provide 24 hours written notification to the selected Contractor of the time and place of the hearing the Board intends to discuss the finding and imposition of a penalty in accordance with this Section.
- The selected Contractor may appear at the hearing before the Board to be heard as to why a penalty should not be imposed in accordance with this Section.
- The Board shall, upon making a finding and imposing a penalty, reduce the monthly invoiced amount owed to the selected Contractor by the amount of penalty imposed pursuant this Section. The penalty shall be imposed upon the selected Contractor the month following the Board's decision to impose a penalty. For example, if the monthly invoice sent to the Board by the selected Contractor for May is \$2,000, and the Board imposed \$400.00 penalty for the work performed in weeks of April, the amount paid by the Board to the selected Contractor for May shall be \$1,600.00.
- THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL OF ITS CHOOSING, KNOWINGLY, INTELLIGENTLY, AND VOLUNTARILY AGREES THAT UPON CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTRACT, HEREBY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO APPEAL THE FINDING OF THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- The selected Contractor expressly agrees that the penalties set forth by this Section shall be in addition to all remedies available to the Board or any persons in law or equity and as set forth throughout this RFB/Contract and shall not limit the right of recovery or indemnification hereof.
- The parties expressly agree that the procedures outlined above in this Section do not create a separate cause of action.

4.4 Experience Requirements

At a minimum, a Bidder must have the following or the equivalent experience:

- Shall be actively engaged in the landscape maintenance profession or the type of work required for the current project.
- A minimum of five (5) years of direct experience performing the work specified in the RFB.
- The Bidder shall have successfully completed and provide proof of successful completion of at least five (5) projects of the type specified in the RFB.

Bidder shall not have failed to fulfill any contract with any other government or private entity or agency or falsified any documentation or bid security to any government or private entity or agency. Discovery of either of the above shall be sole and sufficient cause to reject a bid or, if the Contract has been executed, the Board may terminate the Contract. Under such circumstances, the Board reserves all rights and remedies as it may have to recover for damages at law or in equity.

The Bidder shall have a high degree of ethics and integrity. The Board reserves the right to investigate any bidder to ensure its ethics and integrity.

4.5 Exceptions to Specifications

Unless otherwise specifically indicated as an Exception in the bid, each bid shall be deemed in all respects to comply with all terms, conditions, specifications, and/or requirements of this RFB.

Exceptions to any term, condition, specification, or requirement specified in the RFB shall be identified and fully explained in writing. Each Exception must specifically reference the relevant section(s) of this RFB. Any written identification and explanation of an Exception must accompany the bid. If the Bidder provides an alternative solution when taking an Exception, the benefits of this alternative solution and impact, if any, on any part or all the Services must be described in detail.

In the absence of an Exception, the Bidder is required to furnish Services in accordance with the specifications of this RFB.

4.6 Compensation

The Contractor shall receive payment as follows:

- A. The Contractor shall provide a Proper Invoice (See Section 1.1(K) of this RFB.)
- B. The rate charged shall be per mow/trim. The bid price may be renegotiated for the optional extension for a period of one (1) to two (2) additional years. Hard copies of invoices shall be submitted to the Township Fiscal Officer for each calendar month services are provided.

C. Invoices shall be hand delivered to or addressed and mailed as follows:

Kathy Melvin
Scioto Township Fiscal Officer
Scioto Township Government Office
3737 Ostrander Road
Ostrander, Ohio 43061

D. Invoices shall be received by the Township Fiscal Officer no later than the 5th day of each month following the month in which Services were provided.

E. Invoices shall be itemized and show details of dates and times when mowing/trimming was provided during that month.

F. The Contractor shall support all costs by properly executed payroll, time records, invoices, contracts, or vouchers.

G. Defective invoices shall be returned to the selected contractor noting areas for correction. When such notification of defect is sent, the required payment date shall be thirty (30) days after receipt of the corrected invoice.

H. Payment shall be made only after a Proper Invoice is received.

I. The Board shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor to pay such an invoice.

J. The date of the warrant issued in payment shall be considered the date payment is made. The Contractor's payment shall not be initiated before a Proper Invoice is received by the Board.

K. Payment shall be made to the Contractor, under the Contractor's federal employer identification number and only as provided for in this RFB.

L. Payments shall be subject to Section 4.3.1 of this RFB.

4.7 Taxes, Discounts, and Credits

The Board is exempt from taxes. The Board shall, upon request, supply the Contractor with any required proof of such an exemption. Should the Board be subject to any taxes, the Contractor will include all applicable taxes in bid prices less all discounts and refunds.

4.8 W-9 Form

The Contractor shall complete and submit a proper W-9 Form.

Section 5 – Format and Bid Submission

In responding to this RFB, Bidders must comply with each of the format and submission requirements detailed in this section.

5.1 Number of Copies

One (1) complete signed original of the bid must be submitted.

5.2 Form of Bid Submission

Bids shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

- The bid shall be submitted in hard copy.
- The bid shall be submitted on forms contained in this RFB.
- The bid shall contain the full name of each person, party, or parties submitting the bid and all persons interested therein.
- The bid and all submitted documents shall be typewritten.
- Bids shall not contain any erasures or corrections. Bids containing erasures or corrections may be rejected unless the erasures or corrections are explained or noted over the signature of the Bidder.
- The bid shall be signed in ink by a person authorized to sign the bid on behalf of the person or principal submitting the bid. The signer shall be authorized to bind the Bidder.
- The bid shall be enclosed in sealed opaque envelope addressed to:

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- The envelope shall be marked: "Response to RFB for Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries."

5.3 Bid Submission

Bids shall be submitted as follows:

- Bids will be received by appointment beginning January 16, 2025, until February 24, 2025, 5:00 p.m. local time. Bids received after this time and date shall not be considered and will be returned unopened.

- Bids shall be either mailed or hand delivered by appointment to:

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Scioto Township Fiscal Officer
Scioto Township Government Office
3737 Ostrander Road
Ostrander, Ohio 43061

- Mailed bids must be received at or before 5:00 p.m. local time on February 24, 2025.
- Bidders are responsible for the timely submission of bids.

