SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

NOTE: OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, AND 30.

1. REQUISITION NUMBER

2. CONTRACT NUMBER

3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE

4. ORDER NUMBER

5. SOLICITATION NUMBER
140D0426Q0808

6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE
08/12/2026

7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL:

a. NAME

b. TELEPHONE NUMBER *(No collect calls)*

8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME
08/17/2026 1700 ED

9. ISSUED BY CODE D34

Interior Business Center, AQD
Acquisition Services Directorate
381 Elden Street
Suite 2000A
Herndon VA 20170

10. THIS ACQUISITION IS ☐ UNRESTRICTED OR ☒ SET ASIDE: 100.00 % FOR:

☒ SMALL BUSINESS
☐ HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
☐ SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (SDVOSB)
☐ WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB)
☐ ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (EDWOSB)
☐ 8(A)

NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION STANDARD (NAICS): 561730

SIZE STANDARD: $9.5

11. DELIVERY FOR FREE ON BOARD (FOB) DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED
☒ SEE SCHEDULE

12. DISCOUNT TERMS

☐ 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER THE DEFENSE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM - DPAS (15 CFR 700)

13b. RATING

14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION
☒ REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) ☐ INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) ☐ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

15. DELIVER TO CODE
See Schedule

16. ADMINISTERED BY CODE D34
See Schedule

17a. CONTRACTOR/ OFFEROR CODE FACILITY CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

☐ 17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER

18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE

18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED ☐ SEE ADDENDUM

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	ADMINISTERED BY: Interior Business Center, AQD Acquisition Services Directorate 381 Elden Street Suite 2000A Herndon VA 20170 USA Continued... *(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)*				

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT *(For Government Use Only)*

☒ 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE (FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION) FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA ☒ ARE ☐ ARE NOT ATTACHED

☐ 27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA ☐ ARE ☐ ARE NOT ATTACHED

☒ 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN 1 COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED

☐ 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REFERENCE _____ OFFER DATED. _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:

30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR

31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *(SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)*

30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER *(Type or print)*

30c. DATE SIGNED

31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*

31c. DATE SIGNED

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	Fence & Stump Removal Services Period of Performance: 08/24/2026 to 09/23/2026				
00010	Removal of existing tree stumps Product/Service Code: S208 Product/Service Description: HOUSEKEEPING-LANDSCAPING/GROUNDSKEEPING				
00020	Removal of existing post Product/Service Code: S208 Product/Service Description: HOUSEKEEPING-LANDSCAPING/GROUNDSKEEPING				

32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

☐ RECEIVED ☐ INSPECTED ☐ ACCEPTED, AND CONFORMS TO THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT AS NOTED: _____

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE 32g. EMAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

33. SHIP NUMBER ☐ PARTIAL ☐ FINAL	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT ☐ COMPLETE ☐ PARTIAL ☐ FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER

STOCK RECORD (S/R)		40. PAID BY
38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER	39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	

41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT		42a. RECEIVED BY *(Print)*	
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER	41c. DATE	42b. RECEIVED AT *(Location)*	
		42c. DATE RECEIVED *(MM/DD/YYYY)*	42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

National Park Service

Hains Point Golf Course

Fence & Stump Removal Project

SUMMARY:

This is a **combined synopsis/solicitation** for commercial services prepared in accordance with Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation Overhaul (RFO) Part 12. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation. Quotes are being requested and a separate written solicitation will not be issued.

Solicitation 140D0426Q0808 is issued as a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for Fence & Stump Removal services for Hains Point Golf Course.

This acquisition is set-aside for small business concerns. This solicitation incorporates provisions and clauses by reference. The full text of provisions and clauses may be accessed electronically at www.acquisition.gov.

North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS): 561730 – Landscaping Service (Size Standard $9.5M).

Product Service Code (PSC): S208 Housekeeping – Landscaping/Groundskeeping

Period of Performance (PoP): 30 calendar days from date of award

Quotation Due Date: Quotes submitted in response to this RFQ shall be received no later than **5:00 PM Eastern Time, August, 17 2026**, to be considered for award. See Section 5 for submission instructions.

Questions Due Date: Questions shall be sent via email to: AQDOpsSupport@ibc.doi.gov no later than **5:00 PM Eastern Time on August 13, 2026.**

Points of Contact: The RFQ point of contact is (AQDOpsSupport@ibc.doi.gov).

Attachments:

Attachment 1 Limitation on Subcontracting Report Template

Attachment 2 Past Performance Template

Attachment 3 Department of Labor Wage Determination 2015-4281 Rev 38

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

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1.2 Set-Aside Information

This RFQ is a **Total Small Business Set Aside**. Only one (1) Purchase Order will be awarded as a result of this RFQ. The selected Quoter shall provide all services sought under this RFQ.

1.3 Anticipated Award Type

As a result of this RFQ, the Government anticipates awarding a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) type Purchase Order.

1.4 Period of Performance

The anticipated Period of Performance for this Purchase Order is:

Period of Performance
30 calendar days after date of award

1.5 CLIN Structure and Pricing Schedule

Contract Period	CLIN #	Description	PoP	CLIN Type	Price
N/A	10	Removal of existing tree stumps	30 calendar days after date of award	FFP	TBD
	20	Removal of existing post		FFP	TBD

1.6 Place of Performance

The required Place of Performance is Hains Point Golf Course, Washington DC.

SECTION 2 – STATEMENT OF WORK

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A. The Hains Point Golf Course (HPGC) has a 2.1 mile long chain link fence surrounding its perimeter which is slated for removal.

B. The contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, tools, supplies, transportation, barricades, signs, traffic control measures/coordination and equipment incidental to the removal of a tree stump and/or fence post both within and beyond the CRZ, in accordance with tree care industry standards and best management practices (BMPs) while working at the Hains Point Golf Course. Fence posts and interfering existing stumps within the footprint of the existing fenceline will be removed by means of grubbing (extraction by digging/pulling stumps, ***not*** stump grinding).

C. The contractor shall submit a detailed work plan for NPS review prior to project commencement.

D. The CRZ of each protected tree follows this 1:1.5 formula: DBH (diameter at breast height (in inches) at 4' above grade) X 1.5' = radius in feet. The radius stretched outwardly in every direction from the tree's buttress flair is the tree's CRZ. Example: 10" dbh X 1.5' = 15' radius which = 30' diameter CRZ + the diameter of the trunk at grade (buttress flair).

E. NPS has not identified the location and size of every stump and post. NPS has estimated that there are approximately 1,120 posts and 2,000 stumps along the 2.1 mile long section of fencing. Some of these posts and stumps may have been removed by NPS staff at the time of contract award. Approximately 70% of the posts and stumps are expected to be within the CRZ of living trees along the corridor. The lump sum contract shall be based on the work required to remove the actual amount of posts and stumps on site and the numbers provided shall be used as an approximate quantity only.

II. SCOPE OF WORK:

A. Task: Removal of existing tree stumps and metal fence posts with concrete bases by means of "grubbing" as mentioned in 1.1.2 of this SOW, identified as being within the CRZ of a protected tree.

1. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to retain an ASCA (American Society of Consulting Arborists) Certified Consulting Arborist or ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Certified Arborist to determine which trees are affected by the fence and stump removal work including which trees shall be protected, which trees shall not be protected, and which trees

shall be removed. The arborist shall provide a brief written report supporting their recommendation on each tree and shall submit this information to the National Mall & Memorial Parks (NAMA) Urban Forester. The report shall include at a minimum: species; DBH; condition; reason for decision and justification of decision (e.g., ISA standards, ANSI A300 standards, TRAQ qualification).

a) Contactor shall provide Arborist's report and recommendations to NPS at least 3 business days prior to anticipated start of work around the reference tree.

b) Once plan is approved, contractor can commence work.

2. There are numerous utilities located within the limits of work. It is the contractor's responsibility to hire a private locator to locate these items in the work area. Utilities shown on the plans are based on record drawings and are approximate only.

a) Any excavation within 18" of a marked utility shall be via hand tools, pneumatic, or hydro excavation to prevent damage to the utility.

b) Hand work, hydro-vac, and/or pneumatic excavation with SSAT (Supersonic Air Tool, AKA AirSpade). AirSpade work shall be performed with mechanical backboard in place to capture soil from migrating away from site during excavation. The dry soil shall be used in backfilling excavated areas. Hydro-vac spoils shall be hauled from site and disposed of following federal, state, and local DOT and dumping regulations.

c) The contractor may elect to utilize stump grinding in areas where utilities or hardscape infrastructure may be impacted by grubbing operations as recommended by their certified arborist and with approval from NPS.

III. STUMP GRUBBING REQUIREMENTS

A. "Grub" or dig stump from ground. Remove all woody portions down to 1" diameter roots. Before, during, and after photos are required daily of each 150 linear feet of work (about 15 fence posts). Upload the photos and reports to NPS Sharepoint/Teams Site.

1. Work performed beyond the CRZ of a protected tree may simply follow the urban forester's approved work plan previously submitted by the contractor.

2. The holes created by the extraction of the stumps and fence posts shall be backfilled with NAMA approved topsoil and seeded/stabilized on the same day the hole was created as required by the approved DOEE plan. If backfilling cannot be completed the same day, the contractor is responsible

for protecting the excavation until it can be properly backfilled utilizing plates, fencing, or other protective measures as approved by NPS.

a) Examples of topsoil providers, in no particular order are:
   (1) Stancills
   (2) TE Woods
   (3) Egypt Farms
   (4) JK Enterprises

B. The following requirements apply when working in the CRZ of a tree to be protected as recommended by the contractor's arborist and approved by the NPS.

1. The contractor's arborist shall be on site during all working hours either performing the work or directly physically overseeing the project.
2. When grubbing a stump or pulling fence posts with concrete bases within the Critical Root Zone (CRZ = 1:1.5 ratio) of a protected tree, the contractor shall deconflict the objects from the roots of the protected tree by root pruning as far from the buttress roots of the protected tree as possible.

a) Tools acceptable for this work are: stump grinder, sharp vibratory plow, a power root pruning machine made-for-the-purpose, pneumatic excavation and hand-tools such as hand saws, power saw, sharp spade shovel, loppers, pocket-snips.

b) Any/all work performed within the CRZ of any tree shall be performed by or overseen by an ISA certified arborist or MD./Va. Licensed Tree Expert.

c) The root pruning required to deconflict stumps and concrete bases shall be performed 360 degrees around each excavated object to a minimum depth of 14".

C. The contractor shall adhere to DOEE, NAMA, and all other federal, state and local environmental requirements in the form of proper usage of environmental controls.

IV. STUMP GRINDING REQUIREMENTS

A. Stump grinding is only allowed in lieu of grubbing where approved by NPS due to utility or infrastructure conflicts as recommend by their certified arborist.

B. Should grinding be used, grind depth shall continue until the machine grinds through the bottom of the stump. Laterally, grind all roots down to 1" diameter throughout entire root mat. Backfill stump hole with NAMA approved topsoil and in accordance with plans. See Topsoil Requirements in the next section.

V. TOPSOIL REQUIREMENTS

A. Shall be a screened, natural, surface soil, in a friable condition and contain less than 3 percent subsoil. The topsoil shall be free of hardpan material, stones and clods larger than 1/2 inch in diameter, sticks, tree or shrub roots, debris, toxic substances (i.e. residual herbicides) and other material detrimental to plant growth. The area and the topsoil shall be free of undesirable plants or plant parts such as, but not limited to, bermudagrass, nut sedge, mugwort, Johnson grass, quack grass, Canada thistle or noxious weeds as set forth in the Federal Seed Act.

B. Contractor shall notify NPS of location of all sources of the topsoil and furnish the NPS a certified report from the agricultural experiment station or approved agricultural laboratory of an analysis performed not more than 60 days prior to the date of submission. The topsoil shall be certified to meet the following requirements

1. Shall be a natural, original surface soil of a sandy loam texture with a mechanical analysis of 50% -65% sand, 15-25% silt and 10-35% clay.
2. Shall have at least 2%, but not more than 5%, organic matter.
3. Soil pH shall 5.5 to pH 7.2 inclusive unless otherwise specified.
4. Soil salinity by electrical conductivity measurement shall not exceed 600 parts per million (ppm) as determined by Black, Editor "Method of Soil Analysis", Part 2, published by the American Society of Agronomy, 1965.
5. The soil nutrient level shall be between 70-265 lbs. /acre of magnesium, 65-205 lbs./acre of phosphorous (P2O5), and 85-320 lbs./acre of potassium (K2O).
6. Agricultural limestone at not more than 5 pounds per cubic yard of topsoil may be used to adjust an acidic condition and shall be thoroughly mixed by volume.

7. Topsoil which has been synthesized by blending materials which individually do not meet the requirements of this specification will not be accepted even though the resulting blend meets the organic matter, mechanical analysis, Ph and soluble salts requirements.
8. Topsoil shall not be delivered or handled in a frozen or muddy condition.

VI. SEEDING/SOD AND STABILIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Contractor shall follow the approved DOEE plans for general vegetative and stabilization requirements at a minimum.

B. The contractor shall consult the NAMA Turf Manual for seeding requirements and confirm mix selection is in accordance with the manual for the areas to be stabilized.

1. The approved DOEE plans require erosion control matting (ECM) be installed in areas that are larger than 10 SF. The control matting may not have any plastic or synthetic materials.

2. The contractor may elect to install sod in lieu of the seeding and ECM provided it meets the requirements of NAMA's Turf Manual.

VII. AREA OF OPERATIONS

A. The work shall occur in areas as shown on the approved DOEE plans following the existing fence line. All remaining posts and stumps shall be removed via grubbing (pulling) unless authorized by NAMA due to utility or infrastructure constraints.

B. Any stump whose remaining root zone is expected to fall under the centerline of the fence shall be removed. If there is any question as to whether the stump falls into this category, contractor shall request written confirmation from NPS before excavating.

