



**Capital Projects & Purchasing Department  
113 Mable T. Willis Blvd.  
Walterboro, SC 29488  
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**BID: RC-14  
Turf Maintenance and Insect Control Service  
for Parks & Recreation  
BIDS DUE: Thursday, September 15, 2016 @ 11:00am**

MAIL BID RESPONSE TO:  
Capital Projects & Purchasing Department  
Attn: Kaye B Syfrett  
113 Mable T. Willis Blvd.  
Walterboro, SC 29488

HAND DELIVER BID RESPONSE TO:  
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## A. OVERVIEW

Colleton County, South Carolina (the "**County**") requests bids from qualified, licensed vendors to provide Turf Maintenance and Insect Control service for locations in and outside of the Colleton County Parks and Recreation Complex. The vendor hired will be responsible for all service, equipment, materials and labor in order to provide the requested Turf Maintenance and Insect Control service.

Subject to the terms, conditions, provisions, and the enclosed specifications, responses to this solicitation will be received at this office until the stated date and time. After which, only the names of the respondents will be publicly announced. Responses received after the scheduled due date and time will be rejected. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed package marked on the outside with the Offeror's name, address, and the solicitation name and number.

This solicitation does not commit Colleton County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals submitted, or to procure or contract for the services. The County reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel in part, or in its entirety offers received as a result of this request if deemed to be in the best interest of the County to do so. Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted via email to John Stieglitz, Capital Projects & Purchasing Director at [jstieglitz@colletoncounty.org](mailto:jstieglitz@colletoncounty.org) no later than 11:00am, Thursday, September 8, 2016.

## B. SCOPE OF WORK

Colleton County proposes to establish an agreement with a qualified and licensed Turf Maintenance and Insect Control service vendor. This agreement, with a term of three years with the option to renew for an additional three years, shall be between Colleton County and the successful vendor.

### **Delivery of Services:**

Each location shall have the following services provided during the month listed.

- i. March; Spring Pre-Emergent and Turf program
- ii. April; Fire Ant and Mole Cricket treatment
- iii. May; Aeration program
- iv. May; Turf program and Grub Treatment
- v. September; Fall Pre-emergent application and Turf program
- vi. Lime application; as need as determined by the bi-annual soil report
- vii. Bi-annual (February & August) soil test with result being produced by Clemson Extension Services with copies of soil reports being supplied to Colleton County upon receipt.

### **Locations:**

There are fourteen (14) individual ball fields ranging in size with the soccer field(s) being the largest fenced in location. All the facilities have corridors that must receive the same treatments/programs as the fields. Where there is not a noticeable corridor, the area along the base line fencing and around the bleachers shall receive the same treatments/programs.

There is approximately twenty-two (22) acres of area that will require some type of treatment. It is the vendor's responsibility to quantify and confirm the total amount of area to be treated.

### **Recreation Drive:**

- Quad Center Complex, four (4) fields, to include corridors.
- Old Ace Basin individual fields, three (3) fields, to include corridors.
- New Ace Basin Complex, five (5) fields, to include corridors and areas between fence and walking track.

**Sydney's Road:**

- Soccer Complex, entire fenced area

**Tuskegee Airman Drive**

- Single ball field, to include area around dugouts along the base line fencing.

**Program Treatment Descriptions:**

Chemicals and or procedures shall not be substituted without prior written approval by the Parks and Recreation Director. Program treatments shall consist of the following:

**Turf Treatment:**

Each program interval shall include applications of fertilizer and weed control. All turf applications are to be based on soil reports. The minimum nitrogen requirements will be three (3) pounds of nitrogen per one thousand square feet of which one and a half pounds of nitrogen has to be Harrell's Polyon slow release fertilizer. The minimum potassium requirements will be three (3) pounds per one thousand square feet per year. Weed control shall be applied as directed by the manufacturer.

- Approved Fertilizer; Polyon made by Harrell's. Mixture and rate shall be applied as required by the soil test.
- Approved Weed control; Ronstar, 2%, applied as required by the manufacturer.

**Fire Ant, Grub and Mole Cricket Treatment:**

Merit insecticide for grubs. It will consist of eighty (80) pounds of merit insecticide per acre on a fertilizer carrier with one pound of nitrogen and potassium per one thousand square feet of which half of a pound will be Polyon nitrogen.

- Approved Fire Ant and Mole Cricket control product: Top Choice, at a rate of 88lb per acre.
- Approved Grub Treatment product: Merritt, applied as directed by the manufacturer.

**Pre-emergent Treatment:**

Pre-emergent treatments will be conducted in the fall of the year to deter growth for the coming spring.