5.4 Bid Price

The bid amount shall be the individual and total price bid per mow/trim. The total price bid per mow/trim is the total amount that the Bidder will charge the Board to completely mow/trim the grass one (1) time at all four (4) cemeteries as specified in this RFB all in accordance with the detailed specifications contained within this RFB. The Board may award a portion or the entire contract.

Beginning on or about the 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October each year during the Contract term, the rate charged per mow/trim will be charged to the Board each time, which shall not be more than once a week, that the Bidder mows/trims all four (4) cemeteries as specified in this RFB.

5.5 Bid Organization

Bids shall be organized in the following sections. The sequence of the sections shall be the same as the sequence of the sections in the list below.

A. Cover Letter

The cover letter shall meet the following requirements:

- Be in the form of a standard business letter.
- Contains a statement guaranteeing the validity of the bid for a period of no less than sixty (60) days after the bid's opening date although not accepted or rejected.
- Contain a statement certifying bidder's compliance with the minimum contractor qualifications as provided in this RFB.
- Be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the Bidder.
- Contain the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address of:
 - Contact person with authority to answer questions regarding the bid.
 - Contact person to be notified regarding legal/contractual issues.

B. Bid Form

The fully completed Bid Form as contained in this RFB. Included on the bid form or, if necessary, attached sheet shall be the following:

- Bidder contact information

- The individual cemeteries and total price bid per mow/trim
- History of the Bidder
- As much detail as possible about the Bidder's capabilities
- As much detail as possible about the Bidder's experience relating to the specifications contained in this RFB.
- Two (2) non-Contractor owned or non-business partner customer references where the Bidder has provided similar Services.

C. RFB

A complete copy of RFB with all blanks completed shall accompany the bid.

D. Forms

The following forms attached to and/or required by this RFB shall accompany the bid:

- Affidavit of Authority to Sign on Behalf of the Principal
- Non-Discrimination Form
- Personal Property Tax Affidavit (No Tax Owed or Tax Owed)
- Non-Collusion Affidavit
- OPERS Independent Contractor Acknowledgement Form
- Certification/Affidavit in Compliance with O.R.C. Section 3517.13
- Bid Security
- Any other form required by this RFB

All forms shall be fully completed. All above referenced affidavits and forms are attached to this RFB and by this reference incorporated into this RFB and the Contract.

E. Required Documents

The following documents shall accompany the bid:

- Completed W-9
- Proof of Insurance/Certificates of Insurance (worker's compensation and insurance policies required by RFB)
- Any other documents required by this RFB

All the above referenced documents shall be furnished by the Bidder. By this reference, the above referenced documents are incorporated into this RFB and the Contract.

F. Additional Information

Any additional information or attachments pertinent to the Contractor's bid not included under one of the required sections listed above.

5.6 Failure to Submit Required Documents

The failure of a Bidder to submit any affidavits, forms, or other documents required by this RFB and/or if any such affidavits, forms, or other documents are not fully executed, may be grounds for rejection of the bid.

Section 6 – Evaluation of Bids and Award

6.1 Evaluation Team

A representative appointed by the Board will evaluate the bids and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board will be responsible for selecting the winning bid.

6.2 Evaluation

Evaluation of responses to this RFB will consist of the following three (3) phases:

Phase I: Verification of compliance by a Bidder to the minimum technical requirements of the RFB.

Phase II: Evaluate the contents and merits of the bids.

Phase III: Selection by the Board

The Board reserves the right to supplement or change the evaluation process or selection criteria.

6.2.1 Phase I – Evaluation of Minimum Technical Requirements

The first phase of the evaluation process consists of a review of all bids received to ensure that each bid meets the minimum technical requirements contained in this RFB, including, but not limited to, those identified below:

1. The Bidder must submit one (1) complete signed original of the bid by the bid submittal deadline.
2. The Bidder must sign the bid in accordance with this RFB.
3. The bid must include the documents, forms, and information as specified in this RFB and such documents, forms, and information must be completed.

Bids that have been determined not to have met one or more of the mandatory requirements will be excluded from any further consideration.

6.2.2 Phase II – Evaluation of Contents, Merits, and Requirements

The second phase of the evaluation process will only include those bids meeting the minimum technical requirements as provided in Section 6.2.1 above (i.e., passing Phase I of the evaluation process.) Such bids will be evaluated based on, including, but not limited to:

- The contents of the bid
- The merits of the bid
- The experience of the Bidder.
- Favorable References
- The ability of the Bidder to provide the Services.
- The ability of the Bidder to act timely in providing the Services.
- The cost of the Services.

Bidders submitting bids may be requested to make a presentation to the Board to explain the bid and to answer any questions. These discussions will be with the Bidders deemed fully qualified and best suited among those submitting bids based on the factors listed above.

Bids will be ranked according to the lowest and best.

6.2.3 Phase III - Selection by Board

The Board shall award the Contract to the bidder deemed to have submitted the lowest and best bid, as determined solely by the Board and/or its representative(s). The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or any portion of any and/or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities that do not affect the substance of the specifications and contents of the RFB and to award a contract in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Board and Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

6.3 Award

The Contract will be awarded as follows:

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this RFB, ALL BIDS OPENED SHALL BE FINAL.
- B. The Board reserves the right to consider all elements entering into the question of determining the responsibility of the Bidder, his or her agents or representatives.
- C. Any bid which, in the judgment of the Board, is incomplete, conditional, obscure, or which contains irregularities that affect the substance of the specifications and contents of the RFB, may be rejected.
- D. The Board shall award the Contract to the bidder deemed to have submitted the lowest and best bid, as determined solely by the Board and/or its representative(s). The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or any portion of any and/or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities that do not affect the substance of the specifications and contents of the RFB and to award a contract in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Board and Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.
- E. The Contract shall be in writing.
- F. The Contract shall be in the form included in this RFB.
- G. Upon execution of the Contract, the Board shall return, in a timely manner, the bid security/bond of all unsuccessful bidders.

6.4 Mathematical Error

In the case of a bid being substantially lower than other bids as the result of a mathematical or clerical mistake by a bidder in preparing its bid, as opposed to a judgment mistake, the Board may, prior to award of a contract, reject such a bid upon presentation of a petition from the Bidder accompanied by a sworn affidavit of error setting forth the error, the cause thereof, and sufficient evidence to substantiate the same as a mathematical or clerical mistake and not a mistake of judgment. The petition must be made in writing and filed with the Board within two (2) business days after the bid opening.