C. Contractor may utilize the Hains Point Boneyard as identified on the approved plans for staging equipment and materials.

VIII. PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

A. The Contractor shall assume full liability and responsibility for any loss or damage to Government property caused by his operations and shall assume full responsibility for any and all damages or claims for damage for injury to persons, property or equipment which might result from any service performed under this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for the repair or replacement of all damaged government property caused by his operations.

B. Tree and Turf Protection: All motorized and non-motorized equipment used shall be conveyed and staged on industry appropriate turf protection mats (e.g. Alturna mats, Trak-Mats, ½" plywood, etc.) designed for the purpose of protecting soil, turf and Critical Root Zones (CRZ's) when operating off of paved surfaces. At no time shall "over-the-road" DOT tires be in direct contact with soil, turf, or critical root zones. Extra wide, low PSI "floatation tires" made for the purpose may be approved by NPS on a case by case basis. Written approval shall be received before these vehicles enter any unprotected areas that are not paved.

1. Should this equipment be approved, contractor shall rinse all sediment from the equipment and tires to an appropriate area to prevent sediments from reaching paved surfaces or waterways and ensure inlet protection is installed in all areas where this equipment enters and exits paved surfaces.

IX. PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. NPS has received plan approval from DOEE and will by the time of construction have a DOB BCIV permit for the work. Contractor will be responsible for contacting DOEE to schedule pre-construction inspection. Contractor shall notify NPS of time and day of inspection once scheduled.

B. The contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the contractor's negligence and shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work, the workers, the public and the property of others.

C. The contractor shall be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until completion and acceptance of the entire work.

D. This work requires coverage under the EPA Construction General Permit (CGP). NPS shall obtain coverage under the CGP. Contractor will be responsible for proving a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the work and completing all required inspections while work is active.

X. ON-SITE SUPERVISOR:

A. As a minimum, the contractor must provide one on-site supervisor to direct all contract personnel and maintenance operations.

B. The on-site supervisor shall be fluent in the English language in order to effectively communicate with the contractor's employees and/or subcontractors as well as the COR and other Government personnel.

C. If the on-site supervisor is not present or otherwise absent, the contractor shall provide an alternate supervisor to manage and direct all contract personnel and operations. The alternate supervisor shall possess the same qualifications as the on-site supervisor.

D. The onsite supervisor shall be available for phone calls during all working hours.

E. When working within the CRZ of any tree, a current ISA Certified Arborist shall be on the job site at all times and shall be the primary contact with the Government's technical representative responsible for controlling the quality of work and inspecting all completed work in order to ensure that contract performance requirements are met. The contractor shall provide the arborist's certification ID for verification before work begins, and any time there is a change in the onsite arborist. Certification and currency will be subject to verification by the government utilizing the ISA database.

XI. CONDUCT:

A. The contractor's employees shall, at all times while on the job site, whether on or off duty, conduct themselves in a professional, orderly and safe manner. Rudeness, fighting, being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs or bringing and/or consuming alcohol and/or drugs, gambling, soliciting, stealing, and any immoral or otherwise undesirable conduct shall not be permitted on the job site and shall result in immediate and permanent removal from the job site of any employee engaging in such conduct.

XII. SITE MAINTENANCE:

A. The contractor shall maintain the work site in a safe, neat and orderly manner. All supplies and equipment on the project site shall be stored to preclude any damage.

B. Limited space may be provided for the storage of materials, which shall be stored in a clean and neat condition as approved by the COR. This is not guaranteed; thus the contractor must be prepared to transit the entire operational footprint daily.

C. All mud, dirt, debris, foreign objects or spills of any kind from the contractor's operations shall be cleaned up daily or as requested by the COR.

D. All contractor generated refuse and waste, including stumps, wood chips, posts, concrete and other materials removed during performance of the work shall be hauled from the work site daily and legally disposed. Refuse and waste material shall be hauled in trucks with tight fitting covers to prevent spillage on roadways.

E. The contractor shall prepare a Temporary Traffic Control Plan if Ohio Drive and/or the bicycle/pedestrian lane are to be impacted by equipment, vehicles, or other work for an extended period of time. At a minimal, signage and flaggers shall be in place when the lanes are impacted for vehicles and equipment entering/exiting the roadway. Anytime the traffic control plan needs to be implemented for an extended duration, the contractor shall contact NPS prior to closing the lanes.

F. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to take whatever measures are necessary to assure the protection of the Government assets and to perform the work so as to cause minimal disruption of ongoing activities near occupied areas. This shall include coordinating any impacts to golf course operations.

G. The contractor assumes the risk and responsibility for the loss or damage to the Government furnished property.

H. Any/all turf protection mats shall be removed from turf nightly. No mats to remain on soil/turf overnight.

XIII. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND SAFETY STANDARDS:

A. The contractor and each of their employees shall work in compliance with all applicable OSHA, Federal, state and local safety laws and regulations (e.g. CFR29, etc).

B. While within the CRZ of any NAMA tree, the contractor shall be in compliance with ANSI Z133.1 standards unless waived in writing by NPS.

C. The contractor shall provide and ensure that all personnel at the work site use the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required by OSHA regulations and ANSI standards.

D. The contractor shall take all necessary precautions for safety and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to persons, properties, equipment and vehicles.

E. The NAMA Resource Management staff will perform necessary nesting bird and bat surveys at appropriate times of year. It is only after their confirmation of all-clear can the contractor begin their overhead tree manipulations.

F. In the event of an emergency the contractor should first call 911. For other nonemergency issues requiring a law enforcement officer, the US Park Police watch desk may be reached at (202) 438-1617.

G. Damage caused by the contractor to any properties, including utilities, shall be repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of the Government at the expense of the contractor. The Government, at its sole direction, may elect to repair or replace the damaged property, and deduct such costs from monies due the contractor.

H. The contractor shall not leave any tools, parts and/or supplies unattended in the public area at any time while performing work.

I. The contractor shall report damage caused to US Government trees or landscape immediately to the COR or NAMA staff Arborist.

XIV. VEHICLE OPERATIONS

A. Contractor personnel operating motor vehicles used in performance of this contract shall have a valid state operator's license and shall operate all motor vehicles in accordance with applicable laws. The contractor's vehicles shall have an identification tag clearly visible while on site.

B. All vehicles shall be registered and insured in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

XV. QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. When the contractor considers work is acceptable to the Government and complete, the contractor shall inform the COR that the work is complete and ready for inspection. The COR will inspect the work on-site in consultation with the NPS staff. In the event that the work is not acceptable, the contractor shall record a list of items noted by the Government to be corrected. A subsequent inspection may take place in order to review the corrected items.

B. Upon completion, the contractor shall provide the government with a work/treatment log denoting the work performed by specimen. The work log shall utilize standard industry terms and include any tree health or hazard concerns noted during work performance. Contractor work log entries will be used to build historical tree health data archives and better inform urban forest management decisions within the park.

C. The Contractor shall submit all invoices through www.ipp.gov within 30 days of work performed. All Invoices will have the work performed broken out on them along with the location site clearly defined. Failure of the contractor to upload an attached copy of the invoice and any requested documentation through IPP.gov will result in invoice being rejected.