- Approved Pre-emergent product: Ronstar, applied at the rate of 2% active ingredient per acre (200lb per acre).

**Break thru Weed Control:**

At any time break thru weeds appear, all spots shall be treated with Celsius herbicide.

**Aeriation program:**

Aeriation of fields shall be performed using a SLICE machine with aeriation disc's with a minimum of 6" deep slices. (Not 6" disc)

**Lime application:**

Lime shall be applied at the rate and type as specified in the bi-annual soil report.

**C. INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDOR**

1. Submittal must include one (1) original bid response clearly marked as original, and one (1) complete copy of the bid response along with a completed W-9 form. Responses must be in a sealed envelope/package containing the solicitation name and number. The individual signing the response must be an Agent legally authorized to bind the company.
2. Show solicitation number on the outside of mailing package. Colleton County assumes no responsibility for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
3. It is the vendor's sole responsibility to ensure that solicitation responses, amendments thereto or withdrawal requests are submitted by the scheduled due date and time.
4. The vendor must clearly mark as "Confidential" each part of their response, which they consider to be proprietary information that could be exempt from disclosure under Section 30-40(C) Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Freedom of Information Act. Colleton County reserves the right to determine whether this information should be exempt from disclosure and legal action may not be brought against the County or its agents for its determination in this regard.
5. RESPONSE FORM: All responses shall be printed in ink or typewritten. If required, additional pages may be attached. Proposals written in pencil will be disqualified.
6. Subject to the terms, conditions, provisions, and the enclosed specifications, responses to this solicitation will be received at this office until the stated date and time. Responses received after the scheduled due date and time will be rejected. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed package marked on the outside with the vendor's name, address, and the solicitation name and number.
7. This solicitation does not commit Colleton County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of RFP submitted, or to procure or contract for the services. The County reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel in part, or in its entirety offers received as a result of this request if deemed to be in the best interest of the County to do so.

**A "No Response" qualifies as a response; however, it is the responsibility of the Vendor to notify the Procurement Office if you receive solicitations that do not apply.**

**D. SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Upon a successful negotiation of fees and contract terms subject to final approval by Colleton County Council a contract will be executed for the requested services.

## E. SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **COMPETITION:** This solicitation is intended to promote full and open competition. If any language, specifications, terms and conditions, or any combination thereof restricts or limits the requirements in this solicitation to a single source, it shall be the responsibility of the interested vendor to notify the Procurement Office in writing no later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled due date and time.
2. **RESPONDANTS QUALIFICATION:** The County reserves the right to request satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish services in accordance with the terms and conditions listed herein. The County further reserves the right to make the final determination as to the Vendor's ability to provide said services.
3. **RESPONSE WITHDRAWAL:** Any responses may be withdrawn prior to the established closing date and time, but not thereafter with proper approval from the Procurement Manager.
4. **REJECTION:** Colleton County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to cancel or withdraw this solicitation, and to waive any technicality if deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
5. **WAIVER:** The County reserves the right to waive any Instruction to Offerors, General or Special Provisions, General or Special Conditions, or specifications deviation if deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
6. **RESPONSE PERIOD:** All responses shall be good for a minimum period of 60 calendar days.
7. **DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and successful offeror will be held responsible therefore. Deviations must be explained in detail on separate attached sheet(s). The listing of deviations, if any, is required but will not be construed as waiving any requirements of the specifications. Unidentified deviations found during the evaluation of the response may be cause for rejection.
8. **AMENDMENTS:** All amendments to and interpretations of this solicitation shall be in writing and issued by the Procurement Manager of Colleton County.
9. **DEBARMENT:** By submitting a qualification package, the vendor is certifying that they are not currently debarred from responding to any request for proposals by any agency or subdivision of the State of South Carolina or the United States Federal Government, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting proposals on contracts by any agency or subdivision of the State of South Carolina.
10. **DEFAULT:** In case of default by the Offeror, the County reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the Offeror with any excessive costs. Should such charge be assessed, no subsequent solicitation response of the defaulting Offeror will be considered in future RFB's until the assessed charge has been satisfied.
11. **HOLD HARMLESS:** All respondents to this RFP shall indemnify and hold harmless Colleton County Government and any of their officers and employees from all suits and claims alleged to be a result of this request for proposals. The issuance of this request of proposals constitutes only an invitation to present a proposal. Colleton County reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether any aspect of a respondent's submittal meets the criteria in this request for proposals. Colleton County also

reserves the right to seek clarifications, to negotiate with any vendor submitting a response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, and to modify the procurement process and schedule.

