



Purchasing Division

Invitation for Bid

IFB-5040-22-KH
On-Call Tree Maintenance Services

Responses Due:

April 1, 2022 prior to 2:00 PM Local

Accepting Electronic Responses Only Through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System (RMEPS)

<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado>

(Purchasing Representative does not have access or control of the vendor side of RMEPS. If website or other problems arise during response submission, vendor **MUST** contact RMEPS to resolve issue prior to the response deadline. 800-835-4603)

NOTE: All City solicitation openings will continue to be held virtually.

Purchasing Representative:

Kassy Hackett, Buyer

kassyh@gjcity.org

970-244-1546

This document has been developed specifically to solicit competitive responses for this solicitation and may not be the same as previous City of Grand Junction solicitations. All vendors are required to thoroughly review this solicitation prior to responding. Submittal by **FAX, EMAIL or HARD COPY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE** for this solicitation.

Invitation for Bids

Table of Contents

Section 1	Instruction to Bidders
Section 2	General Contract Conditions
Section 3	Statement of Work
Section 4	Contractor's Bid Form
	Price Proposal/Bid Schedule Form
	Appendix
	Attachments

1. Instructions to Bidders

NOTE: It is the Contractor's responsibility to read and review all solicitation documentation in its entirety, and to ensure that they have a clear and complete understanding of not only the scope, specifications, project requirements, etc., but also all other requirements, instructions, rules, regulations, laws, conditions, statements, procurement policies, etc. that are associated with the solicitation process and project/services being solicited.

- 1.1. **Purpose:** The City of Grand Junction is soliciting competitive bids from qualified and interested companies for all labor, equipment, and materials required to successfully provide on-call tree maintenance services for tree pruning, tree removal, tree planting and / or stump grinding within parks, public rights-of-way, and other public grounds throughout the City of Grand Junction. All dimensions and scope of work should be verified by Contractors prior to submission of bids.

IFB Questions:

Kassy Hackett, Buyer
kassyh@gjcity.org

The City would like to remind all Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Vendors, Suppliers, Manufacturers, Service Providers, etc. that (with the exception of Pre-Bid or Site Visit Meetings) all questions, inquiries, comments, or communication pertaining to any formal solicitation (whether process, specifications, scope, etc.) must be directed (in writing) to the Purchasing Agent assigned to the project or Purchasing Division. Direct communication with the City assigned Project Managers/Engineers is not appropriate for public procurement, and may result in disqualification.

- 1.2. **The Owner:** The Owner is the City of Grand Junction, Colorado and is referred to throughout this Solicitation. The term Owner means the Owner or his authorized representative.
- 1.3. **Procurement Process:** Procurement processes shall be governed by the most current version of the City of Grand Junction [Purchasing Policy and Procedure Manual](#).
- 1.4. **Submission:** Each proposal shall be submitted in electronic format only, and only through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing (BidNet Colorado) website, www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado. The uploaded response shall be a single PDF document with all required information included. This site offers both "free" and "paying" registration options that allow for full access of the Owner's documents and for electronic submission of proposals. (Note: "free" registration may take up to 24 hours to process. Please Plan accordingly.) Please view our "Electronic Vendor Registration Guide" at <http://www.gjcity.org/501/Purchasing-Bids> for details. (Purchasing Representative does not have access or control of the vendor side of RMEPS. If website or other problems arise during response submission, vendor **MUST** contact RMEPS to resolve issue prior to the response deadline. (800-835-4603))

Solicitation Opening, On-Call Tree Maintenance Services IFB-5040-22-KH
Fri, Apr 1, 2022 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/581943221>

You can also dial in using your phone.
(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212
- One-touch: tel:+18722403212,,581943221#

Access Code: 581-943-221

Join from a video-conferencing room or system.
Dial in or type: 67.217.95.2 or inroomlink.goto.com
Meeting ID: 581 943 221
Or dial directly: 581943221@67.217.95.2 or 67.217.95.2##581943221

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:
<https://meet.goto.com/install>

- 1.5. **Modification and Withdrawal of Bids Before Opening.** Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document stating such, duly executed and submitted to the place where Bids are to be submitted at any time prior to Bid Opening.
- 1.6. **Printed Form for Price Bid:** All Price Bids must be made upon the Price Bid Schedule attached and should give the amounts both in words and in figures and must be signed and acknowledged by the bidder.

The Offeror shall specify a unit price in figures for each pay item for which a quantity is given and shall provide the products (in numbers) of the respective unit prices and quantities in the Extended Amount column. The total Bid price shall be equal to the sum of all extended amount prices. When an item in the Price Bid Schedule provides a choice to be made by the Offeror, Offeror's choice shall be indicated in accordance with the specifications for that particular item and thereafter no further choice shall be permitted.

Where the unit of a pay item is lump sum, the lump sum amount shall be shown in the "extended amount" column and included in the summation of the total Bid.

All blank spaces in the Price Bid Schedule must be properly filled out.

Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice president or other corporate office accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The corporate address and state of incorporation shall be shown below the signature.

Bids by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner whose title must appear under the signature and the official address of the partnership must be shown below the signature.

All names must be typed or printed below the signature.

The Offeror's Bid shall contain an acknowledgement of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers of which shall be filled in on the Contractor's Bid Form.

The contact information to which communications regarding the Bid are to be directed must be shown.

- 1.7. **Exclusions:** No oral, telephonic, emailed, or facsimile bid will be considered
- 1.8. **Contract Documents:** The complete IFB and bidder's response compose the Contract Documents. Copies of bid documents can be obtained from the City Purchasing website, <http://www.gjcity.org/501/Purchasing-Bids>
- 1.9. **Additional Documents:** The July 2010 edition of the "City Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction", Plans, Specifications and other Bid Documents are available for review or download on the Public Works & Planning/Engineering page at www.gjcity.org. Electronic copies may be obtained on a CD format at the Department of Public Works and Planning at City Hall.
- 1.10. **Definitions and Terms:** See Article I, Section 3 of the General Contract Conditions in the *Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction*.
- 1.11. **Examination of Specifications:** Bidders shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with the project Statement of Work. The failure or omission of any Offeror to receive or examine any form, addendum, or other document shall in no way relieve any Offeror from any obligation with respect to his bid. The submission of a bid shall be taken as evidence of compliance with this section. Prior to submitting a bid, each Offeror shall, at a minimum:
 - a. Examine the *Contract Documents* thoroughly.
 - b. Visit the site to familiarize themselves with local conditions that may in any manner affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work;
 - c. Become familiar with federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may in any manner affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work;
 - d. Study and carefully correlate Bidder's observations with the *Contract Documents*, and;
 - e. Notify the Purchasing Agent of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies in or among the *Contract Documents* within the designated inquiry period.

On request, the Owner will provide each Offeror access to the site to conduct such investigations and tests as each Bidder deems necessary for submission of a Bid. It shall be the Offeror's responsibility to make or obtain any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests and studies and obtain any additional information and data which pertain to the physical conditions (including without limitation, surface, subsurface and underground utilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress or performance of the work and which the Offeror deems necessary to determine its Bid for performing the work in accordance with the time, price and other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents. Location of any excavation or boring made by Offeror shall be subject to prior approval of Owner and applicable agencies. Offeror shall fill all holes, restore all pavements to match the existing structural section and shall clean up and restore the site to its former condition upon completion of such exploration. The Owner reserves the right to require the Offeror to execute an access agreement with the Owner prior to accessing the site.

The lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights of way, and access thereto, and other lands designated for use by Contractor in performing the Work, are identified on the Drawings.

Information and data reflected in the *Contract Documents* with respect to underground utilities at or contiguous to the site are based upon information and data furnished to the Owner and the Engineer by the owners of such underground utilities or others, and the Owner does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof, unless it is expressly provided otherwise in the *Contract Documents*.