XVI. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

A. Within 30 calendar days of date of award.

SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Contractor Administration

TBD at Time of Award

3.2 Government Administration

The Contracting Officer (CO) for this Order is:

Contracting Officer: TBD

Department of the Interior / Interior Business Center / Acquisition Services Directorate

The Program Manager and Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for this Order is:

TBD at Award

SECTION 4 – QUOTATION PREPARATION & SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions to the Quoter are included as an addendum to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.212-1. The Quoter shall reply to this request as follows.

4.1 Quotation Preparation Instructions

To be considered for award, a Quotation shall contain the following Quoter information:

- Company Name
- Mailing Address and Website
- Company Size Status
- SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Complete business mailing address as it appears in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov
- Contact name, phone number, and e-mail address
- RFQ Number
- Quotation Number
- Date submitted and Quote Expiration Date
- Technical and Price Quote

Quoters are required to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov as of the date the quotation is submitted. The quoter's SAM registration shall remain in "active" status through award, and if selected for award must remain in active status until the contract expires.

Quotations that do not meet all the requirements specified in this RFQ may not be considered.

4.2 Quote Organization Instructions

Your quote shall become the property of the Government and will not be returned. If your quote contains information that you do not wish disclosed to the public or used by the Government for any purpose other than evaluation of your quote, such restrictions shall be clearly indicated on each sheet containing such information. Prior to submission of your quote, the Quoter is expected to reach an understanding of the requirements of this solicitation. If such a review establishes the need for correction, such information should immediately be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer so that the matter can be resolved. The Government reserves the right to request such additional information as may be necessary to determine the Quoter's qualifications for award of a Purchase Order or to clarify any aspects of the technical and/or business quotes. Such information shall be furnished promptly upon the Government's request. Copies of the successful quote will be retained only as needed for contract administration and monitoring.

4.3 Quotation Package Submission Requirements

The Quoter is required to complete and submit their quote in the following format in order to be considered for award:

Volume Number	Section Number and Contents
Cover Letter	**Includes:** • **Company Name** • **Mailing Address and Website** • **Company Size Status** • **SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** • **Complete business mailing address as it appears in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov** • **Contact name, phone number, and e-mail address** • **RFQ Number** • **Quotation Number** • **Date submitted and Quote Expiration Date**

VOLUME 1
Technical*
	Section 1: Technical Capability
	Includes:
	• **Technical Capabilities and Approach**
	• **Staffing and Organizational Experience**
	  • **Staffing Experience Narrative**
	  • **Organizational Experience Narrative**
	• **Technical Assumptions**

	Section 2: Past Performance **Includes:** • **Attachment 3: Past Performance Template**
VOLUME 2 **Price**	**Section 1: Pricing Quote** **Includes:** • **Price Assumptions**

***Note -** Quoters shall **not** include any pricing related information in their Technical quotes.

Page Limitation: The technical submission is **limited in length to 30 pages**.

Required Components of Each Volume & Section

VOLUME 1 – TECHNICAL:

Section 1 – Technical Capability

This section may include introductory language which describes the services of the vendor, its history, its achievements, and/or its areas of specialization. This section shall provide specific information on the topics related to the Government Statement of Work (SOW).

Technical Capabilities and Approach –

Technical Capabilities demonstrate how the quote for fence & stump removal services conform to the Statement of Work (SOW) contained in the RFQ. Approach is the Quoter's methodology, management, and resources to achieve safe, timely, efficient, cost effective, and high-quality results, with special emphasis on cost control methods.

Staffing and Organizational Experience:

Staffing Experience is the extent, depth, and relevance of experience of Contractor's employees as it relates the SOW. Staffing Experience includes the identification of staffing's critical skills, knowledge, and technical expertise relevant to the services specified. Organizational Experience is defined as the Organization's experience and history in providing fence & stump removal services as required by this RFQ. It includes the Organization's pertinent skills specific to the RFQ and any special or unique characteristics of the Organization which would make it especially qualified to perform the required work activities.

The Quoter must:

1) **Provide a staffing narrative** including relevant experience and qualifications. The Contractor must demonstrate the quality and depth of experience of staff in meeting the requirements of this RFQ. Resumes / Certifications are not required ***except*** for the records needed to demonstrate compliance with the requirement for current ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) certified arborist credential or shall possess the current credential of LTE (Licensed Tree Expert) in the state of Maryland, Virginia, or in the District of Columbia. The contractor shall provide the arborist's certification ID for verification before work begins, and any time there is a change in the onsite arborist. Certification and currency will be subject to verification by the government utilizing the ISA database.

2) **Provide a narrative** describing the organization current capabilities, qualifications, and experience for assuring performance of this requirement. The narrative must describe clearly and thoroughly the Organization's experience, expertise, knowledge and management strategy in providing fence & stump removal services.

Technical Assumptions, Conditions, and/or Exceptions

Quoters must submit, under separate cover, all (if any) assumptions, conditions, or exceptions with any of the terms and conditions of this RFQ. If not noted in this section of your quote, it will be assumed that the quoter proposes no assumptions for award and agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions as set forth herein. It is not the

responsibility of the Government to seek out and identify assumptions, conditions, or exceptions buried within the quoter's quote.

Section 2 – Contractor's Past Performance

This section of the Quotation must describe the company's past performance in performing work related to fence & stump removal services described in the Statement of Work.

The Quoter must:

- Provide three to five recent and relevant references using Attachment 3 Past Performance Template. (**Recent** is defined as **within the past three years** of this RFQ issuance date. **Relevant** is defined as work of similar type in complexity, magnitude, and scope of the work described in the accompanying SOW.) The submittal shall include rationale supporting your assertion of relevance and how it was determined that the work performed previously was the same or similar in nature, size and complexity to the work specified by this solicitation. Quoters are required to explain what aspects of the contracts are deemed relevant to the proposed effort, and to what aspects of the proposed effort they relate. Discuss in detail the quality in performance of each identified relevant contract.
- It is recommended that the Quoter alert their References that their names have been submitted in response to this RFQ and that the Contacts are authorized to provide past/present performance information related to the listed contracts at the DOI's request.
- If more than five contracts/ orders are submitted in this section, the Government shall only review the first five. Any additional contracts/orders submitted will not be evaluated.

To ensure that Volume I is evaluated strictly on its merit, no pricing information is to be included in the above sections.

VOLUME 2 - PRICING

Section 1 - Price Quote

Your Price portion shall be a **separate volume** from the Technical portion. No other price quote will be accepted.

The Department of Labor Wage Determination is attached (**Attachment 3**) for those categories that are not exempt from **Service Contract Labor Standards** requirements.