12. CANCELLATION: In the event that this request for proposals is withdrawn or the project canceled for any reason, Colleton County shall have no liability to any respondent for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with this request for proposals or otherwise.
13. COLLETON COUNTY PURCHASING ORDINANCE: The Request of Proposals is subject to the provisions of the Colleton County Purchasing Ordinance and any revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this request for proposals in their entirety except as amended or superseded within. This ordinance can be found at <https://www.municode.com/library/sc/colletoncounty/codes/codeofordinances> under Title 3 - Revenue and Finance.
14. FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL MANDATORY FORMS: Failure to submit all the mandatory forms from this request of proposals shall be just cause for the rejection of the qualification package. However, Colleton County reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether or not to reject such a proposal as non-responsive.
15. CONTRACT AWARD:
  - a. This solicitation and submitted documents, when properly accepted by Colleton County shall constitute an agreement equally binding between the successful Offeror and the County. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting agreement. The County shall not be legally bound by any amendment or interpretation that is not fully executed by both parties in writing.
  - b. The successful Offeror shall be required to execute a formal agreement with the County's Procurement Office within ten (10) business days after issuance of the Notice of Award.
16. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: Questions or problems arising after award of an agreement shall be directed to the Procurement Manager by calling (843) 539-1968. Copies of all correspondence concerning this solicitation or resulting agreement shall be sent to the Capital Projects & Purchasing Department, 113 Mable T. Willis Blvd, Walterboro, SC 29488.

## F. GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

1. ABANDONMENT OR DELAY: If the work to be done under this contract shall be abandoned or delayed by the Offeror, or if at any time the County shall be of the opinion and shall so certify in writing that work has been abandoned or delayed by the Offeror, the County may annul the contract or any part thereof if the Offeror fails to resolve the matter within thirty (30) days of written notice.
2. OFFEROR'S COOPERATION: The Offeror shall maintain regular communications with the Project Manager and shall actively cooperate in all matters pertaining to this contract.
3. RESPONSIBILITY: The Offeror shall at all times observe and comply with all federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the contract.
4. NON-APPROPRIATION / SUBSTITUTION PERMITTED: If the Colleton County Council fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide the continuation of this contract or if a lawful order issued in, or for any fiscal year during the term of the agreement, reduces the funds appropriated or authorized in such amounts as to preclude making the payments set out therein, the agreement shall

terminate on the date said funds are no longer available without any termination charges or other liability incurring to County. Following any such non-appropriation, the master lease agreement shall contain no limitation on the County's ability to replace the equipment financed with any other equipment.

5. INDEMNIFICATION: Except for expenses or liabilities arising from the negligence of the County, the Offeror hereby expressly agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all expenses and liabilities arising out of the performance or default of any resulting agreement or arising from or related to the Work as follows:

Offeror expressly agrees to the extent that there is a causal relationship between its negligence, action or inaction, or the negligence, action or inaction of any of its employees or any person, firm, or corporation directly or indirectly employed by the Offeror, and any damage, liability, injury, loss or expense (whether in connection with bodily injury or death or property damage or loss) that is suffered by the County and its employees or by any member of the public, to indemnify and save the County and its employees harmless against any and all liabilities, penalties, demands, claims, lawsuits, losses, damages, costs, and expenses arising out of the performance or default of any resulting agreement or arising from or related to the equipment. Such costs are to include defense, settlement and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the County and its employees. This promise to indemnify shall include bodily injuries or death occurring to Offeror's employees and any person, directly or indirectly employed by Offeror (including without limitation any employee of any subcontractor), the County's employees, the employees of any other independent contractor, or occurring to any member of the public. When the County submits notice, Offeror shall promptly defend any aforementioned action.

The prescribed limits of insurance set forth herein shall not limit the extent of the Offeror's responsibility under this Section. The terms and conditions contained in this Section shall survive the termination of any resulting agreement or the suspension of the Work hereunder. Additionally, the County will not provide indemnity to the successful OFFEROR. Failure to comply with this section may result in your request for proposal to be deemed non-responsive.

6. FORCE MAJEURE: The Offeror shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the resulting agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without fault or negligence of the Offeror. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Offeror and subcontractor and without excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.
7. ARBITRATION: Under no circumstances and with no exception will Colleton County act as arbitrator between the Offeror and any sub-contractor.
8. PUBLICITY RELEASES: Offeror agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the County. The Offeror shall not have the right to include the County's name in its published list of customers without prior approval of the County Administrator. With regard to news releases, only the name of the County, type and duration of any resulting agreement may be used and then only with prior

approval of the County. The Offeror also agrees not to publish, or cite in any form, any comments or quotes from the County's staff unless it is a direct quote from the Procurement Manager.

