

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
BID FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
Bid No. 006-20
Vegetation Management
for the
Electric Department

City of Fairhope, Al
Karin Wilson, Mayor
Jack Burrell, Council President**

Set No. _____

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**ITEM I
ADVERTISEMENT
City of Fairhope**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the City of Fairhope offices, 555 South Section St. Fairhope, Alabama, until October 29, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. and then publicly opened thereafter, for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work required by the City of Fairhope and described as follows:

Bid No. 006-20, Vegetation Management

The work consists primarily of tree trimming in rights of way for the City of Fairhope, Alabama.

Bid documents will be posted on the City of Fairhope Website: www.fairhopeal.gov or a copy may be obtained by e-mailing: deedee.brandt@fairhopeal.gov. Specifications are on file and may be seen in the Purchasing Department of the City of Fairhope, Alabama, 555 S. Section Street. Prior to opening, Bid packages may be picked up at that location during normal operation, between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm local time.

Questions or comments pertaining to this bid must be presented in writing and sent as e-mail to the attention of the Purchasing Manager, Dee Dee Brandt at: deedee.brandt@fairhopeal.gov Seventy Two (72) hours prior to the bid opening or will be forever waived.

All bids must be on blank bid forms provided in the Bid Documents. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security equal to 5% (percent) of the bid price, but in no event more than \$10,000.00. Bid Security shall be in the form of a Bid Bond signed by a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Alabama, or a cashier's check payable to The City of Fairhope. No Bid Security is required on bids less than \$10,000.00.

Note: The Labor and Material Bond is waived.

THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., at the City Services and Utilities building at 555 S. Section St., Fairhope, AL 36532. All prospective CONTRACTORS must have a representative present at the Pre-bid Meeting. A site visit will follow the meeting.

The City of Fairhope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all **CONTRACTORS** comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and the provisions of the CONTRACT Documents in this regard. The **CITY** also encourages and supports the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises on this and all public bids. All bids, with their guarantee (when required), must be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope, clearly identified on the outside as a "**Sealed Bid**" with **Item Name, Bid Number, City of Fairhope's Name and Address and CONTRACTORS Name and Address**. Each bid must be in a separate envelope. Bids made out in pencil will not be accepted.

Failure to observe the instructions contained herein will constitute grounds for rejection of your bid. The **City** reserves the right to accept or reject all bids or any portion thereof, and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of the CONTRACT, whichever is in the best interest of the City of Fairhope.

The **CONTRACTOR** must furnish to the City of Fairhope at the time of the signing of the CONTRACT a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the CONTRACT documents which will include comprehensive insurance, CONTRACTOR Automobile Liability Insurance, and where applicable, CITY'S Protective Liability insurance, SUB-CONTRACTOR'S public liability and property damage insurance. The company that is awarded the bid must have Workman's Compensation Insurance on all of its employees if work is to be performed on City of Fairhope premises. General Liability Insurance, specifying coverage, must be maintained to hold the City of Fairhope harmless in the event of an accident. See bid packet for details.

No bids will be considered unless the **CONTRACTOR**, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this type of work in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. Where applicable, this shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing board for General CONTRACTORS, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, the awarded vendor, if non-resident of the State, and if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama, <http://sos.alabama.gov/business-entities>. **CONTRACTOR** must have a current business license or **purchase a business license with the City of Fairhope prior to work performed**. No bids shall be withdrawn for the period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama. Once completed, a tabulation of the responsive and responsible bids will be available for public viewing by visiting the following web address: www.fairhopeal.gov.

Dee Dee Brandt
Purchasing Manager
Posted 10/7/2019

authority's estimated cost or of the CONTRACTOR'S bid, but in no event more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

- 2.08 PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE AND INSURANCE
The bidder to whom award is made shall provide a Performance Bond equal to 100% (percent) of the Contract amount and a Labor and Materials Bond equal to 100% (percent) of the Contract amount. The accepted Bidder shall also provide insurance as required in section titled ITEM VII INSURANCE.
- 2.09 DURATION OF OFFER
Bids may be withdrawn by written or telegraphic request received from the bidder prior to the time fixed for opening. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of THIRTY (30) days subsequent to the opening of bid without the consent of the City Council of the City of Fairhope.
- 2.10 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
The City of Fairhope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all contractors comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and the provisions of the Contract documents in this regard. The City also encourages and supports the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises on this and all public bids.
- 2.11 BID SUBMISSION AND PREPARATION
Sealed Bids, signed, executed, and dated will be received by the City of Fairhope as noted in section 2.03 above. Submit one copy of the executed offer, on the Bid Form provided, along with the required Bid Security. The bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope approximately 9X12 inches or larger, clearly identified on the outside as a SEALED BID with PROJECT NUMBER, PROJECT NAME, OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS, BIDDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS, BIDDER'S LICENSE NUMBER. When sent by mail, or courier service, the sealed envelope containing the bid, marked as indicated above, shall be enclosed in another envelope for mailing.
- 2.11.1 Forms furnished, or copies thereof, shall be used, and strict compliance with the requirements of the Invitation, these instructions, and the instructions printed on the forms is necessary. Special care should be exercised in the preparation of bids. Bidders must make their own estimates of the facilities and difficulties attending the performance of the proposed contract, including local conditions, uncertainty of weather, and all other contingencies. All designations and prices shall be fully and clearly set forth. The proper space in the bid and guaranty forms shall be suitable filled in.
- 2.11.2 Fill in all blanks on the Bid Form with non-erasable ink or type. Erasers or other changes must be explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.
- 2.11.3 The Bid Form may have a Contingency Allowance listed. Add this amount to the Bid Base to derive the Total Bid. The Contingency Allowance covers unforeseen conditions and shall not be used by the CONTRACTOR without the written authorization of the Owner. At the conclusion of the project, the unused portion of the Contingency Allowance shall revert to the Owner. **Note: There is no Contingency Allowance for this bid.**
- 2.11.4 Each bid must give the full business address of the bidder and must be signed by him with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships must furnish the full names of all names of all partners and must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership, or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing. Bids by corporations must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership, or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing. Bids by corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the State of Incorporation and by the signature

and designation of the president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind it in the matter. The name of each person who affixes to this signature the word "president", "secretary", "agent", or other designation without disclosing his principal, may be held to be the bid of the individual signing. When requested by the City of Fairhope, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished.

- 2.11.5 Each project will be bid separately unless otherwise expressly requested in the contract document. Combination bids, that is, bids on separate projects lumped together as a single bid or on all or none basis, will not be accepted unless the contract document expressly requests or permits same. Alternate bids will not be considered unless requested. Bidders are to provide with their bid, a reference list to include name/address/phone number.
- 2.12 **BID INELIGIBILITY**
Bids that contain irregularities of any kind may be declared unacceptable at the discretion of the Owner. The Owner may waive any minor irregularities and may reject any or all bids. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.
- 2.13 **CONTRACT TIME**
The CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the work within the time stated in the Bid Response Form. The bidder in submitting an offer accepts the conditions of the contract period stated for performing the work.
- 2.14 **CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION**
The Construction documents are the Bid Packet, Drawings, Addenda, and all other related documents bearing the Project Title and Number. Bidders shall use complete sets of Construction Documents in preparing their Bids. The City will not assume responsibility for errors or misinterpretation resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Construction Documents.
- 2.15 **INQUIRIES/ADDENDA**
Questions or comments pertaining to this bid must be presented in writing and sent as e-mail to the attention of the **Purchasing Manager, Dee Dee Brandt**, at: deedee.brandt@fairhopeal.gov, Seventy-Two (72) hours prior to the bid opening or will be forever waived.
- 2.15.1 All Addenda are part of the Contract Documents. Include resultant costs in the Bid. Addenda will be issued by posting to the City of Fairhope website: www.fairhopeal.gov, and posted on the City's bulletin board at 555 South Section St., Fairhope, AL. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain any addenda, and verify that all addenda have been received.
- 2.16 **BID ACCEPTANCE**
Bid with lowest Total Bid amount from a responsive and responsible bidder may be accepted if within the contract budget. In the event that alternates are listed on the Bid Form, the lowest combination of Total Bid and Alternate Bids accepted by the owner shall be the accepted bid. Alternates shall be awarded in the order in which they are listed on the Bid Form.
- 2.17 **BIDDERS INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID**
If more than one bid is offered by any one party, by or in a name of his clerk, partner, corporation in which he has a substantial interest, or in which he is an officer, or other person, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on materials to a bid is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or from submitting a bid directly for the materials or work. The City

reserves the right to determine in its discretion whether the provisions of this clause have been violated by any bidder.

2.18 ERRORS IN BIDS

Bidders or their authorized agents are expected to examine the maps, drawings, specifications, and all other instructions pertaining to the work, which will be open to their inspection. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk. In case of error, in the extension of prices the unit price will govern.

2.19 CONTRACT AND BOND

The bidder to whom award is made must, when requested, enter into written contract on the standard form as set out herein, with satisfactory security in the amount required, within the period specified, or, if no period be specified, within 15 days after the required forms are presented for signature.

2.20 COLLUSION

If there is any reason for believing that collusion exists among the Bidders, any or all bids may be rejected, and those participating in such collusion may be barred from submitting bids on the same or other work with the City.