Price Assumptions, Conditions, and/or Exceptions:

Quoters shall indicate, in this section only, if any price related assumptions have been made, conditions have been stipulated or exceptions have been taken with the statement of work as written. If not noted in section of this volume of the quote, it will be assumed that the Quoter's quote reflects no price assumptions for award and agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions set forth herein. It is not the responsibility of the Government to seek out and identify assumptions, conditions, or exceptions buried within

the Quoter's quote. **Accordingly, any price related assumptions listed in any other Volume or Section shall be null and void.**

4.4 Submission of Questions

Questions regarding this RFQ shall be sent via email to: AQDOpsSupport@ibc.doi.gov. **Questions** shall be submitted no later than **5:00 PM Eastern Time on August 13, 2026.**

4.5 Submission of Quotations

The Quotation shall be submitted via **EMAIL** no later than the date and time specified. It is the quoter's responsibility to ensure/verify that the Government receives its submission on or before this date and time. A Quotation received later than this date and time may not be considered.

Other General Information
The Government reserves the right to contact a Quoter regarding their quote including to request additional discounts.

The Government reserves the right to not issue an award from this RFQ. This is an RFQ only and in no way obligates the Government to award a Purchase Order or to reimburse the Contractor for any costs incurred in preparing the response to this RFQ.

4.6 Quotation Submission Deadline

Quotations shall be submitted NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM Eastern Time, August, 17 2026

Quotations shall be sent via EMAIL to the Contracting Officer at:
AQDOpsSupport@ibc.doi.gov**.**

SECTION 5 – EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

Basis for Award: The basis of award will be **Best Value** to the Government using a tradeoff methodology of price and non-price factors. One Purchase Order will be awarded to the responsible Quote provider whose quote, conforming to the RFQ, will be the most advantageous to the Government, considering all price and non-price factors. The Quote provider receiving award may not necessarily be the lowest Price or have the highest Technical rating. The Government reserves the right not to make any award resulting from this solicitation. Award may only be made upon a responsibility determination in accordance with FAR 9.104-1.

Non-Price Factors 1 and 2 (Technical Capability and Past Performance, respectively) are of equal importance, and when combined, are more important than Factor 3 - Price.

The following Non-Price and Price Factors shall be used to determine the service provider whose Quote represents the best overall value to the Government-

Factor 1: Technical Capability - includes the following subfactors:

Subfactor 1A: Technical Capabilities and Approach

Subfactor 1B: Staffing and Organizational Experience

Subfactor 1C: Technical Assumptions, Conditions, and/or Exceptions

Factor 2: Past Performance

Factor 3: Price – includes the following subfactors:

Subfactor 3A: Price

Subfactor 3B: Pricing Assumptions, Conditions, and/or Exceptions

Factor 1: Technical Capability

Subfactor 1A: Technical Capabilities and Approach

Technical Capabilities will be evaluated based on the extent to which the quoted fence & stump removal services conform to the SOW contained in the RFQ. Approach will be evaluated based on the extent to which the quote demonstrates the Quoter's methodology, management, and resources achieve safe, timely, efficient, cost effective, and high-quality results, with a special emphasis on cost control methods.

Subfactor 1B: Staffing and Organizational Experience

Staffing Experience will be evaluated based on the extent, depth, and relevance of experience of Contractor's employees as it relates to the SOW. Staffing Experience will be evaluated based on the extent to which the quote demonstrates the identified staffing's critical skills, knowledge, and technical expertise are relevant to the services specified. This includes staffing of a current ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) certified arborist credential or shall possess the current credential of LTE (Licensed Tree Expert) in the state of Maryland, Virginia, or in the District of Columbia. The contractor shall provide the arborist's certification ID for verification before work begins, and any time there is a change in the onsite arborist. Certification and currency will be subject to verification by the government utilizing the ISA database.

Organizational Experience will be evaluated based on the extent to which the quote demonstrates the business' experience and history in providing fence & stump removal services as required by this RFQ. It includes the organization's pertinent skills specific to the RFQ and any special or unique characteristics of the business which would make it especially qualified to perform the required work activities, including physical resources for meeting the technical requirements.

Subfactor 1C: Technical Assumptions, Conditions, and/or Exceptions

Technical Assumptions, Conditions, or Exceptions will be evaluated for risk and may render a quote unacceptable and result in removal from competition.

After review of the Quoter's Technical Capability, the Government will correlate their findings with one of the ratings shown below:

Factor 1: Technical Capability Adjectival Ratings	
Adjectival Rating	**Description**
Exceptional	Exceeds specified minimum performance or technical requirements in a way beneficial to the Government.
Acceptable	Meets specified minimum performance or technical requirements.
Marginal	There is doubt regarding whether an aspect of the quote meets a specified minimum performance or technical requirement, but any such uncertainty is correctable.
Unacceptable	Fails to meet specified minimum performance or technical requirements. The quote has one or more deficiencies and is not awardable.

EVALUATION OF FACTOR 2: PAST PERFORMANCE FACTOR

Past Performance information is evaluated as a predictor of future contract performance. Using past performance information for each Contractor, the Government will assess the probability that requirements will be successfully completed in accordance with contract terms and conditions. The Government's evaluation of past performance will be based on information obtained via any method the CO deems necessary.

Factor 2 Past Performance shall be evaluated using a pre-determined Confidence Rating System. A confidence rating will be assigned to each Quoter based on the following:

- The Quoter's in-depth knowledge and successful implementation of relevant and recent contracts of similar scope and complexity.
- The lack of recent and relevant past performance information will result in the assignment of a Neutral rating (i.e. neither favorable nor unfavorable) for this factor. After review of the Quoter's Past Performance, the Government will correlate their findings with one of the ratings shown below:

Factor 2: Past Performance Confidence Ratings	
Rating	**Description**
High Confidence	The Government has high confidence the Quoter will successfully perform the required effort based on the analysis of the Quoter's past performance record.

Moderate Confidence	The Government has some confidence the Quoter will successfully perform the required effort based on the analysis of the Quoter's past performance record.
Low Confidence	The Government has minimal confidence the Quoter will successfully perform the required effort based on the analysis of the Quoter's past performance record.
Neutral	No significant performance record is identified.

EVALUATION OF FACTOR 3: PRICE FACTOR

Subfactor 3A: Price

Price will be evaluated based on adequate price competition in addition to an analysis of the Quoter's price assumptions, an analysis of the overall price and components of the overall price, an analysis of discounts provided, and for price fairness and reasonableness. All Vendor terms, conditions, and agreements adhere to applicable Federal laws, regulations and otherwise satisfy the Government's needs. Price will be used to perform a tradeoff analysis between and among quote providers to compare and tradeoff against non-price factors of the competitors to determine best value.

Subfactor 3B: Pricing Assumptions, Conditions, and/or Exceptions

Price Assumptions, Conditions, or Exceptions will be evaluated for risk and may render a quote unacceptable and result in removal from competition.

