



Delaware State University

LANDSCAPING SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Contract No. FM-18-002

Bid packets must be received by: 3 p.m., July 26, 2018

Time listed above is the local time in the State of Delaware

**Delaware State University, Office of Contracts and Data Administration
Room Number 103, Facilities Management Building
Attention: Zafar Chaudhry, Associate Vice President
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Point of Contact

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ALL VENDORS:

The enclosed packet contains a "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" for the contract listed on cover page. The proposal consists of the following:

- I. Introduction
- II. Scope of Work
- III. Format For Proposal
- IV. Proposal Evaluation Procedures
- V. Pre-Bid Meeting
- VI. Definitions and General Provisions
- VII. Proposal Reply Section

Attachments:

- 1) No Proposal Reply Form
- 2) Non-Collusion Statement
- 3) Exceptions
- 4) Confidentiality and Proprietary Information
- 5) Business References
- 6) Subcontractor Information Form
- 7) Pricing
- 8) Affidavit of employee drug testing program

APPENDIX:

APPENDIX A – Details of scope of work

APPENDIX B –General Clarifications, Questions, Answers, and Other Related Forms

In order for your proposal to be considered, the Proposal Reply Section shall be executed completely and correctly including but not limited to all attachments and bid submission form.

Please review and follow the information and instructions contained in the General Provisions and this Request for Proposal (RFP).

Bidder bears the risk of incomplete response, late delivery or delivery at wrong location of the University other than specified in this RFP.

The term of the contract between the successful bidder and the University shall be for **three (3) years**. There is an **option** to renew the contract for **two (2) one year extension by negotiation**.

Each proposal must be submitted with one original paper copy and one electronic copy on USB memory stick.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Bid bond requirement has been waived for this ITB/ RFP.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

Delaware State University (herein after referred to as University) is seeking proposals to enter into a contract with a vendor(s) to provide the best, most qualified and most competitively priced landscape maintenance services as detailed in the scope of work. If you need more information about the University, please visit <https://www.desu.edu/about/history>

1. COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

It has been determined by the Delaware State University, pursuant to **Delaware Code Title 29, Chapter 6924 (a)** that this solicitation be offered as a request for competitive sealed proposals because the use of competitive sealed bidding is not practical and/or not in the best interest of the University. The use of competitive sealed proposals is necessary to:

- Use a contract other than a fixed-price type; or
- Conduct oral or written discussions with vendors concerning technical and price aspects of their proposals; or
- Afford vendors an opportunity to revise their proposals through best and final offers; or
- Compare the different price, quality and contractual factors of the proposals submitted; or
- Award a contract in which price is not the determining factor.

2. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The contract will be issued to meet the requested needs of Delaware State University.

3. STATE AGENCY USE CONTRACT

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. [§6904](#)(e) respectively, if no state contract exists for a certain good or service, covered agencies may procure that certain good or service under another agency's contract so long as the arrangement is agreeable to all parties. Agencies, other than covered agencies, may also procure such goods or services under another agency's contract when the arrangement is agreeable to all parties.

4. MULTIPLE SOURCE AWARD

The University reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor pursuant to 29 Del.C. [§6926](#).

5. POTENTIAL CONTRACT OVERLAP

Vendors shall be advised that the University, at its sole discretion, shall retain the right to solicit for goods and/or services as required by its departments and as it serves the best interest of the University. As needs are identified, there may exist instances where contract deliverables, and/or goods or services to be solicited and subsequently awarded, overlap previous awards. The University reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make partial awards, to award to multiple vendors during the same period, to award by types, on a zone-by-zone basis or on an item-by-item or lump sum basis item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the Delaware State University.

6. CONTRACT PERIOD

Each Vendor's contract shall be valid for a period as listed in this RFP. The University reserves the right to extend this contract on a month-to-month basis after the term of the full contract has been completed. However, the University reserves the right to change the term of the contract resulting from this RFP as deemed necessary and at its sole discretion. The University reserves the right to terminate any contract at any time upon 30 day notice. Further, the University reserves the right to negotiate with the Supplier any additional contracts that would start prior to the intended expiration date, and/or has the option to extend the intended expiration date.

B. KEY RFP DATES/MILESTONES

The following dates and milestones apply to this RFP and subsequent contract award. Vendors are advised that these dates and milestones are not absolute and may change due to unplanned events during the bid proposal and award process.

- **Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting** **June 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM**
Pre-bid meeting will be held at facilities management building, conference room, 1200 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. In this meeting, site visit will be arranged for the main campus.
- **Questions due to University** **July 09, 2018 at 10:00 AM**
- **Answers due to Contractor** **July 18, 2018**
- **Deadline for Final Addendum** **July 24, 2018**
- **Bid Opening** **July 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM**
- **Contractor Selection Date** **TBD**
- **Projected Contract Start Date** **September 01, 2018**

* Each date subject to change. Times listed above are local time in the State of Delaware.

Note: All questions shall be in writing and submitted via email to Zafar Chaudhry at zchaudhry@desu.edu Questions should be submitted in the following format. Deviations from this format will not be accepted and entertained.

- Section number
- Paragraph number
- Page number
- Text of passage being questioned

Questions not submitted electronically shall be accompanied by a USB memory stick and questions shall be formatted in Microsoft Word. USB containing questions must be received prior to the deadline by the University's designated contact person.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a transmittal letter which briefly summarizes the proposing firm's interest in providing the required professional services. The transmittal letter must also clearly state and justify any exceptions to the requirements of the RFP which the applicant may have taken in presenting the proposal. (Applicant exceptions must also be recorded on Attachment 3).

C. INQUIRIES & QUESTIONS

We welcome your interest in working with us, and we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have in formulating your response to this Request for Proposal.

All questions with regard to the interpretation of this solicitation, drawings, or specifications, or any other aspect of this RFP must be received in writing by the University. All questions will be answered in writing by the University and posted on <http://bids.delaware.gov/> website. All questions must make specific reference to the section(s) and page numbers from this RFP where applicable. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding.

D. RFP DESIGNATED CONTACT

All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to the University. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other University personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP designated contact.

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To ensure that written requests are received and answered in a timely manner, correspondence through email is acceptable, but other forms of delivery, such as postal and courier services can also be used.

E. CONTACT WITH UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE

Direct contact with University employees other than the University Designated Contact regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting University employees risk elimination of their proposal from further consideration.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

A. OVERVIEW

The Vendor(s) shall provide all equipment, materials and labor to supplement the University's need for this contract as described herein in Appendix A. The contract will require the Vendor(s) to cooperate with the University to insure the University receives the most current state-of-the-art material and/or services.

III. FORMAT FOR PROPOSAL

A. INTRODUCTION

This section prescribes the mandatory format for the presentation of a proposal in response to this RFP. Each Vendor must provide every component listed in the order shown in this RFP, using the format prescribed for each component. A proposal may be rejected if it is incomplete or conditional.

B. PROPOSAL RESPONSE

The Request for Proposal may contain pre-printed forms for use by the vendor in submitting its proposal. The forms required by this solicitation shall be considered mandatory, prevailing documents.

When preprinted forms are used, the forms shall contain basic information such as description of the item and the estimated quantities and shall have blank spaces for use by the vendor for entering information such as unit bid price, total bid price, as applicable.

The Vendor's proposal shall be written in ink or typewritten on the form provided, and any corrections or erasures **MUST** be initialed by vendor's representative completing the bid submission.

If items are listed with a zero quantity, Vendor shall state unit price **ONLY** (intended for open end purchases where estimated requirements are not known). The proposal shall show a total bid price for each item bid and the total bid price of the proposal excluding zero quantity items.

Vendors' proposal must respond to each and every requirement outlined in the RFP criteria in order to be considered responsive. Proposals must be clear and concise.

C. NON-CONFORMING PROPOSALS

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of whether an RFP requirement is substantive or a mere formality shall reside solely within the University.

D. CONCISE PROPOSALS

The University discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals. It is the desire that proposals be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other promotional materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. The University's interest is in the quality and responsiveness of the proposal.

E. COVER LETTER

Each proposal will have a cover letter on the letterhead of the company or organization submitting the proposal. The cover letter must briefly summarize the Vendor's ability to provide the services specified in the RFP. The cover letter shall be signed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with the University.

F. TABLE OF CONTENTS

Each proposal must include a Table of Contents with page numbers for each of the required components of the proposal.

G. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Each proposal must contain a detailed description of how the Vendor will provide the goods and services outlined in this RFP. This part of the proposal may also include descriptions of any enhancements or additional services or qualifications the Vendor will provide that are not mentioned in this RFP.

H. DISCOUNT

Vendors are invited to offer in their proposal value added discounts (i.e. speed to pay discounts for specific payment terms). Cash or separate discounts should be computed and incorporated into unit bid price(s).

I. SAMPLES OR BROCHURES

Samples or brochures may be required by the University for the evaluation purposes. They shall be such as to permit the University to compare and determine if the item offered complies with the intent of the specifications.

J. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF TERMS

By submitting a bid, each Vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

K. BID BOND REQUIREMENT

If not waived in this ITB/ RFP document, each vendor shall furnish a bond to the University for the benefit of **Delaware State University** in the amount equal to 10% of the respective bid value. The bond shall be drawn upon an insurance or bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Delaware. A certified check made out to the Delaware State University in an amount equal to 10% of the respective proposed value may be submitted in lieu of a proposal bond.

L. NUMBER OF COPIES WITH MAILING OF PROPOSAL

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in writing and respond to the items outlined in this RFP. The University reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted in the specified number of copies soft/ hard as listed listed in this RFP.

Any proposal submitted by US Mail shall be sent by either certified or registered mail. Any proposal received after the date and time deadline specified in this RFP on the cover page shall not be considered. Vendor bears the risk of late delivery or delivery at any other location of the University than specified herein. Any response/ responses received after the stated time or received at any other location of the University than specified herein will not be entertained. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed as to be made available to competing entities during the negotiation process.

Upon receipt of vendor proposals, each vendor shall be presumed to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. The failure or omission to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve vendors from any obligation in respect to this RFP.

The University reserves the right to award the proposed contract to multiple Vendors if the University determines that such an award is in the best interest of the University.

M. PROPOSAL EXPIRATION DATE

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through the term of the contract. University reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

N. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

A Vendor may withdraw its proposal unopened after it has been deposited, if such a request is made prior to the time set for the opening of the proposal.

O. PROPOSAL MODIFICATIONS

Any changes, amendments or modifications to a submitted proposal requires that the original proposal be withdrawn, **prior** to the time set for the submission of the proposal, and a new proposal submitted **prior** to the deadline for submission of proposals.

Changes, amendments or modifications to proposals shall not be accepted or considered after the hour and date specified as the deadline for submission of proposals.

P. LATE PROPOSALS

Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be accepted or considered. To guard against premature opening, sealed proposals shall be submitted, plainly marked with the proposal title, vendor name, and time and date of the proposal opening. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

Q. ADDENDA TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, revisions will be posted at <http://bids.delaware.gov/>. By submitting an offer to the University, vendors have acknowledged receipt, understanding and commitment to comply with all materials, revisions, and addenda related to the Request for Proposal.

R. INCURRED EXPENSES

The University will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the vendor in preparing and submitting a proposal.

S. ECONOMY OF PREPARATION

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straight-forward, concise description of the Vendor's offer to meet the requirements of the RFP.

T. DISCREPANCIES AND OMISSIONS

Vendor is fully responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their proposal, and for examining this RFP and all addenda. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of vendor. Should vendor find discrepancies, omissions, unclear or ambiguous intent or meaning, or should any questions arise concerning this RFP, vendor shall notify the University's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the Designated Contact, in writing, no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the time set for opening of the proposals.

U. EXCEPTIONS

Bidders may elect to take **minor exception** to the terms and conditions of this RFP by completing Attachment 3. Government Support Services shall evaluate each exception according to the intent of the terms and conditions contained herein, but Government Support Services must reject exceptions that do not conform to State bid law and/or create inequality in the treatment of bidders. Exceptions shall be considered only if they are submitted with the bid or before the date and time of the bid opening.

Exceptions must be submitted utilizing Attachment 3 to be considered. Exceptions listed elsewhere in the Vendor's proposal will not be considered. University maintains sole discretion to reject any vendor exceptions that are submitted.

V. BUSINESS REFERENCES

Business references are to be provided via Attachment 5.

W. DOCUMENT(S) EXECUTION

All vendors must complete and submit with its proposal the non-collusion statement that is enclosed with this Request for Proposal labeled as Attachment 2. The awarded vendor(s) will be presented with the contract form for signature and seal, if appropriate. Both of these documents shall be executed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with Delaware State University.

The University requires completion of the [Delaware Substitute Form W-9](#) to make payments to vendors. Successful completion of this form enables the creation of a University vendor record. The Taxpayer ID (SSN or EIN) and Applicant (vendor) name are submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for "matching." If the Taxpayer ID and name do not match, the vendor record cannot be approved.

X. PRICE NOT CONFIDENTIAL

Vendors shall be advised that as a publically bid contract, no Vendor shall retain the right to declare their pricing confidential.

IV. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. UNIVERSITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS

University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever is determined to be the most advantageous to the University. Vendors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion. Vendors may be requested to provide a best and final offer during the negotiation process. Negotiations may be conducted with responsible Vendors who submit proposals found to be reasonably likely to be selected for award. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing vendors during the negotiation process.

2. UNIVERSITY'S RIGHT TO CANCEL SOLICITATION

The University reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. The University makes no commitments expressed or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with any vendor.

This RFP does not constitute an offer by the University. Vendor's participation in this process may result in the University selecting your organization to engage in further discussions and negotiations toward execution of a contract. The commencement of such negotiations does not, however, signify a commitment by the University to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. The University may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason, or for no reason.

3. FORMAL CONTRACT AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER

No employee of the Contractor(s) is to begin any work prior to receipt of a University Purchase Order signed by authorized representatives of the University requesting service.

4. DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes, and shall bear on the outside the name and address of the Vendor as well as the designation of the contract. Proposals forwarded by U.S. Mail shall be sent first class to the address stated in this RFP. Proposals forwarded by delivery service other than the U.S. Mail or hand delivered must be delivered to the applicable addresses stated in this RFP.

All proposals will be accepted at the time and place set in the RFP. Vendor bears the risk of late delivery or delivery at any other location of the University than specified herein. Any response/responses received after the stated time or received at any other location of the University than specified herein will not be entertained.

5. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

The proposals may be publicly opened at the time and place specified by the University. Vendors or their authorized representatives are invited to be present.

Only the vendor's name and address will be read aloud during the bid opening process.

6. DISQUALIFICATION OF VENDORS

Any one or more of the following causes may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a vendor and the rejection of its proposal or proposals:

- a. More than one proposal for the same contract from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different names.
- b. Evidence of collusion among vendors.
- c. Unsatisfactory performance record as evidenced by past experience with the University, State of Delaware or on a State of Delaware central contract.
- d. Any suspension or debarment of the parent company, subsidiary or individual involved with the vendor by federal, any state or any local governments within the last five (5) years.

- e. If the unit prices are obviously unbalanced either in excess or below reasonable cost analysis values.
- f. If there are any unauthorized additions, interlineations, conditional or alternate bids or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- g. If required, non-attendance of mandatory pre-bid meetings shall be cause of disqualification.

7. AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY

On all questions concerning the interpretation of specifications, the acceptability and quality of material furnished and/or work performed, the classification of material, the execution of the work, and the determination of payment due or to become due, the decision of the University shall be final and binding.

8. OR EQUAL (PRODUCTS BY NAME)

Specifications of products by name are intended to be descriptive of quality or workmanship, finish and performance. Desirable characteristics are not intended to be restrictive. Substitutions of products for those named will be considered provided the vendor certifies that the function, characteristics, performance and endurance qualities of the material offered is equal or superior to that specified.

B. RESPONSIVENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VENDOR

University shall award this contract to the most responsible and responsive vendor who best meets the terms and conditions of the proposal.

1. Rejection of individual proposals. -- A proposal may be rejected for 1 or more of the following reasons:
 - a. The person responding to the solicitation is determined to be nonresponsive or non-responsible;
 - b. It is unacceptable;
 - c. The proposed price is unreasonable; or
 - d. It is otherwise not advantageous to the University.
2. Vendors whose proposals are rejected as non-responsive shall be notified in writing about the rejection.
3. Responsibility of vendors. -- It shall be determined whether a vendor is responsible before awarding a contract. Factors to be considered in determining if a vendor is responsible include:
 - a. The vendor's financial, physical, personnel or other resources, including subcontracts;
 - b. The vendor's record of performance and integrity;
 - c. Any record regarding any suspension or debarment;
 - d. Whether the vendor is qualified legally to contract with the University;
 - e. Whether the vendor supplied all necessary information concerning its responsibility; and
 - f. Any other specific criteria establish by the University
4. If a vendor is determined to be non-responsible, the vendor shall be informed in writing.
5. The University reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, or request additional information before determining the responsiveness of the Vendor. All Vendors will be afforded the same or similar opportunities, as necessary, and will be treated with equal regard before such determinations are finalized.

C. PROPOSAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Proposal Evaluation Committee (“Committee”) is comprised of representatives of the University.

The Committee reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.
- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.
- Select more than one vendor pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6926.

University reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the Delaware State University.

D. REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENDOR

The purpose of this section is to assist the Proposal Evaluation Committee to determine the ability of the organization to provide the materials and services described in the application.

E. CRITERIA AND SCORING

Evaluation Criteria Categories	Evaluation Points
Experience, reputation and years in the business. Past and present similar contracts to demonstrate technical experience and ability.	40
References, Flexibility, Resources	15
Overall Cost – Pricing.	45
Any other value added, etc.	0
Total Maximum Points	100

Procurement Evaluation Committee members will assign up to the maximum number of points listed for each of the criteria listed above. For items having quantitative answers, points will be proportionate to each proposal’s response. Items with qualitative answers will receive the average of points assigned by Proposal Evaluation Committee members.

F. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS

Once the proposals have been evaluated and negotiations have been held with the vendor(s) determined to be likely to receive an award, the Procurement Evaluation Committee issue a request for Best and Final Offers from the vendor(s).

G. REFERENCES

The Committee may contact any customer of the vendor, whether or not included in the vendor's reference list, and use such information in the evaluation process. Additionally, the Delaware State University may choose to visit existing installations of comparable systems, which may or may not include vendor personnel. If the vendor is involved in such site visits, the University will pay travel costs only for University personnel for these visits.

H. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Selected vendors may be invited to make oral presentations to the Committee. The vendor representative(s) attending the oral presentation shall be technically qualified to respond to questions related to the proposed system and its components.

All of the vendor's costs associated with participation in oral discussions and system demonstrations conducted for the University are the vendor's responsibility.

V. PREBID MEETING

If required, non-attendance of mandatory pre-bid meetings shall be cause of disqualification.

VI. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

The attached Definitions and General Provisions apply to all contracts and are part of each Request for Proposal. The requirement to furnish a bid bond and performance bond is applicable unless waived. Should the General Provisions conflict with the Special Provisions, the Special Provisions shall prevail. Vendors or their authorized representatives are required to fully acquaint themselves as to State procurement laws and regulations prior to submitting bid.

A. DEFINITIONS: Whenever the following terms are used, their intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

STATE: The State of Delaware

AGENCY: Delaware State University.

UNIVERSITY: Delaware State University.

BID INVITATION: The "invitation to bid" or "Request for Proposal" is a packet of material sent to vendors and consists of General Provisions, Special Provisions, specifications, and enclosures.

BOND: The approved form of security furnished by the Vendors and its surety as a guaranty of good faith on the part of the Vendor to execute the work in accordance with the terms of the contract.

CONTRACT: The written agreement covering the furnishing and delivery of material or work to be performed.

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL: The agent authorized to act for Delaware State University.

GENERAL PROVISIONS: General Provisions are instructions pertaining to contracts in general. They contain, in summary, requirements of laws of the State, policies of the Agency, and instructions to vendors.

LOCAL TIME: Eastern Standard Time/Eastern Daylight Time

OPPORTUNITY BUY: A special offer from a supplier that is usually associated with a limited time to respond.

PROPOSAL: The offer of the Vendor submitted on the approved form and setting forth the Vendor's prices for performing the work or supplying the material or equipment described in the specifications.

RFP: Request for Proposal.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS: Special Provisions are specific conditions or requirements peculiar to the contract under consideration and are supplemental to the General Provisions. Should the Special Provisions conflict with the General Provisions, the Special Provisions shall prevail.

SURETY: The corporate body which is bound with and for the contract, or which is liable, and which engages to be responsible for the Vendor's payments of all debts pertaining to and for its acceptable performance of the work for which he has contracted

VENDOR: Any individual, firm, or corporation formally submitting a proposal for the material or work contemplated, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

VENDOR'S DEPOSIT: The security designated in the proposal to be furnished by the Vendor as a guaranty of good faith to enter into a contract with the University if the work to be performed or the material or equipment to be furnished is awarded to it.

B. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. INTERPRETATION OF ESTIMATES/QUANTITIES

- a. Unless stated otherwise, the quantities given in the RFP are to be considered to be approximate only and are given as a basis for the comparison of bids. The University may increase or decrease the amount of any item as may be deemed necessary or expedient, during the period of the contract. Bidders shall recognize there are no guaranteed minimum contract quantities or values associated with this solicitation.
- b. An increase or decrease in the quantity for any item is not sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit price.
- c. Vendor usage reports for previous awards, if applicable, may be found by accessing the applicable contract award page at: <http://contracts.delaware.gov/>. Past usage shall not be considered a guaranteed future volume.

2. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS

The apparent silence of the specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and only material and workmanship of the first quality are to be used. Proof of specifications compliance will be the responsibility of the vendor.

3. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS

The Vendor shall examine carefully the proposal and the contract forms for the material contemplated. The Vendor shall investigate and satisfy itself as to the conditions to be encountered, quality and quantities of the material to be furnished, and the requirements of any Special Provisions in the RFP and

the contract. The submission of a proposal shall be conclusive evidence that the Vendor has made examination of the aforementioned conditions.

4. PRICES QUOTED

The prices quoted are those for which the material will be furnished F.O.B. to University and include all charges that may be imposed during the period of the contract. **All prices quoted must be in U.S. Dollars.**

All vendors that maintain a core list of products under this contract shall maintain the appropriate negotiated prices on their core list. Vendors shall routinely offer to add to the core list material that has been identified as necessary. The Vendors are expected to routinely update any changes to the core list with the appropriate discounts listed.

Any adjustments to a core list must receive prior written approval from the University before a core list can be changed by the Vendor. Changes include but are not limited to the migration of items on and off the core list as well as any price adjustments from the original agreed upon pricing.

5. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF PROPOSALS

All documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. Vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the University/Proposal Evaluation Committee or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

6. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED

The vendor is presumed to know and shall strictly comply with all Federal, State, or County laws, and City or Town ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the work. The Vendor shall indemnify and save harmless the State of Delaware, the departments, and all Officers, University and Servants thereof against any claim or liability arising from or based upon the violation of any such laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, or decrees whether by itself, by its employees, or by its subcontractor (s).

7. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

This bid, any resulting contract, and any and all litigation or other disputes arising therefrom, in connection with, or related hereto shall be governed by the applicable laws, regulations and rules of evidence of the State of Delaware. Bidder submits to personal jurisdiction in the State of Delaware. Any and all litigation or other disputes arising out of, in connection with, or relating to this bid, and any resulting contract, shall be brought exclusively in a court in the State of Delaware or the United States District Court of the District of Delaware as applicable.

8. SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other terms or provisions hereof or the whole of this Agreement, but such term or provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary in the court's opinion to render such term or provision enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly, preserving to the fullest permissible extent the intent and agreements of the parties herein set forth.

9. PERMITS AND LICENSES

All necessary permits, licenses, insurance policies, etc. required by local, State or Federal laws, shall be provided by the Vendor at its own expense.

10. PATENTED DEVICES, MATERIAL AND PROCESSES

- a. The Vendor shall provide for the use of any patented design, device, material, or process to be used or furnished under this contract by suitable legal agreement with the patentee or owner, and shall file a copy of this agreement with the University.
- b. The Vendor and the surety shall hold and save harmless the University, the departments, their employees, their Officers or Agents from any and all claims because of the use of such patented design, device, material, or process in connection with the work agreed to be performed under this contract.

11. EMERGENCY TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. Due to restrictions which may be established by the United States Government on material, or work, a contract may be terminated by the cancellation of all or portions of the contract.
- b. In the event the Vendor is unable to obtain the material required to complete the items of work included in the contract because of restrictions established by the United States Government and if, in the opinion of the University, it is impractical to substitute other available material, or the work cannot be completed within a reasonable time, the incomplete portions of the work may be cancelled, or the contract may be terminated.

12. TAX EXEMPTION

- a. Material covered by this proposal is exempt from all FEDERAL and STATE TAXES. Such taxes shall not be included in prices quoted.
- b. Any material which is to be incorporated in the work or any equipment required for the work contemplated in the proposal may be consigned to the University. If the shipping papers show clearly that any such material is so consigned, the shipment will be exempt from the tax on the transportation of property under provisions of Section 3475 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law 180 (78th Congress). All transportation charges shall be paid by the Vendor. Each Vendor shall take its exemption into account in calculating its bid for its work.

13. INVOICING

After the awards are made, the Delaware State University may forward their purchase orders ("P.O.") to the successful Vendor(s) in accordance with University Purchasing Procedures. The University will generate a payment voucher upon receipt of an acceptable invoice from the vendor.

The successful bidder (s) is required to bill upon completion, delivery, and installation as specified. All invoices must be identified by the approved purchase order received and be forwarded to Invoices@desu.edu or through mail to:

Delaware State University
Attention: Accounts Payable Department
Administration Building, 3rd Floor
1200 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901-2277

14. EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS

During the performance of any contract for public works financed in whole or in part by appropriation of the University, the contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The contractor, as set forth in Title 19 Delaware Code Chapter 7 section 711, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated equally during employment without regard to their race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeships. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, notices to be provided by the University setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- b. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 1. The contractor, as set forth in Title 19 Delaware Code Chapter 7 section 711, will not discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take positive steps to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. 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 to be provided by the University setting forth this nondiscrimination clause.
 2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, University that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin."
- c. The term "contractor for public works" means construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, and/or repair work, maintenance work, and paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body except work performed under a vocational rehabilitation program. The manufacture or furnishing of materials, articles, supplies or equipment is not a public work within the meaning of this subsection unless conducted in connection with and at the site of the public work.

15. PRICES

Prices and/or rates shall remain firm for the initial term of the contract, unless further negotiations are deemed necessary by the University.

The pricing policy that you choose to submit must address the following concerns:

- a. The structure must be clear, accountable and auditable.

- b. It must cover the full spectrum of services required.
- c. Costs and compensation must be consistent with the rates established or negotiated as a result of this RFP or P.O. issued based on this contract.

16. COOPERATIVES

Vendors, who have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with a cooperative, are welcome to submit the cooperative pricing for this solicitation.

17. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

The Vendor is not prohibited from offering a price reduction on its services or materiel offered under the contract. The University is not prohibited from requesting a price reduction on those services or materiel during the initial term or any subsequent options that the University may agree to exercise.

If agreement is reached to extend this contract beyond the initial period, University shall have the option of offering a determined price adjustment that shall not exceed the current Philadelphia All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U), U.S. City Average. If the CPI-U is used, any increase/decrease shall reflect the change during the previous published twelve (12) month period at the time of renegotiation.

18. SHIPPING TERMS

FOB Destination, freight prepaid.

19. ELECTRONIC CATALOG

At the discretion of University, the successful vendor(s) may be required to submit their items list in an electronic format designated by the University.

By example, but not limited to, the following items may be required:

- Electronic catalogs,
- Electronic catalogs converted to a CSV format with contract specific pricing,
- Items designated by commodity/classification code: United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), and/or
- A unique item ID for all items in your system and/or our award.

20. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The parties to any contract from this solicitation shall be independent contractors to one another, and nothing herein shall be deemed to cause the agreement to create an agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between parties. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable workers compensation, unemployment, disability insurance, social security withholding and all other similar matters. Neither party shall be liable for any debts, accounts, obligations or other liability whatsoever of the other party or any other obligation of the other party to pay on the behalf of its employees or to withhold from any compensation paid to such employees any social benefits, workers compensation insurance premiums or any income or other similar taxes.

21. TEMPORARY PERSONNEL ARE NOT UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY ARE DIRECTLY HIRED

Vendor agrees that any individual or group of temporary staff person(s) provided to the University pursuant to this Solicitation shall remain the employee(s) of Vendor for all purposes including any

required compliance with the Affordable Care Act by the Vendor. Vendor agrees that it shall not allege, argue, or take any position that individual temporary staff person(s) provided to the University pursuant to this Solicitation must be provided any benefits, including any healthcare benefits by the University and Vendor agrees to assume the total and complete responsibility for the provision of any healthcare benefits required by the Affordable Care Act to aforesaid individual temporary staff person(s).

22. ACA SAFE HARBOR

The University and its utilizing departments are not the employer of temporary or contracted staff. However, the University is concerned that it could be determined to be a Common-law Employer as defined by the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”). Therefore, the University seeks to utilize the “Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception” under the ACA to transfer health benefit insurance requirements to the staffing company. The Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception can be attained when the University and/or its departments are charged and pay for an “Additional Fee” with respect to the employees electing to obtain health coverage from the Vendor.

The Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception under the ACA requires that an Additional Fee must be charged to those employees who obtain health coverage from the Vendor, but does not state the required amount of the fee. The University requires that all Vendors shall identify the Additional Fee to obtain health coverage from the Vendor and delineate the Additional Fee from all other charges and fees. The Vendor shall identify both the Additional Fee to be charged and the basis of how the fee is applied (i.e. per employee, per invoice, etc.). The University will consider the Additional Fee and prior to award reserves the right to negotiate any fees offered by the Vendor. Further, the Additional Fee shall be separately scored in the proposal to ensure that neither prices charged nor the Additional Fee charged will have a detrimental effect when selecting vendor(s) for award.

23. FUNDING OUT or NON-APPROPRIATION

In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the University requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.

24. MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Vendor recognizes that it is operating as an independent contractor and that it is liable for any and all losses, penalties, damages, expenses, attorney’s fees, judgments, and/or settlements incurred by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, or injury to any and all property, of any nature, arising out of the vendor’s negligent performance under this contract, and particularly without limiting the foregoing, caused by, resulting from, or arising out of any act of omission on the part of the vendor in their negligent performance under this contract.
2. The vendor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker’s Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract. The vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the Delaware State University.
3. During the term of this contract, the vendor must, at its own expense, obtain and keep in force and effect including all extensions, the minimum coverage limits specified below with a carrier satisfactory to the University. All contractors must carry the following coverage depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

a. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate,

and

b. Medical/Professional Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate,

or

c. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate,

or

d. Product Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate,

and

e. Automotive Liability Insurance covering all automotive units used in the work with limits of not less than \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each accident as to bodily injury and \$25,000 as to property damage to other,

and

f. The vendor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract. The vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the University.

All contractors must carry (a), (e), and (f), and at least one of (b), (c), or (d), depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

Before any work is done with the University, a Certificate of Insurance referencing the name and contract number stated herein, shall be filed with the University's Insurance Office that is:

**Delaware State University
Attention Ms. Denese Lindsey
AVP for Systems, Budgeting, and Insurance
Dr. Claiborne D. Smith Administration Building, 3rd Floor,
1200 North DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901-2277**

Note: The Delaware State University shall not be named as an additional insured.

Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

4. The vendor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) as proof that the vendor has the required insurance. The COI shall be provided prior to any work being completed by the awarded vendor(s).
5. The Delaware State University shall not be named as an additional insured.
6. Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

25. STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE

Prior to receiving an award, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the University with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: 302-577-8778. <http://revenue.delaware.gov/services/BusServices.shtml>

Information regarding the award of this contract will be given to the Division of Revenue. Failure to comply with the State of Delaware licensing requirements may subject your organization to applicable fines and/or interest penalties.

26. INDEMNIFICATION

a. General Indemnification

By submitting a proposal, the proposing vendor agrees that in the event it is awarded a contract, it will indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the University, its agents and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions, or claims, together with all costs, expenses for attorney's fees, arising out of the vendor's its agents and employees' performance work or services in connection with the contract.

b. Proprietary Rights Indemnification

Vendor shall warrant that all elements of its solution, including all equipment, software, documentation, services and deliverables, do not and will not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of any third party. In the event of any claim, suit or action by any third party against the University, the University shall promptly notify the vendor in writing and vendor shall defend such claim, suit or action at vendor's expense, and vendor shall indemnify the University against any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability arising out of such claim, suit or action (including, without limitation, litigation costs, lost employee time, and counsel fees) whether or not such claim, suit or action is successful.

If any equipment, software, services (including methods) products or other intellectual property used or furnished by the vendor (collectively "Products") is or in vendor's reasonable judgment is likely to be, held to constitute an infringing product, vendor shall at its expense and option either:

1. Procure the right for the University to continue using the Product(s);
2. Replace the product with a non-infringing equivalent that satisfies all the requirements of the contract; or
3. Modify the Product(s) to make it or them non-infringing, provided that the modification does not materially alter the functionality or efficacy of the product or cause the Product(s) or any part of the work to fail to conform to the requirements of the Contract, or only alters the Product(s) to a degree that the University agrees to and accepts in writing.

27. NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event the Vendor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, in addition to proceeding with termination of the contract, the University may terminate any individual orders in accordance with General Provisions, Item titled as "TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE ORDERS" below and purchase equivalent product on the open market. Regarding any such open market purchase, payment for any difference in cost or expense in excess of the contract prices for reasonably equivalent products or services herein shall be the responsibility of the Vendor and shall be submitted to the University no later than 30 days following the delivery of the University's invoice detailing the open market purchase. Under no circumstances shall monies be due the Vendor in the event open market products can be obtained below contract cost. Any monies charged to the Vendor may be deducted from an open invoice.

28. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the vendor nor the University shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this contract due, but not limited to, government restriction, strike, flood, fire, or unforeseen catastrophe beyond either party's control. Each party shall notify the other in writing of any situation that may prevent performance under the terms and conditions of this contract.

29. OPPORTUNITY BUYS

The University can waive use of a contract pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6911(d). A process has been developed to permit any vendor the opportunity to submit an Opportunity Buy offer to the State for goods and/or services for consideration despite the existence of a contract. See [Opportunity Buy Flowchart](#). The University will afford any vendor on an existing contract an opportunity to match or to beat the Opportunity Buy offer made by a non-contracted vendor prior to a waiver being granted.

30. I FOUND IT CHEAPER

Delaware State University can waive use of a contract pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6911(d). A process has been developed to permit any State employee or Vendor to identify a lower price for material and or services for consideration despite the existence of a contract. See [I Found It Cheaper Flowchart](#). The Delaware State University will afford any Vendor on an existing contract an opportunity to match or to beat the I Found It Cheaper suggestion and if not matched or beaten, approve the purchase via a waiver.

31. ORDERING PROCEDURE

Successful vendors are required to have either a local telephone number within the (302) area code, a toll free (800) number, or agree to accept collect calls. All consumables delivered by the Vendor and received by University, become the property of the University. Orders may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, email, fax or computer on-line systems.

32. BILLING

The Vendor is required to "Bill as Shipped" to the University. The University shall provide contract number, ship to and bill to address, contact name and phone number. The Vendor shall not charge a late fee that exceeds more than one percent (1%) per month, not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum.

University will make every effort to achieve available discount opportunities under this contract. Vendors shall be required to report semi-annually opportunities to enhance the discounts achieved.

33. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a. For each P.O. issued as part of this contract, the University will pay Vendor monthly, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Vendor's billing, the amount which is legitimately earned by the Vendor, and supported by payroll data and an itemized accounting of reasonable reimbursable direct non-salary costs. A current progress report of the work shall accompany each billing.

Final settlement for total payment to the Vendor will be made within thirty (30) days from the date of final written University acceptance of the work and services as agreed to in the P.O.

- b. No premium time for overtime will be paid without prior written State authorization. Indirect overhead cost shall not be applied to the premium portion of the overtime.

The University will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of a correct invoice. The successful bidder (s) is required to bill upon completion, delivery, and installation as specified. All invoices must be identified by the approved purchase order received and be forwarded to Invoices@desu.edu or through mail to:

Delaware State University
Attention: Accounts Payable Department
Administration Building, 3rd Floor
1200 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901-2277

34. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION

All items or services delivered during the life of the contract shall be of the same type and manufacture as specified or accepted as part of the proposal unless specific approval is given by the University to do otherwise. Awarded vendors are highly encouraged to offer any like substitute product (s), either generic or brand name, at any time during the subsequent contract term, especially if an opportunity for cost savings to the state exists. In all cases, the state may require the submission of written specifications and/or product samples for evaluation prior to any approvals being granted.

If a substitution is granted by the state, the Vendor must update its core list and maintain said list in a timely manner.

35. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

All work described in these specifications shall be completed with reasonable promptness. As used in this Section, the University shall be the sole judge of the term "reasonable". If the Vendor does not begin the work in a reasonable amount of time, they will be notified that if they fail to initiate the work promptly, the contract may be terminated and the State will forthwith proceed to collect for nonperformance of work.

36. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY

The University will enter into a contract with the successful Vendor(s). The successful Vendor(s) shall be responsible for all products and services as required by this RFP whether or not the Vendor or its subcontractor provided final fulfillment of the order. Subcontractors, if any, shall be clearly identified in the Vendor's proposal and are subject the approval and acceptance of the University.

37. VENDOR- OWNED RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES REMOVAL

The awarded Vendor shall remove all rental equipment and supplies from the event location (s) no later than an agreed to date once all contract obligations by the Vendor have been met.

38. ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

Energy Star - If applicable, the Vendor must provide products that earn the ENERGY STAR rating and meet the ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency in order to keep overall event costs to a minimum. The Vendor is encouraged to visit www.energystar.gov for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.

Green Products – third party certification of green products accepted from GSS w/approved green certification shall be offered wherever available in addition to or as a substitute for non-green products.

Vendors shall report all green items procured during the monthly reporting period using the Usage Report that will be provided to the awarded Vendor(s).

Environmental Procurement Policies of the State shall determine acceptable consideration and credit for environmentally preferred products and services in the performance of this award. The State Environmental Procurement Policies may be found:

[Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy](#)

39. PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

- a. The Vendor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services required under this contract.
- b. All of the equipment and services required hereunder shall be provided by or performed by the Vendor or under its direct supervision, and all personnel, including subcontractors, engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under State and local law to perform such services.
- c. None of the equipment and/or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the University. Only those subcontractors identified in Attachment 6 are considered approved upon award. Changes to those subcontractor(s) listed in Attachment 6 must be approved in writing by the University.

40. FAIR BACKGROUND CHECK PRACTICES

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. [§6909B](#), the State does not consider the criminal record, criminal history, credit history or credit score of an applicant for state employment during the initial application process unless otherwise required by state and/or federal law. Vendors doing business with the State/ Delaware State University are encouraged to adopt fair background check practices. Vendors can refer to 19 Del. C. [§711\(g\)](#) for applicable established provisions.

41. VENDOR BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS

Vendor(s) selected for an award that access University/ state property or come in contact with vulnerable populations, including children and youth, shall be required to complete background checks on employees serving the University's on premises contracts. Unless otherwise directed, at a minimum, this shall include a check of the following registry:

- Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry at:

<https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/>

Individuals that are listed in the registry shall be prevented from direct contact in the service of an awarded University/ state contract, but may provide support or off-site premises service for contract vendors. Should an individual be identified and the Vendor(s) believes their employee's service does not represent a conflict with this requirement, may apply for a waiver to the University listed in the solicitation. The University's decision to allow or deny access to any individual identified on a registry database is final and at the University's sole discretion.

By University request, the Vendor(s) shall provide a list of all employees serving an awarded contract, and certify adherence to the background check requirement. Individual(s) found in the central registry in violation of the terms stated, shall be immediately prevented from a return to University/ state property in service of a contract award. A violation of this condition represents a violation of the contract terms and conditions, and may subject the Vendor to penalty, including contract cancellation for cause.

Individual contracts may require additional background checks and/or security clearance(s), depending on the nature of the services to be provided or locations accessed, but any other requirements shall be stated in the contract scope of work or be a matter of common law. The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for the background check requirements of any authorized Subcontractor providing service to the University's contract.

42. DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE PUBLIC WORKS

Pursuant to 29 Del.C. [§6908\(a\)\(6\)](#), effective as of January 1, 2016, OMB has established regulations that require Contractors and Subcontractors to implement a program of mandatory drug testing for Employees who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds. The regulations establish the mechanism, standards and requirements of a Mandatory Drug Testing Program that will be incorporated by reference into all Large Public Works Contracts awarded pursuant to 29 Del.C. [§6962](#).

Final publication of the identified regulations can be found at the following:

[4104 Regulations for the Drug Testing of Contractor and Subcontractor Employees Working on Large Public Works Projects](#)

43. PREVAILING WAGE

The prevailing wage law, 29 Del.C. [§6960](#), is enforced by the Department of Labor and states that the specifications for every contract or aggregate of contracts relating to a public works project in excess of \$500,000 for new construction (including painting and decorating) or \$45,000 for alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, demolition or reconstruction (including painting and decorating of building or works) to which this State or any subdivision thereof is a party and for which the State appropriated any part of the funds and which requires or involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers shall contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics which shall be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, to be prevailing in the county in which the work is to be performed.

44. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At the option of University, the parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement promptly by negotiation between executives who have authority to settle the controversy and who are at a higher level of management than the persons with direct responsibility for administration of this Agreement. All offers, promises, conduct and statements, whether oral or written, made in the course of the negotiation by any of the parties, their agents,

employees, experts and attorneys are confidential, privileged and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in arbitration or other proceeding involving the parties, provided evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible.

If the matter is not resolved by negotiation, then the matter will proceed to mediation as set forth below. Any disputes, claims or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be submitted to mediation by a mediator selected by the University, and if the matter is not resolved through mediation, then it shall be submitted, in the sole discretion of OMB, to the Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services Director, for final and binding arbitration. OMB reserves the right to proceed directly to arbitration or litigation without negotiation or mediation. Any such proceedings held pursuant to this provision shall be governed by Delaware law and venue shall be in Delaware. The parties shall maintain the confidential nature of the arbitration proceeding and the Award, including the Hearing, except as may be necessary to prepare for or conduct the arbitration hearing on the merits. Each party shall bear its own costs of mediation, arbitration or litigation, including attorneys' fees.

45. TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL ORDERS OR PURCHASE ORDERS

The individual orders may be terminated as follows:

- a. **Termination for Cause:** If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the University shall have the right to terminate the P.O. by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor in the performance of the P.O. shall, at the option of the University, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is usable to the University.
- b. **Termination for Convenience:** The University may terminate the P.O. at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the department, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which are usable to the University.
- c. **Termination for Non-Appropriations:** In the event the University fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the University requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds. This is not a termination for convenience and will not be converted to such.

46. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP may be terminated as follows by the University.

- a. **Termination for Cause:** If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the University shall thereupon have the right to terminate

this contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under this Contract shall, at the option of the University, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is usable to the University.

On receipt of the contract cancellation notice from the University, the Vendor shall have not less than five (5) days to provide a written response and may identify a method(s) to resolve the violation(s). A vendor response shall not effect or prevent the contract cancellation unless the University provides a written acceptance of the vendor response. If the University does accept the Vendor's method and/or action plan to correct the identified deficiencies, the University will define the time by which the Vendor must fulfill its corrective obligations. Final retraction of the University's termination for cause will only occur after the Vendor successfully rectifies the original violation(s). At its discretion the University may reject in writing the Vendor's proposed action plan and proceed with the original contract cancellation timeline.

- b. Termination for Convenience:** The University may terminate this Contract at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the University, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials, and which is usable to the University.
- c. Termination for Non-Appropriations:** In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the University requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds. This is not a termination for convenience and will not be converted to such.

47. CHANGES

Both parties may, from time to time, require changes in the services to be provided by the Vendor under the Scope of Work. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Vendor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the University and the Vendor shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Purchase Order or contract.

48. INTEREST OF VENDOR

The vendor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree in providing products or performing services required under this contract. The vendor further covenants, that in the performance of this contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

49. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION AND USE OF MATERIAL

No material produced in whole or part under this contract shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country. The University shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other materials prepared under this contract; provided, however, that the University agrees not to use any design or engineering plans

prepared by the vendor for anything other than their intended purpose under this Contract. The Vendor shall have the right to publish any and all scientific findings. Appropriate acknowledgment and credit for the University's support shall be given in the publication.

50. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The rights and obligations of each party to this agreement shall not be effective, and no party shall be bound by the terms of this agreement, unless and until a valid executed purchase order has been approved by the Secretary of Finance, and all procedures of the Department of Finance have been complied with. A separate purchase order shall be issued for every project or order.

51. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS

As consideration for the award and execution of this contract by the University, the Vendor hereby grants, conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the University all of its right, title and interest in and to all known or unknown causes of action it presently has or may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Delaware, regarding the specific goods or services purchased or acquired for the University pursuant to this contract. Upon either the University's or the Vendor notice of the filing of or reasonable likelihood of filing of an action under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Delaware, the University and Vendor shall meet and confer about coordination of representation in such action.

52. TESTING AND INSPECTION

The University reserves the right to conduct any test or inspection it may deem necessary to insure equipment, materials and services conform to contract requirements.

53. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Vendor warrants that no person of the University has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees. For breach or violation of this warranty, the University shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fees.

54. GRATUITIES

- a. If it is found, after notice and hearing, by the University that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Vendor or any agent of the University with a view toward securing a contract, or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performance of this contract, the University may, by written notice to the Vendor, terminate the right of the Vendor to proceed under this contract and/or may pursue such other rights and remedies provided by law or under this agreement; provided that the existence of the facts upon which the University makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in proceedings pursuant to the Remedies clause of this contract; and
- b. In the event this contract is terminated pursuant to subparagraph "a", the University shall be entitled (i) to pursue the same remedies against the Vendor, and (ii) to exemplary damages, as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, in an amount which shall be not less than three, nor more than ten, times the costs incurred by the Vendor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee. The amount of such exemplary damages shall be in the

sole discretion of the University.

55. AFFIRMATION

The Vendor must affirm that within the past five (5) years the firm or any officer, controlling stockholder, partner, principal, or other person substantially involved in the contracting activities of the business is not currently suspended or debarred and is not a successor, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business.

56. AUDIT ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Vendor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Contract to the extent and in such detail as shall adequately reflect performance hereunder. The Vendor agrees to preserve and make available to the University, upon request, such records for a period of five (5) years from the date services were rendered by the Vendor. Records involving matters in litigation shall be retained for one (1) year following the termination of such litigation. The Vendor agrees to make such records available for inspection, audit, or reproduction to any official University representative in the performance of their duties under the Contract. Upon notice given to the Vendor, representatives of the University or other duly authorized University, State or Federal agency may inspect, monitor, and/or evaluate the cost and billing records or other material relative to this Contract. The cost of any Contract audit disallowances resulting from the examination of the Vendor's financial records will be borne by the Vendor. Reimbursement to the University for disallowances shall be drawn from the Vendor's own resources and not charged to Contract cost or cost pools indirectly charging Contract costs.

57. REMEDIES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the University and the Vendor arising out of, or relating to, this contract, or a breach of it may be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Delaware.

58. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal (Attachment 6) and agreed to in writing by the University or as are specifically authorized in writing by the University during the performance of the contract. Any substitutions in or additions to such subcontractors, associates, or consultants will be subject to the prior written approval of the University.

The vendor(s) shall be responsible for compliance by the subcontractor with all terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP and with all local, State and Federal Laws. The vendor shall be liable for any noncompliance by any subcontractor. Further, nothing contained herein or in any subcontractor agreement shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the University.

59. UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The University shall:

- a. Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the Vendor to the University and render to the Vendor in writing, findings and decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of Vendor.

- b. Give prompt written notice to the Contractor whenever the University observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Contractor's services.
- c. When University first experiences a relatively minor problem or difficulty with a vendor, the University will contact the vendor directly and attempt to informally resolve the problem. This includes failure to perform by the date specified and any unacceptable difference(s) between the purchase order and the merchandise received. University should stress to vendors that they should expedite correction of the differences because failure to reply may result in an unfavorable rating in the execution of the awarded contract.
- d. The University has several remedies available to resolve non-performance issues with the contractor. The University should refer to the Contract Terms and Conditions to view these remedies. When a default occurs, the University should first review the contract to confirm that the issue is a part of the contract. If the issue is not covered by the contract, the University cannot expect the contractor to perform outside the agreement. If the issue is a part of the contract, the University or GSS - Contracting must then contact the contractor, discuss the reasons surrounding the default and establish a date when the contractor will resolve the non-performance issue.
- e. If there is a performance deficiency, a Corrective Action Report (CAR) may be used. Complete this form to report concerns with vendors or commodities. Be sure to furnish as much detail as possible. [Corrective Action Report](#)

60. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Definitions and General Provisions and any Special Instructions, Specifications, Request for Proposal, Proposal, Purchase Order, and Contract shall be a part of and constitute the entire Agreement entered into by the University and any Vendor. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of these contract documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter:

- Contract
- Request for Proposal
- Specifications or Scope of Work
- Definitions & General Provisions
- Proposal
- Purchase Order
- Special Instruction

61. ASSIGNMENT

This contract shall not be assigned except by express prior written consent from the University.

62. NOTICE

Any notice to the University required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

Delaware State University
Attention: Mr. Thomas P. Preston, General Counsel
Administration Building, 4th Floor
1200 North DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

63. VENDOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE POINT OF CONTACT

The awarded vendor(s) shall provide the name(s), telephone, or cell phone number(s) of those individuals who can be contacted twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week where there is a critical need for commodities or services when the Governor of the State of Delaware declares a state of emergency under the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan or in the event of a local emergency or disaster where a state governmental entity requires the services of the vendor. Failure to provide this information could render the proposal as non-responsive.

In the event of a serious emergency, pandemic or disaster outside the control of the University, the University may negotiate, as may be authorized by law, emergency performance from the Contractor to address the immediate needs of the University, even if not contemplated under the original Contract or procurement. Payments are subject to appropriation and other payment terms.

64. NO PRESS RELEASES OR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The University reserves the right to pre-approve any news or broadcast advertising releases concerning this solicitation, the resulting contract, the work performed, or any reference to the University with regard to any project or contract performance. Any such news or advertising releases pertaining to this solicitation or resulting contract shall require the prior express written permission of the University.

C. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

1. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

The right is reserved to waive technicalities, to reject any or all bids, or any portion thereof, to seek new proposals, to proceed to do the work otherwise, or to abandon the work, if in the judgment of the University or its agent, the best interest of the University will be promoted thereby.

2. MATERIAL GUARANTY

Before any contract is awarded, the successful Vendor may be required to furnish a complete statement of the origin, composition and manufacture of any or all of the material to be used in the contract together with such samples as may be requested for the purpose of testing.

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT

Within ninety (90) days from the date of opening proposals, the contract will be awarded or the proposals rejected.

4. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The Vendor (s) to whom the award is made shall execute a formal contract within twenty (20) days after date of official notice of the award of the contract.

5. WARRANTY

The successful Vendor(s) shall be required to extend any policy guarantee usually offered to the general public, FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, or MUNICIPAL governments, on material in this contract against defective material, workmanship, and performance.

6. THE CONTRACT(S)

The contract(s) with the successful Vendor(s) will be executed with the University acting for all participating governmental entities.

7. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The successful vendor's shall be required to advise and provide University of the gross costs associated with this contract.

VII. PROPOSAL REPLY SECTION

Please fill out the attached forms fully and completely and return with your proposal in a sealed envelope.

PUBLIC PROPOSAL OPENINGS

The public proposal opening insures the citizens of Delaware that contracts are being proposed fairly on a competitive basis and comply with Delaware procurement laws. The main purpose of the proposal opening is to reveal the name(s) of the Vendor(s), not to serve as a forum for determining the apparent low Vendors.

NOTE: ONLY THE VENDOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE READ AT THE OPENING

**Response/ Bid Submission Form
Delaware State University
Landscaping Services, Contract Number FM-18-002**

By signing this statement, you certify the information provided is accurate and that you are authorized to sign on behalf of the responder. If the contract is awarded, vendor agrees to the terms and conditions of the State of Delaware's standard contract posted at <http://mymarketplace.delaware.gov/agency-forms.shtml> under [Agency/Vendor Contract](#) and under [Professional Services Agreement](#). The Delaware State University reserves the right to deny any and all exceptions taken to the RFP requirements. It's further understood that in case of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the contract documents shall be resolved by giving precedence to such documents in the following order: (a) the signed Contract/ Agreement (including any amendments or modifications thereto); (b) the RFP itself; and (c) Vendor's response to the RFP.

Vendor / Business Name

Authorized Signature/ Date

Address

Printed Name of Authorized Signatory

City, State Zip Code

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-Mail Address (clearly print)

Federal EI Number

NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM

Contract No.: FM-18-002

Contract Title: Landscaping Services

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received a proposal, but does not wish to bid, state their reason(s) below and return in a clearly marked envelope displaying the contract number. This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Vendor's List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide proposal.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:

- _____ 1. We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
- _____ 2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:

- _____ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- _____ 4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- _____ 5. We do not wish to sell to the State. Our objections are:

- _____ 6. We do not sell the items/services on which Proposals are requested.
- _____ 7. Other: _____

_____ FIRM NAME

_____ SIGNATURE

_____ We wish to remain on the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

_____ We wish to be deleted from the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

PLEASE FORWARD NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM TO AUTHORIZED CONTACT PERSON OF THE UNIVERSITY.

CONTRACT NO. FM-18-002
CONTRACT TITLE: Landscaping Services

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned Vendor has neither directly nor indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal, **and further certifies that it is not a sub-contractor to another Vendor who also submitted a proposal as a primary Vendor in response to this solicitation** submitted this date to the Delaware State University.

Note: Signature of the authorized representative **MUST** be of an individual who legally may enter his/her organization into a formal contract with the Delaware State University. Please print everything listed below.

COMPANY NAME _____ Please circle one: Corporation, Partnership, Individual
 NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____
 TITLE _____
 SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
 COMPANY ADDRESS _____
 PHONE # _____ FAX # _____ EMAIL _____
 FEDERAL EI # _____ STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE # _____
 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION: _____ CERTIFICATE NO. _____

CERTIFICATION TYPE (S). Please circle all (Yes or No) that applies.		
Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	Yes	No
Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)	Yes	No
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBA)	Yes	No
Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (VOBE)	Yes	No
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (SDVOBE)	Yes	No

(Information provided through above table is for informational and statistical use only)

PURCHASE ORDER SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Company Name and Address _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

AFFIRMATION: Within the past five years, has your firm, any affiliate, any predecessor company or entity, owner, director, officer, partner or proprietor been the subject of a Federal, State, Local government suspension or debarment? Yes _____ or No _____

If yes, please explain _____

THIS PAGE SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, BE NOTARIZED, AND RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

CONTRACT NO. FM-18-002
CONTRACT TITLE: Landscaping Services

BUSINESS REFERENCES

List a minimum of three business references, including the following information:

- Business Name and Mailing address
- Contact Name and phone number
- Number of years doing business with
- Type of work performed

Please do not list any Personal References or University Employees as a business reference. If you have held a University contract within the last 5 years, please provide a separate list of the contract(s).

1. **Contact Name & Title:**
Business Name:
Address:

Email:
Phone # / Fax #:
Current Vendor (YES or NO): Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:

2. **Contact Name & Title:**
Business Name:
Address:

Email:
Phone # / Fax #:
Current Vendor (YES or NO): Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:

3. **Contact Name & Title:**
Business Name:
Address:

Email:
Phone # / Fax #:
Current Vendor (YES or NO): Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:

CONTRACT NO. FM-18-002
CONTRACT TITLE: Landscaping Services

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

PART I – STATEMENT BY PROPOSING VENDOR		
1. CONTRACT NO. FM-18-002	2. Proposing Vendor Name:	3. Mailing Address
4. SUBCONTRACTOR		
a. NAME	4c. Company OSD Classification: Certification Number:	
b. Mailing Address:	4d. Women Business Enterprise Yes No 4e. Minority Business Enterprise Yes No 4f. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Yes No 4g. Veteran Owned Business Enterprise Yes No 4h. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise Yes No	
5. DESCRIPTION OF WORK BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
6a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	7. BY (<i>Signature</i>)	8. DATE SIGNED
6b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		
PART II – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
9a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	10. BY (<i>Signature</i>)	11. DATE SIGNED
9b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		

*** Use a separate form for each subcontractor**

PRICING

CONTRACT NO. FM-18-002
CONTRACT TITLE: Landscaping Services

1. Itemized Lump Sum:

- Main Campus (2x per week) \$ _____
- University Village 1, 2, 3 (2x per week) \$ _____
- University Courtyard (2x per week) \$ _____
- Capital Park (1x per week) \$ _____
- Sports Annex (1x per week) \$ _____
- DSU @ Wilmington (2x per week) \$ _____
- Living and Learning Commons (2x per week) \$ _____

2. Alternate #1:

- Agriculture Field on Route 13 (2x per month) \$ _____

3. Alternate #2:

- Practice Football Field (2x per week) \$ _____
- Softball Field (2x per week) \$ _____
- Baseball Field (2x per week) \$ _____

4. Allowance per Section J # 1,2,3,4 &5 = ADD \$20,000

5. Allowance per Section J # 6 & 7 Tree & Stump Removal= ADD \$40,000

Grand Total – Including allowances of items 4 and 5 above \$ _____

***Service and Maintenance needs to be completed in accordance with the DNREC Delaware Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook current edition

***ALL DNREC Reports need to be submitted to the University on a monthly basis for compliance with reporting standards

Note: Delaware State University reserves the right to award each property separately or in groups.

AFFIDAVIT OF EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

OMB Regulation 4104 for the Drug Testing of Contractor and Subcontractor Employees Working on Large Public Works Projects requires that Contractors and Subcontractors implement a program of mandatory drug testing for Employees who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds.

For more information, please refer to the following link for the full regulation:

http://regulations.delaware.gov/register/september2015/final/19%20DE%20Reg%20207%2009_-01-15.pdf

All the terms and conditions of *OMB Regulation 4104* have been thoroughly examined and are understood. We hereby certify that we have in place or will implement during the entire term of the contract a Mandatory Drug Testing Program for our employees on the jobsite that complies with this regulation:

Contractor/Subcontractor Name: _____

Contractor/Subcontractor Address: _____

Authorized Representative (typed or printed): _____

Authorized Representative (signature): _____

Title: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission expires _____. NOTARY PUBLIC _____.

AN AFFIDAVIT SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE BIDDER AND ALL SUBCONTRACTORS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHED SUBCONTRACTOR LIST. STATEMENT(S) MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED FOR YOUR BID TO BE CONSIDERED.

Scope of Work

CONTRACT NO. FM-18-002
CONTRACT TITLE: Landscaping Services

- A. General:** The Contractor shall perform maintenance and repair of grounds, landscaping and associated structures. Maintenance of plant materials shall include but are not limited to weeding, pruning, fertilizing, and cleanup. The Contractor shall perform mowing, trimming, edging, aeration, and fertilization; weed and brush control; flower bed services; tree and shrub pruning; tree and stump removal; erosion control; debris, drain, catch basins, and ditch cleanup; soil sampling for deficiencies of pH; inspecting and correcting damage caused by pest infestation, herbicide and pest control services, vehicles, and storms; landscaping operations; and other services as required herein to provide complete grounds maintenance. In order to successfully implement the University's Landscaping Plan, it is necessary to contract with a local company to provide landscaping services for roadways, streets, parking lots sidewalks, service areas, receiving stations, fire lanes, fire hydrants, security, health, dining service areas, and from the entrances of all buildings, including steps, stairs, and stoops. The contractor shall provide safety data sheets for all chemicals utilized for landscaping. All work shall be performed by qualified personnel in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and documents which include, but are not limited to DNREC required operations and University developed annual and long range plans.