2.21 SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING OF CONTRACT

Limitations: The CONTRACTOR shall not sublet, assign, transfer, convey, sell or otherwise dispose of any portions of the contract, his right, title, or interest therein, or his power to execute such contract, to any person, firm or corporation without written consent of the City, and such written consent shall not be construed to relieve the CONTRACTOR of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Unless otherwise stipulated in the proposal or special provisions, the CONTRACTOR shall perform with his own organization, and with the assistance of workmen under his immediate superintendence and reported on his payroll, all contract work of a value not less than 50 percent of the total contract amount, except that any items designated in the contract as "Specialty Items" so performed by sub-contract may be deducted from the total contract amount before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the CONTRACTOR with his own organization.

2.21.1 Sub-contractor's Status: A Sub-CONTRACTOR shall be recognized only in the capacity of an employee or agent of the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR will be responsible to the City for all of the sub-contractor's work, including failures or omissions; and his removal may be required by the Project Manager, as in the case of an employee.

2.22 PROSECUTION OF WORK

The CONTRACTOR shall commence work within 10 days of issuance of the *Notice to Proceed* (NTP), or as otherwise directed in writing.

2.22.1 The CONTRACTOR shall prosecute the work continuously and diligently in the order and manner set out in his schedule as approved by the City. He shall provide sufficient satisfactory materials, labor, and equipment to insure that the work will be completed in a satisfactory manner within the time specified in the contract.

2.22.2 Should the CONTRACTOR fail to maintain a satisfactory rate of progress, the City may require that additional forces and/or equipment be placed on the work to bring the project up to schedule and maintain it at that level.

2.22.3 Should the Contract fail to furnish sufficient satisfactory equipment and/or labor for maintaining the quality and progress of the work at satisfactory level, the City may withhold all estimates that may become due until satisfactory quality and progress are maintained; or the contract may be annulled.

EXCEPTIONS / CHANGES

1. Compliance with or variations from the specifications must be noted as to each item on the Specification Sheet. This requirement must be met even though the Purchasing Manager may alter the specifications in the form of an addendum to accommodate variances. A request for a change in the specifications to accommodate a variation must be called to the attention of the Purchasing Manager at least 72 hours before the bid opening date. All requests for such changes will be considered and the merits weighed. Only those changes in specifications deemed to be in the best interest of the City will be made. In the event of a change in specifications, an addendum will be supplied to bidders. Exceptions may be accepted if they are minor, equal, or superior to that which is specified, and provided that they are listed and fully explained on a separate page entitled, "Exceptions to Specifications". The exceptions shall refer to the specification page and paragraph number. The City shall determine which (if any) exceptions are acceptable and this determination shall be final.

Receipt of the following Addenda to these documents is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned (bidder to complete below):

<u>ADDENDUM NO</u>	<u>DATE ISSUED</u>	<u>ADDENDUM NO.</u>	<u>DATE ISSUED</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Each bid must give the full business address of the bidder and must be signed by him with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships must furnish the full names of all partners and must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership, or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing. Bids by Corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the State of Incorporation and by the signature and designation of the President, secretary, or other person authorized to bind it in the matter. The name of each person shall also be typed or printed below the signature. A bid by a person who affixes to this signature the word "president", "secretary", "agent" or other designation without disclosing his principal, may be held to be the bid of the individual signing. When requested by the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished.

The undersigned agrees to furnish the goods/services as requested by you for the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama in your Invitation to Bid, and certifies that they will meet or exceed the specifications called for. The undersigned has read all information pertaining to this bid and has resolved all questions. It is also understood and agreed that all prices quoted are F.O.B. as described in the bid documents and specifications. The undersigned also affirms he/she has not been in any agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding or otherwise.

IF CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR JOINT VENTURE

Name of Corporation, Partnership or Joint Venture

BY: _____
(SIGNATURE of Officer authorized for sign Bids and Contracts for the firm) (Position or Title)

(PRINT NAME(S) OF OTHERS IF IN PARTNERSHIP)

Business Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Alabama General Contractor License No. _____ (Attach Copy)

Alabama General Contractor License Major Categories:

Alabama General Contractor Specialties

Alabama Foreign Corporation Entity ID _____
(Required of Out of State vendors)

NOTARY FOR CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR JOINT VENTURE

STATE OF }
COUNTY OF }

I the undersigned authority in and for the said State and County, hereby certify that _____
Print name of Bid signer

as _____ respectively, of _____
title company

whose is signed to the foregoing document, who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that,
being informed of the contents of the document they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears
date.

Given under my hand and Notary Seal on this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Notary Public _____

My Commission Expires ___/___/___

END OF BID RESPONSE FORM

ITEM IV
BID BOND

The PRINCIPAL (Bidder's name and address)

The OWNER (Name and Principal place of Business)

City of Fairhope
P.O. Drawer 429
Fairhope, Al 36533

The PROJECT for which the Principal's Bid is submitted: (Project name as it appears in the Bid Documents)

Project No _____
Project Name: _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned Principal and Surety, jointly and severally, hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns to the Owner in the PENAL SUM of five percent (5%) of the amount of the Principal's bid, but in no event more than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00).

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is that the Principal has submitted to the Owner the attached bid, which is incorporated herein by reference, for the Project identified above.

NOW, THEREFORE, if, within the terms of the Bid Document, the Owner accepts the Principal's bid and the Principal thereafter either:

- (a) executes and delivers a Construction Contract with the required Performance and Payment Bonds (each in the for contained in the Bid Documents and properly completed in accordance with the bid) and delivers evidence of insurance as prescribed in the Bid Documents, or
- (b) fails to execute and deliver such Construction Contract with such Bonds and evidence of insurance, but pays the Owner the difference, not to exceed the Penal Sum of this Bond, between the amount of the Principal's Bid and the larger amount for which the Owner may award a Construction Contract for the same Work to another bidder, then, this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligation of the Surety under this Bond shall not in any manner be impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Owner may accept the Principal's bid, and the Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

SIGNED AND SEALED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST

Principal (Company)

By _____

Print Name and Title

SURETY ATTEST _____

Surety Company

By _____

Print Name and Title

ITEM V
PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN: That we _____
(Insert here the name & address of legal title of the CONTRACTOR)
_____ hereinafter called the Principal, and

(Insert here the name and address of legal title of one or more sureties)
and _____

hereinafter called the Surety or Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto The City of Fairhope. hereinafter called the Owner in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) for the payment whereof the Principal and the Surety or Sureties bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has, by means of a written agreement, dated ___/___/___ entered into a contract with the Owner for: **Bid No.006-20, Vegetation Management**, which agreement is by reference made a part hereof,

NOW THEREFORE, The conditions of this obligation is such that if the Principal shall faithfully perform the Contract on his part, and satisfy all claims and demands, incurred for the same, and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the Owner from all cost and damage which he may suffer by reason of failure to do so, and shall reimburse and repay the Owner all outlay and expense which the Owner may incur in making good for any such default thence this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no suit, action or proceedings, by reason of any default whatever be brought on his Bond after twelve months from the day on which the final payment under the Contract falls due.

PROVIDED, further, that the said surety or sureties, for value received hereby stipulate and agree that no change, extension of time, or addition to the terms of the Contract or to the work to be performed thereunder of the Specifications thereof shall in any way effect their obligations on this bond, and they do hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract, or to the work, or to the Specifications.

Witness our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 2019.

_____, Doing Business As, _____
(Signature of Individual Bidder) (Business Name)

Business Mailing Address: _____

Name of Corporation, Partnership, or Joint Venture

Business Mailing Address: _____

BY: _____
(Signature of Officer Authorized to sign Bids and Contracts for the Firm) (Position or Title)

(GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER)

CONTRACTOR'S STATE OF ALABAMA
FOREIGN VENDOR REGISTRATION
NUMBER (Required of out-of-state-vendors)

Attest:

(Secretary)

(Name of State under the laws of which incorporated)

(Name of Surety)

BY: _____
(Attorney in Fact)

ITEM VI
LABOR AND MATERIALS BOND

*******WAIVED*******

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we _____
_____As Principal, and _____ as Surety,
are held and firmly bound unto said City of Fairhope hereinafter called the Obligee, in the penal
sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) lawful money of the United States,
for the payment of which sum and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal
representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, said principal has entered into a certain Contract with said Obligee, dated
____/____/____. (Hereinafter called the Contract) for **Bid No. 006-20, Vegetation Management**
which Contract and the Specifications for said work shall be deemed a part hereof as fully as if set
out herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT if the said
Principal and all SUB-CONTRACTORS to whom any portion of the work in said contract is sublet
and all assignees of said Principal and of such SUB-CONTRACTORS shall promptly make
payments to all persons supplying him or them with labor, materials, or supplies for or in the
prosecution of the work provided for in such Contract, or any amendment or extension of or
addition to said Contract, and for the payment of reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the
successful claimant or plaintiffs in suits or claims against the CONTRACTOR arising out of or in
connection with the said contract, then the above obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in
full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that this bond is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

(a) Any person, firm or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, or supplies for or in the
prosecution of the work provided for in said Contract shall have a direct right to action against the
Principal and Surety on this bond, which right of action shall be asserted in a proceeding, instituted
in the County in which the work provided for in said Contract is to be performed or in any County in
which said Principal or Surety does business. Such right of action shall be asserted in a
proceeding instituted in the name of the claimant or claimants for his or their use and benefit
against the Principal and Surety or either of them (but not later than one year after the final
settlement of said Contract falls due) in which action such claim or claims shall be adjusted and
judgment rendered thereon.