SECTION 6 – CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): **https://acquisition.gov/**

The contract clauses included by reference are:

FAR Clause	Title	Date
52.203-6	Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government ALT I	NOV 2021
52.203-17	Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights	NOV 2023
52.203-19	Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements	JAN 2017
52.204-13	System for Award Management Maintenance	MAR 2026

FAR Clause	Title	Date
52.204-14	Service Contract Reporting Requirements	MAR 2026
52.209-6	Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment	MAY 2026
52.209-10	Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations	MAY 2026
52.212-4	Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Products and Commercial Services	MAR 2026
52.219-6	Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside	JAN 2026
52.219-16	Liquidated Damages - Subcontracting Plan	JAN 2026
52.222-3	Convict Labor	JUN 2003
52.222-35	Equal Opportunity for Veterans	MAY 2026
52.222-36	Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities	MAY 2026
52.222-37	Employment Reports on Veterans	MAY 2026
52.222-40	Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act	DEC2010
52.222-41	Service Contract Labor Standards	AUG 2018
52.222-42	Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires	MAY 2014
52.222-43	Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts)	AUG 2018
52.222-50	Combating Trafficking in Persons	MAY 2026
52.222-54	Employment Eligibility Verification	MAY 2026
52.222-55	Minimum Wages for Contractor Workers Under Executive Order 14026	JAN 2022
52.222-62	Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706	JAN 2022
52.226-8	Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving	MAY 2024
52.227-1	Authorization and Consent	JUN 2020
52.228-5	Insurance—Work on a Government Installation	JAN 1997
52.232-33	Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management	OCT 2018
52.232-40	Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors	MAR 2023

FAR Clause	Title	Date
52.233-3	Protest after Award	AUG 1996
52.233-4	Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim	OCT 2004
52.240-91	Security Prohibitions and Exclusions	DEC 2025

Clauses Incorporated by Full Text

FAR 52.219-14 Limitations On Subcontracting (OCT 2022) (DEVIATION JAN 2026)

(a) This clause does not apply to the unrestricted portion of a partial set-aside.

(b) Definition. Similarly situated entity, as used in this clause, means a first-tier subcontractor, including an independent contractor, that—

(1) Has the same small business program status as that which qualified the prime contractor for the award (e.g., for a small business set-aside contract, any small business concern, without regard to its socioeconomic status); and

(2) Is considered small for the size standard under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code the prime contractor assigned to the subcontract.

(c) Applicability. This clause applies only to—

(1) Contracts that have been set aside for any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3);

(2) Part or parts of a multiple-award contract that have been set aside for any of the small business concerns identified in 19.000(a)(3);

(3) Contracts that have been awarded on a sole-source basis in accordance with sections 19.105, 19.106, 19.107, and 19.108;

(4) Orders expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and that are set aside for small business concerns under multiple-award contracts, as described in 8.4 and 16.5;

(5) Orders, regardless of dollar value, that are set aside in accordance with sections 19.105, 19.106, 19.107, and 19.108 under multiple-award contracts, as described in 8.4 and 16.5; and

(6) Contracts using the HUBZone price evaluation preference to award to a HUBZone small business concern unless the concern waived the evaluation preference.

(d) Independent contractors. An independent contractor shall be considered a subcontractor.

(e) By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Contractor agrees that in performance of a contract assigned a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for—

(1) Services (except construction), it will not pay more than 50 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 50 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. When a contract includes both services and supplies, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the service portion of the contract;

(2) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies), it will not pay more than 50 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 50 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded. When a contract includes both supplies and services, the 50 percent limitation shall apply only to the supply portion of the contract;

(3) General construction, it will not pay more than 85 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 85 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded; or

(4) Construction by special trade contractors, it will not pay more than 75 percent of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count towards the prime contractor's 75 percent subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded.

(f) The Contractor shall comply with the limitations on subcontracting as follows:

(1) For contracts, in accordance with paragraphs (c)(1), (2), (3) and (6) of this clause—

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

X By the end of the base term of the contract and then by the end of each subsequent option period; or

□ By the end of the performance period for each order issued under the contract.

(2) For orders, in accordance with paragraphs (c)(4) and (5) of this clause, by the end of the performance period for the order.

(g) A joint venture agrees that, in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified in paragraph (e) of this clause will be performed by the aggregate of the joint venture participants.

(1) In a joint venture comprised of a small business protégé and its mentor approved by the Small Business Administration, the small business protégé shall perform at least 40 percent of the work performed by the joint venture. Work performed by the small business protégé in the joint venture must be more than administrative functions.

(2) In an 8(a) joint venture, the 8(a) participant(s) shall perform at least 40 percent of the work performed by the joint venture. Work performed by the 8(a) participants in the joint venture must be more than administrative functions.

52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (MAY 2026)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

Program participation means membership or participation in, or access or admission to: training, mentoring, or leadership development programs; educational opportunities; clubs; associations; or similar opportunities that are sponsored or established by the contractor or subcontractor.

Racially discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) activities means disparate treatment based on race or ethnicity in the recruitment, employment (e.g., hiring, promotions), contracting (e.g., vendor agreements), program participation, or allocation or deployment of an entity's resources.

(b) In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not engage in any racially discriminatory DEI activities;

(2) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports, including providing access to books, records, and accounts, as required by the Contracting Officer, for purposes of ascertaining compliance with this clause;

(3) In the event of the Contractor's or a subcontractor's noncompliance with this clause, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor or subcontractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts;

(4) The Contractor will report any subcontractor's known or reasonably knowable conduct that may violate this clause to the Contracting Officer and take any appropriate remedial actions directed by the Contracting Officer; and

(5) The Contractor will inform the Contracting Officer if a subcontractor sues the Contractor and the suit puts at issue, in any way, the validity of this clause.

(6) The Contractor recognizes that compliance with the requirements of this clause are material to the Government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 U.S.C. 3729(b)(4).

(c) The Contractor must include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts at any tier, including those for commercial products and commercial services, except those where the place of delivery or performance is outside the United States.

52.223-23 Sustainable Products and Services (MAY 2024) (DEVIATION MAY 2026)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

Sustainable product means—

(1) A product that contains recovered material designated by the EPA under the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (42 U.S.C. 6962) (40 CFR part 247) (https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program#products).

(2) An energy-efficient product or low standby power device (42 U.S.C. 8259b) (10 CFR part 436, subpart C) (https://www.energy.gov/eere/femp/search-energy-efficient-products, https://www.energystar.gov/products?s=mega, and https://www.energy.gov/femp/low-standby-power-product-list).

(3) A biobased product that meets the content requirements of the USDA under the BioPreferred® program (7 U.S.C. 8102) (7 CFR Part 4270) (https://www.biopreferred.gov/).

(4) A substance identified in the EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program as a safe alternative to an ozone-depleting substance (42 U.S.C. 7671l) (40 CFR part 82, subpart G) (https://www.epa.gov/snap/unacceptable-and-acceptable-substitutes-tables).

(b) Requirements. The Government has identified in the statement of work or elsewhere in the contract the sustainable products that are required during the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall ensure that it provides sustainable products as required by this contract, when the products are—

(1) Delivered to the Government;

(2) Furnished for use by the Government;

(3) Incorporated into the construction of a public building or public work; or

(c) Furnished for use in performing services under this contract, where the cost of the products is a direct cost to this contract.

DIAR 1452.201-70 - Authorities and Delegations (SEP 2011)

(a) The Contracting Officer is the only individual authorized to enter into or terminate this contract, modify any term or condition of this contract, waive any requirement of this contract, or accept nonconforming work.