Section 7 – Terms and Conditions

7.1 Contractor Acknowledgement

By submitting a bid, the Bidder makes the following acknowledgements:

- The Bidder acknowledges that the Bidder has fully and completely read and reviewed this RFB, that the Bidder fully and completely understands this RFB, and the Bidder agrees to be bound by all its terms, requirements, and conditions.
- The Bidder acknowledges and understands that the Contract is not valid until it has been approved by the Board and all other necessary and applicable persons, entities, or Parties.

7.2 Reservation of Rights

The Board reserves the following rights in relation to any submitted bid and/or the Contract:

- A. The right to disqualify any bid that takes exception to or limits the rights of the Board.
- B. To refuse any bid not properly submitted in accordance with the requirements of this RFB.
- C. To reject incomplete bid forms.
- D. To reject the selected bid and/or other bids at any time prior to execution of the Contract.
- E. The right to cancel this RFB at any time.
- F. To reduce the scope of services required herein and to negotiate the price to reflect such change after award of the Contract.
- G. Within its sole discretion and based on the bids received, to award a contract to the selected bidder, or to award no contract at all.
- H. The Board shall award the Contract to the bidder deemed to have submitted the lowest and best bid, as determined solely by the Board and/or its representative(s). The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or any portion of any and/or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities that do not affect the substance of the specifications and contents of the RFB and to award a contract in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Board and Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

7.3 Independent Contractor

The Contractor shall act in performance of this Contract as an independent contractor. As an independent contractor, the Contractor and/or its officers, officials, boards, employees, representatives, agents, volunteers, and/or servants are not entitled to any of the benefits enjoyed by employees of the Board. The Contractor shall be responsible for payment of all employment-related taxes, employee benefits, and Worker's Compensation premiums. Additionally, pursuant to Section 145.038 of the Ohio Revised Code, if the selected Contractor is an entity with fewer than five (5) individual employees, the Board shall require the Contractor to acknowledge, in writing on a form provided by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS"), that the Contractor has been informed that the Board does not consider the Contractor a public employee and that no contributions will be made to the OPERS for the services provided under this Contract (see form provided).

7.4 Indemnification

The Contractor shall provide indemnification as follows:

- A. To the fullest extent of the law and without limitation, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the Indemnified Parties from any and all actions, claims, suits, demands, judgments, damages, losses, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from any accident, injury, bodily injury, sickness, disease, illness, death, or occurrence, regardless of type or nature, negligent or accidental, actual or threatened, intentional or unintentional, known or unknown, realized or unrealized, related in any manner, in whole or in part, to the Contracted Parties performance of this Contract or the Contracted Parties' actions or omissions. The Contractor agrees that in the event of or should any such actions, claims, suits, or demands be brought against the Indemnified Parties that the Contractor shall, at its own expense, promptly retain defense counsel to represent, defend, and protect the Indemnified Parties, paying all attorney's fees, costs, and expenses. The Contractor further agrees that in the event of or should any such actions, claims, suits, or demands be brought against the Indemnified Parties, that the Contractor shall pay, settle, compromise and procure the discharge of all judgments, damages, losses, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees.
- B. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for, pay for, and shall indemnify and hold free and harmless the Indemnified Parties from any harm, damage, destruction, injury, or loss, regardless of type or nature, known or unknown, realized or unrealized, to any property, real or personal, belonging to the Indemnified Parties or others, including but not limited to real estate, buildings, structures, fixtures, furnishings, equipment, vehicles, supplies, accessories and/or parts arising out of or resulting in whole or in part from any acts or omissions negligent or accidental, actual or threatened, intentional or unintentional of the Contracted Parties.
- C. To the fullest extent of the law and without limitation, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the Indemnified Parties from any and all actions, claims, suits, demands, judgments, damages, losses, costs, penalties, fines, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from any violation of governmental laws, regulations, any spoilage, harm, damage, injury, or loss of or upon the environment, including, but not limited to land, water, or air, or any adverse effect on the environment, including, but not limited to land, water, or air, regardless of type or nature,

negligent or accidental, actual or threatened, intentional or unintentional, known or unknown, realized or unrealized, related in any manner, in whole or in part, to the Contracted Parties performance of this Contract or the Contracted Parties' actions or omissions. The Contractor agrees that in the event of or should any such actions, claims, suits, or demands be brought against the Indemnified Parties that the Contractor shall, at its own expense, promptly retain defense counsel to represent, defend, and protect the Indemnified Parties, paying all attorney's fees, costs, and expenses. The Contractor further agrees that in the event of or should any such actions, claims, suits, or demands be brought against the Indemnified Parties, that the Contractor shall pay, settle, compromise and procure the discharge of any and all judgments, damages, losses, costs, penalties, fines, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees.

7.5 Insurance

The Contractor shall carry and maintain current throughout the life of the Contract such bodily injury and property damage liability insurance as will protect it and the Indemnified Parties against all claims for personal injury, including death, or property damage, which may arise out of or result from the performance of or operations under this Contract or from the use of any vehicle(s) in connection therewith, and shall include coverage for indemnification as described above.

Prior to commencement of this Contract, the Contractor shall present to the Board current certificates of insurance and shall maintain current such insurance during and throughout the entire term of this Contract. Said insurance shall, at a minimum, include the insurance specified below and the amount of coverage on said policies of insurance shall be at least that which is specified below:

- A. Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by Ohio law and any other state in which work will be performed.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance with coverage in an amount equal to and covering all sums which the Contractor may or shall become legally obligated to pay as damages, but in an amount providing for a minimum of or at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) coverage per occurrence with an annual aggregate of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00), including coverage for subcontractors, if any are used, covering all work performed under this Contract.
- C. Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance (over and above Commercial General Liability) with coverage in an amount equal to and covering all sums which the Contractor may or shall become legally obligated to pay as damages, but in an amount providing for a minimum of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of coverage.
- D. Auto/Vehicle Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the work required under this Contract and/or used in providing services or otherwise for the Board, with coverage in an amount equal to that required by law and covering all sums which the Contractor may or shall become legally obligated to pay as damages, but in an amount providing for minimum coverage of at least three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) (Combined Single Limit) or, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per person and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) per accident for bodily injury and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per accident for property

damage or more as may be required for particular vehicles or particular uses of vehicles as required by applicable law.