(b) The Principal and Surety hereby designate and appoint the Mayor of the City of Fairhope or his
successor or representative as the agent of each of them to receive and accept services of process
or other pleading issued, or filed in any proceeding instituted on this bond and hereby consent that
such service shall be the same as personal service on the Principal and/or Surety.

(c) The Surety shall not be liable hereunder for any damages or compensation recoverable under
Workmen's Compensation or Employer's Liability Statute.

(d) In no event shall the Surety be liable for a greater sum than the penalty of this bond, or subject
to any suit, action or proceeding thereon that is instituted later than one year after the final
settlement of said contract.

(e) This Bond is given pursuant to the terms of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama
approved February 8, 1935, entitled: "An Act to further provide for Bonds and CONTRACTORS on
State and other public works and suits thereon".

Witness our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 2019.

INDIVIDUAL

_____, Doing Business As, _____
(Signature of Individual Bidder) (Business Name)

Business Mailing Address: _____

Name of Corporation, Partnership, or Joint Venture

Business Mailing Address: _____

BY: _____
(Signature of Officer Authorized to sign Bids
and Contracts for the Firm)

(Position or Title)

(GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER)

STATE OF AL FOREIGN CORP Entity ID
(Required of out-of-state-vendors)

Attest:

(Secretary)

(Name of State under the laws of which
incorporated)

(Name of Surety)

BY: _____
(Attorney in Fact)

ITEM VII
INSURANCE

7.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Awarded Contractor, at its sole expense, shall obtain and maintain in full force the following insurance to protect the Contractor and the City of Fairhope at limits and coverages specified herein. The City of Fairhope will be listed as an additional insured under the Contractor's General Liability insurance and automobile liability insurance policies, and all other applicable policies and certificates of insurance. These limits and coverages specified are the minimum to be maintained and are not intended to represent the correct insurance needed to fully and adequately protect the awarded bidder.

7.01 All insurance will be provided by insurers by admitted carriers in the State of Alabama, shall have a minimum A.M. Best rating of A-VII and must be acceptable to the City. Self-insured plans and/or group funds not having an A.M. Best rating must be submitted to the City for prior approval.

7.02 **NO WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED UNTIL PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY.**

7.03 **Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability**

Part One:	Statutory Benefits as required by the State of Alabama		
Part Two:	Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000	each accident
		\$1,000,000	each employee
		\$1,000,000	Policy Limit

7.04 **U.S. Longshoreman & Harbor Workers Act (USL&H)**

Required if contract involves work near a navigable waterway that may be subject to the USL&H law.

7.05 **Maritime Endorsement (Jones Act)**

Endorsement required if contract involves the use of a Vessel. Or include coverage for "Master or Member or Crew" under "Protection and Indemnity" coverage (P&I) unless crew is covered under Workers Compensation.

Bodily injury by accident	\$1,000,000	each accident
Bodily injury by disease	\$1,000,000	aggregate

7.06 **Commercial General Liability**

Coverage on an Occurrence from with a combined single limit of (Bodily Injury and Property

Damage combined as follows:		
Each occurrence		\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury		\$1,000,000
Products/Completed Operation Aggregate		\$2,000,000
General Aggregate		\$2,000,000

Coverage to include:

- Premises and operations
- Personal injury and Advertising Injury
- Products/completed operations
- Independent Contractors
- Blanket Contractual Liability
- Explosion, Collapse and Underground hazards
- Broad Form Property Damage
- Railroad Protective Liability Insurance if work involves construction, demolition, or maintenance operations on or within 50 feet of a railroad.

7.07 Automobile Liability

Covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit of Bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

7.08 Certificates of Insurance

A Certificate of Insurance evidencing the above minimum requirements must be provided to and accepted by the City PRIOR to commencement of any work on the contract. Each policy shall be endorsed to provide ten (10) days written notice of cancellation to the City.

- 7.08.1** The Contractor shall require certificates of insurance from sub-Contractors. Sub-Contractors will carry limits of insurance equal to or greater than those carried by the Contractor. These certificates shall evidence waivers of subrogation in favor of the Contractor and the City, and shall be made available to the City upon request.

ITEM VII
SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS
BID 006-20 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

PART 1 - BID EVALUATION

1. The City reserves the right to evaluate all bids, waive any technical or informalities, reject any and/or bids and proposals, and further specifically reserves the right to make the award and/or awards in the best interest of the City.
2. The criteria, listed below, will be used to evaluate bids and will carry as much weight as the low bid price in order to award to the "lowest responsible bidder" which will be in the best interest of the City of Fairhope.
 - a. Low bid on a circuit rate for both manpower and equipment.
 - b. Capability, including manpower and equipment, to successfully satisfy the requirements of the contract.
 - c. Availability of firm to begin contract and perform on a schedule as provided by the City.
 - d. Vendor reputation - length of time in business of providing required services, general reputation among customers requiring these type services, and financial stability.
3. The City may waive minor differences in specifications, provided these differences do not violate the specification intent, materially affect the operation for which the item or items being purchased nor increase the estimated maintenance and repair cost to the City.
4. The City reserves the right to award all bids in their entirety or part, whichever, in its opinion, best serves the interest of the City.
5. Unless clearly shown on the bid that it is the intent a reduced total price is being offered on the basis of receiving an award of all items covered by the total, and totals should be the actual sum of the extension of unit prices; otherwise, in the event of any discrepancy between a unit price(s), extended price(s) and/or total price(s), unit price shall govern and the bid will be refigured accordingly.
6. Alabama Bid Law allows a Local Preference to a responsible bidder and having a place of business in the county or the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area if the bid is no more than 3% greater than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder. The City shall be the sole judge as to an item meeting or exceeding the specifications.
7. NON-COLLUSION: Vendors, by submitting a signed bid, certify that the accompanying bid is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Alabama or United State law.

PART 2 - SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. The bidder is required to provide pricing for utility vegetation management services as described below. Fairhope Utilities is requesting unit pricing for all of our distribution

circuits. The minimum on site crews for this work shall be 2 - 3 men crews with equipment as described below. Fairhope Utilities reserves the right to request the scaling up and down to the minimum of crews and equipment as the Representative deems necessary to accomplish the work.

2. Fairhope Utilities will require the contractor to trim and/or remove trees interfering with Fairhope Utilities' 15kV distribution lines and mow the floor of the right-of-way and easements. The Representative of Fairhope Utilities (FPU) shall designate all such rights-of-way and easements which are to be trimmed and/or trees removed by the contractor and provide maps if requested.
3. The Contractor shall make careful examination of the site of the Project and form of Contractors' Bond attached hereto, and become informed as to the location and nature of the proposed work, the transportation facilities, the kind and character of soil and terrain to be encountered, and the kind of facilities required for undertaking and completing the Project, and has become acquainted with the labor conditions, state and local laws and regulations which would affect the proposed work.
4. The contractor shall remove all debris resulting from such work as directed by FPU. Debris can be brought to the city's landfill at 555 S. Section Street, Fairhope, AL. The bid tab sheet for each circuit requests the additional costs to mulch debris prior to bringing to the landfill. FPU reserves the right to accept bids with or without mulching services.
5. The contractor shall provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary for such tree trimming work. Contractor shall keep on site at all times the following equipment:
 - A. Lift truck with minimum 67ft working height per crew, suitable for the work to be done. The lift shall be insulated to work near 15kV and 46,000 volts. Some distribution is underbuilt on sub- transmission poles.
 - B. Ropes, saws, generators, and other equipment necessary to complete the work hereunder. Contractor agrees to keep all equipment in good working condition.
6. The contractor agrees to provide the work crews and equipment, as required hereunder, for completion of the work based on established schedules. FPU shall have the right to require distribution circuits to be trimmed concurrently. The number of crews required may vary from time to time depending on the amount of work to be completed. All employees, of the contractor, shall submit evidence to Fairhope Utilities that they have completed first aid training within the last two years. FPU reserves the right to require the removal from the Project of any employee of the Contractor if in the judgment of FPU such removal shall be necessary in order to protect the interest of FPU. FPU shall have the right to require the Contractor to increase the number of its employees and to increase or change the amount or kind of tools and equipment if at any time the progress of the work shall be unsatisfactory to FPU; but the failure of FPU to give any such directions shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations to complete the work within the time and in the manner specified in this Proposal.
7. A crew shall consist of the following minimum personnel and equipment:
 - A. One (1) foreman with a minimum of four (4) years of experience, English speaking,