(b) The Contracting Officer will designate a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at time of award. The COR will be responsible for technical monitoring of the contractor's performance and deliveries. The COR will be appointed in writing, and a copy of the appointment will be furnished to the Contractor. Changes to this delegation will be made by written changes to the existing appointment or by issuance of a new appointment.

(c) The COR is not authorized to perform, formally or informally, any of the following actions:

(1) Promise, award, agree to award, or execute any contract, contract modification, or notice of intent that changes or may change this contract;

(2) Waive or agree to modification of the delivery schedule;

(3) Make any final decision on any contract matter subject to the Disputes Clause;

(4) Terminate, for any reason, the Contractor's right to proceed;

(5) Obligate in any way, the payment of money by the Government.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the written or oral direction of the Contracting Officer or authorized representative(s) acting within the scope and authority of the appointment memorandum. The Contractor need not proceed with direction that it considers to have been issued without proper authority. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing, with as much detail as possible, when the COR has taken an action or has issued direction (written or oral) that the Contractor considers to exceed the COR's appointment, within 3 days of the occurrence. Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor assumes all costs, risks, liabilities, and consequences of performing any work it is directed to perform that falls within any of the categories defined in paragraph (c) prior to receipt of the Contracting Officer's response issued under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall respond in writing within 30 days to any notice made under paragraph (d) of this clause. A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of a direction, or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of the Disputes clause of this contract.

(f) The Contractor shall provide copies of all correspondence to the Contracting Officer and the COR.

(g) Any action(s) taken by the Contractor, in response to any direction given by any person acting on behalf of the Government or any Government official other than the Contracting Officer or the COR acting within his or her appointment, shall be at the Contractor's risk.

DIAR 1452.228-70 Liability Insurance - Department of the Interior (JUL 1996)

(a) The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the term of this contract and any extension thereof liability insurance in form satisfactory to the Contracting Officer by an insurance company which is acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The named insured parties under the policy shall be the Contractor and the United States of America. The amounts of the insurance shall be not less than as follows:

Workmen’s Compensation	$100,000 (per person or, in compliance with applicable state statutes.)
Employer’s Liability	$100,000 (minimum)

Commercial General Liability	$300,000 (per occurrence)
Commercial Automobile Liability	$100,000 (per person for each road licensed vehicle) $300,000 (per accident for bodily injury $50,000 (per accident for property damage)

(b) Each policy shall have a certificate evidencing the insurance coverage. The insurance company shall provide an endorsement to notify the Contracting Officer 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination of the policy or certificate; or modification of the policy or certificate which may adversely affect the interest of the Government in such insurance. The certificate shall identify the contract number, the name and address of the Contracting Officer, as well as the insured, the policy number and a brief description of contract services to be performed. The contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with a copy of an acceptable insurance certificate prior to beginning the work.

IBC Custom Clause #1: Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (February 2021)

Payment requests must be submitted electronically through the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP).

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in the applicable Prompt Payment clause included in the contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items included in commercial item contracts. The IPP website address is: **https://www.ipp.gov**.

Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice:

An electronic copy of the proper invoice with the contents outlined in FAR 32.905(b).

ACCEPTANCE, MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.

The Contractor must use the IPP website to register, access and use IPP for submitting requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will receive enrollment instructions via email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 – 5 business days of the contract award date. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email **IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov** or phone **(866) 973-3131**.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor must submit a waiver request in writing to the Contracting Officer with its proposal or quotation.

IBC Custom Clause #2 - Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (DEC 2015)

1. FAR 42.1502 directs all Federal agencies to collect past performance information on contracts. The Department of the Interior (DOI) has implemented the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to comply with this regulation. One or more past performance evaluations will be conducted in order to record your contract performance as required by FAR 42.15.

2. The past performance evaluation process is a totally paperless process using CPARS. CPARS is a web-based system that allows for electronic processing of the performance evaluation report. Once the report is processed, it is available in the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) for Government use in evaluating past performance as part of a source selection action.

3. We request that you furnish the Contracting Officer (CO) with the name, position title, phone number, and email address for each person designated to have access to your firm's past performance evaluation(s) for the contract **no later than 30 days after award**. Each person granted access will have the ability to provide comments in the Contractor portion of the report and state whether or not the Contractor agrees with the evaluation, before returning the report to the Assessing Official (AO). Information in the report must be protected as source selection sensitive information not releasable to the public.

4. When your Contractor Representative(s) are registered in CPARS, they will receive an automatically generated email with detailed login instructions. Further details, systems requirements, and training information for CPARS is available at https://www.cpars.gov/.

5. Within 60 days after the end of a performance period, the AO will complete an interim or final past performance evaluation, and the report will be accessible at https://www.cpars.gov/.

i. Contractor Representatives may then provide comments in response to the evaluation, or return the evaluation without comment.

ii. Your comments should focus on objective facts in the AO's narrative and should a)provide your views on the causes and ramifications of the assessed performance.

iii. All information provided should be reviewed for accuracy prior to submission.

iv. If you elect not to provide comments, please acknowledge receipt of the evaluation by indicating "No comment" in the space provided, and then selecting “Accept the Ratings and Close the Evaluation”.

v. Your response is due within 60 calendar days after receipt of the CPAR. On day 15, the evaluation will become available in PPIRS-RC marked as “Pending” with or without comments and whether or not it has been closed.

vi. If you do not sign and submit the CPAR within 60 days, it will automatically be returned to the Government and will be annotated: "The report was delivered/received by

the contractor on (date). The contractor neither signed nor offered comment in response to this assessment."

6. The following guidelines apply concerning your use of the past performance evaluation:

i. Protect the evaluation as source selection information. After review, transmit the evaluation by completing and submitting the form through CPARS. If for some reason you are unable to view and/or submit the form through CPARS, contact the CO for instructions.

ii. Strictly control access to the evaluation within your organization. Ensure the evaluation is never released to persons or entities outside of your control.

iii. Prohibit the use of or reference to evaluation data for advertising, promotional material, pre-award surveys, responsibility determinations, production readiness reviews, or other similar purposes.

7. If you wish to discuss a past performance evaluation, you should request a meeting in writing to the CO no later than seven days following your receipt of the evaluation. The meeting will be held in person or via telephone or other means during your 60-day review period.

8. A copy of the completed past performance evaluation will be available in CPARS for your viewing and for Government use supporting source selection actions after it has been finalized.

IBC Custom Clause #3: Limitation on Subcontracting Report (DOI-AAAP-0067 V3, Dec 18, 2021 & DOI-AAAP-0177 V2, Dec 27, 2022]

In order to ensure compliance with FAR 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting, the contractor shall submit a report **(attachment 1)** to the Contracting Officer at the end of the order's total period of performance.

If the Contractor's costs* are below the minimum performance measures stipulated at FAR 52.219-14, the Contractor shall provide a detailed mitigation plan on how it is going to cure its failure to comply with 52.219-14. This mitigation plan shall be provided to both the Small Business Administration and the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer will evaluate the plan to assess the adequacy. This clause does not limit the rights and remedies of the government under other contract clauses, including but not limited to the default or termination of the contract.