By submission of a Bid, the Offeror shall be conclusively presumed to represent that the Offeror has complied with every requirement of these Instructions to Bidders, that the *Contract Documents* are not ambiguous and are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance of the Work.

- 1.12. **Questions Regarding Statement of Work:** Any information relative to interpretation of Scope of Work or specifications shall be requested of the Purchasing Representative, in writing, in ample time, prior to the inquiry deadline.
- 1.13. **Addenda & Interpretations:** If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this solicitation, a written addendum will be posted electronically on the City's website at <http://www.gjcity.org/501/Purchasing-Bids>. The Owner is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by Owner, unless such clarification or change is provided in written addendum form from the City Purchasing Representative.
- 1.14. **Taxes:** The Owner is exempt from State retail and Federal tax. The bid price must be net, exclusive of taxes.
- 1.15. **Sales and Use Taxes:** The Contractor and all Subcontractors are required to obtain exemption certificates from the Colorado Department of Revenue for sales and use taxes in accordance with the provisions of the General Contract Conditions. Bids shall

reflect this method of accounting for sales and use taxes on materials, fixtures, and equipment.

- 1.16. Offers Binding 60 Days:** Unless additional time is required by the Owner, or otherwise specified, all formal offers submitted shall be binding for sixty (60) calendar days following opening date, unless the Bidder, upon request of the Purchasing Representative, agrees to an extension.
- 1.17. Exceptions and Substitutions:** Bidders taking exception to the specifications and/or scope of work shall do so at their own risk. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all substitutions or alternatives. When offering substitutions and/or alternatives, Bidder must state these exceptions in the section pertaining to that area. Exception/substitution, if accepted, must meet, or exceed the stated intent and/or specifications and/or scope of work. The absence of such a list shall indicate that the Bidder has not taken exceptions, and if awarded a contract, shall hold the Bidder responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications and/or scope of work contained herein.
- 1.18. Collusion Clause:** Each bidder by submitting a bid certifies that it is not party to any collusive action or any action that may be in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. Any and all bids shall be rejected if there is evidence or reason for believing that collusion exists among bidders. The Owner may, or may not, accept future bids for the same services or commodities from participants in such collusion.
- 1.19. Disqualification of Bidders:** A Bid will not be accepted from, nor shall a Contract be awarded to, any person, firm, or corporation that is in arrears to the Owner, upon debt or contract, or that has defaulted, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Owner, or that is deemed irresponsible or unreliable.

Bidders may be required to submit satisfactory evidence that they are responsible, have a practical knowledge of the project bid upon and that they have the necessary financial and other resources to complete the proposed Work.

Either of the following reasons, without limitation, shall be considered sufficient to disqualify a Bidder and Bid:

- a. More than one Bid is submitted for the same Work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name; and
 - b. Evidence of collusion among Bidders. Any participant in such collusion shall not receive recognition as a Bidder for any future work of the Owner until such participant has been reinstated as a qualified bidder.
- 1.20. Public Disclosure Record:** If the bidder has knowledge of their employee(s) or sub-contractors having an immediate family relationship with a City employee or elected official, the bidder must provide the Purchasing Representative with the name(s) of these individuals. These individuals are required to file an acceptable "Public Disclosure Record", a statement of financial interest, before conducting business with the City.

2. General Contract Conditions for Construction Projects

- 2.1. The Contract:** This Invitation for Bid, submitted documents, and any negotiations, when properly accepted by the City, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the City and Contractor. The contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The contract may be amended or modified with Change Orders, Field Orders, or Addendums.
- 2.2. The Work:** The term Work includes all labor necessary to produce the construction required by the Contract Documents, and all materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in such construction.
- 2.3. Execution, Correlation, Intent, and Interpretations:** The Contract Documents shall be signed by the Owner (City) and Contractor. City will provide the contract. By executing the contract, the Contractor represents that he/she has visited the site, familiarized himself with the local conditions under which the Work is to be performed, and correlated his observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by anyone, shall be as binding as if required by all. The intention of the documents is to include all labor, materials, equipment, and other items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the scope of work as defined in the technical specifications and drawings contained herein. All drawings, specifications and copies furnished by the City are, and shall remain, City property. They are not to be used on any other project, and with the exception of one contract set for each party to the contract, are to be returned to the owner on request at the completion of the work.
- 2.4. The Owner:** The Owner is the City of Grand Junction, Colorado and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents. The term Owner means the Owner or his authorized representative. The Owner shall, at all times, have access to the work wherever it is in preparation and progress. The Contractor shall provide facilities for such access. The Owner will make periodic visits to the site to familiarize himself generally with the progress and quality of work and to determine, in general, if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. Based on such observations and the Contractor's Application for Payment, the Owner will determine the amounts owing to the Contractor and will issue Certificates for Payment in such amounts, as provided in the contract. The Owner will have authority to reject work which does not conform to the Contract documents. Whenever, in his reasonable opinion, he considers it necessary or advisable to ensure the proper implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, he will have authority to require the Contractor to stop the work or any portion, or to require special inspection or testing of the work, whether or not such work can be then be fabricated, installed, or completed. The Owner will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Contractor, and sub-Contractor, or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing any of the work.
- 2.5. Contractor:** The Contractor is the person or organization identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents. The term

Contractor means the Contractor or his authorized representative. The Contractor shall carefully study and compare the General Contract Conditions of the Contract, Specification and Drawings, Scope of Work, Addenda and Modifications and shall at once report to the Owner any error, inconsistency, or omission he may discover. Contractor shall not be liable to the Owner for any damage resulting from such errors, inconsistencies, or omissions. The Contractor shall not commence work without clarifying Drawings, Specifications, or Interpretations.

- 2.6. Sub-Contractors:** A sub-contractor is a person or organization who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform any of the work at the site. The term sub-contractor is referred to throughout the contract documents and means a sub-contractor or his authorized representative.
- 2.7. Award of Sub-Contractors & Other Contracts for Portions of the Work:** Contractor shall submit with their bid response to the Owner, in writing for acceptance, a list of the names of the sub-contractors or other persons or organizations proposed for such portions of the work as may be designated in the proposal requirements, or, if none is so designated, the names of the sub-contractors proposed for the principal portions of the work. Prior to the award of the contract, the Owner shall notify the successful Contractor in writing if, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any person or organization on such list. If, prior to the award of the contract, the Owner has a reasonable and substantial objection to any person or organization on such list and refuses in writing to accept such person or organization, the successful Contractor may, prior to the award, withdraw their proposal without forfeiture of proposal security. If the successful Contractor submits an acceptable substitute with an increase in the proposed price to cover the difference in cost occasioned by the substitution, the Owner may, at their discretion, accept the increased proposal or may disqualify the Contractor. If, after the award, the Owner refuses to accept any person or organization on such list, the Contractor shall submit an acceptable substitute and the contract sum shall be increased or decreased by the difference in cost occasioned by such substitution and an appropriate Change Order shall be issued. However, no increase in the contract sum shall be allowed for any such substitution unless the Contractor has acted promptly and responsively in submitting a name with respect thereto prior to the award.
- 2.8. Quantities of Work and Unit Price:** Materials or quantities stated as unit price items in the Bid are supplied only to give an indication of the general scope of the Work, and are as such, estimates only. The Owner does not expressly or by implication agree that the actual amount of Work or material will correspond therewith and reserves the right after award to increase or decrease the quantity of any unit item of the Work without a change in the unit price except as set forth in Article VIII, Section 70 of the *General Contract Conditions*. The City also reserves the right to make changes in the Work (including the right to delete any bid item in its entirety or add additional bid items) as set forth in Article VIII, Sections 69 through 71 of the *General Contract Conditions*.
- 2.9. Substitutions:** The materials, products and equipment described in the *Solicitation Documents* shall be regarded as establishing a standard of required performance, function, dimension, appearance, or quality to be met by any proposed substitution.