- capable of following a distribution circuit from beginning to end.
 - B. Two (2) climbers/operators.
 - C. Lift truck meeting requirements as set out in this contract.
 - D. Grapple Bucket Limb truck (minimum one onsite)
 - E. Minimum of three (3) chainsaws.
 - F. A Certified Arborist (name given) be available upon request and provided by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense.
8. The contractor shall submit evidence that it is licensed as a certified tree trimmer under the laws of the State of Alabama and shall keep its certification in effect during the term of this agreement. All firms doing business in the City of Fairhope are required to be licensed in the City of Fairhope.
 9. The Contractor shall maintain daily contact with a FPU representative to communicate the contract crew's location.
 10. At no time will a confrontation be allowed to take place between the Contractor and the landowners. Should a refusal occur, a reasonable attempt must be made to secure permission but should continued refusal by the landowner persist, the Contractor's representative should cease and contact the FPU representative.
 11. Contractor agrees that its personnel and equipment shall at all times present a neat appearance, and all work shall be done, and all complaints handled by Contractor with due regard to Fairhope Utilities' public relations.
 12. The contractor agrees to perform all work to the complete satisfaction of Fairhope Utilities and in accordance with all Federal, Municipal, County, State, and other local laws, and building and construction codes, as well as the safety rules and regulations of FPU, whichever are the more stringent ordinances and regulations applicable to said work. Contractor must comply with all requirements of the **APPA** Safety Manual 16th Edition.
 13. The Contractor will abide by all Alabama Department of Transportation and various County regulations and permit requirements and will use traffic control devices as required by the governing authority. FPU will obtain all necessary Alabama DOT permits. The Contractor will notify the Alabama DOT 48 hours before beginning work along the DOT right of way.
 14. Contractor agrees to meet Tree Line USA Requirements, Quality Tree Care and Pruning Practices as follows:
 - A. All trimming shall be done in accordance with ANSI A300 utility pruning of trees and must meet Tree Line USA standards.
 - B. Trimming shall be done in a manner as to provide balanced emphasis on current tree health, symmetry and clearance of power lines.
 - C. Techniques consistent with the practices of natural, lateral and drop crotch trimming shall be utilized.

- D. All branches or limbs shall be cut as close as possible to the branch collar of the supporting trunk or limb.
 - E. Precautions shall be taken to avoid stripping or tearing of bark when cutting large diameter limbs.
 - F. Cuts shall be made back to the main stem or to a branch, which is at least one third of the diameter of the tree portion being removed.
 - G. In no case shall deciduous tree limbs be stubbed off at the edge of the clearing limits.
 - H. All trimming cuts shall be made to direct future growth and sprouting away from conductors.
 - I. Conifers shall be trimmed in a natural manner that allows them to retain as much of their natural shape as possible.
 - J. All dead branches overhanging primary conductors at any height shall be removed.
 - K. Dead branches shall be removed by making cuts as close as possible to the living tissues that surround the dead branch at the base.
 - L. A minimum number of cuts shall be utilized to achieve required clearances.
 - M. When practical, cuts should be primarily restricted to large branches made well within the crown.
 - N. Topping or heading through the use of many cuts of small diameter branches in the outer crown is prohibited.
 - O. When line clearance trimming adversely alters the shape of the tree additional trimming shall be done to give the tree a satisfactory shape and appearance.
 - P. Climbing irons or hooks should not be used except in cases involving tree removal work.
15. Contractor agrees that complaints of any nature received from property owners, agents or public authorities shall receive immediate attention and that all efforts shall be made for a property adjustment. All complaints and any actions taken by the Contractor in connection with such complaints shall be reported to Fairhope Utilities in writing. It is understood that the Contractor does not represent FPU and has no authority to obligate FPU for any payment or benefit of any kind.
16. Contractor agrees to install and maintain the necessary guards and protective devices at locations where work is being performed to prevent accidents to the public or damage to the property and personnel of Fairhope Utilities or the general public. All machinery and equipment and other physical hazards shall be guarded in accordance with the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" of the Associated General Contractors of America unless such instructions are incompatible with Federal, state, or municipal laws or regulations.

17. Contractor agrees to secure from Fairhope Utilities information as to the nature of the circuits involved in all cases before work is commenced. It is understood by and between the parties that the electric circuits of Fairhope Utilities are to continue in normal operation during this work, and that the contractor is to provide and use all protective equipment necessary for the protection of Contractor's employees and to guard against interfering with the normal operation of said circuits. All this precaution to be done in accordance with the City of Fairhope's safety manual.
18. Contractor agrees to indemnify, hold and defend Fairhope Utilities from and against any and all liability for loss, damage or expense which Fairhope Utilities and their personnel or the general public may suffer or for which Fairhope Utilities may be held liable by the reason of any injury (including death) or damage to any property arising out of negligence on the part of the Contractor in the execution of the work to be performed hereunder.
19. Contractor agrees to furnish Fairhope Utilities, or its representative, carefully prepared daily time sheets and other required reports showing the nature, amount and location of work performed, together with the number of man hours and equipment hours involved, the quantities of material used, the number of trees removed, the number of acres or spans cut and other pertinent information which may, from time to time, be requested by Fairhope Utilities.
20. Contractor agrees to submit to Fairhope Utilities weekly itemized invoices based upon the information contained in the based on and prepared in accordance with the schedules setting forth rates for each labor, material and equipment item. The schedules shall constitute a part of this agreement. Fairhope Utilities agrees to pay for the work provided herein to be done and the materials and equipment provided herein to be used in accordance with the rate schedules. No payment shall be made to Contractor for/during holidays, inclement weather, vacation or sick leave. Invoices received by Fairhope Utilities shall be paid as soon as it has had reasonable opportunity to satisfy itself that the work covered by such invoices has been performed in accordance with the terms of this agreement. 10% shall be held as a retainer until satisfactory completion of the item (circuit) and shall be reflected on weekly invoices.
21. Fairhope Utilities shall not reimburse Contractor for fees paid to tree wardens or other local inspectors unless Contractor has obtained prior written approval for the payment of such fees from FPU.
22. Fairhope Utilities reserves the right to terminate this contract at any time by written notification to the Contractor seven (7) days prior to the effective date of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should contractor fail to carry out the work to the satisfaction of Fairhope Utilities, or to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement, FPU may terminate this agreement upon 24 hours written notice to the Contractor.
23. Contractor shall not assign this agreement to a sub-contractor without Fairhope Utilities' consent.
24. This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their heirs, executors,

administrators and assigns.

25. This agreement is not intended to constitute an agreement of hiring under the provisions of any workman's compensation or unemployment compensation law, any old age benefit law, or any similar law, and it shall not be so construed. Contractor agrees to accept full and exclusive liability for the payment of contributions or taxes imposed under such laws by the Federal, and/or State government, which are measured by enumeration, paid to Contractor's employees. Contractor further warrants that it is an independent contractor.

PART 3 - RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING AND TREE REMOVAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Rights of way and easement shall be cleared to the extents or 15ft from the centerline of the pole line, whichever is greater, ground to sky, so as to obtain maximum clearance with due regard to current and future tree health and symmetry and in conformity with permissions obtained. All overhanging limbs shall be removed.
2. All trees and brush that is removed shall be cut flush with the ground and the floor shall be mowed where practical. Stumps shall be treated to prevent regrowth.
3. The contractor shall remove and dispose of all debris resulting from such work.
4. Brush and trees shall be disposed of by the Contractor as designated.
5. The Contractor shall identify and remove any and all dead trees within or outside the right of way easements that pose a hazard to the facilities of FPU.
6. The Contractor will cut and remove all live danger trees outside the right of way as designated by FPU Representative.
7. Fence-rows should be cut to the height of the fence and hand-cut where possible to avoid damage. Cutting should be performed using chainsaws or other equipment as may be required to adequately clear the area. All brush is to be removed from the property. Stumps should be cut flush to the ground if possible to prevent the possibility of damage to vehicles or persons. Stump grinding shall be provided by the contractor at the land owner's request where practical.

PART 4 - CHEMICAL APPLICATION

1. Treatment of stumps to prevent regrowth shall be Garlon 4 Ultra.
2. ROW spray treatment shall be Arsenal Accord Cleancut mixture areas to be determined.
3. Contractor shall be licensed to obtain and apply chemicals and follow all applicable laws and regulations.

END SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM IX

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS CITY OF FAIRHOPE

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains all terms and conditions agreed upon by the Owner and Winning bidder. No other agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either party hereto. The Winning Bidder shall not employ SUBCONTRACTORS without the express written permission of the Owner. No waiver, alteration, consent or modification of any of the provisions of the Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the Owner and CONTRACTOR. This Agreement shall not be construed against the party or parties preparing it. It shall be construed as if all the parties and each of them jointly prepared this Agreement, and any uncertainty or ambiguity shall not be interpreted against one or more parties.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

The City of Fairhope will be deemed to have accepted the Work after the City of Fairhope agrees the Work is completed by signature on delivery or service tickets. In the event Work furnished under the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order is found to be defective or does not conform to the intent of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, the awarded vendor shall, after receipt of notice from the City of Fairhope, correct the deficiencies. Failure on the part of the awarded vendor to properly correct the deficiencies within the time period allowed will constitute the City of Fairhope's right to cancel the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order immediately, upon written notice to the awarded vendor.