*As stipulated in FAR 52.219-14

SECTION 7 – SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or

offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): **https://acquisition.gov/**

The solicitation provisions included by reference are:

Provision	Title	Date
52.203-11	Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions	SEP 2024
52.203-18	Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements—Representation	JAN 2017
52.204-7	System for Award Management	MAR 2026
52.209-7	Information Regarding Responsibility Matters	MAY 2026
52.212-1	Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Products and Commercial Services	MAR 2026
52.240-90	Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications	MAR 2026

Provisions Incorporated by Full Text

FAR 52.229-11 Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements—Notice and Representation (JUN 2020)

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this provision—

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person.

Specified Federal procurement payment means any payment made pursuant to a contract with a foreign contracting party that is for goods, manufactured or produced, or services provided in a foreign country that is not a party to an international procurement agreement with the United States. For purposes of the prior sentence, a foreign country does not include an outlying area.

United States person as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(30) means

(1) A citizen or resident of the United States;

(2) A domestic partnership;

(3) A domestic corporation;

(4) Any estate (other than a foreign estate, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 701(a)(31)); and

(5) Any trust if–

(i) A court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust; and

(ii) One or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

(b) Unless exempted, there is a 2 percent tax of the amount of a specified Federal procurement payment on any foreign person receiving such payment. See 26 U.S.C. 5000C and its implementing regulations at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1 through 1.5000C-7.

(c) Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). The Offeror would claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at www.irs.gov/w14. Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS.

(d) For purposes of withholding under 26 U.S.C. 5000C, the Offeror represents that

(1) It □ is □ is not a foreign person; and

(2) If the Offeror indicates "is" in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then the Offeror represents that—I am claiming on the IRS Form W-14 □ a full exemption, or □ partial or no exemption [Offeror shall select one] from the excise tax.

(e) If the Offeror represents it is a foreign person in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, then—

(1) The clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, will be included in any resulting contract; and

(2) The Offeror shall submit with its offer the IRS Form W-14. If the IRS Form W-14 is not submitted with the offer, exemptions will not be applied to any resulting contract and the Government will withhold a full 2 percent of each payment.

(f) If the Offeror selects "is" in paragraph (d)(1) and "partial or no exemption" in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror will be subject to withholding in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.229-12, Tax on Certain Foreign Procurements, in any resulting contract.

(g) A taxpayer may, for a fee, seek advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as to the proper tax treatment of a transaction. This is called a private letter ruling. Also, the IRS may publish a revenue ruling, which is an official interpretation by the IRS of the Internal Revenue Code, related statutes, tax treaties, and regulations. A revenue ruling is the conclusion of the IRS on how the law is applied to a specific set of facts. For questions relating to the interpretation of the IRS regulations go to https://www.irs.gov/help/tax-law-questions.

DIAR 1452.233-2 – Service of Protest Department of the Interior (Jul 1996) (DEVIATION)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from:

Contracting Officer

Acquisition Services Directorate

AQDOpsSupport@ibc.doi.gov

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(c) A copy of the protest served on the Contracting Officer shall be simultaneously furnished by the protester to the Department of the Interior Assistant Solicitor, Acquisitions and Intellectual Property, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 6511, Washington, DC 20240.

DIAR 1452.215-71 Use and Disclosure of Proposal / Quote Information – Department of the Interior (APR 1984)

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this provision and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

(1) "Trade Secret" means an unpatented, secret, commercially valuable plan, appliance, formula, or process, which is used for making, preparing, compounding, treating or processing articles or materials which are trade commodities.

(2) "Confidential commercial or financial information" means any business information (other than trade secrets) which is exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirement of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Exemptions from mandatory disclosure which may be applicable to business information contained in proposals include exemption (4), which covers "commercial and financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential," and exemption (9), which covers "geological and geophysical information, including maps, concerning wells."

(b) If the offeror, or its subcontractor(s), believes that the proposal contains trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, (5 U.S.C. 552), the cover page of each copy of the proposal shall be marked with the following legend:

"The information specifically identified on pages _____ of this proposal constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information which the offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The offeror requests that this information not be disclosed to the public, except as may be required by law. The offeror also requests that this information not be used in whole or part by the government for any purpose other than to evaluate the proposal, except that if a contract is awarded to

the offeror as a result of or in connection with the submission of the proposal, the Government shall have the right to use the information to the extent provided in the contract."

(c) The offeror shall also specifically identify trade secret information and confidential commercial and financial information on the pages of the proposal on which it appears and shall mark each such page with the following legend:

"This page contains trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information which the offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and which is subject to the legend contained on the cover page of this proposal."

(d) Information in a proposal identified by an offeror as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information shall be used by the Government only for the purpose of evaluating the proposal, except that (i) if a contract is awarded to the offeror as a result of or in connection with submission of the proposal, the Government shall have the right to use the information as provided in the contract, and (ii) if the same information is obtained from another source without restriction it may be used without restriction.

(e) If a request under the Freedom of Information Act seeks access to information in a proposal identified as trade secret information or confidential commercial and financial information, full consideration will be given to the offeror's view that the information constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information. The offeror will also be promptly notified of the request and given an opportunity to provide additional evidence and argument in support of its position, unless administratively unfeasible to do so. If it is determined that information claimed by the offeror to be trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the offeror will be notified of this determination prior to disclosure of the information.

(f) The Government assumes no liability for the disclosure or use of information contained in a proposal if not marked in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this provision. If a request under the Freedom of Information Act is made for information in a proposal not marked in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this provision, the offeror concerned shall be promptly notified of the request and given an opportunity to provide its position to the Government. However, failure of an offeror to mark information contained in a proposal as trade secret information or confidential commercial or financial information will be treated by the Government as evidence that the information is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, absent a showing that the failure to mark was due to unusual or extenuating circumstances, such as a showing that the offeror had intended to mark, but that markings were omitted from the offeror's proposal due to clerical error.

Questions and Answers

III.A. “Upload the photos and reports to "NPS Sharepoint/Teams Site” – would a contractor have access to this site? What is it so we can include in the SOW? **In lieu of uploading daily photos to a SharePoint or Teams site, please email them directly to the COR. If the files are too large to transmit by email, NPS will establish a SharePoint or Teams site that the contractor can access.**

VI.B. someone asked if they can provide a specific mix in lieu of the NAMA turf manual – yes, if it is commercially available. And can we get a link to or copy of the NAMA Turf Manual **The seed mix shall consist of fine fescue. The contractor may submit a proposed mix from its supplier for NPS review and approval by the COR.**

Throughout the document there are various submissions that must be turned into to “NPS” or notification given to “NPS” or coordination with “NPS” – who should this be within NPS and what is their contact information? or can we say a COR or remove the references to have it to come to the CO for now? **Please refer to the COR in these instances.**

IX.A. Has the BCIV permit been obtained? If not, when will it be obtained? **Yes, the BCIV permit has been issued.**

XII.F. – do all tee boxes and greens need to remain uninterrupted at all times? Are there any other special requirements like that? **Given its location along the perimeter of the course, the work would be expected to proceed without impeding public access.**