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Invitation to
Quote

DATE 6/19/2023	QUOTE NOT LATER THAN 7/7/2023 by 4:00 PM	DELIVERY TIMEFRAME: ASAP	TIMEFRAME PROPOSED:
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ITQ #2023-15 Mowing for Codes Enforcement

QUOTE RESPONSE MUST BE SUBMITTED
TO: City of Johnson City Purchasing
Office
 REPLY VIA MAIL, EMAIL or FAX
 purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org

WE QUOTE YOU AS BELOW

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DEPARTMENT CONTACT (for inquiries only):
Nicole Lawrence (423)434-6071
 Nlawrence@johnsoncitytn.org

PHONE: _____

F.O.B. DELIVERED, FREIGHT PREPAID & ALLOWED.
BASE YOUR QUOTATION ON THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS INCLUDED AND/OR PRINTED HEREON.

TERMS: NET 30 DAYS

BY: (SIGNATURE) _____

OFFICAL TITLE: _____

QUOTATION DATE: _____

QUOTE ON THIS FORM AS BELOW:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	<p>Term contract for Mowing, string trimming, trash, litter and debris collection/cleanup for various properties per the attached specifications which are an integral part of this quote.</p> <p>The work will be performed on an as needed basis to bring properties into compliance with City Municipal code.</p> <p>Submit the following with your quote: A list of equipment owned and available for this contract An employee list A List of References Completed Insurance checklist and General Contract Form Pricing Sheets</p> <p>This contract will be awarded to all qualified mowers with each project awarded to the lowest available vendor.</p>		

Vendor's past performance may be a consideration in the awarding of this contract

**City of Johnson City
Specifications for
Codes Enforcement Mowing and Property Cleanup**

1. Description

Work on this contract will consist of litter and garbage collection, mowing and trimming of overgrown properties. Each property and request constitutes one job. The mowing season for this year will begin in April and extends to approximately the end of October. However property cleanup can continue throughout the entire year on an as needed basis.

2. General

All litter and garbage collection, mowing and trimming shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Codes Enforcement officer. Litter pickup shall be performed immediately prior to or concurrently with mowing. All trash and litter shall be picked up, removed from the site and properly disposed of by the contractor. The contractor must make every effort to avoid mowing over any trash.

Each property is to be mowed and trimmed in accordance with code and all care should be taken to maintain a uniform level. All walkways and pedestrian areas are to be kept clean of any grass clippings or debris created.

Hand trimming is only required on areas not accessible with another device.

3. Time and Frequency of a Job

The number of jobs varies as needed. Depending upon the weather there could be more or less mowing jobs for the season. A job will be considered complete when all litter collection, mowing, and trimming is completed to the satisfaction of the City.

Vendor will be contacted via email and will have 48 hours to respond to the request.

Frequency will be on a rotating basis with a 10 day completion requirement. Once notified that a job is finished, the Code Officer will re-inspect to insure that the job is complete.

Two occurrences of failure to complete the work in the required time period without notification could result in the contractor's removal from the rotation.

Mowing shall be performed only during the hours of daylight Monday through Saturday and from 12:00 p.m. until dark on Sunday.

4. Work Requirements

The contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, equipment, and materials to safely and properly perform the litter collection and mowing operation.

Reasonable allowances will be made for rainy weather but the contractor is expected to make every effort to adhere to the specified time between mowing cycles. If a job cannot be completed within the 10 day requirement the Codes Officer shall be notified and additional terms agreed upon.

Prior to beginning work, the contractor is required to verify that they are at the correct property. A map of the parcel can be obtained from the Codes Officer in the event of any uncertainty.

5. Equipment

Prior to beginning work, the Contractor shall certify to the City that the equipment to be used on this project is suitable for mowing at all locations designated herein to be mowed and further that all equipment used in the work will be maintained in safe operating condition at all times.

6. Warning Signs and Safety Vests

The Contractor shall be required to have the company name and phone number on work zone vehicles in a location that is visible to the public. The lettering for the company name and phone number shall be a minimum height of three inches (3”).

Contractors and their employees must wear high-visibility safety apparel meeting the ANSI 107-1999 standard performance for Class 2 risk exposure at all times while within the public road right-of-way.

7. Damage to Property

The Contractor shall carry on his operation in such a manner that he does not damage the existing ground areas, trees, shrubs, guardrail, utilities, delineators or other structures. The Contractor shall not mow during wet conditions where turf damage or ruts would occur. In the event damage occurs, the Contractor shall replace or repair it at his own expense in like kind and as directed by the City. If damaged property resulting from the Contractor's operations has to be repaired or replaced by the City, the cost of such work shall be deducted from monies due the Contractor.