No substitution will be considered prior to receipt of Bids unless the Offeror submits a written request for approval to the City Purchasing Division at least ten (10) days prior to the date for receipt of Bids. Such requests for approval shall include the name of the material or equipment for which substitution is sought and a complete description of the proposed substitution including drawings, performance and test data, and other information necessary for evaluation, including samples if requested. The Offeror shall set forth changes in other materials, equipment, or other portions of the Work including changes of the work of other contracts, which incorporation of the proposed substitution would require to be included. The Owner's decision of approval or disapproval of a proposed substitution shall be final. If the Owner approves a proposed substitution before receipt of Bids, such approval will be set forth in an Addendum. Offerors shall not rely upon approvals made in any other manner.

- 2.10. Supervision and Construction Procedures:** The Contractor shall supervise and direct the work, using his best skill and attention. He shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the work under the contract.
- 2.11. Warranty:** The Contractor warrants to the Owner that all materials and equipment furnished under this contract will be new unless otherwise specified, and that all work will be of good quality, free from faults and defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents. All work not so conforming to these standards may be considered defective. If required by Owner, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. If within ten (10) days after written notice to the Contractor requesting such repairs or replacement, the Contractor should neglect to make or undertake with due diligence to the same, the City may make such repairs or replacements. All indirect and direct costs of such correction or removal or replacement shall be at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor will also bear the expenses of making good all work of others destroyed or damaged by the correction, removal, or replacement of his defective work.
- 2.12. Permits, Fees, & Notices:** The Contractor shall secure and pay for all permits, governmental fees, and licenses necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work. The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the work. If the Contractor observes that any of the Contract Documents are at variance in any respect, he shall promptly notify the Owner in writing, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by approximate modification. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and without such notice to the Owner, he shall assume full responsibility and shall bear all costs attributable.
- 2.13. Responsibility for Those Performing the Work:** The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of all his employees and all sub-contractors, their agents and employees, and all other persons performing any of the work under a contract with the Contractor.

2.14. Use of the Site: The Contractor shall confine operations at the site to areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits and the Contract Documents, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site with any materials or equipment.

2.15. Cleanup: The Contractor at all times shall keep the premises free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by his operations. At the completion of work, he shall remove all his waste materials and rubbish from and about the project, as well as all his tools, construction equipment, machinery, and surplus materials.

3.1 Insurance: The selected Firm agrees to procure and maintain, at its own cost, policy(s) of insurance sufficient to insure against all liability, claims, demands, and other obligations assumed by the Firm pursuant to this Section. Such insurance shall be in addition to any other insurance requirements imposed by this Contract or by law. The Firm shall not be relieved of any liability, claims, demands, or other obligations assumed pursuant to this Section by reason of its failure to procure or maintain insurance in sufficient amounts, durations, or types.

Firm shall procure and maintain and, if applicable, shall cause any SubVendor of the Firm to procure and maintain insurance coverage listed below. Such coverage shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to The Owner. All coverage shall be continuously maintained to cover all liability, claims, demands, and other obligations assumed by the Firm pursuant to this Section. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage. Minimum coverage limits shall be as indicated below unless specified otherwise in the Special Conditions:

(a) Worker Compensation: Vendor shall comply with all State of Colorado Regulations concerning Workers' Compensation insurance coverage.

(b) General Liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of:

ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and
ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) per job aggregate.

The policy shall be applicable to all premises, products and completed operations. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage (including completed operations), personal injury (including coverage for contractual and employee acts), blanket contractual, products, and completed operations. The policy shall include coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground (XCU) hazards. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision.

(c) Comprehensive Automobile Liability insurance with minimum combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and
ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) aggregate

This policy shall provide coverage to protect the Vendor against liability incurred as a result of the professional services performed as a result of responding to this Solicitation.

With respect to each of Consultant's owned, hired, or non-owned vehicles assigned to be used in performance of the Work. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision.

Additional Insured Endorsement: The policies required by paragraphs (b), and (c) above shall be endorsed to include the Owner and the Owner's officers and employees as additional insureds. Every policy required above shall be primary insurance, and any insurance carried by the Owner, its officers, or its employees, or carried by or provided through any insurance pool of the Owner, shall be excess and not contributory insurance to that provided by Vendor. The Vendor shall be solely responsible for any deductible losses under any policy required above.

- 2.16. Indemnification:** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Owner, and all its officers, employees, insurers, and self-insurance pool, from and against all liability, suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the Contractor, or of any Contractor's agent, employee, sub-contractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against the Owner growing out of such injury or damages.
- 2.17. Miscellaneous Conditions: Material Availability:** Contractors must accept responsibility for verification of material availability, production schedules, and other pertinent data prior to submission of bid. It is the responsibility of the bidder to notify the Owner immediately if materials specified are discontinued, replaced, or not available for an extended period of time.
- 2.18. OSHA Standards:** All bidders agree and warrant those services performed in response to this invitation shall conform to the standards declared by the US Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA). In the event the services do not conform to OSHA standards, the Owner may require the services to be redone at no additional expense to the Owner.
- 2.19. Time:** Time is of the essence with respect to the time of completion of the Project and any other milestones or deadline which are part of the Contract. It will be necessary for each Bidder to satisfy the City of its ability to complete the Work within the Contract Time set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contract Time is the period of time allotted in the Contract Documents for completion of the work. The date of commencement of the work is the date established in a Notice to Proceed. If there is no Notice to Proceed, it shall be the date of the Contract, or such other date as may be established therein, or as established as entered on the Bid Form. The Date of Final Completion of the work is the date certified by the Owner when all construction, and all other work associated to include, but not be limited to: testing, QA/QC, receipt of required reports and/or forms, grant requirements (if applicable), punch list items, clean-up, receipt of drawings and/or as-builts, etc., is fully complete, and in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- 2.20. Progress & Completion:** The Contractor shall begin work on the date of commencement as defined in the Contract and shall carry the work forward expeditiously with adequate forces and shall complete it within the contract time.
- 2.21. Payment & Completion:** The Contract Sum is stated in the Contract and is the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor for the performance of the work under the Contract Documents. Upon receipt of written notice that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of application for payment, the Owner's Project Manager will promptly make such inspection and, when he finds the work acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Contract fully performed, the Owner shall make payment in the manner provided in the Contract Documents.
- 2.22. Contingency/Force Account/Minor Contract Revisions:** Contingency/Force Account/Minor Contract Revisions work will be authorized by the Owner's Project Manager and is defined as minor expenses to cover miscellaneous or unforeseen expenses related to the project. The expenses are not included in the Drawings, Specifications, or Scope of Work and are necessary to accomplish the scope of this contract. Contingency/Force Account/Minor Contract Revisions Authorization will be directed by the Owner through an approved form. Contingency/Force Account/Minor Contract Revisions funds are the property of the Owner and any Contingency/Force Account/Minor Contract Revisions funds, not required for project completion, shall remain the property of the Owner. Contractor is not entitled to any Contingency/Force Account/Minor Contract Revisions funds, that are not authorized by Owner or Owner's Project Manager.
- 2.23. Protection of Persons & Property:** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public authority having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury, or loss. Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing safeguards for safety and protection, and all reasonable precautions, including posting danger signs or other warnings against hazards promulgating safety regulations and notifying owners and users of adjacent utilities. When or where any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct by the Contractor in the execution of the work, or in consequence of the non-execution thereof by the Contractor, he shall restore, at his own expense, such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, by repairing, rebuilding, or otherwise restoring as may be directed, or it shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.
- 2.24. Changes in the Work:** The Owner, without invalidating the contract, may order changes in the work within the general scope of the contract consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions, the contract sum and the contract time being adjusted accordingly. All such changes in the work shall be authorized by Change Order and shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the contract documents. A Change Order is a written order to the Contractor signed by the Owner issued after the execution of the contract, authorizing a change in the work or an adjustment in the contract sum or the contract time. The contract sum and the contract time may be changed only by Change Order.