The Board must be named as "Additional Insured" on the policies listed in paragraphs B, C, and D above.

The insurance company needs to be identified for each insurance policy and coverage. The certificates of insurance are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurance company to bind coverage on its behalf.

All insurance shall be written by insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Ohio.

The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the Indemnified Parties and any insurance maintained by the Indemnified Parties shall be excess to the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it.

The insurer shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice to the Board before any cancellation or non-renewal of insurance coverage. Failure to provide such written notice will oblige the insurer to provide coverage as if cancellation or non-renewal did not take place.

If there is any change in insurance carrier or liability amounts, a new certificate of insurance must be provided to the Board within seven (7) calendar days of change.

During the life of the Contract, the Board may require the Contractor to provide respective and/or additional certificate(s) of insurance to verify coverage. Failure to provide a requested certificate of insurance within seven (7) calendar days of the request may be considered as default.

Failure to maintain the required insurance coverage at any time during the term of the Contract shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract. Such failure shall render the Contract void in its entirety and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment pursuant to the Contract or otherwise.

In addition to the rights and protections provided by the insurance policies as required above, the Board shall retain all such other and further rights and remedies as are available at law or in equity.

7.6 Bid Security/Bond

Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security in accordance with Sections 307.88 and 153.54, et seq., of the Ohio Revised Code in the form of either:

- A. A bond in favor of the Board. Said bond shall be in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.88 and 153.54, et seq. and be in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents. The bond shall be substantially in the form provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 (See form provided or a standard bond form in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 from any surety company or corporation authorized to do business within the State of Ohio is acceptable.) The bond shall be made payable to the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio, referencing this RFB. Bid security furnished in bond form shall be issued by a surety company or corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety; or,

- B. A certified check, cashier's check, or money order. Said certified check, cashier's check, or money order shall be in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.88 and 153.54, et seq. and be in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents. The certified check, cashier's check, or money order shall be drawn on a solvent bank or savings and loan association. Such certified check, cashier's check, or money order shall be in favor of or made payable to the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio.

The bid security, regardless of form, shall be conditioned that the Bidder, if the Bidder's bid is accepted, shall execute a proper contract in conformity to the invitation and the bid.

The bid security/bond shall conform to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.88 and 153.54, et seq.

If the Bidder fails to enter the Contract within ten (10) days after awarding the bid, the bid security shall be subject to forfeiture as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 153.54, et seq. Should the Bidder appropriately and timely enter the Contract, the bid security will be returned. The bid security of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon execution of the Contract.

If the bid security is in the form of a bond, the surety company providing the bond shall have a minimum policyholder's rating of A- and a minimum financial rating of VI and in all other respects be acceptable to the Board.

Attorneys-in-fact who sign the bond must file a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney evidencing their authority to sign and bind the surety company, together with a copy of the Certificate of Authority issued by the Ohio Department of Insurance authorizing the surety company to engage in such business in the State of Ohio.

7.7 [This Section is left intentionally blank.]

7.8 Damages in the Event of Default

The Board declares and the Contractor acknowledges that the Board may suffer damages due to the failure of the Contractor to act in accordance with the requirements, terms, specifications, and conditions of the Contract. The Board declares and the Contractor agrees that such failure shall constitute an event of default on the part of the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to pay damages to the Board to compensate the Board for any damages it incurs because of the default. The Contractor agrees that if the Board does not give prompt notice of such a failure, that the Board has not waived any of its rights or remedies concerning the failure by the Contractor.

In the event of default by the Contractor, the Board may procure the Services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

7.9 Termination

A. Termination for Convenience

Within its sole discretion, the Board may terminate this Contract at any time and for any reason by giving at least seven (7) days' advance notice, in writing, to the Contractor. The Contractor

shall be entitled to receive compensation for any Services satisfactorily performed hereunder through the date specified on the notice as the effective date for such termination.

B. Breach or Default:

Upon breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied in this Contract, the aggrieved Party shall provide written notice of the breach or default to the breaching or defaulting Party and permit the breaching or defaulting Party to remedy the breach or default within a specified reasonable period. If the breach or default is not satisfactorily remedied within the specified time period, this Contract may, at the election of the aggrieved Party, be immediately terminated. The Parties may, without limitation, exercise any available administrative, contractual, equitable, or legal remedies. In the event of such a breach or default, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any Services satisfactorily performed hereunder through the date of termination.

C. Effect of Waiver of any Occurrence of Breach or Default:

The waiver of any occurrence of breach or default is not and should not be interpreted as a waiver of any such subsequent occurrence. The Parties, without limitation, retain the right to exercise all available administrative, contractual, equitable, or legal remedies. If either Party fails to perform an obligation or obligations under this Contract and such failure(s) is (are) waived by the other Party, such waiver shall be limited to the failure(s) so waived and shall not be deemed to waive other failure(s). The waiver by the Board shall be authorized in writing and signed by a quorum of the Board.

7.10 Subcontracting

The Contractor may sub-contract any portion of this Contract with prior written approval from the Board. If Services are subcontracted, the Contractor shall continue to act as the prime contractor for all subcontracted Services and shall assume full responsibility for the performance of the Services. The Contractor will remain the sole point of contact and shall be ultimately responsible for the performance of the Services.

7.11 Assignment

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or its right to execute it or its right, title, or interest to it or any part thereof, or assign any of the moneys due or to become due under the Contract, without the prior written consent of the Board.

7.12 Inspection and Maintenance of Records and Work Papers/Audit

At any time during regular business hours, with reasonable notice and as often as the Board or their representatives may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to any or all the above-named parties or their authorized representatives, all subcontracts, invoices, receipts, payrolls, personnel records, reports, documents and all other information or data relating to all matters covered by this Contract. The Board or its representatives shall be permitted by the Contractor to inspect, audit, make excerpts, photo static copies, and/or transcripts of any and all documents relating to all matters covered by this Contract.