The Contractor shall take the necessary precautions to prevent damage to passing vehicles and to both public and private property. This shall include, but is not limited to trees, shrubs, fences, mailboxes, structures, vehicles and any other property that may be damaged by the mowing operation. Payment of invoices may be withheld until damaged property has been repaired or replaced.

The Contractor shall respond to all claims of damage from the public within 72 hours after notification of damage. Failure to settle claims for damages in a timely manner may result in actions by the City to preclude the Contractor from performing work on future projects.

8. Liability Insurance

The contractor shall further provide for public protection by carrying insurance coverage of the type and amount shown on these bid documents. The attached **Insurance Checklist** (which includes a section for the Insurance agent to fill-out) and **General Contract Form** must be completed and returned with the bid package. Successful vendor shall provide certificate of insurance, as specified, prior to contract award.

The liability insurance policy shall be maintained for the duration of the project. The parties hereby agree that failure to maintain liability insurance shall constitute a material breach of the agreement. The Contractor shall provide the City proof of a new policy prior to expiration of the current policy. The Contractor shall be considered in default at any time this insurance is canceled, terminated or allowed to expire prior to completion of the contract. The Contractor shall give the City thirty (30) days written notice of their insurance carrier's intent to terminate the policy.

9. Request for Payment

The contractor shall prepare a written invoice to be submitted for each property or job completed. The invoice shall list the actual property address for which payment is requested, the start and finish dates for the cycle, the unit cost per cycle for any work performed, the total amount for each location, and the total amount due. The invoice must be signed by an authorized agent for the Contractor. Invoices may be delivered to Planning & Development Services Department or mailed to the City of Johnson City, P.O. Box 2150, Johnson City TN 37605 ATTN: Nicole Lawrence Payment will be made in about 30 days following the receipt of invoice.

10. Basis of Payment

The accepted quantities of mowing will be paid for actual work completed on a parcel, job, or property basis.

11. Contract Award

Contracts will be awarded to those firms who submit responsive bids and agree to the terms and conditions herein described. Frequency of service shall be dependent solely on property non-compliance issues. Vendors will be contacted on a project by project basis with selection based on the lowest available contractor.

12. Termination of Contract

a. City

Periodic inspections of mowed areas shall be made by the City to confirm contractor compliance with job requirements. The City reserves the right to terminate any contract entered into subsequent to this Quote when, in the opinion of the Director of Development Services or the Chief Building Official, the contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily any portion of the requirements stipulated under these specifications. Any such termination will be subject to written notification by the City wherein the reasons for termination shall be plainly stated.

b. Contractor

Upon 30 day written advance notice, the contractor may terminate their contract with the City. Failure to provide written notice as stated will result in delay or possible withholding of final payment until such time as the City is able to complete the usual process of soliciting a replacement contractor and determining the extent of costs incurred, if any, from such failure.

13. Contract Renewal

This contract shall be for a three (3) year period, from the date of the purchase order, and may be renewed on an annual basis in one (1) year increments if all terms, conditions and prices remain unchanged and both parties are in agreement. Prices contained herein are to be firm for the term of the contract.

ITQ #2023-15 PRICE SHEET

**MOWING, STRING TRIMMING, LITTER COLLECTION of VARIOUS
PROPERTIES WITHIN CITY LIMITS**

I/we propose to collect litter and mow and trim various properties within City limits (on an as needed basis) in conformance with the specifications for the below costs to be used as needed.

Unit Costs

Mowing/hour	\$ _____
Bush hogging/hour	\$ _____
Trash cleanup per pick-up truckload	\$ _____
Trash cleanup per dump truck truckload	\$ _____
If other than pick-up or dump truck truckload (specify size)	\$ _____

(landfill bill to be added to invoice as reimbursable)

Contractor's Name: _____

Signed By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Complete and return this form with the quote package

INSURANCE CHECKLIST

(Mowing)

REQUIRED COVERAGE (marked by "x")