Mowing Season: The mowing season starts March 1 through October 31 which includes the softball and baseball seasons for the University.

In Season Timeframes for Baseball and Softball: These fields are used year around given the temperatures are above 40 degrees.

Football main and practice field is utilized from June through November.

- B. Call to Action:** The Landscaping Contractor will be called to action at the sole discretion of the University. Call to action typically will occur during scheduled events and it is determined that a potential hazardous condition exists or will exist. The Contractor pledges that they will have available equipment and manpower necessary to provide adequate landscaping services when called to action.
- C. Equipment and Manpower:** The Contractor is required to provide adequate equipment and manpower to maintain the following schedule:
Note: At the discretion of the University, the University will provide temporary storage space for contractor equipment and supplies. University will not provide any office space.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Main Campus | 2x per week |
| 2. Courtyard | 2x per week |
| 3. Village 1, 2, 3 | 2x per week |
| 4. Living & Learning Commons | 2x per week |
| 5. Capitol Park | 1x per week |
| 6. Sport Annex | 1x per week |
| 7. DSU @ Wilmington | 2x per week |
| 8. Agriculture Field (adjacent to the University) | 2x per month (April – October) |
| 9. Baseball Field | 2x per week (In Season) |
| a. Infield & Outfield cut to 2-2 ½ inch height | |

- b. **Aeration twice a year (Fall & Spring)**
 - c. **Top Dress twice annually**
 - d. **Weed Killing**
 - e. **Once a year grass rolling of infield**
 - f. **Cutting once per week during off season (weather permitting)**
 - 10. **Softball Field** **2x per week (In Season)**
 - a. **Infield & Outfield cut to 2-2 ½ inch height**
 - b. **Aeration twice a year (Fall & Spring)**
 - c. **Top Dress twice annually**
 - d. **Weed Killing**
 - e. **Once a year grass rolling of infield**
 - f. **Cutting once per week during off season (weather permitting)**
 - 11. **Practice Football Field** **2x per week**
 - a. **Cut to 2-2 ½ inch height**
 - b. **Once a year grass rolling of field**
 - c. **Cutting once per week during off season (weather permitting)**
- D. Pricing:** Landscaping pricing shall be provided per week pricing to include all supplies, fuel, material, equipment, and labor to accomplish Landscape Plan.
- E. Turf Damage, Other Damage:** All damage caused by the negligence of the Contractor or employees of the Contractor, shall be repaired in a timely manner at the exclusive cost of the Contractor.
- F. Excess Material:** Contractor will be fully responsible for the clean-up of all excess material remaining. This is to include parking lots, all entrances, and sidewalks. Disposal of Landscaping maintenance debris will not be allowed on University Property. Only garbage can be disposed of in the appropriate containers provided by the Waste Management Vendor for the University.
- G. Work Area/System Description:** Grounds are those areas which encompass buildings and facilities and include lawn areas, ornamental bushes, natural athletic planning surfaces and trees. Grounds areas covered under this Contract include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Open grass areas
 - Common grounds areas
 - Playgrounds and recreational areas
 - Athletic fields
 - Maintenance areas
 - Warehouse areas
 - Transportation vehicle storage and staging areas
 - Street side area adjacent to the main campus
 - Capital Park
 - Sports Annex
 - University Courtyard (billed separately)
 - University Village
 - Main Campus
 - DSU @ Wilmington
 - Living and Learning Commons
 - Agriculture Field (adjacent to the University on College Road)

The landscaping contractor shall provide to the University a campus schedule indicating areas to be mowed and maintained. This layout will provide the university a clear understanding which areas on the campus will be mowed during services provided for the following areas:

1. Main Campus
2. Courtyard
3. Village 1, 2 & 3
4. DSU @ Wilmington
5. Living and Learning Commons
6. Capitol Park
7. Sports Annex
8. Baseball Field
9. Softball Field
10. Practice Football Field

Note: Campus map will be provided by the University.

- H. Reporting Requirements:** The Contractor shall prepare, submit, and maintain all records and reports as specified.

***Service and Maintenance needs to be completed in accordance with the DNREC Delaware Erosion

& Sediment Control Handbook current edition

***ALL DNREC Reports (Checklists & Documentation) need to be submitted to the University on a monthly basis for compliance with reporting standards

- I. Scheduled Tasks:** The Contractor shall perform the tasks below on a recurring or scheduled basis and record the work under approved recurring schedules as submitted and approved by the University.

1. **Turf Management Mowing:** The Contractor shall maintain the grounds and road shoulders for the areas specified. The Contractor shall adjust all mower deck heights to three inches and in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Grass shall be cut to a uniform height. Grass cutting is to be accomplished using mulching type mowers and performed in such a manner that it is not uneven or rough and is free of scalping, rutting, and bruising. Accumulated grass clumps shall not be allowed to remain on turf areas after cutting. The Contractor shall collect and dispose of any grass clippings which fall or blow onto streets or sidewalks by the end of the work day. The Contractor shall ensure that all ruts are repaired within two working days of lawn mowing completion. Grass in ditches shall be maintained and cut in such a way that the flow of water will not be impeded during storms and heavy rainfall.
2. **Other Responsibilities:** Prior to mowing, the Contractor shall pick up and remove all rubbish, debris, and trash (which includes, but is not limited to, leaves, rocks, paper, pine cones, limbs, and other portable objects) within the maintenance area and all trash, papers, leaves, and limbs lodged in shrubs, hedges, fences, and along foundation walls. All clipping rubbish, debris, and trash removed shall be properly disposed of as directed by the Facilities Department. In conjunction with mowing services, the Contractor shall inspect grounds for trash and debris buildup, possible fire hazards, and pest activity. The contractor shall be responsible to ensure rubbish, debris, and trash mention herein do not impact positive drainage at catch basins, drainage inlets, outfall structures or any other stormwater management facilities.
3. **Edging:** Edging of sidewalks, driveways, curbs, and other paved surfaces and around plant beds and other cultivated areas shall be performed once per week. Edging is to be

even and accomplished in a manner such that it is free of scalping, rutting, bruising, and roughing. The Contractor shall make clean vertical cuts at the junction of turf or soil and concrete and do so in a manner that does not cause erosion by ditching. All edging debris shall be collected and disposed of on the same day the material is generated.

4. **Weeds and Other Noxious Plant Control:** The Contractor shall control weeds and unwanted grasses on a monthly basis during the growing season unless otherwise directed by the University. The Contractor shall remove weeds and grasses from the base of plantings, around plant pits, and all sand volleyball courts in order to protect and enhance the appearance of the campus. The Contractor shall not use power equipment within ten inches of the base of plants for any purpose. Weed control shall be accomplished by using cultural, manual, chemical, and mechanical control. Manual methods shall result in the complete removal of weeds and their roots. Mechanical methods shall be used for trimming and edging the perimeter of mulched areas only. The Contractor shall replace trees, shrubs, and plants that are damaged by power equipment or chemicals with the same species and size within five working days of damage. Cutting off or mowing weeds within mulched areas is not an acceptable practice. Weed control shall be provided around surfaced, parking, storage areas, and fenced in areas. Growth of vegetation in paved and unpaved parking and storage areas, cracks in paved roads, and sidewalk and curbing joints shall be prevented as required from April through November. Growth of vegetation on unpaved roads shall be prevented.
5. **Trimming:** The Contractor shall perform trimming in conjunction with each mowing or as directed by the University. The grass shall be trimmed from around trees, shrubs, cultivated areas, fences, poles, guard posts, fire hydrants, buildings, structures, parking lot bumper blocks, walls, sprinkler heads, valves, and other similar objects to match the height and appearance of surrounding vegetation without causing damage to desirable vegetation. String trimmers shall not contact the bark of the tree, shrubs, or building skirting. After trimming, all cuttings and other debris shall be removed from the sidewalks and paved areas and disposed of properly.
6. **Aeration:** The Contractor shall aerate turf areas (Baseball & Softball Fields) annually using a core type aerator. The Contractor shall only perform aeration when turf areas are not frozen and when the soil moisture content allows a two to three inch core to be extracted. The Contractor shall aerate turf areas in a cross-directional manner to ensure all areas are completed. Aeration is not limited to the Baseball & Softball Fields and shall be considered in other areas deemed necessary on an as needed basis across the University.
7. **Retention basins:** The Contractor shall maintain areas in and along all retention basins on an annual basis. This includes, but is not limited to, removal of debris from the basins and repair of animal burrows to prevent erosion. The Contractor shall remove all manmade dams to permit free flow of the stream. The Contractor shall remove from the head walls and end walls all unwanted vegetation that includes, but is not limited to, trees and grass. Retention Basins Service and Maintenance needs to be completed in accordance with the DNREC Delaware Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook current edition. In addition, ALL DNREC Reports (Checklists & Documentation) need to be submitted to the University on a monthly basis for compliance with reporting standards. (See section 1100.00)
8. **Landscape Mulching:** The Contractor shall mulch semi-annually or as directed by the University. The Contractor shall mulch throughout all plant and shrub beds and around designated ornamental and shade trees for weed and grass control, soil conservation, and to minimize moisture evaporation. The mulch cover shall consist of hardwood or other materials approved by the University and shall be free of grass and weeds. Old mulch

shall be removed to accommodate the new mulch. Mulch shall be added to a minimum depth of three inches and a maximum depth of four inches and shall extend beyond the perimeter of beds to established borders such as sidewalks, pavements, curbs, or walls. Mulch around designated ornamental and shade trees that are not growing in plant or shrub beds shall extend out from the base of each tree for a distance of 18 inches. All Beds will be completed within two weeks of initial mulching. Contractor must validate all existing mulch beds. Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that existing grading and building drainage are maintained.

9. **Leaf Collection:** The Contractor shall provide leaf collection in the Fall and Spring of each year, visiting each area on a weekly cycle, until all leaves are collected at the University's discretion. The Contractor shall generally begin leaf collection in October, weather permitting, and only after directed to commence by the University and continue until all leaves are gathered at the University's discretion. The Contractor shall also perform leaf collection and removal in March, weather permitting, and only after directed to commence by the University and continue until all areas are cleaned at the University's discretion. The Contractor shall remove leaves from all turf areas, shrub beds, roadways, parking areas, fence lines, stair wells and window wells. Leaf removal shall be conducted at the direction of the University.
10. **Provide Leaf Disposal:** The Contractor shall remove all accumulated leaf and other debris to an off-Installation location and dispose of it in accordance with current State regulations.
11. **Planting:** The Contractor shall plant trees, shrubs, hedges, plants, and grasses as designated by the University to replace those lost to disease, winter kill, drought and damage, natural disasters, and those with unsightly appearance. Replacement vegetation shall be of the identical species and in like numbers. In addition, the replacement shall be of identical size, when appropriate, for all vegetation; maximum diameter size for tree replacement shall be of six inches. Stakes and guy wires shall be removed one year after planting of the tree, and as required. The work shall include bed preparation, planting, mulching, guying, watering, and wrapping on a year round basis. Plants which lean or sag shall be straightened and plants which develop more than a normal amount of settlement shall be adjusted. Native collected materials may be used when available. Plant materials shall conform to industry standards as outlined in ANSI Z60.1 1980 (American Standards for Nursery Stock). Allowable tree sizes are as follows:
 - Shade trees: 1 3/4 to 2 inches in diameter or 10 to 12 feet in height.
 - Flowering trees: 3/4 to 7/8 inches in diameter or 6 to 8 feet in height.
 - Evergreen trees: 4 to 5 feet in height.
 - Shrubs: container grown, no less than 2 gallon container
 - Shrubs: balled and burlapped, no less than 18 inches in height and spread
12. **Planting Requirements:** The Contractor shall plant balled and burlapped or container grown tree or spade obtained trees and balled or container grown shrubs having ball sizes and ratios conforming to ANSI Z60.1 and in accordance with the University. Excavation for trees and shrub placement shall be at least 1.5 times root ball size in depth and width. The Contractor shall use planting soil composed of seven parts by volume topsoil and three parts by volume organic amendment and seed or sedge peat fertilizer and water retention amendment as the label directs. The Contractor shall ensure the pH is between 5.0 and 5.5 for azaleas, gardenias, and holly, and between pH 5.5 and 6.5 for all other shrubs. Tree and shrub replacement shall be accomplished between March 1 and November 1 each year; however, no planting shall be performed when the ground is frozen. The Contractor shall water newly planted trees and shrubs as needed unless otherwise directed

by the University. This watering is generally necessary until the planted trees and shrubs have completed the first growing season.

13. **Pruning and Trimming:** The Contractor shall trim and prune shrubs, ground covers, native plants, and trees planted in improved grounds. The Contractor shall trim hedges, bushes, and shrubs. The Contractor shall be responsible for trimming all trees and shrubs that block lights, signage, and/or safety devices.

Contractor shall provide Tree Pruning/Services up to and not limited to the following Arborist Specifications and the American National Standard for pruning, ANSI A300:

Coarse pruning: (see diagram) removal of deadwood greater than two inches diameter and any hazardous branches.

Medium pruning: (see diagram) includes Coarse pruning, plus removal of deadwood greater than one inch diameter and specialty treatments (raising branch height, site clearance, crossing or broken branches, thinning canopy).

Fine pruning: (see diagram) includes Medium pruning, plus removal of all deadwood and any water sprouts, suckers and crossing branches; inspection for health conditions.

Climber should inspect to the tip of every branch. Up to 15% of canopy may be removed for light and air penetration.

Raising branches: removal of lowest branches to a prescribed height for appropriate clearance needs. Generally 8 feet over sidewalks, 14 feet over streets, and a variety of heights for mower clearance (only if needed).

Natural Target Pruning: removal of branches using a 3-cut process and protecting the branch collar.

Pruning Objectives

A300 provides two basic objectives.

(1)Hazard Reduction Pruning (HRP) is recommended when the primary objective is to reduce the danger to a specific target caused by visibly defined hazards in a tree. For example, HRP may be the primary objective if a tree had many dead limbs over a park bench.

(2)Maintenance Pruning (MP) is recommended when the primary objective is to maintain or improve tree health and structure, and includes hazard reduction pruning. An example here might be to perform a MP operation on a front yard tree.

Pruning Types

HRP and MP should consist of one or more of the pruning types noted below.

Crown Cleaning shall consist of the selective removal of one or more of the following

items: dead, dying or diseased branches, weak branches and waterspouts.

Crown Thinning shall consist of the selective removal of branches of increase light penetration, air movement and reduce weight.

Crown Raising shall consist of the removal of the lower branches of a tree to provide clearance.

Crown Reduction, or Crown Shaping decreases the height and/or spread of a tree.

Consideration should be given to the ability

Vista Pruning is selective thinning of framework limbs or specific areas of the crown to allow a view of an object from a

Crown Restoration should improve the structure, form and appearance of trees have been severely headed, vandalized,

14. **Shrub Pruning:** All shrubs, bushes, hedges, and other cultivated plants are to be pruned according to their natural growth habit for proper health, attractive appearance in the appropriate season, and to prevent interference with pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Shrub pruning shall be accomplished throughout the year. Pruning is to be done in a manner so as to:
 - a) Prevent growth in front of windows, over entrance ways or walks, and in all areas in which growth will obstruct vision at street intersections
 - b) Remove and dispose of dead, damaged, and diseased wood
 - c) Evenly form and balance the shrub, bush, and plant
 - d) Maintain the established hedge shape and appearance.