9. **GOVERNING LAWS:** Any agreement arising from this solicitation shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina and any and all disputes arising out of said agreement shall, if litigation is necessary, be litigated only in a Circuit Court for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit sitting in Colleton County, South Carolina. The prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and all costs of said litigation.
10. **ASSIGNMENT:** The Offeror shall not assign in whole or in part any agreement resulting from this Request for Proposals without the prior written consent of the County. The Offeror shall not assign any money due or to become due to him under said agreement without the prior written consent of the County.
11. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The successful Offeror will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap.
12. **FAILURE TO DELIVER GOODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS & CONDITIONS:** In case of failure to deliver goods in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, Colleton County, after due oral or written notice, may procure substitute goods or services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchasing and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which Colleton County may have.
13. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:**
  1. Subject to the Provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Purchasing Department providing a thirty (30) days advance notice in writing is given to the offeror.
    - a. **Termination for Convenience:** In the event that this contract is terminated or canceled upon request and for the convenience of the County without the required thirty (30) days advance written notice, then the County shall negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.
    - b. **Termination for Cause:** Termination by the County for cause, default or negligence on the part of the offeror shall be excluded from the foregoing provisions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived and the default provision in this request for proposals shall apply.
    - c. The County shall be obligated to reimburse the Offeror only for those services rendered prior to the date of notice of termination, less any liquidation damages that may be assessed for non-performance.
  2. **Non-Appropriations Clause:** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the contract, if the funds anticipated for the continued fulfillment of this contract are at any time. Not forthcoming, through the failure of the County Government to appropriate funds, discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without penalty by giving not less than thirty (30) days written notice documenting the lack of funding. Unless otherwise agreed to by the County and the Offeror, the contract shall become null and void on the last day of the fiscal year for which appropriations were received.
14. **GOVERNING LAWS:** Any contract resulting from this request for proposals shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of South Carolina and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State of South Carolina.

15. BONDS: Payment and Performance Bonds are not required for this request for bids.
16. PURCHASING CARD: By submitting a proposal, contractor agrees to accept payment by the Colleton County Purchasing Card for no extra charge. The Purchasing Card is issued by Visa. The purchasing card allows county agencies to make authorized purchases from a vendor, in conjunction with a purchase order.
17. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL: Ownership of all data, material, and documentation originated and prepared for the County pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the County.
18. TYPE OF CONTRACT: The intent of this bid is a resulting multi-year contract for a total of three (3) years from the date of award from County Council with the option to renew for an additional three years. **Bid prices shall remain firm for the entire term of the contract.** If any reduction in price is announced during the life of this contract, the County shall receive the benefit of such reduction.
19. INSURANCE: Colleton County will require the following remain in force at all times through the life of the contract:

Workers' Compensation - \$100,000 – each accident  
Statutory Coverage and Employer's - \$100,000 each employee  
Liability - \$500,000 – policy limit  
Comprehensive General Liability - \$1,000,000 – bodily injury each occurrence  
\$1,000,000 – bodily injury aggregate  
\$1,000,000 – property damage each occurrence  
\$1,000,000 – property damage aggregate  
Products – Completed Operations - \$1,000,000 – aggregate  
Business Auto Liability – Same as Comprehensive General Liability  
Excess or Umbrella Liability - \$1,000,000

Colleton County will be named as an “additional insured”



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ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The vendor has examined and carefully studied the Request for Bids and the following Addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative/Title (Print)

***Vendors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Proposals which fail to acknowledge the vendor's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements or pricing.***

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**DEBARMENT**

The vendor is certifying that they are not currently debarred from responding to any request for qualifications by any agency or subdivision of the State of South Carolina or the United States Federal Government, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting qualifications on contracts by any agency or subdivision of the State of South Carolina.

SAM's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cage Code. \_\_\_\_\_

DUN's No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Representative (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Authorized Representative/Title (Print)



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CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Company Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Signature (As registered with the IRS)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**E-Mail Address(print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax Number**

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**Telephone Number**

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**Toll Free Number**

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**Federal Tax ID Number**

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**Sales Tax Number**

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**RC-14 Turf Maintenance for Parks & Recreation**  
**References**

The vendor must list a minimum of three (3) references along with pictures of the completed work.

1. Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Services provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Services provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Services provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bid Form**

Pricing will be for one years' service as listed in the scope. Prices shall remain firm for the entire contract period.

**Recreation Drive**

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**TOTAL BID FOR ONE YEAR OF SERVICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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