MINIMUM LIMITS

- 1. Worker's Compensation (proprietor/partners/executive officers exclusion not allowed) Statutory limits of Tennessee and Employer's Liability \$100,000/accident, \$100,000/disease, \$500,000/disease policy limit
- 2. Commercial General Liability (including Premises/Operations) \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 3. Automobile Liability & Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles \$500,000 BI/PD each accident, Uninsured Motorist
- 4. Independent Contractors \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 5. Products/Completed Operations \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 6. Contractual Liability \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 7. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability \$1,000,000 each offense, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 8. Umbrella Liability \$4 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury
- 9. Per Project Aggregate
- 10. Professional Liability
 - a. Architects and Engineers \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
 - b. Asbestos Removal Liability \$2 Million per occurrence/claim
 - c. Medical Malpractice \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
 - d. Medical Professional Liability \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
- 11. Miscellaneous E & O \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
- 12. Motor Carrier Act End. (MCS-90) \$1 Million BI/PD each accident, Uninsured Motorist
- 13. Motor Cargo Insurance
- 14. Garage Liability \$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage per occurrence
- 15. Garagekeepers Liability \$500,000 Comprehensive, \$500,000 Collision
- 16. Inland Marine-Bailee's Insurance \$ _____
- 17. Moving and Rigging Floater Endorsement to CGL
- 18. Dishonesty Bond \$ _____
- 19. Builder's Risk/Installation Floater Provide coverage in the full amount of contract
- 20. XCU Coverage Endorsement to CGL
- 21. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of B++V or better or its equivalent
- 22. Notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least **30 days** prior to action. Worker's Compensation and/or non-payment of premium - notification may be **10 days** prior to action.
- 23. The City of Johnson City shall be named as Additional Insured on all policies except Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability. **Per Acord 25 (2009/01), policies must be endorsed to incl. on-going & completed operations; must submit copy of endorsement(s).** (Cert. Holder: City of Johnson City, Attn: Purchasing, P.O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605. Email: purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org.)
- 24. Certificate of Insurance shall show project number or other contract identifier used by the City.
- 25. OTHER INSURANCE REQUIRED: _____

INSURANCE AGENT'S STATEMENT:

I have reviewed the above requirements with the bidder named below. The bidder has coverage with this agency for all of the areas marked with the exception of the following numbers:

Comments: _____

- Is Professional Liability excluded under General Liability? Yes _____ No _____
- Is Contractual Liability excluded under Comm. General Liability? Yes _____ No _____
- Is Independent Contractors excluded under Comm. General Liability? Yes _____ No _____

Carrier ratings: Insurer A _____; Insurer B _____; Insurer C _____; Insurer D _____

AGENCY NAME: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT:

I have reviewed the above requirements with my insurance agent(s) and, if awarded a contract, will provide all coverage marked.

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____ AUTHORIZED (Printed): _____

Bid Number: _____

Bid or Project Name: _____

This form and the General Contract Form must be signed and returned with the bid package (if applicable). The Certificate of Insurance must be provided to Purchasing prior to contract award.

GENERAL CONTRACT FORM

The General Contract Form is included in every solicitation requiring insurance. The general requirements of the contract form are supplemented by items checked on the **Insurance Checklist that identify specific requirements for the bid or project.**

INSURANCE

Review this section carefully with your insurance agent or broker prior to submitting a bid or proposal. See Insurance Checklist (part of the Bid Forms) for specific coverage applicable to this contract. The term “Contract” as used in this section shall mean the Agreement covering the work that is entered into between the City of Johnson City, Tennessee and the Contractor.

1. General Insurance Requirements:

1.1 The Contractor shall not start work under this contract until the Contractor has obtained at its own expense all of the insurance called for hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the City; nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to start work on any subcontract until all insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Contractor will be granted only after submission to the Director of Purchasing of original, signed Certificate(s) of Insurance, General Contract Form, and Insurance Checklist or, alternately, at the City’s request, certified copies of the required insurance policies.

1.2 No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the City shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor, or the surety, or its bond, from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by the provisions of the Contract Documents.

1.3 The City of Johnson City (including its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees) is to be named as an additional insured under all coverage except Worker’s Compensation and Professional Liability and the Certificate of Insurance or the certified policy, if requested, must so state. Coverage afforded under this paragraph shall be primary as respects the City, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees. The following definition of the term “City” applies to all policies issued under the contract:

“The City of Johnson City, Tennessee together with all of its various departments, bureaus, and agencies, as well as any affiliated or subsidiary board, committee, or authority, including but not limited to the City of Johnson City, Dept. of Education (A.K.A “Johnson City Schools”).”