- 2.25. Claims for Additional Cost or Time:** If the Contractor wishes to make a claim for an increase in the contract sum or an extension in the contract time, he shall give the Owner written notice thereof within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event giving rise to such claim. This notice shall be given by the Contractor before proceeding to execute the work, except in an emergency endangering life or property in which case the Contractor shall precede in accordance with the regulations on safety. No such claim shall be valid unless so made. Any change in the contract sum or contract time resulting from such claim shall be authorized by Change Order.
- 2.26. Minor Changes in the Work:** The Owner shall have authority to order minor changes in the work not involving an adjustment in the contract sum or an extension of the contract time and not inconsistent with the intent of the contract documents.
- 2.27. Field Orders:** The Owner may issue written Field Orders which interpret the Contract Documents in accordance with the specifications, or which order minor changes in the work in accordance with the agreement, without change in the contract sum or time. The Contractor shall carry out such Field Orders promptly.
- 2.28. Uncovering & Correction of Work:** The Contractor shall promptly correct all work rejected by the Owner as defective or as failing to conform to the contract documents whether observed before or after substantial completion and whether or not fabricated installed or completed. The Contractor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work, including the cost of the Owner's additional services thereby made necessary. If within one (1) year after the date of completion or within such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the contract documents, any of the work found to be defective or not in accordance with the contract documents, the Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of a written notice from the Owner to do so unless the Owner has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such condition. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discovering of condition. All such defective or non-conforming work under the above paragraphs shall be removed from the site where necessary and the work shall be corrected to comply with the contract documents without cost to the Owner. The Contractor shall bear the cost of making good all work of separate Contractors destroyed or damaged by such removal or correction. If the Owner prefers to accept defective or non-conforming work, he may do so instead of requiring its removal and correction, in which case a Change Order will be issued to reflect an appropriate reduction in the payment or contract sum, or, if the amount is determined after final payment, it shall be paid by the Contractor.
- 2.34. Amendment:** No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All amendments to the contract shall be made in writing by the Owner.
- 2.35. Assignment:** The Contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey any contract resulting from this IFB, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval from the Owner.

- 2.36. Compliance with Laws:** Bids must comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws governing or covering this type of service and the fulfillment of all ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.
- 2.37. Confidentiality:** All information disclosed by the Owner to the Contractor for the purpose of the work to be done or information that comes to the attention of the Contractor during the course of performing such work is to be kept strictly confidential.
- 2.38. Conflict of Interest:** No public official and/or City/County employee shall have interest in any contract resulting from this IFB.
- 2.39. Contract Termination:** This contract shall remain in effect until any of the following occurs: (1) contract expires; (2) completion of services; (3) acceptance of services or, (4) for convenience terminated by either party with a written *Notice of Cancellation* stating therein the reasons for such cancellation and the effective date of cancellation.
- 2.40. Employment Discrimination:** During the performance of any services per agreement with the Owner, the Contractor, by submitting a Bid, agrees to the following conditions:
- 2.40.1.** The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin except when such condition is a legitimate occupational qualification reasonably necessary for the normal operations of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, visible to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- 2.40.2.** The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, shall state that such Contractor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- 2.40.3.** Notices, advertisements, and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule, or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- 2.41. Affirmative Action:** In executing a Contract with the City, the Contractor agrees to comply with Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity regulations presented in the General Contract Conditions.
- 2.42. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and Immigration Compliance:** The Offeror certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of the contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and/or the immigration compliance requirements of State of Colorado C.R.S. § 8-17.5-101, *et.seq.* (House Bill 06-1343).
- 2.43. Ethics:** The Contractor shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official, or agent of the Owner.

- 2.44. Failure to Deliver:** In the event of failure of the Contractor to deliver services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure the services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any costs resulting in additional purchase and administrative services. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies that the Owner may have.
- 2.45. Failure to Enforce:** Failure by the Owner at any time to enforce the provisions of the contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of the contract or any part thereof or the right of the Owner to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.
- 2.46. Force Majeure:** The Contractor shall not be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by the contract due to legal strikes, fires, riots, rebellions, and acts of God beyond the control of the Contractor, unless otherwise specified in the contract.
- 2.47. Independent Contractor:** The Contractor shall be legally considered an Independent Contractor and neither the Contractor nor its employees shall, under any circumstances, be considered servants or agents of the Owner. The Owner shall be at no time legally responsible for any negligence or other wrongdoing by the Contractor, its servants, or agents. The Owner shall not withhold from the contract payments to the Contractor any federal or state unemployment taxes, federal or state income taxes, Social Security Tax, or any other amounts for benefits to the Contractor. Further, the Owner shall not provide to the Contractor any insurance coverage or other benefits, including Workers' Compensation, normally provided by the Owner for its employees.
- 2.48. Nonconforming Terms and Conditions:** A bid that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bid is subject to rejection as non-responsive. The Owner reserves the right to permit the Contractor to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its bid prior to a determination by the Owner of non-responsiveness based on the submission of nonconforming terms and conditions.

Items for non-responsiveness may include, but not be limited to:

- a. Submission of the Bid on forms other than those supplied by the City;
- b. Alteration, interlineation, erasure, or partial detachment of any part of the forms which are supplied herein;
- c. Inclusion of unauthorized additions conditional or alternate Bids or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the Bid incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning;
- d. Failure to acknowledge receipt of any or all issued Addenda;
- e. Failure to provide a unit price or a lump sum price, as appropriate, for each pay item listed except in the case of authorized alternative pay items;

- f. Failure to list the names of Subcontractors used in the Bid preparation as may be required in the Solicitation Documents;
- g. Submission of a Bid that, in the opinion of the Owner, is unbalanced so that each item does not reasonably carry its own proportion of cost, or which contains inadequate or unreasonable prices for any item;
- h. Tying of the Bid with any other bid or contract; and
- i. Failure to calculate Bid prices as described herein.

2.49. Evaluation of Bids and Offerors: The Owner reserves the right to:

- reject any and all Bids,
- waive any and all informalities,
- consider any prompt payment discounts offered by Bidder,
- negotiate final terms with the Successful Bidder,
- take into consideration past performance of previous awards/contracts with the Owner of any Contractor, Vendor, Firm, Supplier, or Service Provider in determining final award. and
- disregard any and all nonconforming, nonresponsive, or conditional Bids.

Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between Unit Prices and Extended Prices will be resolved in favor of the Unit Prices. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. The corrected extensions and totals will be shown in the tabulation of Bids.

The Owner may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors and other persons and organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material or equipment) proposed for those portions of the work as to which the identity of Subcontractors and other persons and organizations must be submitted. Operating costs, maintenance considerations performance data, and guarantees of materials and equipment may also be considered by the Owner.

The Owner will conduct such investigations as deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation of any Bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of the Offeror, proposed Subcontractors and other persons and organizations to do the Work in accordance with the *Contract Documents* to the City's satisfaction within the Contract Time.

The Offeror shall furnish the Owner all information and data requested by the Owner to determine the ability of the Offeror to perform the Work. The Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such Offeror fails to satisfy the Owner that such Offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein.

By submitting a Bid, each Offeror authorizes the Owner to perform such investigation of the Offeror as the Owner deems necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the Offeror and, by its signature thereon, authorizes the Owner to obtain reference information concerning the Offeror and releases the party providing such information and the Owner from any and all liability to the Offeror as a result of such reference information so provided.

The Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Offeror who does not pass any evaluation to the Owner's satisfaction.

If the Contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the Offeror who, by evaluation, the Owner determines will best meet the Owner's interests.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject the Work contained in any of the Price Bid Schedules or alternates, either in whole or in part.