The Contractor, for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement/compensation for services rendered under this Contract, agrees to retain and maintain, and assure that all is subcontractors

retain and maintain, all records, documents, writings and/or other information related to performance of this Contract. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of this Contract, the Contractor shall retain and maintain, and assure that all its subcontractors retain and maintain, such records until the action is concluded and all issues are resolved or the three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.

7.13 Notices

All notices which may be required by this Contract or by operation of any rule of law shall be hand delivered, sent via certified United States Mail, return receipt requested, sent via a nationally recognized and reputable overnight courier, return receipt requested, or via facsimile, to the following individuals at the following addresses and shall be effective on the date received:

Contractor:

Fax: _____

Board:

Kathy Melvin
Scioto Township Fiscal Officer
Scioto Township Government Office
3737 Ostrander Road
Ostrander, Ohio 43061

Fax: (740) 666-1030

7.14 Equal Employment Opportunity

In fulfilling the obligations and duties of the Contract, the Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and/or local non-discrimination laws.

The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment based on race, religion, national origin, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, Vietnam-era Veteran status, or disability, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Contractor shall ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to any of the above listed factors. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices stating that the Contractor complies with all applicable federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws. The Contractor shall incorporate the foregoing requirements of this section in all of its contracts for any of the work prescribed herein and shall require all of its subcontractors for any part of such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for such work.

7.15 Drug Free Environment

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding a drug-free environment and shall have established and have in place a drug-free environment policy. The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to ensure that all its employees will not purchase, use, or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.

7.16 Findings for Recovery

The Contractor certifies that it has no outstanding findings for recovery pending or issued against it by the State of Ohio.

7.17 Campaign Finance Certification

Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.13 I(3) and J(3) requires that no political subdivision shall award any contract for the purchase of goods with a cost aggregating more than ten thousand dollars in a calendar year or services with a cost aggregating more than ten thousand dollars in a calendar year to a corporation, business trust, individual, partnership or other unincorporated business, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785 of the Revised Code, estate, or trust unless the political subdivision has received for that calendar year, or the Contract includes, a certification that the individuals named in Revised Code Sections 3517.13(I)(1) and (J)(1) are in compliance with the aforementioned provisions. The Contractor, therefore, is required to complete the attached certificate/affidavit entitled "Certification/Affidavit in Compliance with O.R.C. Section 3517.13." Failure to complete and submit the required aforementioned certificate/affidavit with the bid will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive and disqualified from receiving further consideration. Such certification is by this reference made a part of this Contract.

7.18 Non-Collusion

The Bidder/Contractor certifies as follows:

- This Bid/Contract is not entered or made in the interest of or on behalf of an undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation.
- This Bid/Contract is genuine and not collusive or a sham.
- The Bidder/Contractor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to put in a false or sham Bid.
- The Bidder/Contractor has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived or agreed with any Bidder or anyone else to put in a sham Bid or that anyone shall refrain from Bidding.
- The Bidder/Contractor has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived or agreed with any other person or entity concerning or regarding this Contract.
- The Bidder/Contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the price of this Contract, to fix any

overhead, profit or cost element of this Contract, or to secure any advantage against the Board or anyone interested in this Contract.

- The Bidder/Contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the Bid price of said Bidder or any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of such Bid price or that of any other Bidder, or to secure any advantage against the Board or anyone interested in the proposed contract.
- This Bid/Contract is not a product of collusion with any other vendor, person, or entity, and no effect has been made to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of any proposed price.
- The Bidder/Contractor is unaware of and there is no conflict of interest, involving either it or its employees, that would prohibit the Bidder/Contractor from entering this Contract.
- The Bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted its Bid price or any break-down thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged any information or data relative thereto, or paid and will not pay any fee in connection therewith, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof, or to any other individual except to such person or persons as have a partnership or other financial interest with the Bidder in its general business.
- All statements contained in the Bid are true.
- All statements contained in the Contract are true.

7.19 Conflict of Interest

The Contractor agrees that no agent, officer, or employee of the Board during his/her tenure or for one (1) year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof.

The Contractor agrees that it will not employ in any manner a current Board officer or employee for a minimum period of one (1) year from the expiration or termination of this Contract, without the prior express written consent of the Board.

No personnel of the Contractor may voluntarily acquire any personal interest that conflicts with their responsibilities under the Contract.

The Contractor will not knowingly permit any public official or public employee who has any responsibilities related to the Contract to acquire an interest in anything or any entity under the Contractor's control if such an interest would conflict with that official's or employee's duties. The Contractor will disclose to the Board knowledge of any such person who acquires an incompatible or conflicting personal interest related to the Contract. The Contractor will take all legal steps to ensure that such a person does not participate in any action affecting the work under the Contract, unless the Board has determined that, in the light of the personal interest disclosed, that person's participation in any such action would not be contrary to the public interest.

7.20 Conflicts of Terms, Conditions, or Provisions

To the extent that the terms, conditions, or provisions of this RFB/Contract and any bid submitted by the Contractor may be inconsistent, the terms, conditions, or provisions of this RFB/Contract control.

7.21 Headings

Headings in this RFB/Contract are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of any of the terms and conditions contained in this RFB/Contract.

7.22 Severability

If any provision of this RFB/Contract or the application of any such provision shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law or invalid, the remaining provisions of this RFB/Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

7.23 Incorporation of RFB into Contract

The legal notice, this RFB and all its appendixes and attachments, any addenda, modification, or supplement to the RFB, and the Contractor's bid are by this reference incorporated into the Contract.

7.24 Incorporation of Appendixes

All appendixes, forms, and other documents as completed by the Contractor and contained in and/or referenced in this RFB are hereby incorporated into this RFB and the Contract.

7.25 Force Majeure

The Parties shall be temporarily excused from performance and shall not be entitled to impose any penalty as a result of any delay in performance caused by reason of war, insurrection, strike, automobile fuel shortage, weather, explosion, act of God, order of Court or other public authority, interruption of payments due under this Contract, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Parties. Such excusal from performance shall continue until such *force majeure* ceases to exist or the Contract is terminated as provided herein.