15. **Tree Pruning:** Pruning shall evenly form and balance the tree, promote proper health and growth, and prevent interference with pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Trees are to be pruned to a uniform height; tree growth around the base of the tree shall be removed. Pruning is to be done in a manner so as to:
 - a) Remove dead, damaged, and diseased wood, parasitic vegetation, and structurally weak limbs that may cause a safety hazard.
 - b) Remove branches to provide clearance over sidewalks, parking lots, driveways, buildings and roofs, eaves, and windows that are in danger of damage.
 - c) Remove branches to provide clearance for buses, moving vans, and similar vehicles along streets and road systems.
 - d) Cut back branches that overhang and grow into power lines.
 - e) Shape the entire tree rather than notch the top.
 - f) Prevent growth of small trees in front of windows, over entrance ways or walks, and in areas in which growth will obstruct vision at street intersections and within a 6 foot radius of facilities.
 - g) Promote proper health, growth, and appearance.
 - h) Contractor shall provide a 1yr plan for pruning all trees on campus.

See above Section I: Item 13 for additional Pruning Specifications

16. **Preventative Care of Shade Trees:** Pruning, guying, and fertilizing of shade trees shall be in accordance with the National Arborist Association Standards for pruning, guying, and fertilizing shade trees.

17. **Plant, Ground Cover, and Vine Planting:** The size of plants, ground cover, and vines shall follow the guidelines found above. Plant, ground cover, and vine replacements shall be accomplished between March 1 and June 1.

18. **Debris Removal:** The Contractor shall clean, remove, and dispose of debris from various areas such as sewage ponds and improved grounds. The Contractor shall be responsible for the disposal of debris off of DSU.
 19. **Storm Damage:** The University will notify the Contractor when the DSU Severe Weather Emergency Action Plan is in effect after which time the Contractor shall clean up wind and storm damage. The Contractor shall remove as priority work all fallen trees, limbs, and debris deposited by water runoff on improved grounds after periods of heavy wind or rainfall. The Contractor shall dispose of storm debris off of DSU. Routine maintenance work shall be suspended during periods deemed necessary by the University for storm damage cleanup.
 20. **Utility Service Support:** The Contractor shall provide utility service support to include, but not be limited to; the replanting of grass, trees, and shrubs to restore areas to original appearance after the repair of underground utilities has been completed.
- J. Unscheduled Tasks:** The Contractor shall perform the tasks described below when initiated and will be a part of the Contracted services in this agreement. The Contractor shall perform unscheduled grounds maintenance, to include mowing, vegetation removal, earth fill for erosion control, and other services as requested by the University.
1. **Fertilizer and Lime Application:** The Contractor shall take soil samples as needed for analysis of pH, nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, and nitro-nutrients. The Contractor shall also fertilize plants, grasses, and ground covers at the time of planting and transplanting. The Contractor shall apply a variety of chemical and organic fertilizers in combination or in single application to correct soil and plant deficiencies, but as not to burn root system. The Contractor shall apply commercial fertilizer based on the chemical composition and application time and rates recommended by the analyzing laboratory. Lime, when required by soil sample results, is to be applied during the fall time period. Only dolomitic agricultural lime shall be used.
 2. **Seeding:** The Contractor shall prepare a proper seed bed. The Contractor shall seed designated areas to ensure a full even lawn growth throughout seeded areas with no bare or uneven spots after six weeks of growth from the time of seeding. Bare spots exceeding three square feet will be re sodded with the prevalent sod. Grounds areas where seed will not germinate shall be sodded to establish turf. The Contractor shall apply topsoil to new lawn areas at a depth of four inches. The Contractor shall spread topsoil to an even and level appearance in conjunction with contours specified for the area and shall fill holes and ruts in the area prior to being dressed with topsoil. Seed mixes shall contain no more than 0.01 percent weed seed.
 3. **Fall Seeding's:** Fall seeding shall take place between 1 September and 31 October and shall use a mixture of annual rye grass and unhulled Kentucky bluegrass blend. Straw mulch shall be applied at the rate of two tons per acre (approximately 90 lb. /1000 square feet).
 4. **Over Seeding:** The Contractor shall over seed designated lawn areas or as requested by a valid work document. The Contractor shall prepare areas of lawns that have no grass with topsoil before over seeding. Fall over seeding shall be accomplished between 15 August and 30 September. Damaged or thinning turf may be over seeded in Spring between 1 April through 15 May. The Contractor shall remove thatch, aerate, plant seed, apply an appropriate over-covering (e.g., topsoil, straw, etc. depending on

climate and other conditions), and irrigate. Over seeding seed mixture shall include turf perennial rye grass. Rate of application shall be 1.5 lb. per 1,000 square feet. Note: To Over seed and Top Dress for the Infield & Outfield Grass contractor must use SURFACE DIRT CONDITIONER on the Infield Dirt. Over seed and Top-dress are for the Infield & Outfield Grass areas ONLY.

5. **Establishing New Landscape Areas:** The Contractor shall establish new landscape areas as specified on a valid work document. The Contractor shall layout and prepare new landscape areas in accordance with the above paragraphs on soil preparation, seeding, revegetating, irrigating, and fertilizing.
6. **Tree Removal:** The Contractor shall remove dead trees and those which are a hazard or nuisance because of location (e.g., near electric lines or roads). The work shall include complete removal of trees, stumps, and debris; filling of hole with topsoil; and the seeding and mulching of the bare ground area. Logs, debris, and woodchips shall be deposited off campus or as directed by the University. Contractor shall anticipate that refuse may be directed to an alternate campus site within a 10 mile radius of main campus. Bare ground areas shall be seeded with Kentucky bluegrass blend or as approved by the University, as appropriate.
7. **Stump Removal:** The Contractor shall remove existing stumps to six inches below ground level, fill hole with topsoil, and seed bare ground area with Kentucky bluegrass blend and mulch or material approved by the University. All wood chips and debris shall be deposited off campus or as directed by the University.

PARKING LOT LOCATIONS & SIDEWALK LISTINGS

Below is a list of parking lots and associated number for Delaware State University

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Stadium
2B	Loading Dock-Rear of Martin Luther King Jr., Student Center
3	Alumni Stadium
3A	Aquatics Road, Softball Field Road and Loop Road Street Parking
4	Evers and Jenkins Halls
5	Facilities Services
5A	Facilities Drive Parking Area
5B	Fleet Services
6	Baker Extension Building Parking Lot
6B	Baker Building-Agriculture and Natural Resources
7	Conwell Hall
8	Grossley Hall
8A	University Boulevard
9	Laws and Tubman Hall
10	Health Services
10A	Wynder Towers
12	Science Center
13	John R. Price Building
14	Commuter Lot
15	ETV Building
16	Education and Humanities
16R	Bank of America
UCY	University Courtyard (to be billed separately)
17	Administration Building (small)
18	Administration Building (large)
19	Near Early Childhood Lab
19B	East Side of Education & Humanities
20	Laws Hall Loading Zone/Fire Lane
22	Sponsored Programs (Gravel Parking Lot)
23	Conrad Hall Loading, Zone/Fire Lane & Dr. Washington's House
24	University Village East
25	University Village West
Off Campus	Delaware State University @ Wilmington
Off Campus	Living and Learning Commons
Off Campus	Capital Park
Off Campus	Sports Annex
Off Campus	University Courtyard Apartments

SIDEWALK LISTINGS

Below is a list of sidewalks:

- Village Café
- Conrad Dining Hall
- Maurice E. Thomason Building
- Health Service (Infirmary)
- President's Residence
- Facilities Management Building
- Richard S. Grossley Hall
- Memorial Hall
- John R. Price Building
- William C. Jason Library
- Luna I. Mishoe Science Center (North & South)
- Education and Humanities Center
- Education and Humanities – Child Lab Entrance
- Bank of America Building
- Educational TV (ETV) Building
- Martin Luther King Student Center
- Loockerman House
- James W.W. Baker Building
- Ulysses Washington Cooperative Extension Building
- Campus Mall
- Tubman Hall
- Delaware Hall
- Wynder Tower
- Warren – Franklin
- Evers Hall
- Jenkins Hall
- Conwell Hall
- Village 1, 2 & 3
- Sidewalk From University Court Yard To Campus
- Cottage 502 wooden ramp
- Wellness & Recreation Center
- University Police Station
- Capital Park
- Sports Annex
- Living and Learning Commons
- OSCAR Building
- Delaware State University @ Wilmington

ADDRESSES OF SATELLITE CAMPUSES/ SITES

Addresses of Satellite Campus

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. DSU at Wilmington | 3931 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19808 |
| 2. Capitol Park | 2 Capitol Avenue
Dover, Delaware 19901 |
| 3. Sport Annex | 255 College Road
Dover, Delaware 19904 |
| 4. University Courtyard | 430 State College Road
Dover, Delaware 19904 |
| 5. DSU Learning and Living Commons | 1570 North DuPont Hwy
Dover, Delaware 19901 |

Delaware State University Stormwater Maintenance

Standard Guidelines for Operation and Maintenance of Stormwater BMPs

***Service and Maintenance needs to be completed in accordance with the DNREC Delaware Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook current edition

***ALL DNREC Reports (Checklists & Documentation) need to be submitted to the University on a monthly basis for compliance with reporting standards

Extended Detention Dry Pond

Function:	Extended detention dry ponds collect stormwater and allow for a slower release of water into the streams. These ponds only contain water during and immediately following a runoff event.
Inspection:	Semi-annual (Spring and Fall) and after storm events of two inches or more.
Mowing:	Weekly during peak growing season (April – November). Mow a 10-foot wide access path to all inlet and outlet structures regularly. Use mulching mower to ensure that nutrients are recycled. For warm season grasses, the previous season's stalks should be cut down to 8-12 inches in early spring (mid-March), before new season's growth emerges.
Plant materials:	Reseed and/or replant as required based upon inspection findings. Do not plant trees on pond embankments. Remove saplings on embankments of ponds and around perimeter, including outlet/inlet structures. Remove any accumulated sediment from the riprap to discourage plant growth in the stone and remove any woody vegetation.
Erosion:	Stabilize eroded areas with reinforcing erosion control products (RECP), or turf reinforcing mats (TRM), or equivalent, and reseed/replant as required. Eliminate cause of erosion by diverting flow, if necessary.
Soil:	Soils on side slopes of pond should be tested annually to ensure proper pH and fertility including: organic matter, magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P ₂ O ₅), nitrogen (N), Potassium (K ₂ O), and soluble salts.
Miscellaneous:	Remove debris and litter on a regular basis. It is especially important to remove debris from outfall structures. Fencing is not required; however, if a fence is preferred, ensure that it is in good repair and provides access for maintenance and inspections.
Hire a professional:	Repair of severe erosion; replacement of deteriorating pipes or structural components; if mosquitoes are suspected to be problematic; reconstruction of embankment and outlet structure; removal of accumulated sediment; aquatic vegetation control (chemical application); if dredging (sediment removal) is required (every 2-10 years).

Wet Pond

- Function:** Stormwater wet ponds always contain a permanent pool of water. They collect stormwater and allow sediment to settle out before water is released into the streams.
- Inspection:** Semi-annual (Spring and Fall) and after storm events of 2 inches or more.
- Mowing:** Weekly during peak growing season (April – November).
Mow 10-foot wide access path to all inlet and outlet structures regularly. Use mulching mower to ensure that nutrients are recycled. For warm season grasses, the previous season’s stalks should be cut down to 8-12 inches in early spring (mid-March), before new season’s growth emerges. Leaving a buffer is optional. If a buffer is preferred, mow at least once a year to deter growth of saplings. Mow between September 1 and 30 to allow for regrowth of winter cover while avoiding potential negative effects on wildlife such as nesting birds.
- Plant materials:** Planting a buffer around the pond is optional, and can provide for wildlife habitat if desired. Buffer width is also optional. Reseed and/or replant as required based upon inspection findings. Do not apply chemicals to the pond if you find inundation of vegetation. This can only be done by a Certified Aquatic Applicator certified in the State of Delaware by the Department of Agriculture. Do not plant trees on pond embankments. Remove saplings on embankments of ponds and around perimeter, including outlet/inlet structures. Remove any accumulated sediment from the riprap to discourage plant growth in the stone and remove any woody vegetation.
- Erosion:** Stabilize eroded areas with reinforcing erosion control products (RECP), or turf reinforcing mats (TRM), or equivalent, and reseed/replant as required. Eliminate cause of erosion by diverting flow, if necessary.
- Soil:** Soils on side slopes of pond should be tested annually to ensure proper pH and fertility including: organic matter, magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P₂O₅), nitrogen (N), Potassium (K₂O), and soluble salts.
- Miscellaneous:** Remove debris and litter on a regular basis. It is especially important to remove debris from outfall structures. Fencing is not required; however, if a fence is preferred, ensure that it is in good repair and provides access for maintenance and inspections.
- Hire a professional:** Repair of severe erosion; replacement of deteriorating pipes or structural components; if mosquitoes are suspected to be problematic; reconstruction of embankment and outlet structure; removal of accumulated sediment; aquatic vegetation control (chemical application); if dredging (sediment removal) is required (every 2-10 years).

Bio filtration Swales

Function:	Swales convey stormwater to a stormwater facility or downstream. Bioswales are specially designed flat bottomed swales that may or may not contain wetland plants selected to absorb water and remove pollutants.
Inspection:	Semi-annual (Spring and Fall) and after storm events of two inches or more.
Sediment:	Where sediment forebays are provided, remove sediments accumulated in the forebay once they are half filled or to the designated depth. A depth marker should be provided in the forebay to guide the inspection requirements. If forebays are not provided, remove visible accumulations of sediment with rake and flat shovel.
Erosion:	Stabilize eroded areas with reinforcing erosion control products (RECP), or turf reinforcing mats (TRM), or equivalent, and reseed/replant as required.
Mowing:	If turf cover is used mow regularly (weekly from April to November). Mow no lower than six inches to maintain desired design height. The vegetation height should be two times the depth of flow during the quality storm. The vegetation height should be specified on the plan.
Native plants and grasses	Cut down standing stalks to 12 inches in Spring (mid-March), just before new growth emerges. Selectively hand-apply an appropriate herbicide with a cut stump applicator or directed foliar sprays. Application of herbicides, pesticides may require a licensed professional. For large projects a professional contractor is recommended. Reseed and/or replant as required based upon inspection findings.
Soil:	Soil should be tested annually to ensure proper pH and fertility including: organic matter, magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P ₂ O ₅), Nitrogen (N), Potassium (K ₂ O), and soluble salts. If required, fertilizer should only be applied in the Fall.
Check dams:	Remove materials that accumulate on the upstream face of the check dams. Remove all vegetation that extends roots within the check dams manually and apply herbicides as necessary to eliminate herbaceous species with persistent roots. If fines have accumulated within the filter stone, power-washing or pressure jet equipment shall be used to remove the fines. The nozzle of such equipment shall be inserted between the rear face stones of the check dam to force the accumulated fines back out the front of the check dam. If accumulation is extensive, it may be necessary to open up the gabion top, remove the face stone and enough filler stone to permit access by pressure washing equipment.
Miscellaneous:	Remove debris and litter on a regular basis.