2.50. Award of Contract: Unless otherwise indicated, a single award will be made for all the bid items in an individual bid schedule. In the event that the Work is contained in more than one Bid Schedule, the City may award Schedules individually or in combination. In the case of two Bid Schedules which are alternative to each other, only one of such alternative Schedules will be awarded. Within forty-five (45) Calendar Days of Bid Opening, the City will issue a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder which will be accompanied by four (4) unsigned copies of the Contract and the Performance and Payment Bond forms. Within ten (10) Calendar Days thereafter, the Successful Bidder shall sign and deliver four (4) copies of the Contract, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Certificates of Insurance to the City. Within ten (10) Calendar Days thereafter, the City will deliver two (2) fully executed counterparts of the Contract to the Contractor. No contract shall exist between the Successful Bidder and the City, and the Successful Bidder shall have no rights at law or in equity until the Contract has been duly executed by the City.

The Successful Bidder's failure to sign and submit a Contract and other documents set forth in this Paragraph within the prescribed time shall be just cause of annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Guaranty. The award of Contract may then be made to the next qualified Bidder in the same manner as previously prescribed.

2.51. Ownership: All plans, prints, designs, concepts, etc., shall become the property of the Owner.

2.52. Oral Statements: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this document and/or resulting agreement. All modifications to this request and any agreement must be made in writing by the Owner.

2.53. Patents/Copyrights: The Contractor agrees to protect the Owner from any claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights. In no event shall the Owner be liable to the Contractor for any/all suits arising on the grounds of patent(s)/copyright(s) infringement. Patent/copyright infringement shall null and void any agreement resulting from response to this IFB.

- 2.54. Remedies:** The Contractor and Owner agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 2.55. Venue:** Any agreement as a result of responding to this IFB shall be deemed to have been made in, and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.
- 2.56. Expenses:** Expenses incurred in preparation, submission, and presentation of this IFB are the responsibility of the company and cannot be charged to the Owner.
- 2.57. Sovereign Immunity:** The Owner specifically reserves its right to sovereign immunity pursuant to Colorado State Law as a defense to any action arising in conjunction to this agreement.
- 2.58. Non-Appropriation of Funds:** The contractual obligation of the Owner under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from this fiscal year budget as approved by the City Council or Board of County Commissioners from this fiscal year only. State of Colorado law prohibit obligation of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which the budget was approved. Anticipated expenditures/obligations beyond the end of the current Owner's fiscal year budget shall be subject to budget approval. Any contract will be subject to and must contain a governmental non-appropriation of funds clause.
- 2.59. Cooperative Purchasing:** Purchases as a result of this solicitation are primarily for the City/County. Other governmental entities may be extended the opportunity to utilize the resultant contract award with the agreement of the successful provider and the participating agencies. All participating entities will be required to abide by the specifications, terms, conditions, and pricings established in this Bid. The quantities furnished in this bid document are for only the City/County. It does not include quantities for any other jurisdiction. The City or County will be responsible only for the award for its jurisdiction. Other participating entities will place their own awards on their respective Purchase Orders through their purchasing office or use their purchasing card for purchase/payment as authorized or agreed upon between the provider and the individual entity. The City/County accepts no liability for payment of orders placed by other participating jurisdictions that choose to piggy-back on our solicitation. Orders placed by participating jurisdictions under the terms of this solicitation will indicate their specific delivery and invoicing instructions.
- 2.60. Keep Jobs in Colorado Act:** Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with Article 17 of Title 8, Colorado Revised Statutes requiring 80% Colorado labor to be employed on public works projects. Contractor shall, upon reasonable notice provided by the Owner, permit the Owner to inspect documentation of identification and residency required by C.R.S. §8-17-101(2)(a). If Contractor claims it is entitled to a waiver pursuant to C.R.S. §8-17-101(1), Contractor shall state that there is insufficient Colorado labor to perform the work such that compliance with Article 17 would create an undue burden that would substantially prevent a project from proceeding to completion and shall include evidence demonstrating the insufficiency and undue burden in its response.

Unless expressly granted a waiver by the Owner pursuant to C.R.S. §8-17-101(1), Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with Article 17 of Title 8, Colorado Revised Statutes requiring 80% Colorado labor to be employed on public works. Contractor shall, upon reasonable notice provided by the Owner, permit the Owner to inspect documentation of identification and residency required by C.R.S. §8-17-101(2)(a).

2.60.1. "Public Works project" is defined as:

- (a) any construction, alteration, repair, demolition, or improvement of any land, building, structure, facility, road, highway, bridge, or other public improvement suitable for and intended for use in the promotion of the public health, welfare, or safety and any maintenance programs for the upkeep of such projects
- (b) for which appropriate or expenditure of moneys may be reasonably expected to be \$500,000.00 or more in the aggregate for any fiscal year
- (c) except any project that receives federal moneys.

3. Statement of Work

NOTE: This Invitation for Bid is to solicit for fixed unit of measure pricing for different size classes for the City of Grand Junction. Multiple contracts may be awarded to multiple suppliers for the different services. All suppliers submitting bid responses acknowledge and agree to maintaining their submitted bid pricing throughout the contract period.

3.1. GENERAL: The City of Grand Junction is soliciting competitive bids from qualified and interested companies for all labor, equipment, and materials required provide on-call tree maintenance services for tree pruning, tree removal, tree planting and / or stump grinding within parks, public rights-of-way, and other public grounds throughout the City of Grand Junction. All dimensions and scope of work should be verified by Contractors prior to submission of bids.

3.2. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

3.2.1. The contractor will be required to provide the necessary labor, tools, equipment and supplies to perform the required services.

3.2.2. All tree pruning and removal operations shall be in accordance with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and OSHA standards as interpreted by the City Forester. If tree pruning or removal practices are not in accordance with ISA and OSHA standards or to the reasonable satisfaction of the City Forester and/or his/her representative, it shall result in the possible termination of contract.

3.2.3. For tree pruning and removal, the diameter of each tree shall be measured at Breast Height (DBH), 4.5 feet above ground.

A. Upright, fairly straight trees shall be measured at 4.5 feet above ground.

B. Trees on a slope shall be measured at 4.5 feet above ground at the midpoint of the trunk.

- C. Leaning trees shall be measured at 4.5 feet above ground at midpoint of the trunk.
- D. For split trunk trees that fork below 4.5 feet from the ground, DBH shall be measured at the narrowest point below the fork.
- E. Multi-stem trees, which are trees that have more than one trunk at 4.5 feet above ground and originating from a common trunk or common root system, will be measured as follows:
 - Each stem will be measured at 4.5 feet above ground using the above rules.
 - All diameters will be converted to cross-sectional areas and aggregated to a cumulative cross-sectional area.
 - The cumulative cross-sectional area will be used to determine the aggregate DBH measurement for the multi-stem tree.

3.2.4. All tree planting shall follow a combination of the International Society of Arboriculture’s best management practices and the City of Grand Junction’s tree planting detail (appendix A) per direction of the City Forester. If trees are not planted in accordance with these standards and detail or to the reasonable satisfaction of the City Forester and /or his/her representative, it shall result in the possible termination of contract.

3.3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

3.3.1. TREE PRUNING ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PUBLIC GROUNDS AND IN PARKS:

- A. Tree pruning will focus on “cleaning” and “clearance” techniques as defined and detailed below:
 - a. Cleaning shall consist of selective pruning to remove one or more of the following tree parts: dead, diseased, structurally compromised, and/or broken branches.
 - b. Clearance pruning shall consist of raising the crown over the street / alleys (14’) and sidewalk (8’).
- B. The contractor shall follow lowest impact (to natural resources, agricultural resources, and recreational resources) methods of access and application while accessing City Parks, including the least amount of vehicle use required on site. Any changes in scheduled activities must be arranged through the City Forester or City Forester representative.
- C. A pruning cut that removes a branch at its point of origin shall be made close to the trunk or parent limb without cutting into the branch bark ridge or collar or leaving a stub. Flush cuts shall not be made. The contractor shall prune previously existing stubs and storm damaged limbs.