1.4 The contractor shall provide insurance as specified in the Insurance Checklist contained in this document. In the event that Contractor obtains insurance coverage that is broader than the minimum required by this Agreement, this Agreement shall be deemed to require the broader coverage, including but not limited to any greater limits and any excess or umbrella coverages.

1.5 The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the City of Johnson City, Tennessee together with its various departments, elected or appointed officials, employees, officers, counsel, agents, and any and all other persons or entities acting on behalf of the same (collectively the City) from and against any and all claims of any sort based upon any theory of liability whatsoever, for any and all harm, loss, damage, injury, cost (including court cost and attorney fees) charges, or other liability of any nature whatsoever, however caused, resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected with the contractors performance or non-performance of the terms of the contract documents or its obligations under the contract based upon any theory of liability whatsoever, including claims brought by third persons, and further covenants to discharge all of the aforesaid persons and entities and forever hold them harmless from the same. The foregoing obligation to indemnify and defend shall continue in full force and effect after the aforesaid contractor completes all of the work required under the contract, until such time as the applicable statutes of limitation or repose have expired.

1.6 The Contractor shall be responsible for the work performed under the Contract Documents and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any description used in connection with the work. The Contractor assumes all risks for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work, until final acceptance of the work by the City.

1.7 Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the Contract Term. If the Contractor fails to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within ten days of written notice at any time during the Contract Term, the City shall have absolute right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to the Contractor and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for the entire additional cost of procuring performance by another vendor and the cost of performing the incomplete portion of the Contract at time of termination. **Contractor** is required to provide the City with notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage at least thirty (30) days prior to cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage.”

1.8 Contractual and other liability insurance provided under this Contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the City from supervising or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Contractor shall assume all on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons directly employed by it and of the subcontractors and any persons employed by the subcontractor.

1.9 Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the City. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the City for acts and omissions of the subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor.

1.10 Precaution shall be exercised by the Contractor at all times for the protection of persons (including employees) and property. All existing structures, utilities, roads, services, trees and shrubbery shall be protected against damage or interruption of service at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors during the term of the Contract, and the Contractor shall be

held responsible for any damage to property occurring by reason of its operation on the property.

1.11 If a Contractor cannot meet the insurance requirements contained in a bid, proposal, or project description, alternate insurance coverage may be considered. Written requests for consideration of alternate coverage must be received by the Director of Purchasing at least ten working days prior to the date set for receipt of bids or proposals. If the City denies the request for alternate coverage, the specified coverage will be required to be submitted. If the City permits alternate coverage, an amendment to the Insurance Requirement will be prepared and distributed prior to the time and date set for receipt of bids or proposals.

1.12 All required insurance coverage must be acquired from insurers authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, and acceptable to the City. The insurers must also have policyholders' rating of "B++" or better, and a financial size of "Class V" or better in the latest edition of Best's Insurance Reports, unless the City grants specific approval for an exception in the same manner as described in 1.11 above.

1.13 The City may consider deductible amounts as part of its review of financial stability. The Contractor shall assume all deductibles.

2. Contractor's Insurance – Occurrence Basis:

2.1 The Contractor shall purchase the following insurance coverage, including the terms, provisions and limits shown in the Checklist:

- **Commercial General Liability** – The Commercial General Liability policy shall include any or all of the following as indicated on the Checklist:
 - i. General aggregate limit is to apply per project;
 - ii. Premises/Operations;
 - iii. Action of Independent Contractors;
 - iv. Completed Operation Liability Insurance shall be provided for a period of at least two years after completion of the project;
 - v. Contractual Liability including protection for the Contractor from claims arising out of liability assumed under this contract;
 - vi. Personal Injury Liability including coverage for offenses related to employment;
 - vii. Explosion, Collapse, or Underground (XCU) hazards.
- **Business Automobile Liability** including coverage for any owned, hired, or non-owned motor vehicles, Uninsured Motorists insurance, and Automobile Contractual Liability.

- **Worker's Compensation** – statutory benefits as required by the State of Tennessee, or other laws as required by labor union agreements, including standard Other States coverage; Employers' Liability coverage.

3. Commercial General or other Liability Insurance – Claims-made Basis:

If Commercial General or other liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a claims-made basis, the Contractor must comply with the following additional conditions. The limits of liability and the extensions to be included as described in the Checklist remain the same. The Contractor must either:

- i. Agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a period of three years for Professional Liability; two years for CGL and other Liability, after final payment for the contract. Such certificates shall evidence a retroactive date, no later than the beginning of the Contractors or subcontractors' work under this contract, or
- ii. Purchase an extended (minimum three years for Professional Liability; two years for CGL and other Liability) reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.