3. ADDENDA

All Addenda are part of the Contract Documents. Include resultant costs in the Bid. Addenda will be issued by email to all Bidders on record, and posted to the City of Fairhope website www.fairhopeal.gov. It is the responsibility of the bidder to verify that all addenda have been received, and to include all signed addenda in the bid submission

4. ADDITIONAL ORDERS

Unless it is specifically stated to the contrary in the bid response, the City of Fairhope reserves the option to place additional orders against a contract awarded as a result of this solicitation at the same terms and conditions; to extend the renewal date until a new bid is in place, if it is mutually agreeable.

5. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement is deemed to be under and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Alabama. Any litigation arising out of the Agreement shall be heard in the Courts of Baldwin County, Alabama.

6. ASSIGNMENT

The awarded vendor shall not assign the Contract / Agreement /Purchase Order or sublet it as a whole without the express written permission of the City of Fairhope. The awarded vendor shall not assign any payment due them hereunder, without the express written permission of City of Fairhope. The City of

Fairhope may assign the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, or sublet it as a whole, without the consent of the awarded vendor.

7. ASSURANCE OF NON-CONVICTION OF BRIBERY

The bidder hereby declares and affirms that, to its best knowledge, none of its officers, directors, or partners and none of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or Federal government.

8. AWARD CONSIDERATION

The following factors will be considered in determining the lowest **responsible** bidder: Overall quality, Conformity with specifications both general and specific, Purposes for which materials or services are required, Delivery dates and time required for delivery, Unit acquisition cost, financial ability to meet the contract, previous performance, facilities and equipment, availability of repair parts, experience, delivery promise, terms of payments, compatibility as required, other costs, and other objective and accountable factors which are reasonable.

9. AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS

The Bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder complying with conditions of the invitation for bids, provided his bid is reasonable and it is in the interest of the City of Fairhope to accept it. The bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The City of Fairhope, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest to the City of Fairhope.

10. BACK ORDERS

If it is necessary to back order any items, the vendor must notify the Purchasing Department and advise as to the expected shipping or delivery date. If this date is not acceptable, the City of Fairhope may seek remedies for default.

11. BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY

If bid security is required, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount indicated on the bid cover must accompany the bid and be made payable to The City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Al. Corporate or certified checks are not acceptable. Bonds must be in a form satisfactory to the City and underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in the State of Alabama. If bid security fails to accompany the bid, it shall be deemed unresponsive, unless the Purchasing Manager deems the failure to be non-substantial. All checks will be returned to the bidders after the contract has been approved. If a performance bond is required, the successful bidder will be notified after the awarding of the contract.

12. BRAND NAMES

Reference to brand names and numbers is descriptive, but not restrictive, unless otherwise specified. Bids on equivalent items meeting the standards of quality thereby indicated will be considered, providing the bid clearly describes the article offered and indicates how it differs from the referenced brands.

Descriptive literature or manufacturers specifications plus any supplemental information necessary for comparison purposes should be submitted with the bid or the bid on that item may be rejected. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid or on file with the Division of Purchasing will not satisfy this requirement. The burden is on the bidder to demonstrate that the item bid is equivalent to the item specified in the ITB. Bids without sufficient documentation to fully support equality, may be considered non-responsive. Reference by the City of Fairhope in the ITB to available existing specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of such specifications binding on the bidder. Unless the bidder specifies otherwise in its bid, it is understood the bidder is offering a referenced brand item as specified in the ITB or is bidding as specified when no brand is referenced. Failure to examine drawings, specifications and instructions will be at the bidder's risk.

13. BUSINESS LICENSE

The vendor selected to enter into a Contract / Agreement with the City of Fairhope must be licensed to do business in the City of Fairhope prior to commencement of any work under the contract. Delivery of goods or services to the City of Fairhope by Purchase Order have detailed and varied Business License requirements. In all instances that require a business license. Awarded vendor will provide proof of possessing a current City of Fairhope Business License. Prospective bidders will not be required to possess a City of Fairhope Business License prior to award.

14. CANCELLATION OF / CONTRACT / AGREEMENT / PURCHASE ORDER / LEASE

A purchase order can be canceled in whole or in part when awarded vendor fails to deliver or perform as specified. Cancellation of a purchase order can only be made by a written purchase order change (POC) from the City of Fairhope. A term contract, lease or agreement can be canceled by the City of Fairhope, for justifiable cause, or convenience, by written notice.

15. CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 2006-557

Alabama law (section 41-4-116, code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, CONTRACTOR, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. By submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 2006-557, they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that the awarding authority may declare the contract void if the certification is false. All corporations must register to do business in Alabama with the Office of the Secretary of State. Their address is:

Office of the Secretary of State

P.O. Box 5616
Montgomery, AL 36103
(334) 242-5324
Fax: (334) 240-3138

<http://www.sos.state.al.us/index.aspx>

The Foreign Corporation form is online at <http://sos.alabama.gov/business-entities>.

16. COST OF REMEDYING DEFECTS

All defects, indirect and consequential costs of correcting, removing or replacing any or all of the defective materials or equipment will be charged against the awarded vendor.

17. DELIVERY OF BID

Bids must be received in the Purchasing Office by the date and time specified on the bid cover. All bids will be accepted until the time and date stated on the bid cover. No bids will be accepted that extend past the time and date on the bid cover. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Purchasing Department. Bids submitted by U.S. Mail must be received by the City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the City of Fairhope offices, 555 South Section St., Fairhope, Al., unless otherwise specified.

18. DELIVERY

The number of calendar days required for delivery after receipt of a purchase order shall be stated in the RFQ / ITB / RFP and /or Purchase Orders. When no time is stated in the document, the time shall be fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of order. If a shipment is not made within the time period specified, the Purchase Order may be canceled.

19. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

All products will be clearly labeled for their intended use. Each delivery of product or materials will include a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all materials that require an MSDS. All manufacturers/distributors of hazardous substances, including any of the items listed on this bid/quote/ contract and subsequent award must include completed material safety data sheet (MSDS) for each hazardous material. Additionally, each container of hazardous materials must be appropriately labeled with:

- a) The identity of the hazardous material,
- b) Appropriate hazard warnings, and manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party.

20. EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION

The City of Fairhope may require equipment/ product materials or service techniques to be demonstrated at a time, date and location to be specified by the City of Fairhope.

21. EQUIPMENT ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION

All electrical equipment purchased shall conform to, and be identified in, the applicable standard(s), or otherwise be certified as applicable, as of the bid opening date and time, by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or other recognized laboratory facility. Bidder must provide satisfactory documentation with returned bid that all such equipment meets the applicable product standard or has otherwise been certified as outlined above. Unless indicated in the bid document, the above certification shall apply to the equipment itself, not the individual components of that equipment.

22. ERRORS IN BID

Bidders are assumed to be informed regarding conditions, requirements and specifications prior to submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk. Bids already submitted may be withdrawn without penalty prior to bid opening. Errors discovered after the bid opening may not be corrected.

23. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the City nor the awarded vendor shall be deemed in breach of any contract / Purchase Order or Agreement which may result from this proposal submission if it is prevented from performing any of the obligations hereunder by reason of Acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of superior governmental authority, strikes or labor disputes, floods, riots, rebellion, sabotage, or any similar other unforeseeable causes beyond its control and not due to its fault or negligence. Each party shall notify the other immediately in writing of the cause of such after the beginning period thereof. The awarded vendor may request cancellation and the City of Fairhope may grant the request if performance is prevented by any of the above referenced causes, or other unavoidable circumstances not attributable to the fault or negligence of the vendor. The burden of proof for such relief rests with the vendor. All correspondence pertaining to cancellation of a purchase order or term contract must be addressed to the City of Fairhope Purchasing Manager.

24. HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Bidder must comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and City laws, ordinances and regulations relating to hazardous and toxic substances, including such laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to information hazardous and toxic substances, and as amended from time to time. Bidder shall provide the City of Fairhope with a "Material Safety Data Sheet" for all goods that carry one.

25. INDEMNITY

Indemnity: The awarded vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Fairhope, its officers, agent, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, fines, fees, expenses, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions and cost of actions, including reasonable attorney's fees for trial and on appeal, of any kind and nature, arising or growing out of, or in any way connected with the performance of this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, to the extent caused by a negligent act or omission of the awarded vendor, their agents, servants, employees, SUBCONTRACTORS or others associated with the awarded vendor. The awarded vendor shall be responsible for damage to any equipment excluded from this agreement, or damage or injury caused by any equipment excluded from this agreement, only to the extent that the damage or injury is caused by a negligent act or omission of the awarded vendor, or caused by failure of the awarded vendor's supplied product to perform as specified.

26. INSPECTION

All materials, workmanship, equipment, and supplies are subject to inspection and test at any source or time. Final inspection, acceptance or rejection will be made at delivery destination. Goods that do not meet specifications will be rejected unless

substitutions have been approved by the City of Fairhope. Failure to inspect or to reject upon receipt, however, does not relieve the awarded vendor of liability. When subsequent tests, after receipt, are conducted and when such tests reveal a failure to meet specifications, the City of Fairhope will reject the goods and the awarded vendor shall immediately supply goods meeting specifications or the City of Fairhope may seek damages including but not limited to the testing expense, regardless of whether a part of or all of the goods have been consumed through the testing process. Rejected goods shall be removed by the awarded vendor promptly after rejection, at his expense. If not removed in fourteen (14) calendar days, they may be disposed of at the discretion of the City of Fairhope. Disposal costs will be the awarded vendor's responsibility.