7.26 Governing Law

This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. All legal disputes arising from this Contract shall be filed in and heard before the courts of Delaware County, Ohio.

7.27 Authority to Sign

Any person submitting a bid pursuant to this RFB and executing the Contract in a representative capacity hereby warrants that he/she has authority to submit a bid and sign this Contract or has been duly authorized by his/her principal to submit a bid and execute this Contract on such principal's behalf.

7.28 Entire Agreement

The legal notice, this RFB and all its appendixes and attachments, any addenda, modification, or supplements to the RFB, and the Contractor's bid shall constitute the entire understanding and agreement between the Board and the Contractor, shall supersede all prior understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof, and may only be amended in writing with the mutual consent and agreement of the parties.

Appendix A

BID FORM

BID FORM

MOWING AND TRIMMING OF SCIOTO TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

Instructions:

1. Complete ALL blanks.
2. The bidder should submit one (1) single bid for a contract with a term of two (2) years.
3. Submit bid in compliance with RFB requirements and specifications.

Reservations of Rights:

The Board reserves the following rights:

- The right to disqualify any bid that takes Exception to or limits the rights of the Board.
- To refuse any bid not properly submitted in accordance with the requirements of this RFB.
- To reject incomplete bid forms.
- To reject the selected bid and/or other bids at any time prior to execution of the Contract.
- The right to cancel this RFB at any time.
- To reduce the scope of services required herein and to negotiate the price to reflect such change after award of the Contract.
- Within its sole discretion and based on the bids received, to award a contract to the selected bidder, or to award no contract at all.

Award:

The Board shall award the Contract to the bidder deemed to have submitted the lowest and best bid, as determined solely by the Board and/or its representative(s). The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or any portion of any and/or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities that do not affect the substance of the specifications and contents of the RFB and to award a contract in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Board and Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

A. Bidder Contact Information:

1. Name of Bidder/Company:

2. Bidder/Company Address:

3. Name of Contact for Bidder/Company:

4. Bidder/Company Telephone Number (Including Area Code):

5. Bidder/Company Facsimile Number (Including Area Code):

6. Bidder/Company Email:

B. Bid:

The bid amount shall be the total price bid per mow/trim. The total price bid per mow/trim is the total amount that the Bidder will charge the Board to completely mow/trim the grass one (1) time at all four (4) cemeteries as specified in this RFB all in accordance with the detailed specifications contained within the RFB.

Beginning on or about the 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October each year during the Contract term, the rate charged per mow/trim will be charged to the Board each time, which shall not be more than once a week, that the Bidder mows/trims all four (4) cemeteries as specified in the RFB. The Contractor shall, upon request of the Board, mow/trim before April 1 and/or after October 31 of each year.

BID:

The bid amount for shall be the total price bid per mow/trim based on a contract with a **TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.**

Bid One

1) Regular mowing of the four cemeteries

\$ _____
(Complete dollar amount bid per mow/trim in numerals.)

(Complete dollar amount bid per mow/trim in words.)

Total Price Bid

\$ _____
(Complete dollar amount bid per mow/trim in numerals.)

(Complete dollar amount bid per mow/trim in words.)

C. History of Bidder:

D. Bidder Capabilities:

E. Bidder Experience:

F. References: (Please provide name, address, telephone number, and any other

relevant contact information):

1. _____

2. _____

G. Exceptions to Specifications: _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, please attach a separate sheet with an explanation of Exceptions:

_____ Yes _____ No

Any or all the above work may be non-performed at the discretion of the Board. Notification of any item to be non-performed shall be made to the Contractor before commencement of work.

This bid shall be valid until sixty (60) days after the bid opening date although not accepted or rejected. No Bidder shall withdraw his/her bid until at least sixty (60) days after the bid opening date.

The Bidder certifies that he/she has read, understands, and, if his/her bid is accepted, agrees to be bound by ALL the Contract Documents including, but not limited to, the legal notice, the RFB and appendixes, the bid, and the Contract.

The below signed Bidder does hereby agree to do the above work in accordance with the contents of the RFB and at the prices herein indicated.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title/Position

Company Name

Appendix B

FORMS

- AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF PRINCIPAL
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- CONTRACT
- FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF PRINCIPAL

(To be filled in and executed if the Contractor is a corporation)

State of _____)

County of _____) ss.:

_____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is

Secretary of _____

a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of

_____, and having its principal offices at: _____

(street), _____ (city), _____

(county), _____ (state).

Affiant further says that _____ (name

of officer), _____ (title) of the

corporation is duly authorized to sign the contract for _____

_____ for said corporation

by virtue of _____ (state whether a

provision of by-laws, or a resolution of Board of Directors)

If by resolution, give date of adoption: _____, 20__.

Signature

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public
My commission expires: _____

NON-DISCRIMINATION FORM

In the performance of all contracts with the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, the Contractor will be bound by the following non-discrimination in employment clauses:

1. The Contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state, and/or local non-discrimination laws.
2. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, or national origin or physical or mental handicap. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, creed, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin or physical or mental handicap. Such actions shall include, but not be limited, to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rate of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection or training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
3. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or physical or mental handicap.
4. The Contractor further agrees that he/she will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any subcontract, the regulations on Equal Employment Opportunity during the performance of this Contract.

_____, 20____
Date

Contractor

By: _____

Title: _____

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX AFFIDAVIT

**CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE
WITH O.R.C. SECTION 3517.13**

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____, ss:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a bidder or representative of a bidder in competitive bidding on behalf of _____ for a contract for the purchase of goods and/or services to be let by the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio who, being duly cautioned and sworn, makes the following statement with respect to prohibited activities constituting a conflict of interest or other violations under section 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, and further states that the undersigned has the authority to make the following representation on behalf of the entity if the undersigned as an individual is not the bidder himself or herself:

1. On behalf of the individual, partnership or other unincorporated business, association, estate, or trust that all of the following persons, if applicable, are in compliance with 3517.13 (I)(1)¹:

¹ O.R.C. § 3517.13(I)(1)(a) provides:

[N]o political subdivision shall award any contract for the purchase of goods with a cost aggregating more than ten thousand dollars in a calendar year or services with a cost aggregating more than ten thousand dollars in a calendar year, to any individual, partnership or other unincorporated business, association, including, without limitation, a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, estate, or trust if any of [those persons listed in ¶ 1, a–h] . . . has made, as an individual, within the previous twenty-four months, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee.