- D. The contractor shall prune to provide clearance for regulatory signs, traffic signals, traffic vision, and pedestrian/streetlights as directed by the City Forester or City Forester representative.
- E. The contractor shall prune dead wood equal to or greater than two inches (2").
- F. The contractor shall prune broken, hanging, and/or poorly attached limbs equal to or greater than two inches (2") in diameter.
- G. The contractor shall prune interfering and rubbing branches equal to or greater than two inches (2") or have obvious defects that compromise structural integrity.
- H. The contractor shall prune obviously hazardous live limbs that are equal to or greater than two inches (2") in diameter.
- I. When pruning to a lateral, the remaining lateral branch shall be large enough to assume the terminal role, at least one-third the size. Such cuts shall be considered proper only when the remaining limb is vigorous enough to maintain adequate foliage to produce woody growth capable of sealing the affected pruning cut within a reasonable time frame as defined by the City Forester or City Forester representative.
- J. Tree limbs shall be removed and controlled in such a manner as to cause no damage or injury to people, animals, property, other parts of the tree, or other plants.
- K. Limb removal shall be made by using at least three (3) cuts:
 - a. An undercut beyond the branch collar of the limb to be removed,
 - b. A cut on top of the limb beyond the undercut so that portion of the limb will break away without tearing the bark on the remaining limb,
 - c. A final cut on the outside of branch collar.
 - d. The first two (2) cuts are to be repeated as often as necessary on the same limb when removing large limbs.
- L. The use of climbing spurs or spike shoes in the act of PRUNING trees is prohibited and shall result in the possible termination of contract.
- M. All tools must be in clean, safe and proper working order, and insect and disease free before working in a tree under a City pruning contract. All tools used on a tree known to contain an infectious tree disease shall be properly disinfected after each pruning cut and prior to the next use of the tool.
- N. The contractor shall notify the City Forester upon discovery of trees with extensive internal decay that could compromise the structural integrity of

trees being pruned when not removing the portion of tree containing said decay.

3.3.2. TREE REMOVALS ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PUBLIC GROUNDS AND IN PARKS

A. Trees shall be removed in such a manner as to cause no damage or injury to people, property, animals, or other living plants.

B. All trees on the public right-of-way, in parks, or on other City-owned property designated for removal shall be removed in such a manner so that all parts of the remaining stumps will be at least 12 (twelve) inches below the surrounding ground level unless otherwise provided in writing by the City Forester. Exposed or visible roots extending from the base of all stumps shall be removed with the stump.

C. The contractor shall be responsible for all utility locates prior to any excavation.

D. Exposed or visible surface roots extending from the base of all stumps shall be removed.

E. The City Forester may consider seeking miscellaneous prices for stumps with extra-large/ unusual root flares or surface roots that create extreme challenges due to size, length, and/or site restrictions. The contractor must demonstrate through clear and convincing evidence that the stump creates extreme challenges.

F. Excavation, divots, or ruts resulting from tree or stump removal must be promptly filled in, up to the surrounding soil grade, with clean earth fill. The fill must be free of excessive debris and compacted to minimize settling. All fill material is subject to acceptance by the City Forester.

G. Wood debris from the stump grinding process shall be removed from the stump hole. Work will be considered complete when all wood, debris, and stumps are removed from the public right-of-way/public property.

3.3.3. REMOVAL OF EXISTING STUMPS ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PUBLIC GROUNDS AND IN PARKS

A. All stumps on the public right-of-way, in parks, or on other City-owned property designated for removal shall be removed in such a manner that all parts of the remaining stumps will be at least 12 (twelve) inches below the surrounding ground level unless otherwise provided in writing by the City Forester.

B. The contractor shall be responsible for all utility locates prior to any excavation.

C. Exposed or visible surface roots extending from the base of all stumps shall be removed.

D. The City Forester may consider seeking miscellaneous prices for stumps with extra-large/unusual root flares or surface roots that create extreme challenges due to size, length, and/or site restrictions. The contractor must demonstrate through clear and convincing evidence that the stump creates extreme challenges.

E. Excavation, divots, and/or ruts resulting from tree or stump removal must be promptly filled in, up to the surrounding soil grade, with clean earth fill. The fill must be free of excessive debris and compacted to minimize settling. All fill material is subject to acceptance by the City Forester or the City Forester's representative.

F. Wood debris from the stump grinding process shall be removed from the stump hole.

3.3.4. TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PUBLIC GROUNDS AND IN PARKS

A. The City will provide nursery stock for pick up at Park Operations Facility and the contractor shall provide services for transporting and installing trees in designated locations.

B. The contractor shall be responsible for all utility locates prior to any excavation.

C. Trees shall be moved with care taking precaution to avoid damage to root ball, bark and branches of trees. When in leaf, trees shall be laid down and covered to avoid wind damage during transport.

D. Planting hole shall be dug to a width of twice the size of tree's root ball. Effort shall be made to not over excavate holes to avoid settling of newly planted trees.

E. Root ball of tree shall be closely inspected prior to planting. Probing and soil removal may be necessary to ensure trees are not planted too deeply. Trunk flare will be clearly visible above grade, and first order roots will be just below natural grade.

F. The ball of containerized trees shall be shaved prior to installation to avoid circling roots.

G. All burlap, twine, and metal cage shall be removed from balled in burlap (B&B) trees. Bottom of cage and burlap shall be removed prior to setting tree in planting hole. Once tree is set properly in planting hole, remaining cage, burlap and twine shall be removed as hole is back filled.

H. The contractor shall be responsible for watering in trees, settling backfill, and providing wood mulch covering the planting space.

I. Staking will be required for all balled in burlap (B&B) trees.

J. Tree plantings spaces shall be open ground areas (grass, mulch, rock, natural earth, etc.) and will not be focused towards hardscape tree planting sidewalk pits.

K. Care shall be taken when planting to avoid damage to existing irrigation. Any damage to irrigation or other underground utilities shall be promptly reported to the City. Upon completion of installation, drip system emitters shall be placed over the root ball of the newly planted tree.

L. The City may ask for newly planted trees to be adjusted if found to be installed incorrectly.

3.4. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

3.4.1 QUESTIONS REGARDING SOLICIATION PROCESS/SCOPE OF WORK:

Kassy Hackett, Buyer
City of Grand Junction
kassyh@gjcity.org

3.4.2 Project Manager: The Project Manager for the Project is Robert Davis, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, who can be reached at (970) 254-3825. After Award, all notices, letters, submittals, and other communications directed to the City shall be addressed and mailed or delivered to:

City of Grand Junction
Parks and Recreation
Attn: Robert Davis, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
1340 Gunnison Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501

3.4.3 Personnel: All workers assigned by the contractor for servicing a City job shall be adequately and properly trained to perform their work properly and safely.

All personnel shall wear a company-identifying uniform, or clothing with a company logo clearly visible.

A qualified supervisor or foreman shall be present at the site when work is being performed. At least one (1) member of the on-site team must be fluent in English and able to answer questions or concerns from the City Forester representative and/or property owners.

The contractor is responsible for supplying equipment and staff capable of completing work in a safe and efficient manner.

3.4.4 Safety: The contractor shall be responsible for being fully familiar with and conforming to the requirements and guidelines set forth by the Occupational Safety and Health Act and any regulations or directives adopted there under.

Under no condition shall it be considered proper to leave the site with severed or partially cut limbs still in the trees.

Whenever larger tree sections are being cut in a tree that may endanger the public or property, such materials shall be secured by ropes and lowered safely in a controlled matter.

Any injury to person or damage to any improvement, vehicle, tree, or structure located upon or underneath any PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREET shall be promptly reported to the City Forester and arrangement made to make restitution or repairs. Any injury to person or damage to any improvement, vehicle, tree, or structure located upon or underneath PRIVATE PROPERTY shall be promptly reported to the City Forester and to the property owner, and arrangements made to make restitution or repairs. If the contractor fails to act promptly, the City may seek recovery of losses, damages, and costs from the contractor's insurance company. The City reserves the right to withhold a portion or the entire payment until the contractor can provide proof that restitution or repairs have been made.