27. INSPECTION OF PREMISES

At reasonable times, the City may inspect those areas of the awarded vendor's place of business that are related to the performance of a Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order. If the City makes such an inspection, the awarded vendor must provide reasonable assistance. The City of Fairhope reserves the right on demand and without notice all the vendor's files associated with a subsequent Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order where payments are based on the awarded vendor's record of time, salaries, materials, or actual expenses. This same clause will apply to any SUBCONTRACTORS assigned to the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

28. INSURANCE

If a Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order results from this RFQ /ITB /RFP, or other form of solicitation, the awarded vendor shall maintain such insurance as will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Fairhope from Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability claims from property damage and personal injury, including death, which may arise from the awarded vendor's operations under this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him/her.

29. INVITATION TO BID

Any provisions made in the RFQ / ITB / RFP, or other form of solicitation, supersedes any provisions outlined here in the General Terms and Conditions.

30. INVOICING, DELIVERY, PACKAGING

Invoices shall be prepared only after ordered materials have been delivered. All invoices must show the purchase order number. Unless otherwise specified in writing, vendors shall not ship any material without an authorized Purchase Order from the City of Fairhope Purchasing Department. All packages delivered must show the purchase order number. The awarded vendor will be required to furnish all materials, equipment and/or service called for at the bid price quoted. In the event the awarded vendor fails to deliver within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the City of Fairhope, the right is reserved to cancel the award and subsequent purchase order and purchase from the next lowest responsible bidder the items needed. The original awarded vendor will be back charged the difference between the original contract price and the price the City of Fairhope has to pay as a result of the failure to perform by the original awarded vendor. All

bids will remain firm for acceptance for 60 days from the date of bid opening. Prices shall be net F.O.B., Prepaid and Allow, City of Fairhope chosen site, Baldwin County, Al. The title and risk of loss of the goods will not pass to the City of Fairhope until receipt and acceptance takes place at the F.O.B. point.

31. LABELING

Individual shipping cartons shall be labeled with the name "City of Fairhope", Purchase Order Number, and where applicable, Contract Number, date of manufacture, batch number, storage requirements, conditions, and recommended shelf life. Bidders are encouraged to offer product packaging with recycled content.

30. LOSS OR DAMAGE IN TRANSIT

Delivery by a vendor to a common carrier does not constitute delivery to the City of Fairhope. Any claim for loss or damage incurred during delivery shall be between the vendor and the carrier. The City of Fairhope accepts title only after satisfactory receipt at the delivery point. The City of Fairhope shall note all visible damages on the freight bill and may refuse the damaged goods. The vendor shall make immediate replacement of the damaged merchandise or be subject to damages for breach of contract. If damage is to a small portion of a total shipment and the City of Fairhope will not be inconvenienced because of the shortage, the vendor may be permitted by the Purchasing Manager to deduct the amount of damage or loss from its invoice, in lieu of replacement. Risk of loss during delivery is borne by the vendor until the goods have been accepted by the City of Fairhope, unless otherwise specified in the RFQ / ITB / RFP or other form of solicitation.

31. MANDATORY SITE VISIT

If the RFQ / ITB /RFP or other form of solicitation requires a mandatory site visit, bidders must inspect the site where installation or service is to take place to obtain a full understanding of scope of work outlined therein. Date of site visit will be determined by the City of Fairhope.

32. MONITORING OF SERVICES

Performance of services will be monitored by the requisitioning department and/or the Purchasing Department, and evaluation reports may be filed with the Purchasing Department. Performance not meeting specifications will result in cancellation of Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order and may result in vendor being removed from the vendor list.

33. NONCONFORMING MERCHANDISE

When merchandise received from the lowest responsible bidder is not in accordance with the purchase order, it will be returned to the bidder, at bidder's expense.

34. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The City of Fairhope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all CONTRACTORS comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and the provisions of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order documents in this regard. The City also encourages and supports the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises on this and all public bids.

35. NON EXCLUSIVE

Unless otherwise specified, this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order is considered a non-exclusive Contract /Agreement / Purchase Order between the parties.

36. NOTIFICATION AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

In the event of accidents of any kind, in the performance of a Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, the awarded vendor shall notify the City of Fairhope immediately and furnish, without delay, copies of all such accident reports to the City of Fairhope. If in the performance of their Work, the awarded vendor fails to immediately report an accident to the City of Fairhope, of which the awarded vendor has knowledge of and which results in a fine levied against the City of Fairhope then the awarded vendor shall be responsible for all fines levied against the City of Fairhope.

37. PACKAGING

All goods must be packaged in new packing containers. Packing that meets the requirements of common carriers is acceptable, unless otherwise required. A packing slip or invoice must accompany all shipments and must reference the purchase order number.

38. PAYMENT

Invoices -- Upon completion of service and delivery of materials specified in the applicable purchase order, awarded vendor will submit an invoice and signed delivery ticket to:

City of Fairhope
Accounts Payable Department
P.O. Drawer 429
Fairhope, Al. 36533
ap@fairhopeal.gov

All invoices must reference appropriate Purchase Order Numbers
Payment of Invoice: All invoices received by the City of Fairhope are payable within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the City of Fairhope, provided they are approved by the City of Fairhope.

39. PAYMENT WITHHELD

Payment may be withheld until all items have been delivered and all requirements of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order have been fulfilled.

40. RECEIPT BY CITY OF FAIRHOPE

If not otherwise stated in the order, the City of Fairhope will be said to have received goods when they have been delivered, unloaded and placed on the agency's dock or if there is no dock, inside an accessible building, and signed for by an authorized City employee. Shipments will be checked against the receiving copy of the Purchase Order. If the purchase order requires grading certificates, USDA Stamps, or any proof of quality, such proof must accompany the shipment.

41. SET-UP AND INSTALLATION

Unless otherwise specified, bid / quotation to include cost of all uncrating, disposal of shipping materials, set-up, testing and initial instruction to agency personnel.

42. SPILL CLEAN UP

The awarded vendor shall be responsible for spillage caused by their negligence, which occurs during transit or unloading operations. The awarded vendor shall immediately report and clean up any spillage. Upon failure to do so, the awarded vendor shall remain responsible for all actual related costs.

43. PRODUCT TESTING

Vendor shall incur all cost involved in obtaining an Independent Laboratory Test if the City deems necessary during the term of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to request a demonstration of any and all items bid before making the award.

44. PATENTS

Awarded Vendor guarantees that the sale and / or use of goods will not infringe upon any U.S. or foreign patent. Awarded vendor will at his / her own expense, indemnify, protect and save harmless the City of Fairhope, on any patent claims arising from the purchase of goods or services.

45. PACKAGING

Unless otherwise specified, goods are to be packaged in cartons meeting federal specifications and shipped on non-returnable pallets.

46. PERMITS LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

The awarded vendor is to procure all permits, licenses, and certificates, or any approvals of plans or specifications as may be required by Federal, State, Local Laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, for the proper execution and completion of Work covered under the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

47. PREPARATION OF BID

All bids / proposals shall be typewritten or in ink on the form(s) prepared by the City of Fairhope. Bids / proposals prepared in pencil will not be accepted. All bids / proposals must be signed by officials of the corporation or company duly authorized to sign bids / proposals. Any bid / proposal submitted without being signed will automatically be rejected. All corrections or erasures shall be initialed and dated by the person authorized to sign quotations / bids / proposals. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail.

48. QUESTIONS / CONTACT

Commencing with the issuance of the RFQ / ITB / RFP, or other form of solicitation, no vendor or anyone acting on a vendor's behalf, shall make direct or indirect contact with City personnel or undertake any activities or take any action to otherwise promote its quotation / bid / proposal to the City or its personnel. All communications shall be made to the contact identified in the quotation / bid / proposal documents. Violation of this requirement may, at the City's sole and absolute discretion, be grounds for disqualifying a vendor from further consideration.

49. REJECTION OF BIDS

The City of Fairhope reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part for any reason, to waive technicalities or

informalities, or to advertise for new proposals, if, in the judgment of the awarding authority, the best interest of the City of Fairhope will be promoted thereby. Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended for any of (but not limited to) the following causes: Failure to use the bid forms furnished by the City of Fairhope, Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the bid form, Failure to properly complete the bid form and vendor compliance, Evidence of collusion among bidders, Unauthorized alteration of the bid form.

50. RIGHT TO AUDIT

The awarded vendor shall maintain documentation of all work performed. The awarded vendor shall make any and all documentation available to the City of Fairhope at all reasonable times, for inspections and audit by the City of Fairhope, during the entire term of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order and for a period of Three (3) years after the expiration of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

51. SAMPLES

Bidders will not be required to furnish samples at the time of bid opening, unless specifically called for. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to request samples after bid opening to assist in the evaluation of proposals submitted.

52. SAFETY MEASURES

The awarded vendor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of the City of Fairhope's and awarded vendor's employees at the Work site, and shall erect and properly maintain at all times, all necessary safeguards for the protection of the workmen and the public. The awarded vendor shall post signs warning against hazards in and around the Work site.

53. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions on a purchase order shall require the approval of the Originating Buyer. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to reject at destination and hold at the vendor's risk and expense any goods supplied by the vendor which do not conform to the specification or description embodied in the order or are inferior in any respect to the good specified. Any good bought by sample which is inferior in quality to the sample submitted by vendor will be rejected. Any goods delivered that do not meet specifications may be returned to the vendor at its expense. When a good is returned, the vendor must make immediate replacement with acceptable merchandise or the City of Fairhope may seek remedies for default.

54. TABULATION

Bid results are posted on The City of Fairhope's web site: www.fairhopeal.gov. The awarded vendor will be sent a written notification via mail.

55. TAXES

Prices quoted shall be delivered prices, exclusive of all federal or state excise, sales, and manufacturer's taxes. The City will assume no transportation or handling charges other than specified in the RFQ, ITB, RFP or other form of solicitation. The City is tax exempt by law – Code of Alabama 1975.

56. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Any Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order may be terminated for convenience by the City of Fairhope, in whole or in part, by written notification to the awarded vendor.

57. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

Performance of Work under the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order Agreement may be terminated by the City of Fairhope, in whole or in part, in writing, whenever the City of Fairhope determines that the awarded vendor has failed to meet the requirements of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

58. TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION

Termination for Non-appropriation – The continuation of any financial obligation beyond the current fiscal year is subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available by the local source, State Legislature and/or federal sources. The City of Fairhope may terminate any financial obligation, and awarded vendor waives any and all claim(s) for damages, effective immediately upon receipt of written notice (or any date specified therein) if for any reason the City of Fairhope's funding from local, State and/or federal sources is not appropriated, withdrawn or limited.

59. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

The City of Fairhope and awarded vendor agree that time is of the essence in the performance of work called for under this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order. The awarded vendor agrees that all work will be accomplished regularly, diligently and uninterrupted at such a rate of progress as will ensure full completion thereof within reasonable time periods.

60. TITLE

All titles, fees, as well as other charges, are to be paid by awarded vendor. Awarded vendor is to furnish prepaid certificate of title in the name of the City of Fairhope, Title shall change upon acceptance of delivery at the City of Fairhope approved delivery

location.

61. VENDOR LIST

A vendor may be removed from the City of Fairhope's Bidders List if a vendor fails to respond to three (3) consecutive ITB's. A properly submitted "No Bid" is considered as a response and the vendor will receive credit for the response.

62. WARRANTY

The awarded vendor expressly warrants that all articles, materials, and work offered shall conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample, or other description which is furnished to or adopted by the City of Fairhope, and that it will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, merchantable, of good material and workmanship, and free from defects. The awarded vendor further warrants all items for a period of one year, unless otherwise stated, from the date of acceptance of the items delivered and installed or work completed. All repairs, replacements, or adjustments during the warranty period will be at the awarded vendor's sole expense. Awarded vendor will provide written warranty for all parts and labor for a period of (1) one year commencing from date of written acceptance of delivery by City of Fairhope. Awarded vendor will provide written copies of all other applicable warranties, such as, Manufacturer's warranty. Those warranties, if any, will be in addition to the awarded vendor's warranty, and the terms of which will not be altered by the awarded vendor's warranty.

63. IMMIGRATION LAW

The CONTRACTOR agrees that it shall comply with all of the requirements of the **Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No 2011-535**, Alabama Code (1975) Section 31-13-1, et. Seq., (also known as the Alabama Immigration Act) see Section 31-13-9, and the provisions of said Act, including all penalties for violation thereof, are incorporated herein.

**ITEM X
CONTRACT**

This **CONTRACT** is made this ____ day of _____, 2019, by and between the City of Fairhope (hereinafter "**OWNER**") and _____ (hereinafter "**CONTRACTOR**"), for

Bid No. 006-20 Vegetation Management

The **OWNER** and the **CONTRACTOR** agree as set forth below:

1. The contract consists of all of the items contained within this contract, the quotation package, proposal, scope of work, specifications and if any drawings addenda, amendments, and "City of Fairhope Standard Terms and Conditions", which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, as if fully contained herein; for the performance of all work and the furnishing of all labor and materials required for completion of the **WORK**.
2. The **CONTRACTOR** shall perform all the **WORK** described herein.
3. **Term of Agreement**
Bid Duration: One (1) year from signing date of **CONTRACT**, with the option to extend the **CONTRACT** for up to Two (2) additional years if terms and conditions, including pricing remain the same, and both parties are in written agreement to extend the **CONTRACT**. The extension must be approved by City Council, and executed by the Mayor. The term of the agreement shall therefore be for a period of ONE (1) Year from ___/___/_____ to ___/___/_____.
4. **Compensation**
The Owner is to be invoiced on a monthly basis, in arrears, for payment of each monthly maintenance routine.

The **CONTRACTOR** agrees to charge, and the Owner agrees to pay for the required services for vegetation management, in current funds for the performance of the **WORK**, the **CONTRACT SUM** of _____ (\$_____). The **CONTRACTOR** shall submit to the **OWNER**, on or before the 5th day of each month, an estimated total for the work performed in the previous month. Payment to the **CONTRACTOR** will be made only for the actual quantities or work performed and accepted, or materials furnished, in accordance with the contract. The scheduled quantities or work to be done and materials to be furnished may increase decrease, or be omitted as provided herein.

5. **Payment Withheld**
The Owner may withhold approval for payment on any request and the Owner may withhold payment to such extent as may be necessary to protect the Owner from loss on account of:
 - a. Negligence on the part of the **CONTRACTOR** to execute the work properly or fail to perform any provision of this Agreement.
 - b. The Owner, after three (3) days written notice to the **CONTRACTOR**, may without prejudice to any other remedy, make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost thereof from the overall Contract sum.
 - c. Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims.
 - d. Failure of the **CONTRACTOR** to make payments properly to SUB-**CONTRACTOR** for material or labor.
 - e. A reasonable doubt that the Agreement can be completed for the balance then unpaid.
 - f. Damage to the property, or another **CONTRACTOR** or another **CONTRACTOR'S** work.

When the above grounds are removed, payment shall be made for the amount withheld because of them. The **CONTRACTOR** waives all cancellation rights under the agreement, if payment is withheld for one or more of the above reasons.

6. **General Conditions**
 - a. **Indemnity:** The **CONTRACTOR** hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Owner, its officers, agent, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, fines, fees, expenses, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions and cost of actions,

including reasonable attorneys' fees for trial and on appeal, of any kind and nature, arising or growing out of, or in any way connected with the performance of this Contract, to the extent caused by a negligent act or omission of the CONTRACTOR, their agents, servants, employees, SUB-CONTRACTORS, or others associated with the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for damage to any elevator equipment excluded from this agreement, or damage or injury caused by any equipment excluded from this agreement, to the extent that the damage or injury is caused by a negligent act or omission of the CONTRACTOR.

- b. **Notification and Accident Reports:** In the event of accidents of any kind, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the Owner immediately and furnish, without delay, copies of all such accident reports to the Owner. If in the performance of their Work, the CONTRACTOR fails to immediately report an accident to the Owner, of which the CONTRACTOR has knowledge of and which results in a fine levied against the Owner then the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all fines levied against the Owner.

7. **Termination of Agreement**

- a. **Termination for Default:** Performance of Work under this Agreement may be terminated by the Owner, in whole or in part, in writing, whenever the Owner determines that the CONTRACTOR has failed to meet the requirements of this Agreement.
- b. **Termination for Convenience:** The Owner has the absolute right to terminate the Agreement upon "Award of Contract" to another CONTRACTOR, to perform work referenced herein. In such event, payment of the monthly Contract fee shall cease on the date of cancellation of the Contract by the Owner.

8. **Warranty**

- a. The CONTRACTOR warrants that the Work including equipment and materials provided shall conform to professional standards of care and practice in effect at the time the Work is performed, be of the highest quality, and be free from all faults, defects or errors. If the CONTRACTOR is notified in writing of a fault, deficiency or error in the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall at the Owner's option, either re-perform such portions of the Work to correct such fault, defect or error, at no additional cost to the Owner, or refund to the Owner the charge paid by the Owner, which is attributable to such portions of the faulty, defective or erroneous Work, including costs for re-performance of Work provided by other CONTRACTORS.
- b. All equipment and materials provided by the CONTRACTOR shall be merchantable and for the purpose intended, and meet the all industry quality standards.

9. **Time of Completion**

The Owner and CONTRACTOR understand and agree that time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR or Owner, respectively, shall not be liable for any loss or damage, resulting from any delay or failure to perform its contractual obligations within the time specified, due to acts of God, actions or regulations by any governmental entity or representative, strikes, fire, water damage, loss of power, loss of funding or any other causes, contingencies, or circumstances not subject to the Owner or CONTRACTOR'S control, respectively, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature, which prevent or hinder the performance of the Owner's or CONTRACTOR'S contractual obligations, respectively. Any such causes of delay, even though existing on the date of the Contract, or on the day of the start of Work, shall extend the time of the Owner's or CONTRACTOR'S performance respectively, by the length of the delays occasioned thereby, including delays reasonably incident to the resumption of normal Work schedules. **However, under such circumstances as described herein, the Owner may, at their discretion, cancel this Contract for their own convenience.**

10. **Acceptance of Work**

The Owner will be deemed to have accepted the Work after the Owner agrees the Work is completed. In the event Work furnished under the Contract is found to be defective or does not conform to the intent of the Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall, within ten (10) days from receipt of notice from the Owner, correct the deficiencies. Failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to properly correct the deficiencies within the time period allowed will constitute the Owner's right to cancel the Contract immediately, upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR.