O.R.C. § 3517.13(I)(1)(b) prohibits award of such a contract

[I]f **any combination** of the following has made, within the previous twenty-four months, one or more contributions totaling in excess of two thousand dollars to the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee: (i) The

- a. the individual.
 - b. each partner or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated business.
 - c. each shareholder of the association.
 - d. each administrator of the estate.
 - e. each executor of the estate.
 - f. each trustee of the trust.
 - g. each spouse of any person identified in (a) through (f) of this section.
 - h. each child seven years of age to seventeen years of age of any person identified in (a) through (f) of this section.
 - i. any combination of people identified in (a) through (f) of this section.
2. On behalf of a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785 O.R.C., that all the following persons, where applicable, are in compliance with 3517.13 (J)(1)²:

individual; (ii) Any partner or owner of the partnership or other unincorporated business; (iii) Any shareholder of the association; (iv) Any administrator of the estate; (v) Any executor of the estate; (vi) Any trustee of the trust; (vii) The spouse of any person identified in divisions (1)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section; (viii) Any child seven years of age through seventeen years of age of any person identified in divisions (1)(1)(b)(i) to (vi) of this section; (ix) Any political action committee affiliated with the partnership or other unincorporated business, association, estate, or trust.” (Emphasis added.)

² O.R.C. § 3517.13(J)(1)(a) provides:

[N]o political subdivision shall award any contract for the purchase of goods with a cost aggregating more than ten thousand dollars in a calendar year or services with a cost aggregating more than ten thousand dollars in a calendar year, to a corporation or business trust, except a professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if any of [those persons listed in ¶ 2, a–c] . . . has made, as an individual, within the previous twenty-four months, taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one thousand dollars to the holder of a public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee.

O.R.C. § 3517.13(J)(1)(b) prohibits award of such a contract:

[I]f **any combination** of the following has made, within the previous twenty-four months, taking into consideration only owners for all of that period, one or more contributions totaling in excess of two thousand dollars to the holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract or to the public officer's campaign committee: (i) Owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; (ii) Spouses of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust;

- a. an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust.
- b. each spouse of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust.
- c. each child from seven years of age to seventeen years of age of an owner of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust.
- d. any combination of persons identified in (a) through (c) of this section.

BIDDER:

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

Sworn to before me and subscribed to in my presence by the above named person this ___ day of _____, 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

(iii) Children seven years of age through seventeen years of age of owners of more than twenty per cent of the corporation or business trust; (iv) Any political action committee affiliated with the corporation or business trust. (Emphasis added.)

BID BOND/GUARANTY
(Section 153.571 Ohio Revised Code)

2023 RFB – Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned _____ as principal and _____ as sureties, are hereby held and firmly bound unto the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio as obligee in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$500.00) to undertake the project known as Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries and Park. For the payment of the penal sum well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20 _____. THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas the above-named principal has submitted a bid to provide mowing and trimming of certain Scioto Township Cemeteries and the Scioto Township Park.

Now, therefore, if the obligee accepts the bid of the principal and the principal fails to enter into a proper contract in accordance with the bid, plans, details, specifications, and bills of material; and in the event the principal pays to the obligee the difference not to exceed ten per cent of the penalty hereof between the amount specified in the bid and such larger amount for which the obligee may in good faith contract with the next lowest bidder to perform the work covered by the bid; or in the event the obligee does not award the contract to the next lowest bidder and resubmits the project for bidding, the principal pays to the obligee the difference not to exceed ten per cent of the penalty hereof between the amount specified in the bid, or the costs, in connection with the resubmission, of printing new contract documents, required advertising, and printing and mailing notices to prospective bidders, whichever is less, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect; if the obligee accepts the bid of the principal and the principal within ten days after the awarding of the contract enters into a proper contract in accordance with the bid, plans, details, specifications, and bills of material, which said contract is made a part of this bond the same as though set forth herein; it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the surety for any and all claims hereunder shall in no event exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The said surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no modifications, omissions, or additions, in or to the terms of the said contract or in or to the plans or specifications therefor shall in any wise affect the obligations of said surety on its bond and it does hereby waive notice of any such modifications, omissions or additions to the terms of the contract or to the work or to the specifications.

(SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

NOTE: IF CONTRACTOR is partnership, all partners should execute BOND.

SIGNED AND SEALED This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Principal

Surety

By: _____

By: _____
Attorney-in-Fact

Title: _____

SURETY COMPANY ADDRESS:

SURETY AGENT'S ADDRESS:

Street

Agency Name

City State Zip

Street

City State Zip

**CONTRACT TO PROVIDE MOWING AND TRIMMING
OF CERTAIN SCIOTO TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES**

This Contract (hereinafter "Contract") is executed this [redacted] day of [redacted], 20[redacted], by and between the Scioto Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County, Ohio (hereinafter "Board"), whose principal place of business is located at the Scioto Township Government Office located at 3737 Ostrander Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061, and [redacted], a [redacted] corporation, [redacted] partnership, or [redacted] individual] (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), whose principal place of business is located at:

[redacted].
(Hereinafter individually "Party" and collectively "Parties.")

WHEREFORE, the Board needs mowing and trimming of certain Scioto Township Cemeteries; and,

WHEREFORE, the Contractor submitted a bid to perform such Services, was the lowest and best bidder, was awarded this Contract, and agrees to perform the Services at the price bid; and,

WHEREFORE, the Board approved Resolution No. [redacted] on the [redacted] day of [redacted], 20[redacted] (hereinafter "Resolution"); and,

WHEREFORE, the Resolution approved the execution of this Contract by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the Parties agree as set forth below:

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT:

The purpose of this Contract is to state the covenants and conditions under which the Contractor shall mow and trim the grass in the cemeteries and park as listed in Section 4.2 of the RFB once each week beginning on or about the first (1st) day of April and ending on or about the thirty-first (31st) day of October of each year of the contract, all in accordance with all the terms, conditions, specifications, and provisions of the following (hereinafter collectively "Contract Documents"):

1. Legal Notice,
2. Request for Bids (RFB) by the Board for Mowing and Trimming of Scioto Township Cemeteries,
3. Contractor's Bid,
4. All documents and forms completed by the Contractor in accordance with the RFB and/or in submitting a bid.