3.4.5 Equipment: The contractor's business name and phone number shall be posted in letters and numbers not less than two (2") inches in height, on a contrasting background, on the two (2) sides of ALL vehicles, trailers, self-propelled, drawn, or towed equipment operated by the contractor for use in any City work. The business name, address and phone number, or business name and phone number must be visible and readable from a distance of at least 60 (sixty) feet. Failure to post aforementioned signage on vehicles and equipment can be grounds for agreement termination.

The use of climbing spurs or spike shoes in the act of PRUNING trees is prohibited and shall result in the termination of the agreement, and possible revocation of the license.

3.4.6 Barricades and Traffic Control Plans: Adequate barricades, warning devices, and signage shall be furnished and placed as necessary for the safety of persons and vehicles along local residential streets. Rules from the Grand Junction Department of Public Works must be followed.

Work along higher volume collector and arterial streets will require submission and approval of an official traffic control plan, and contractor will be allowed to add this cost to work requested with proof of invoicing from a local certified traffic control contractor.

Street and sidewalk warning devices shall be in position as required when work is being performed on trees near streets.

Unless the tree work is totally barricaded or otherwise protected, at least one responsible tree worker shall coordinate safe operations on the ground when work is in progress or possible hazards exist. Pedestrian and vehicles shall be allowed to pass through the work areas under condition of safety and with as little inconvenience and delay as possible.

3.4.7 Completion Schedule: Work shall be completed no later than the completion date specified in the Work Request or amended Work Request, weather-permitting and subject to any time extensions that the City Forester may grant in writing. The standard completion date will be twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of request for contract services. The contractor is obligated to exercise due diligence in making good progress on the work and within the specified time period. If the contractor is unable to perform the work within the timeframe allotted, the contractor is obligated to promptly notify the City Forester and the work may be re-assigned to another contractor.

3.4.8 Invoicing: Each completed Work Request shall be invoiced separately.

All invoicing shall be submitted no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the completion of the Work Request. All invoice resubmissions shall be submitted within seven (7) calendar days of the resubmission request.

Invoices shall be submitted via email to forestry@gjcity.org

a. For Work Request invoices: subject line shall contain the Work Request number and address of work.

b. Body of invoice must contain at a minimum:

i. Work Request number

ii. Address or Park location of work

iii. Date of completion

iv. Total price

3.4.9 Pricing: Pricing shall be all inclusive to include but not be limited to: all labor, equipment, supplies, materials, freight (F.O.B. Destination – Freight Pre-paid and Allowed to each site), travel, mobilization costs, fuel, set-up and take down costs, and full-time inspection costs, and all other costs related to the successful completion of the project.

The Owner shall not pay nor be liable for any other additional costs including but not limited to: taxes, shipping charges, insurance, interest, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc.

3.4.10 Contract: A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the IFB and any amendments thereto, (2) the bidder's response (bid) to the IFB, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) the City's Purchasing Department's acceptance of the bid by "Notice of Award" or by "Purchase Order". All Exhibits and Attachments included In the IFB shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.

A. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and, performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein.

B. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the bidder and the City Purchasing Division or by a modified Purchase Order prior to the effective date of such modification. The bidder expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including acts and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

3.4.11 Working Days and Hours: The working days and hours shall be as stated in the General Contract Conditions or as mutually agreed upon with the following exception:

All work shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

3.4.12 Licenses and Permits: Contractor is responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses and permits required for Construction, at Contractors expense. See Section 2.12. Contractor shall supply to Owner all copies of finalized permits.

The contractor must possess a tree service license with the City to provide tree pruning or tree removal services. Licenses must be retained throughout the life of the contract; failure to do so may result in the termination of the contract. The contractor shall maintain a current copy of its tree service license on file with the City Forester.

The contractor will not need to possess a tree service license with the City for tree planting or stump grinding services.

3.4.13 Authorized Representatives of the City: Those authorized to represent the City shall include Purchasing Agent, Parks and Recreation Staff, and Inspectors employed by the City, only.

3.4.14 Stockpiling Materials and Equipment: All stockpiling/storage shall be in accordance with General Contract Condition Section 51.

3.4.15 Clean-Up: The Contractor is responsible for cleaning up all loose materials that have been deposited or swept into gutters, and onto sidewalks and driveways as a result of sidewalk operations. The costs for all clean-up work shall be considered incidental and will not be paid for separately.

Clean-up of branches, logs, or any other debris resulting from any tree service operation shall be promptly and completely accomplished by the end of the working day on all trees, unless otherwise specified by the work request. Tree debris shall be disposed of in an appropriate manner. The work area shall be kept safe at all times until the clean-up operation is completed. Under no condition shall the accumulation

of bushes, limbs, logs, or other debris be allowed upon a public street right-of-way that may result in a public hazard.

Contractor will be held responsible for the cost of full cleanup of any chemical spills and the proper disposal of all containers, spill material and clean-up material.

3.4.16 Incidental Items: Any item of work not specifically identified or paid for directly, but which is necessary for the satisfactory completion of any paid items of work, will be considered as incidental to those items, and will be included in the cost of those items.

3.5. Attachments:

Attachment one: Public R-O-W, Park, Greenway Tree Planting Detail

3.6. Contractor Bid Documents: For Contractor's convenience, the following is a list of forms/items to be submitted with the Contractor's bid response. However, should a form/item not be listed in this section, but required in the solicitation documents, it is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure all forms/items are submitted.

- Contractor's Bid Form
- Price Bid Schedule

3.7. Contract: The initial contract period shall begin on or about April 8, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Upon mutual agreement between the awarded firm/s and the City there is an option for three (3) annual renewals, depending on appropriated funds as stated in Section 2.58.

3.8. IFB TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE:

Invitation For Bids available	March 7, 2022
Inquiry deadline, no questions after this date	March 23, 2022
Addendum Posted	March 25, 2022
Submittal deadline for proposals	April 1, 2022
Notice of Award & Contract execution	April 8, 2022

4. Contractor's Bid Form

Bid Date: _____

Project: IFB-5040-22-KH "On-Call Tree Maintenance Services"

Bidding Company: _____

Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Email _____

Telephone _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

The undersigned Bidder, in compliance with the Invitation for Bids, having examined the Instruction to Bidders, General Contract Conditions, Statement of Work, Specifications, and any and all Addenda thereto, having investigated the location of, and conditions affecting the proposed work, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials and supplies, and to perform all work for the Project in accordance with Contract Documents, within the time set forth and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the Contract Documents, of which this Contractor's Bid Form is a part.

The undersigned Contractor does hereby declare and stipulate that this offer is made in good faith without collusion or connection to any person(s) providing an offer for the same work, and that it is made in pursuance of, and subject to, all terms and conditions of the Instructions to Bidders, the Specifications, and all other Solicitation Documents, all of which have been examined by the undersigned.

The Contractor also agrees that if awarded the Contract, to provide insurance certificates within ten (10) working days of the date of Notification of Award. Submittal of this offer will be taken by the Owner as a binding covenant that the Contractor will be prepared to complete the project in its entirety.

The Owner reserves the right to make the award on the basis of the offer deemed most favorable, to waive any formalities or technicalities and to reject any or all offers. It is further agreed that this offer may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after closing time. Submission of clarifications and revised offers automatically establish a new thirty day (30) period.

Prices in the bid proposal have not knowingly been disclosed with another provider and will not be prior to award.

- Prices in this bid proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition.
- No attempt has been made nor will be to induce any other person or firm to submit a bid proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
- The individual signing this bid proposal certifies they are a legal agent of the offeror, authorized to represent the offeror and is legally responsible for the offer with regard to supporting documentation and prices provided.
- Direct purchases by the City of Grand Junction are tax exempt from Colorado Sales or Use Tax. Tax exempt No. 98-03544. The undersigned certifies that no Federal, State, County or Municipal tax will be added to the above quoted prices.
- City of Grand Junction payment terms shall be Net 30 days.