Hire a professional: If ponding is observed; if facility does not completely drain within 48 hours; replacement of deteriorating pipes or structural components; facility reconstruction; repair of severe erosion; herbicide spraying.

Bioretention Facilities

Function: Bioretention facilities remove contaminants from runoff by filtering through an engineered media and infiltrate water into the ground.

Inspection: Semi-annual (Spring and Fall) & after storm events of two inches or more.

Sediment: Where sediment forebays are provided, remove sediments accumulated in the forebay once they are half filled. Remove all visible accumulations of sediment on top of the mulch layer with flat shovel and rake. Stabilize eroded areas with appropriate geotextile (refer to DNREC E&S manual for guidance on selection of appropriate geotextile), and reseed/replant as required.

Plant materials: Cut down standing stalks of herbaceous materials to 12 inches just before growth emerges in Spring (mid-March). Selectively apply appropriate herbicide with a cut stump applicators or directed foliar sprays. Application of herbicides / pesticides may require licensed professional. Reseed or replant as required based upon inspection findings. Inspect woody material for pest and ice damage. Prune trees and shrubs in the Fall. Plants are specially selected to tolerate variable conditions such as severe drought and flooding, in addition to salty conditions as a result of road salt (winter conditions).

Soil: Soil should be tested annually to ensure proper pH and fertility including: organic matter, magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P₂O₅), nitrogen (N), Potassium (K₂O), and soluble salts. If required, fertilizer should only be applied in the Fall.

Mulch: Add triple-shredded hardwood mulch every Spring or as needed to maintain three inch depth for facilities with mulch topdressing.

Miscellaneous: Remove debris and litter on a regular basis. If the top layer of mulch is replaced, used triple-shredded hardwood mulch. Bioretention facilities are not designed to withstand loads from large equipment or regular use by vehicles. Do not compact the ground in any way.

Hire a professional: If a bioretention facility does not drain within 48 hours; removal of accumulated sediment is needed; replacement of biosoil mix (every 2-10 years); repair of severe erosion.

Filter Strip

Function: Filter strips spread runoff uniformly over a filtering surface of vegetation, providing infiltration and pollutant removal. Filter strips can provide substantial treatment as long as they are not overwhelmed by sediment and runoff.

- Inspection: Semi-annual (Spring and Fall) & after storm events of two inches or more.
- Sediment: Excessive sediment at the lip of the level spreader should be cleaned by hand with rake and flat shovels every spring and fall and after storm events of two inches or more. Sediment may need to be removed more frequently if it causes water to back up and not discharge into the swale.
- Mowing: Mow, annually, between September 1 and 30 to allow for regrowth of winter cover while avoiding potential negative effects on wildlife such as nesting birds. Use mulching mower to ensure that nutrients are recycled. For warm season grasses, the previous season's stalks should be cut down to 8-12 inches in early spring (mid-March), before new season's growth emerges. The approved plan will specify the mow height. Filter strip vegetation should be maintained at a height of two times the depth of flow during the quality storm.
- Plant materials: Reseed and/or replant as required based upon inspection findings.
- Erosion: Stabilize eroded areas with reinforcing erosion control products (RECP), or turf reinforcing mats (TRM), or equivalent, and reseed/replant as required.
- Soil: Soil should be tested annually to ensure proper pH and fertility including: organic matter, magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P₂O₅), nitrogen (N), Potassium (K₂O), and soluble salts. If required, fertilizer should only be applied in the Fall.
- Miscellaneous: Remove litter on a regular basis.
- Hire a professional: Repair of severe erosion.

Sand Filter

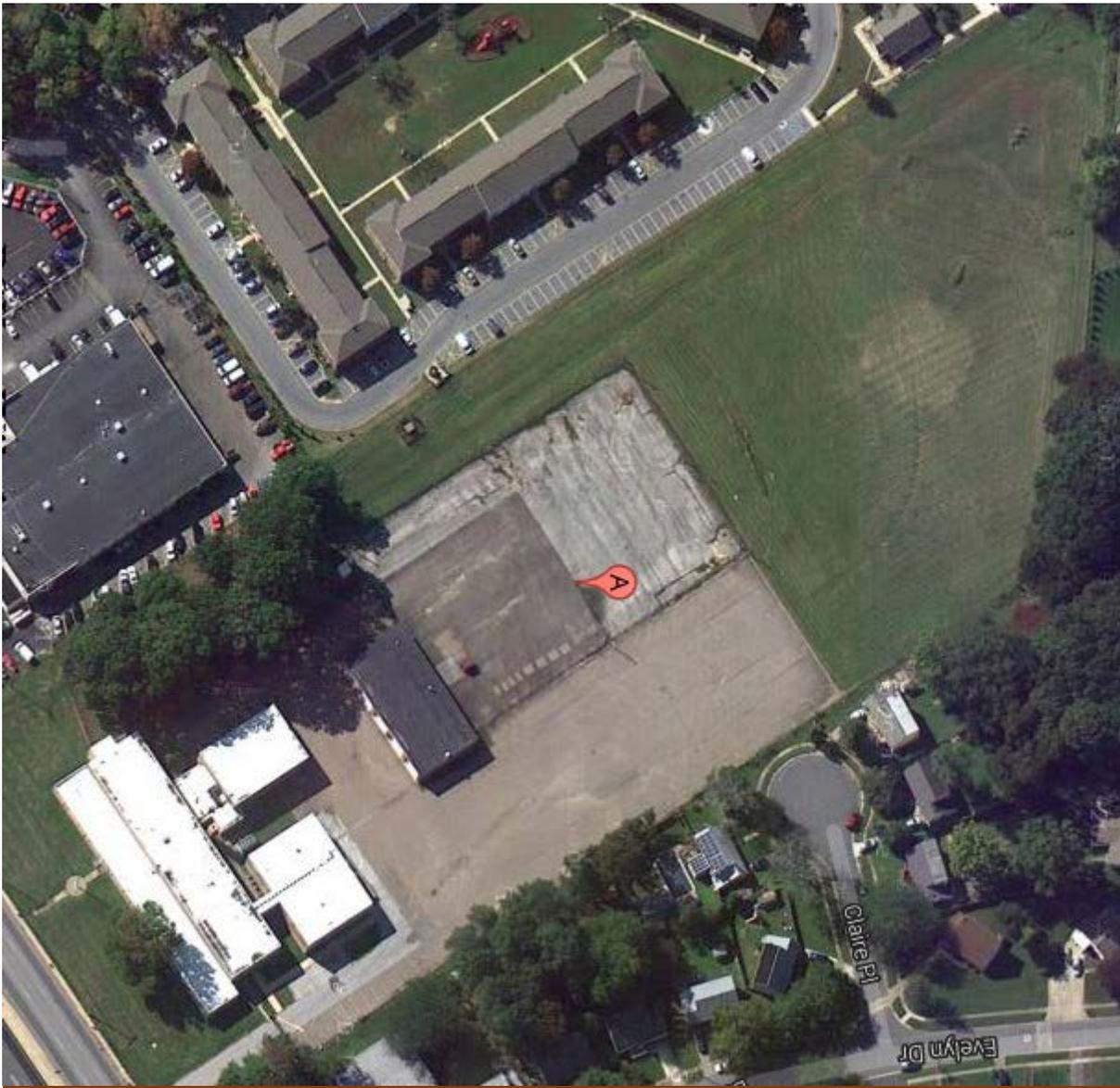
- Function: Sand filters provide water quality treatment to stormwater from impervious areas by allowing heavy sediment to settle, and by filtering to remove fine sediment and other pollutants.
- Inspection: Semi-annual (Spring and Fall) and after storm events of two inches or more or when water ponds around the sand filter.
- Sand replacement: The top few inches of sand contains the most contaminants. Replace top few inches on periodic basis. Perform complete replacement as needed.
- Miscellaneous: Remove litter on a regular basis.
- Hire a professional: Removal of accumulated sediment/pollutants in sedimentation chamber; replacement of sand and filter on as needed basis; replacement of structural components (greater than 20 years if properly maintained).

Site Map of DNREC Qualified Storm Maintenance Areas INCLUDED.

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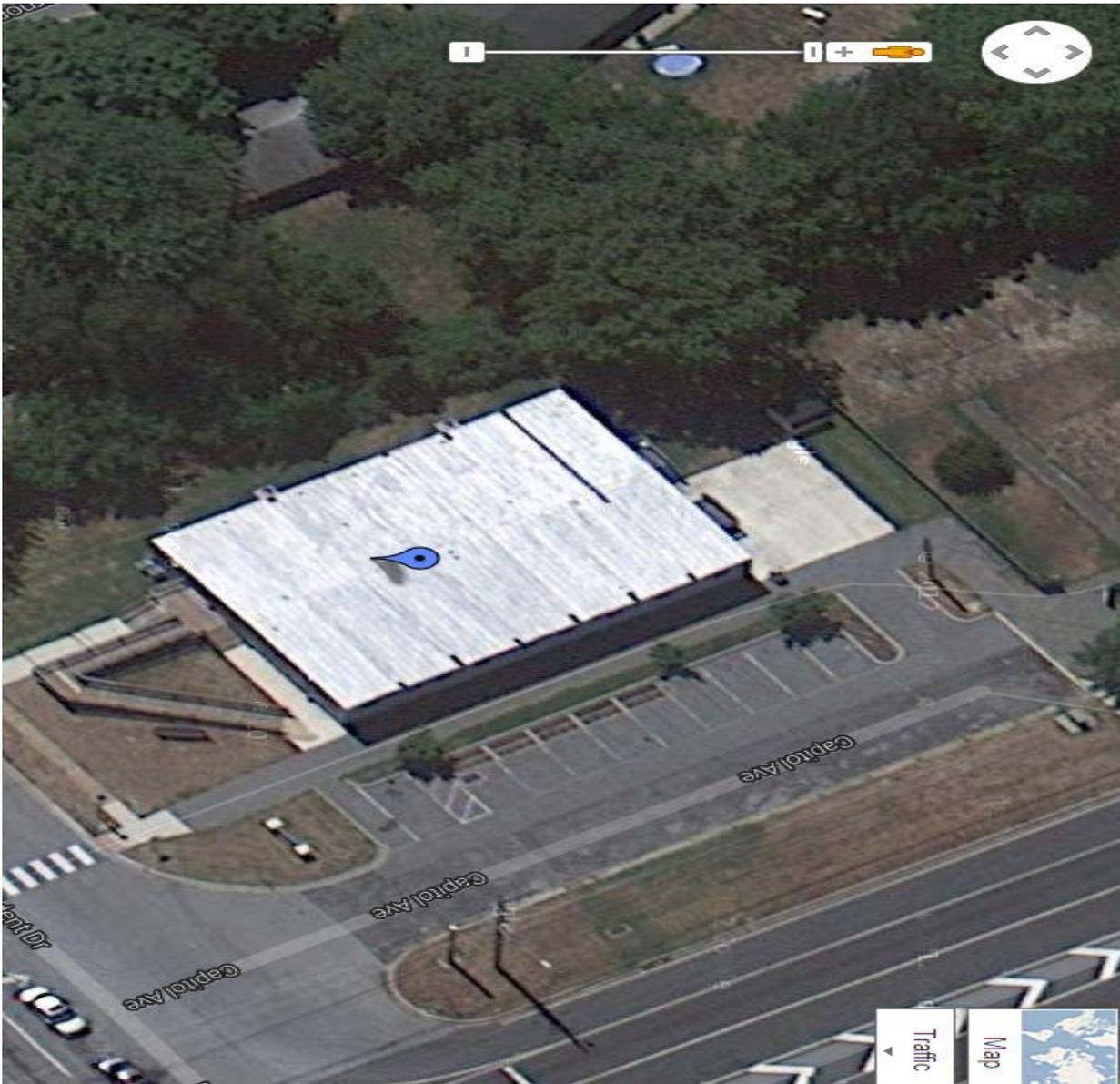
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CAPITAL PARK



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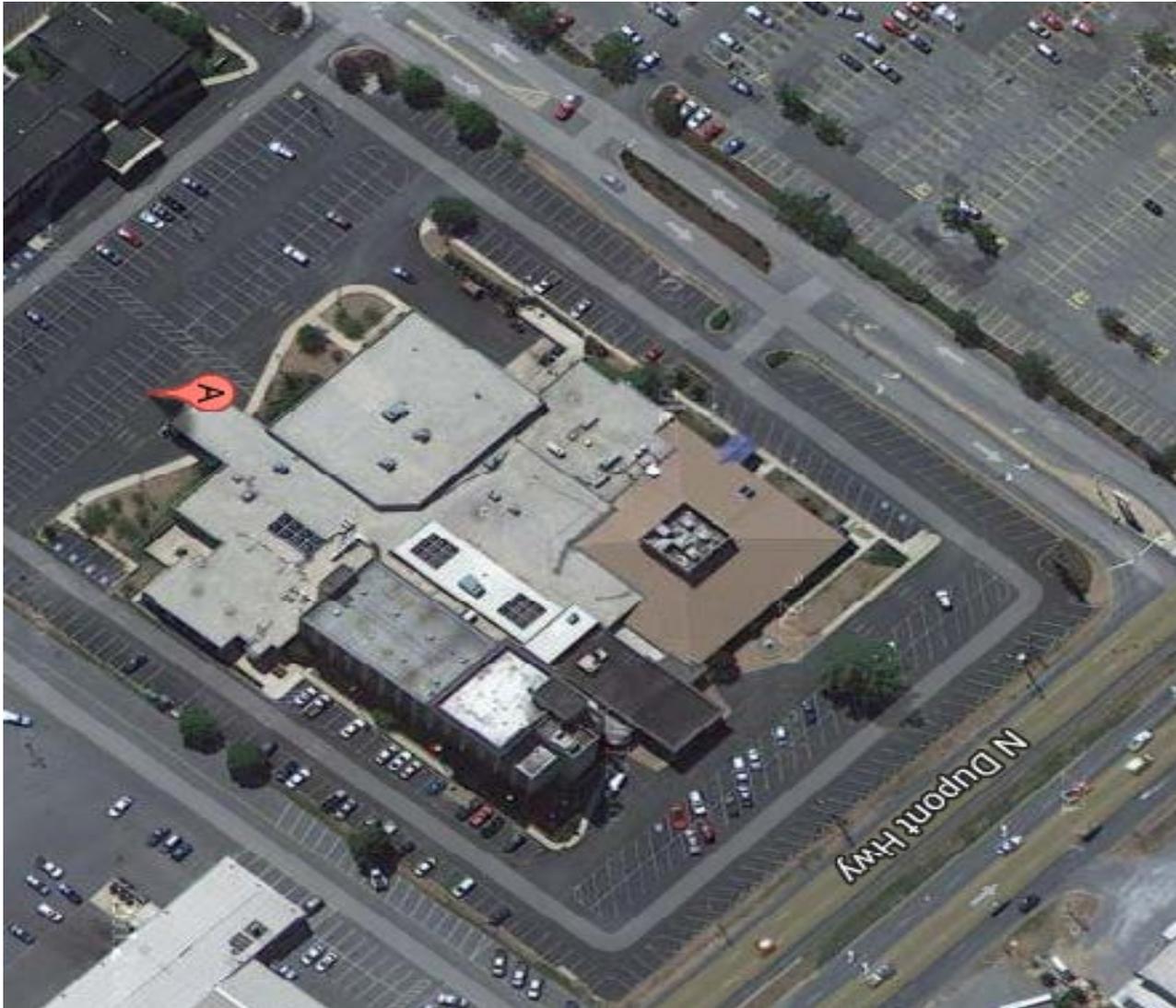
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SATELLITE VIEWS:

LIVING AND LEARNING COMMONS



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STORM WATER/RETENTION BASIN VIEWS:

Baker Building



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STORM WATER/RETENTION BASIN VIEWS:

Campus View



APPENDIX B

General Clarifications, Questions, Answers, and Other Related Forms

1. Is there a place to use on campus for storage and to run out of?
 - a. The University will provide an outside area for temporary gathering prior to rendering services to the University. In addition, the area provided will not have a building, it is a fenced in area that will be used for heavy equipment and products.
2. Can trash be dumped in University dumpsters?
 - a. Trash can be dumped into dumpster. However, landscaping debris cannot be discarded into the dumpsters. Contractor will be responsible for disposing of excess trees, limbs, bushes, etc. that are as a result of services rendered.
3. What areas are to be aerated?
 - a. Areas needing aeration are the athletic fields. (Softball and Baseball fields)
4. Does Maintenance of retention basins include mulching?
 - a. Maintenance of the Retention Basins are guided by the DNREC specifications posted on the State of Delaware Website
5. Would like clarification: Mulching “shall be done semi annually or as directed by the university”, are you looking for two mulch applications to be included in the bid?
 - a. We defer to the expertise of the vendor and expect that the expertise would include fresh mulch at a minimal of twice a year.
6. RFP states “Contractor shall plant trees, shrubs, plants, etc. as designated by University to replace those lost to disease, winter kill, drought...” Will this be over and above the contract, with a separate service order?
 - a. No
7. To what height would you like trees pruned?
 - a. Contractor shall provide Tree Pruning/Services up to and not limited to the following Arborist Specifications and the American National Standard for pruning, ANSI A300:
 - Coarse pruning: (see diagram) removal of deadwood greater than two inches diameter and any hazardous branches.
 - Medium pruning: (see diagram) includes Coarse pruning, plus removal of deadwood greater than one inch diameter and specialty treatments (raising branch height, site clearance, crossing or broken branches, thinning canopy).
 - Fine pruning: (see diagram) includes Medium pruning, plus removal of all deadwood and any water sprouts, suckers and crossing branches; inspection for health conditions. Climber should inspect to the tip of every branch. Up to 15% of canopy may be removed for light and air penetration.
 - Raising branches: removal of lowest branches to a prescribed height for appropriate clearance needs. Generally 8 feet over sidewalks, 14 feet over streets, and a variety of heights for mower clearance (only if needed).
 - Natural Target Pruning: removal of branches using a 3-cut process and protecting the branch collar.

- b. Pruning Objectives - A300 provides two basic objectives.
 - a. (1)Hazard Reduction Pruning (HRP) is recommended when the primary objective is to reduce the danger to a specific target caused by visibly defined hazards in a tree. For example, HRP may be the primary objective if a tree had many dead limbs over a park bench.

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- b. (2)Maintenance Pruning (MP) is recommended when the primary objective is to maintain or improve tree health and structure, and includes hazard reduction pruning. An example here might be to perform a MP operation on a front yard tree.

c. Pruning Types

HRP and MP should consist of one or more of the pruning types noted below.

- Crown Cleaning shall consist of the selective removal of one or more of the following items: dead, dying or diseased branches, weak branches and watersprouts.
- Crown Thinning shall consist of the selective removal of branches of increase light penetration, air movement and reduce weight.
- Crown Raising shall consist of the removal of the lower branches of a tree to provide clearance.
- Crown Reduction, or Crown Shaping decreases the height and/or spread of a tree. Consideration should be given to the ability
- Vista Pruning is selective thinning of framework limbs or specific areas of the crown to allow a view of an object from a
- Crown Restoration should improve the structure, form and appearance of trees that have been severely headed, vandalized,

8. Would like Clarification: Are turf application included in regular maintenance or are they above and beyond?

- a. Regular Maintenance

9. Are flower rotations a part of the maintenance contract? Or are they above and beyond? Is there a required plant per square foot, size (4" or 6")? Do you require a specific plant material? Which locations would you like the flowers to be planted?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No
- d. No
- e. Replenish areas that already have Flower Beds

10. What kind of mix are you looking for to top dress the softball and baseball fields?

- a. Overseed and Top Dress for the Infield & Outfield Grass and use TURFACE DIRT CONDITIONER on the Infield Dirt

11. When you say top dress do you mean of the grass or the infield (infield uses diamond tex)?

- a. Overseed and Top-dress are for the Infield & Outfield Grass areas ONLY

12. When will you be sending out the additional addenda?

- a. Please refer to the RFP to answer this question and be informed of the deadlines for addendums.

13. What was the dollar amount for the last year on the previous contract?

- a. That is not relevant to this Bid

14. Have all Bonds been waived for this contract?

- a. Yes.
15. Who is the incumbent contractor for the previous contract?
a. Moon Landscaping
16. Will the state be providing storage and office facilities for this project?
a. Storage for Equipment – Yes
b. Office Facility - No
17. Were all services and items listed included in the previous contract?
Refer to State of Delaware Website to obtain a copy of the previous RFP for this contract
18. Are you asking for a lump Sum amount for each site that includes the all task areas. The number of cuts (2X) indicates just mowing.
a. Refer to the Clarifications Section of this Addendum
19. Aeration: Regarding the approved work order for aerated areas. Will the WORK ORDER become a change order for extra work or just a authorization to do select areas to be aerated?
a. Just Authorization
20. Mulching: Does DSU have the cubic yards of mulch required for this contract? The square footage of area to be mulched? or list of designated areas?
a. No
21. Will a statement of work (SOW) or a change order (CO) be issued for replacement plant material and installation?
a. No
22. Preventive Care: There is no insect control program in the contract for tree and shrub care. Would it be an unscheduled Task and added to contract? or no program at all?
a. Insect Control will be part of this contract and we defer to the expertise of the contractor to suggest the most effective and efficient care program
23. Unscheduled - Does the contractor submit a proposal for any of the ten tasks for approval followed by a DSU Change order?
a. Contractor shall perform all tasks as per needed basis and as per allowance. (see attached revised bid form)
24. Over-seeding: Is a WORK DOCUMENT the same as a WORK ORDER as is stated in the aeration
a. No, this shall be part of the contract/proposal
25. There is no mention in the contract about a flower and bulb planting program. Will it be added as an unscheduled task with change order? How may beds and where?
a. Shall be part of the Contract. The number of beds and their location can be assessed by using the University map that was provided and the Contractor is welcome to visit the campus to assess.
26. There is also nothing specific in the contract about a turf grass weed control program. Will it be added as an unscheduled task with change order?
a. Shall be part of the Contract.
27. Irrigation is not in contract for spring start up and fall winterizing. Will it be added as an unscheduled task with change order?
a. Shall be part of the Contract. (Winterization and upkeep of the sprinkler system)

28. Turf Mowing: Is weekend mowing allowed if necessary?
 a. Yes
29. Can we get a copy of the previous contractors last bid price sheet?
 a. No, Project Closed.
30. Capital Park Site - Is the grass strip between the parking lot and highway part of the contract cut?
 a. Yes
31. We have downloaded the bid packet for contract. Do we have to purchase any bid documents.
 a. No. Whatever is posted on the website is free to download unless it is asked.
32. Each location has in parenthesis # of times per week each location is to be mowed during the mowing season. Are you saying that you want us present performing work 2x per week, 1x week etc., (inclusive of mowing weeding etc.), or do you actually want the grass mowed twice in a 7 day period?
 a. Parenthesis represent the presence of the Contractor on site to perform Landscaping Maintenance contingent upon growth due to Nature
33. Are you looking for a lump sum weekly price or a lump sum annual price?
 a. Landscaping pricing shall be priced annually to include all supplies, fuel, material, equipment, and labor to accomplish Landscape Plan.
34. Mowing Season – April 1 to October 31 ok? Would equal 32 weeks.
 a. March 1 to October 31 which includes the start of the baseball and softball seasons for the University
35. Additionally if we are breaking the pricing up per week should we expect that based on 52 weeks?
 a. Not applicable
36. Baseball, Softball, football fields services say “in season”, what are the months, dates?
 a. Baseball: All Year given temperatures are above 40 degrees b. Softball: All Year given temperatures are above 40 degrees c. Football: August – November
 Please refer to the DSU Website at <http://www.dsuhornets.com/>
37. Aeration is included in the contract for baseball and fields. If the university deems it necessary for another area across the university will you draw up a separate work order document, or must we anticipate this to be included?
 a. Separate Work Order will be drawn for that area
38. Mulching – performed twice a year? Will spring and fall applications be included in the contract?
 a. Mulching Clarification:
 i. Mulching can be performed once a year with a top dress performed once a year.
 ii. Fall and Spring applications will not be included only 1 Spring application and 1 Fall top dress
39. Again, going back to pricing, if we are providing a weekly price, are you looking to spread the cost for mulching out weekly or would you like a separate lump sum price for mulching per section? Additionally a price for spring mulch and a price for fall mulch?
 a. See clarification of pricing in above answers.
 b. Spring Mulching should be included in the pricing as instructed in the Pricing Clarification and the Fall mulch price does not apply.
40. Planting – Can we provide an allowance per year to replace plantings?

Then anything above and beyond can be billed separately? Would it be advantageous to the university to define a per plant replacement cost within the contract?

- a. Pricing Allowance for the Planting will be an addendum to this contract and will be in the amount of \$20,000
- b. Anything above the allowance will be billed separately c. No

41. To what height are you looking to have trees pruned? It states 8 ft. sidewalks, 14ft over streets? Can we submit a tree pruning allowance for any work needed to be performed above this height?

- a. Refer to the RFP b. No

42. Are the unscheduled tasks to be over and above the contract?

- a. No

43. Seeding – is there a square footage total (Not To Exceed)

- a. No

44. Define Valid Work Document.

- a. Work Order

45. How is excessive trash on the university grounds being handled (ex: after an event)?

- a. Does not apply to this contract, we have a vendor for waste removal.

46. Are Annual Flower rotations to be included in the contract? Summer and Fall ok?

- a. Yes b. No

47. Are turf applications included in the scheduled tasks (or does this fall under unscheduled tasks)? How many applications?

- a. Turf application is regular maintenance b. Out of scope

48. How many copies of the proposal would you like submitted?

- a. One hard copy (original) and one soft copy memory stick.

49. Can you please provide your budget for the University's Landscaping services and or contract price from previous vendor?

- a. Not relevant to this bid

50. Can University Landscape plan be provided to bidders?

- a. Landscaping Plan is being revised into a 5 year plan. This contract will address the maintenance and upkeep of the current state of the property as the Plan is still in its revision stage.

51. Historically how often has Landscape Contractor been "called to action" outside of normal scope of work?

- a. DSU reserves the right to this information and will not provide to the contractor

52. Will storage space be provided at Wilmington Location?

- a. No

53. What constitutes "as needed" aeration across campus?

- a. Varies according to nature and will be addressed on an "as needed" basis

54. RFP States Softball and Baseball fields are to be aerated annually; however other areas of campus are will be aerated "as deemed necessary". Will DSU pay for "as deemed necessary" aerations? Also, will contractor receive a "Notice to proceed" or Change Order prior to contractor starting project?

- a. Yes b. Yes
- a. No

55. Seeding – is there a square footage total (Not To Exceed)

- a. No

56. How is excessive trash on the university grounds being handled (ex: after an event)?

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- Turf application is regular maintenance
 - Out of scope
59. How many copies of the proposal would you like submitted?
- One hard copy (original) and one soft on memory stick.
60. Can you please provide your budget for the University's Landscaping services and or contract price from previous vendor?
- Not relevant to this bid
61. Historically how often has Landscape Contractor been "called to action" outside of normal scope of work?
- DSU reserves the right to this information and will not provide to the contractor
62. Will storage space be provided at Wilmington Location?
- No
63. What constitutes "as needed" aeration across campus?
- Varies according to nature and will be addressed on an "as needed" basis
64. Is infield dirt maintenance of the baseball or softball field included with this RFP
- No
65. Is dragging the football field or daily maintenance of the running track included with this RFP?
- NO
66. Upon award can any aspect of this RFP be subcontracted by contractor provided contractor executes the majority of contract? For example, Contractor just subcontracts mulching. Is this acceptable?
- Yes and all applicable state laws must be adhered to if this is an option of service that the awarded contractor uses. Sub-contractor form must be submitted with the response to this ITB/ RFP.
67. Other areas across the university. Can there be a limit to the acreage? The cost would vary greatly depending on amount of area.
- Yes
68. Aeration – This item now includes other areas across the university. Can we be assured that the area will be maintained up until it is assumed into the contract?
- Yes
 - Yes
69. IRRIGATION: Does it include spring start up and winterizing?
- Yes
70. IRRIGATION: Does it include ongoing maintenance of the irrigation system?
- Yes
71. IRRIGATION: Does DSU have the irrigation system installation drawings?
- NO
72. IRRIGATION: Does DSU have the locations of all the irrigation systems and zones?
- No
73. IRRIGATION: Can the contractor charge T&M for trouble shooting, labor and cost of unknown replacement irrigation parts during the maintenance of the irrigation system?
- No

74. SCHEDULED TASKS - Per the specifications, if the University (designates) which plants are to be removed and replaced, How does the contractor calculate removal and replacement cost for the bid with unknown plant numbers?

- a. This is addressed in the Pricing Allowance for Planting and will be an addendum to this contract and will be in the amount of \$20,000

75. SCHEDULED TASKS - Can the contractor charge T&M for designated plant removal and replacement?

- a. No

76. SCHEDULED TASKS Pruning and Trimming. What pruning standard does DSU specify for this contract?

- a. Refer to the scope of work.

78. UNSCHEDULED TASKS - Is there a \$20,000. add on to unscheduled tasks?

- a. No

79. UNSCHEDULED TASKS - Can the contractor charge T&M for the ten unscheduled tasks?

- a. No

80. UNSCHEDULED TASKS - Please clarify the language in the specifications that states (WHEN INITIATED). - A. Does DSU or the contractor initiate the task?

- a. DSU

81. SCHEDULED TASKS - Pruning and Trimming - The specifications provides a list of pruning standards per ANSI A300 for tree pruning. This creates a choice for the contractor between types of pruning standards, therefore is ambiguous. - A. Can the University select a pruning standard that meets their budget and levels the playing field for the contractors to bid?

- a. Refer to scope of work of the RFP.

82. IRRIGATION: Is irrigation part of this contract?

- a. Yes

83. New Construction and Alterations: Will the contractor be responsible to maintain landscaping services of constructions and alterations on existing sites?

- a. Yes once these improvements are have been released to the University after completion.

84. Catch basins and drainage inlets: Will the contractor be responsible for cleaning and maintain catch basins?

- a. Yes. This work should be completed as a scheduled task.