4. Alternative Coverage (Self Insurance)

Notwithstanding any of the above, the Contractor may satisfy its obligations under this section by means of self-insurance for all or any part of the insurance required, provided that the alternative coverage is acceptable to the City.

5. Limits of Liability Coverage

Specific limits of liability coverage on the Insurance Checklist may be adjusted according to project risk if the adjustment is deemed appropriate and the amended amount is approved by the City Manager.

6. Verification of Compliance

I have read this General Contract Form and agree to all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Contractor's Name: _____

EIN or SSN: _____

Authorized Representative (Printed): _____

Authorized Representative (Signature): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

This form and the Insurance Checklist must be completed and returned with Certificate of Insurance, as specified, prior to contract award.



INVITATION TO QUOTE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Read Carefully)

1. ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AND POSTPONEMENT

Issuance of a request for quotation does not commit the City to make an award. The City reserves the right to postpone or reject any or all submittals, to waive informalities and to accept the itq judged to be in the best interest of the City.

2. ADDENDA

Addendum's will be issued to all known interested parties and posted on the City's website (listed above). All addenda issued shall become part of the ITQ documents. It is the vendor's responsibility to determine and acknowledge any or all addenda's issued for a solicitation.

3. AWARD

An award, if made, shall be to the lowest responsible, responsive vendor(s) or best quotation meeting quality and performance standards as described in the solicitation documents and whose itq is determined to be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to award this product/service based on other contracts in-place (state or cooperative contracts), as may be in our best interest.

4. AWARD PERIOD

The City shall have 60 days to issue a contract. Any contract past that period must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

5. ITQ TABULATIONS

ITQ tabulations will be posted and available the next business day on our above website. Select "awarded/opened solicitations".

6. BRAND NAMES

By referencing a brand name or equal, the City intends to establish a minimum level of quality by which alternate offers can be judged. If an alternate is offered, the vendor must include complete descriptive literature and specifications that clearly describe the item and how it differs from the referenced item. Vendor reference to literature previously submitted will not satisfy this provision. Unless specified otherwise, it is understood that the referenced product will be furnished. The City alone will determine whether an alternate is equivalent and meets the standards of quality and performance for the City's use. A sample or demonstration may be required at the expense of the vendor.

7. CONDITION STANDARDS

It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this solicitation shall be new and unused and the manufacturer's latest model unless otherwise called for in the solicitation.

8. DEFAULT

In case of contractor default or failure to provide material or service according to the solicitations, the City may cancel this contract and acquire from another source and may recover any excess cost by (1) invoice; (2) deduction from an unpaid balance due; or (3) a combination of the aforementioned remedies or other remedies provided by law. All costs associated with default will be borne by the contractor. The City reserves the right to remove a company in default from the active vendor list for a time period to be determined by the Director of Purchasing.

9. DELIVERY

Delivery/completion schedule must be clearly identified and realistically stated, as this may be a determining factor in the award.

10. DISCOUNT AND PAYMENT

Payment terms are Net 30 following receipt of the material or service and a correct invoice unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered. Partial payment will be allowed only if addressed in the solicitation.

11. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of the City of Johnson City to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21; related statutes and regulations to that end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or any other funding source on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry. By virtue of submitting a response to this solicitation, vendors agree to comply with the same non-discrimination policy.

12. EVALUATION

ITQ's will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the document with the degree of importance determined by the City.

13. EXAMINATION OF ITQ'S

ITQ's and associated documents may be examined after award.

14. FOB (FREE-ON-BOARD) POINT

All prices quoted shall be FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. The seller pays and bears the freight charges and owns the goods while they are in transit. Title passes at the designated City location.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

The vendor shall guarantee and certify by submitting a response to this solicitation that if successful, they shall indemnify and defend the City against any and all claims or legal actions arising as a result of their performance of the contract, whether or not such claims relate to damages or alleged damages sustained by physical injury to contractors personnel, subcontractors, city employees or other persons, or against any lawsuits arising from alleged or actual patent infringements, and shall hold the City, its various departments, employees, and any and all persons or entities acting on its behalf harmless from the same.

16. INSPECTION

All supplies or materials purchased as a result of this solicitation are subject to inspection and rejection by the City. Rejected materials will be returned at the vendor's expense.