RECEIPT OF ADDENDA: the undersigned Contractor acknowledges receipt of Addenda to the Solicitation, Specifications, and other Contract Documents.

State number of Addenda received: _____.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure all Addenda have been received and acknowledged.

By signing below, the Undersigned agree to comply with all terms and conditions contained herein.

Company: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

PRICE BID SCHEDULE: IFB-5040-22-KH On-Call Tree Maintenance Services

TREE PRUNING BID RATE (TREE SERVICE LICENSE REQUIRED)

PRICE PER DIAMETER INCH AT 4.5 FEET BY SIZE CLASS
(enter price for each size class):

< 8" DBH	\$
9 – 16" DBH	\$
17 – 24" DBH	\$
25 – 32" DBH	\$
33 – 40" DBH	\$
>41" DBH	\$

TREE REMOVAL BID RATE (TREE SERVICE LICENSSE REQUIRED)

PRICE PER DIAMETER INCH AT 4.5 FEET BY SIZE CLASS
(enter price for each size class):

< 8" DBH	\$
9 – 16" DBH	\$
17 – 24" DBH	\$
25 – 32" DBH	\$
33 – 40" DBH	\$
>41" DBH	\$

EXISTING STUMP REMOVAL BID RATE

PRICE PER DIAMETER INCH AT 6" ABOVE GROUND LEVEL BY SIZE CLASS
(enter price for each size class):

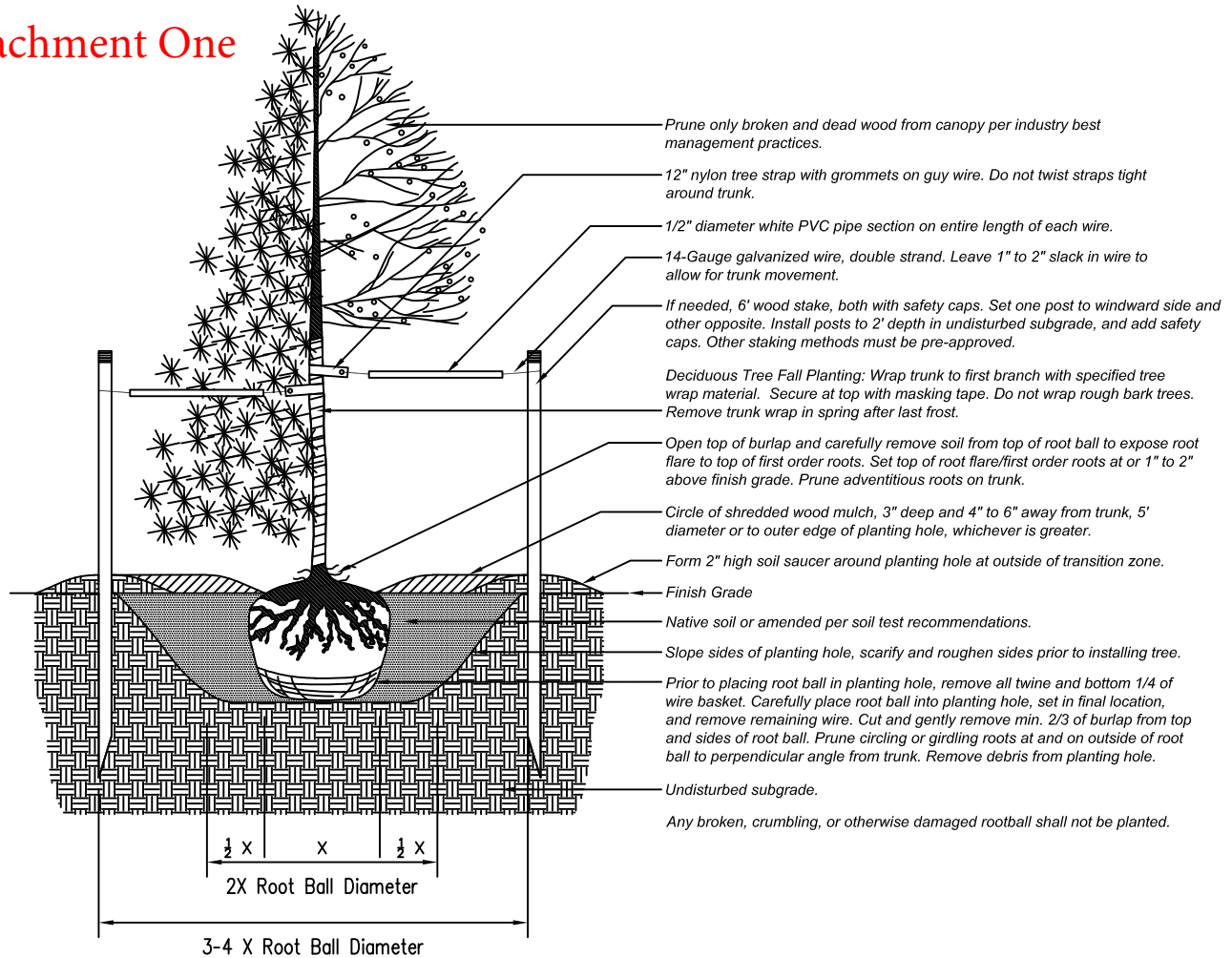
< 8" DBH	\$
9 – 16" DBH	\$
17 – 24" DBH	\$
25 – 32" DBH	\$
33 – 40" DBH	\$
>41" DBH	\$

TREE PLANTING BID RATE

PRICE PER TREE BASED ON NURSERY STOCK SIZE

#10 – 15 Container	\$
#25 Container	\$
1.75 - 2 Inch B&B	\$
2.25 – 2.5 Inch B&B	\$
2.75 – 3 Inch B&B	\$
3.25 – 3.5 Inch B&B	\$

Attachment One



Trees planted upon park land, public property, or within the Public Right of Way (PRW) are subject to the following restrictions:

- Prior to digging, the Utility Notification Center of Colorado shall be contacted at 811 to locate underground utilities.
- A planting permit from the Grand Junction City Forester (GJCF) is required regardless of approved plans to ensure the City is available to inspect the planting of public trees.
- Tree planting shall not occur when daytime temperatures reach or exceed 90–degrees Fahrenheit, unless approved by GJCF.
- Only tree species approved by the GJCF shall be planted.
- Trees shall not be planted in tree lawns less than six feet wide unless authorized by the GJCF.
- Trees shall be centered in tree lawns and/or planting areas. Where sidewalks are not present, trees shall be located as designated by the GJCF.
- Unless authorized by the GJCF, trees shall be located:
 - Outside street intersection sight distance triangle, measured 30 (thirty) feet along the PRW in each direction from the corner.
 - Min. 10 (Ten) feet from alleys and driveways
 - Min. 20 (Twenty) feet from stop signs and curb ramps
 - Min. 25 (Twenty-five) feet from street lights
 - Min. 10 (Ten) feet from electric/gas/water lines, water meters/pits, and fire hydrants
 - Min. 15 (Fifteen) feet from small cell towers
- If overhead utility wires exist, only trees with an expected mature size that meet current clearance regulations may be planted.
- Tree spacing shall be based on projected mature canopy size and above restrictions, or as approved by the GJCF.
- All electric fixtures and utilities, including but not limited to outlets and lights, shall be located at outside perimeter of tree planting areas within hardscape. In tree lawns, fixtures shall be placed minimum 3 (three) feet radially from base of trunk.

When planting is completed, contact forestry@gjcity.org for final inspection.

DRAWN BY KA DATE 01/2021

DESIGNED BY RD DATE 01/2021

HORIZONTAL: 1" = ### N/A

0 # ## N/A

VERTICAL: 1" = ##

0 ### ## N/A

PARKS AND RECREATION
FORESTRY DIVISION

PUBLIC R-O-W, PARK, GREENWAY
TREE PLANTING DETAIL

CITY OF
Grand Junction
COLORADO