- 11. Correction of Work**
The CONTRACTOR shall promptly correct all Work rejected by the Owner as faulty, defective or failing to conform to the Contract, whether observed before or after completion of the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected Work.
- 12. Right to Audit**
The CONTRACTOR shall maintain documentation of all work performed. The CONTRACTOR shall make any and all documentation available to the Owner at all reasonable times, for inspections and audit by the Owner, during the entire term of the Contract, and for a period of Three (3) years after the expiration of this Contract.
- 13. Intermittent Problems**
Intermittent problems are to be considered a single call-back until the problem is fixed.
- 14. Time is of the Essence**
The Owner and CONTRACTOR agree that time is of the essence in the performance of Work called for under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR agrees that all work will be accomplished regularly, diligently and uninterrupted at such a rate of progress as will ensure full completion thereof within reasonable time periods.
- 15. Safety Measures**
The CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of the Owner's and CONTRACTOR employees at the Work site, and shall erect and properly maintain at all times, all necessary safeguards for the protection of the workmen and the public. The CONTRACTOR shall post signs warning against hazards in and around the Work site.
- 16. Extra Work and Associated Costs**
a. Changes in the Work: The Owner, without invalidating the Contract, may order changes in the Work within the general scope of this Contract, consisting of additions, deletions, or other revision, the Contract price and time for execution of the Work being adjusted accordingly.
b. All such changes in the Work shall be authorized by a written Amendment to the Contract or a separate Change Order and shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract.
- 17. Familiarity with the Work**
The CONTRACTOR, by executing this Contract, acknowledges full understanding of the extent and character of the Work required and the conditions surrounding the performance thereof. The Owner will not be responsible for any alleged misunderstanding of the Work to be furnished or completed, or any misunderstanding of conditions surrounding the performance thereof. It is understood that execution of the Contract by the CONTRACTOR serves as his stated commitment to fulfill all requirements and conditions referred to in this Contract.
- 18. Scope of Work** – Please see Section VIII
- 19. Miscellaneous Provisions**
a. The CONTRACTOR shall not employ SUB-CONTRACTORS without the express written permission of the Owner.
b. The CONTRACTOR shall not assign the Contract or sublet it as a whole without the express written permission of the Owner. The CONTRACTOR shall not assign any payment due them hereunder, without the express written permission of Owner. The Owner may assign the contract, or sublet it as a whole, without the consent of the CONTRACTOR.
c. No waiver, alteration, consent or modification of any of the provisions of the Contract shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the Owner and CONTRACTOR.
d. The CONTRACTOR is to procure all permits, licenses, and certificates, or any approvals of plans or specifications as may be required by Federal, State, Local Laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, for the proper execution and completion of Work covered under this Contract.
e. The CONTRACTOR shall at all times keep the Work area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by his operations, and promptly remove any such materials to an area designated by the Owner, or remove to a waste site as directed by the Owner. If the CONTRACTOR fails to clean up the Work site, the Owner will complete the task and

If Corporation or LLC

Company _____

State of Incorporation _____

Company Representative _____
(Print Name of Representative Authorized to sign Bids and Contracts for the firm)

Company Representative _____
(Signature of Representative Authorized to sign Bids and Contracts for the firm)

Address _____

Phone Number () _____ Fax Number() _____

Primary e-mail address _____

Alabama General Contractor License No. _____ (Attach Copy)

Alabama General Contractor License Major Categories:

Alabama General Contractor Specialties

Alabama Foreign Corporation Entity ID _____
(Required of Out of State vendors)

Notary for Individual or Corporation

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ }

I, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, hereby certify that _____

_____ as _____ respectively, of _____
title company name

whose name is signed to the foregoing document and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, being informed of the contents of the document they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and Notary Seal on this ___ day of _____, 2019

Notary Public
My commission expires ___/___/___

[END OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT]

ITEM XI
Alabama Immigration Act Contract Requirements

1.0 Background

The **Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No 2011-535, as amended by Act No 2012-491, Code of Alabama (1975) Section 31-13-1** through **Section 31-13-30** (also known as and hereinafter referred to as "the Alabama Immigration Act") is applicable to contracts with the City of Fairhope, Alabama. All business entities entering into contracts with the City of Fairhope, Alabama will comply with the Alabama Immigration Act.

2.0 Definitions

ALIEN. Any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States, as described in 8 U.S.C. § 1101, et seq., and any amendments thereto.

BUSINESS ENTITY. Any person or group of persons employing one or more persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood, whether for profit or not for profit. Business entity shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Self-employed individuals, business entities filling articles of incorporation, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, foreign corporations, foreign limited partnerships, foreign liability companies authorized to transact business in this state, business trusts, and any business entity that registers with the Secretary of State.
- b. Any business entity that possesses a business license, permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business license, an any business entity that is operating unlawfully without a business license.

CONTRACTOR. A person, employer, or business entity that enters into an agreement to perform any service or work or to provide a certain product in exchange for valuable consideration. This definition shall include, but not be limited to, a general CONTRACTOR, sub-contractor, independent CONTRACTOR, contract employee, project manager, or a recruiting or staffing entity.

EMPLOYEE. Any person directed, allowed, or permitted to perform labor or service of any kind by an employer. The employees of an independent CONTRACTOR working for a business entity shall not be regarded as the employees of the business entity, for the purposes of this chapter. This term does not include any inmate in the legal custody of the state, a county, or a municipality.

EMPLOYER. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, joint stock association, agent, manager, representative, foreman, or other person having control or custody of any employment, place of employment, or of any employee, including any person or entity employing any person for hire within the State of Alabama, including a public employer. This term shall not include the occupant of a household contracting with another person to perform casual domestic labor within the household.

E-VERIFY. The electronic verification of federal employment authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, P.L. 104-208, Division c, Section 403 (a); 8 U.S.C. §1324(a), and operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, or its successor program.

STATE-FUNDED ENTITY. Any governmental entity of the state or a political subdivision thereof or any other entity that receives any monies from the state or a political subdivision thereof; provided, however, an entity that merely provides a service or a product to any governmental entity of the state or a political subdivision thereof, and receives compensation for the same, shall not be considered a state-funded entity.

SUBCONTRACTOR. A person, business entity, or employer who is awarded a portion of an existing contract by a CONTRACTOR, regardless of its tier.

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN. An alien who is not authorized to work in the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a (h) (3) .

3.0 **Mandatory Clause**

All contracts or agreements to which the state, a political subdivision, or state-funded entity are a party shall include the following clause:

"By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom."

For purposes of this section, "contract" shall mean a contract awarded by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity that was competitively bid or would, if entered into by the state or an agency thereof, be required to be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

4.0 **Contracts Involving Business Entity, or Employer**

As a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees, the business entity or employer shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama.

As a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees within the state of Alabama, **the business entity or employer shall provide documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program.** During the performance of the contract, the business entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations.

5.0 **Contracts Involving Subcontracting**

Any SUB-CONTRACTOR on a project paid for by contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama and shall also enroll in the E-Verify program prior to performing any work on the project. Furthermore, during the performance of the contract, the sub-contractor shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. This subsection shall only apply to sub-contractors performing work on a project subject to the provisions of this section and not to collateral persons or business entities hired by the sub-contractor.

6.0 **Proof of E-Verify** documentation will be in the form of a copy of the signed Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) generated upon completion of the E-Verify program.

INVITATION SUMMARY

**Bid No. 0006-20
Vegetation Management**

Issue Date:	10/7/2019
Bid Bond Requirements:	Five (5) % of bid price
Certificate of Insurance Requirements:	See Standard Terms and Conditions and Item VII
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting:	October 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at 555 S. Section St., Fairhope, AL
Deadline for Questions Date:	October 24, 2019 (9:00 a.m.)
IFB Closing Date (bids opened):	October 29, 2019 (9:00 a.m.)
City Internet Site: (for bid postings)	www.fairhopeal.gov
Bid Copies: (to submit)	One (1)
Purchasing Department Contact:	Dee Dee Brandt, Purchasing Manager deedee.brandt@fairhopeal.gov (251) 928-8003

END OF INVITATION SUMMARY

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION
Please print this section and turn in with your response

Bid No 006-20 Vegetation Management

Business Organization

Name of Bidder (exactly as it appears on W-9):

Doing-Business-As Name of Bidder:

Principal Office Address:

Form of Business Entity [check one ("X")]

Corporation _____

Partnership _____

Individual _____

Joint Venture _____

Other (describe): _____

Corporation Statement

If a corporation, answer the following:

Date of incorporation: _____

Location of incorporation: _____

The corporation is held: Publicly ___
Privately ___

Partnership Statement

If a partnership, answer the following:

Date of organization: _____

Location of organization: _____

The partnership is: General ___
Limited ___

Joint Venture Statement

If a Joint Venture, answer the following:

Date of organization: _____

Location of organization: _____

JV Agreement recorded? Yes ___
No ___

Primary Contact _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address: _____