17. INSURANCE

The contractor shall maintain, at their expense, such insurance as required by the solicitation. Such insurance shall protect the City for claims of damages which may arise during operations under this contract whether such operations be by the Contractor or by any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Any required insurances shall be maintained for the term of the contract and beyond the term of the contract when so required in the solicitation.

18. LICENSES, FEES, PERMITS

The contractor is responsible for furnishing the proper licenses, fees, and permits required by law to do business with the City of Johnson City in completion of the project. All work shall be done in accordance with the latest building codes, state and federal laws relative to the contract.

19. MULTIPLE ITEM AWARD

The City will determine the successful vendor(s) either on the basis of the individual line items or the total of all items. ALL OR NONE submittals must be clearly identified on the quote form and will be considered only if in the City's best interest.

20. NON-COLLUSION AGREEMENT

By submitting this solicitation, the agent representing all officers, partners, owners, representatives, employees or interested parties of the vendor's firm certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief this itq to the City of Johnson City, Tennessee has not been prepared in collusion with any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services. The agent also certifies that the prices, terms and conditions of said itq have been arrived at independently and have not been communicated by the submitter, nor by any of the aforementioned firm associate to any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services and will not be communicated prior to the official

opening of said solicitation. The agent further states that no official or employee of the City of Johnson City has promised any personal, financial or other beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in order to influence award of this solicitation.

21. PARTS AND SERVICE

The successful vendor must be able to provide adequate parts and service for all items awarded. Service location and ability to perform may be a consideration in the award.

22. PENALTIES

Vendors may be removed from our active vendor system for any of the following:

- ◆ Failure to respond to three consecutive solicitations
- ◆ Failure to meet delivery requirements
- ◆ Failure to furnish items as a result of a solicitation
- ◆ Failure to provide service or material as a result of the award
- ◆ Offers of gratuities or favors to any City employee

23. PRICING

All pricing must appear in the spaces provided on the city's form (if applicable) and be in ink or typed. Changes or corrections by the vendor must be initialed in ink by the person signing. No corrections may be made in pencil. Unit prices will prevail in case of an extension error. The City will correct math computation errors (unit price & totals). No pricing may be altered or amended after submittal deadline. Obvious mistakes will be given special consideration upon receipt of written request and full disclosure or evidence regarding pricing error.

24. PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Vendors are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of, itq's will be available for public inspection after award of such itq, in compliance with Tennessee Statutes.

25. PROTEST PROCEDURE

Any protest to the award of a contract by the City of Johnson City shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Purchasing with a copy to the City Manager and delivered not later than seven (7) calendar days from the date of the city's award decision. Such protest must include a protest bond in the amount of \$350 (cashier's check payable to the City of Johnson City or Cash) submitted to the Purchasing Director before the City will consider the protest. This protest bond will serve as a guarantee by the protester of the validity and accuracy of the protest. If the protest is denied by the City Manager the bond will be retained to cover costs associated with the protest.

26. QUESTIONS

Questions must be received by the City at least two (2) working days prior to the submittal deadline. No oral interpretations or instructions given by any city employee or any other person shall apply. Changes relative to any solicitation will be in writing, in the form of an addendum. ,

27. SAFETY STANDARDS

All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of OSHA/TOSHA and any related standards thereto.

28. SAMPLES

Samples will be furnished at no charge to the City. They will remain in the Purchasing Department for testing and evaluation until an award is made. Vendors are responsible for picking up their samples within two (2) weeks after the award. Samples not collected after that time shall become the property of the City. Samples from the successful vendor will be held until delivery is received and accepted as being equal to the sample.

29. SIGNATURE ON ITQ'S

The itq form must contain the full name and address of the company and be signed in Ink by a person authorized to bind that company to a contract.

30. SUBMITTAL OF ITQ'S

Any forms furnished by the city must be completed and returned as specified in the solicitation, otherwise response will be considered as non-responsive. FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL RESPONSES ARE ACCEPTABLE. Quotes are due by the deadline posted on the ITQ.

31. TAXES

The City is exempt from Federal excise tax, State, and city sales tax. Contractors are not exempt from the use tax on materials and supplies used in the production of an item or in the performance of a repair or construction contract. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

32. TERM OF CONTRACT

Unless otherwise stated, the City reserves the right to purchase like items at the same contract price for a period of one year from the award date subject to agreement of both parties. The City may cancel any contract for cause following written notification of intent.

33. WARRANTY

Unless otherwise specified by the City, all items shall be guaranteed for a minimum period of one (1) year against defects in material and workmanship.