TERM:

The term of this Contract will be for two (2) years, inclusive of two (2) mowing seasons, extending from on or about April 1, 2025 through on or about October 31, 2026 with the potential for a mutually agreed written extension for a period of one (1) to two (2) additional years.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Contractor shall mow and trim the grass in the cemeteries as listed in Section 4.2 of the RFB in accordance with the requirements listed in Section 4.3 once each week beginning on or about the 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October each year during the Contract term. The Contractor shall, upon request of the Board, mow/trim before April 1 and/or after October 31 of each year at the agreed upon mow/trim rate. Such Services shall, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

- The Contractor shall provide and use the Contractor's own mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials.
- Each time that the Contractor mows/trims, the Contractor shall bring to the site all mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials that it requires to perform the Services.
- Each time that the Contractor completes mowing and trimming, the Contractor shall remove from the site all mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials that it brings to the site and uses to perform the Services.
- The Contractor will not be permitted to store any mowers, trimming equipment, other equipment, fuel, supplies, and/or materials on site or on Township property.
- The Contractor shall provide all safety mechanisms, devices, equipment, and protections used by operators of equipment used in providing the Services.
- The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the use of safety mechanisms, devices, equipment, and protections by operators of equipment used in providing the Services.
- The Contractor shall install on all equipment used in providing the Services and engage/use all safety mechanisms, devices, equipment, and protections, which protect the operator, nearby persons, and property from damage, injury, including death, and/or harm which, could result from the use of the equipment.
- The Contractor shall be solely responsible for damage, injury, including death, and/or harm which results to the operator, persons, or property from the use of the equipment.
- All mowing and trimming shall be at a height of +/- 3.5 inches.
- All mowing and/or trimming shall only take place between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weather conditions dictating an alternate schedule can be executed with the approval of the Trustees.
- The Contractor shall trim around all cemetery monuments/markers and fences in the cemeteries.
- All cemetery monuments/markers shall be free of clippings.
- The Contractor shall not move, disturb, damage, or harm cemetery monuments/markers.
- Damages are to be repaired within 45 days of the incident(s).
- Contractors with rear discharge mowers will be given higher consideration for awarding the contract.
- Excess clippings are to be removed from the cemeteries.
- The Contractor shall trim around all structures and fences in the cemeteries.
- The Contractor shall perform the services in a professional and courteous manner.
- Workmanship and materials are to be first quality throughout.

- The Contractor’s employees shall wear a uniform shirt with the Contractor’s name.
- The Contractor’s employees shall be citizens of the United States of America or legally entitled to work in the United States of America. Proof of citizenship or ability to work shall be produced to the Board upon request.
- In performing the Services, the Contractor shall be as unobtrusive and of such little disturbance as possible to users of the cemeteries.
- The Contractor shall provide notice to an identified representative of the Board of the day(s) of the week that the Contractor intends to provide the Services.
- The rate charged shall be per mow/trim.
- The Board shall be invoiced monthly.
- The Board may impose penalties in accordance with Section 4.3.1 of the RFB.

COMPENSATION:

For and in consideration of the Contractor mowing and trimming the grass in the cemeteries as listed in Section 4.2 of the RFB once each week beginning on or about the 1st day of April and ending on or about the 31st day of October each year during the Contract term, the Board agrees to compensate the Contractor at the following total price per mow/trim:

\$ _____ Cemeteries

(Fill in amount in numbers.)

(Fill in amount in words.)

The Parties understand and agree that the total price bid per mow/trim is the total amount that the Bidder will charge the Board to completely mow/trim the grass one (1) time at all four (4) cemeteries as specified in this RFB all in accordance with the detailed specifications contained within the RFB.

Beginning on the 1st day of April and ending on the 31st day of October each year during the Contract term, the rate charged per mow/trim will be charged to the Board each time, which shall not be more than once a week, that the Bidder mows/trims all four (4) cemeteries as specified in the RFB.

DAMAGES IN THE EVENT OF BREACH:

If the Contractor fails to fully meet and perform all the obligations imposed and required as part of this Contract, the Contractor shall pay damages to the Board as compensation for such failure. Such damage shall be as provided in the RFB.

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the Board and all their respective boards, officers, officials, employees, volunteers, agents, servants and representatives as provided in the RFB. The Contractor also agrees to carry such insurance as required by the RFB.

INCORPORATION OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTION:

The Contract Documents and Resolution in their entirety and all terms, provisions, and conditions contained therein are all by this reference hereby expressly understood and accepted by the Parties and are all in their entirety incorporated into and made a part of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by and through their respective and proper officers, have on behalf of themselves or those whom they represent, signed this Contract of their own free and voluntary will and agree to the Parties being bound thereby.

**SCIOTO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO**

Doug Loudenslager, Trustee

Date

Ralph Moseley, Trustee

Date

Sandra Stults, Trustee

Date

Scioto Township Board of Trustees
Scioto Township Government Office
3737 Ostrander Road
Ostrander, Ohio 43061

CONTRACTOR:

Company Name

Check One: ___ Corporation
 ___ Partnership
 ___ Individual
 ___ Other: _____

A person signing shall, in his/her own handwriting, sign the principal's name, his/her own name and his/her title. A person signing for a corporation, other than the president or vice president, shall, by affidavit, show his authority to bind the corporation.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Approved as to form:

Melissa Schiffel
Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney

FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (RC 5705.41(D)):

The Scioto Township Fiscal Officer hereby certifies that the funds required to meet the obligation set forth in this Contract have been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and are in the Township treasury or in the process of collection, free from any other encumbrances. The Scioto Township Fiscal Officer also certifies that she has confirmed with the State of Ohio Auditor that the Contractor has no outstanding findings for recovery issued against it by the State of Ohio.

Kathy Melvin
Scioto Township Fiscal Officer