



City of South Gate

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THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE

NOTICE INVITING BID PROPOSALS **CITYWIDE TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** **CITY PROJECT NO 690-ST**

INTRODUCTION:

The City of South Gate (City) is soliciting proposals for the Citywide Tree Maintenance Program from qualified contractor (Contractors). The selected contractor will be responsible for providing tree maintenance services necessary for the general maintenance of the City's urban forest, as well as for emergencies and as-needed work requests.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the procurement of services for a maintenance program and is not a solicitation of bids for a public works project. As such, neither State law nor City ordinance requires the City to award the Citywide Tree Maintenance Program contract to the lowest bidder. The City intends to award a contract to the highest ranked contractor based on the various criterion identified within this RFP, subject to any price negotiations and the execution of a written agreement between the parties. Although pricing will be a factor in determining the highest ranked contractor, other factors will also be considered by the City, such as experience and qualifications.

Except as to the deadline and manner established for submission of the proposal, the City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive any defect in the Contractor's proposal. Any proposal submitted shall remain valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from the deadline date herein.

Proposals shall be submitted to: South Gate City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, California 90280 by no later than 4:00 p.m. on JUNE 9, 2022. This time and date is fixed, and extensions will not be granted. Proposals must include sealed cost proposals to be considered responsive. Proposals not delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, and/or received after the deadline, will not be considered and will be returned unopened. One (1) original and three (3) copies of the Contractor's proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked on the outside "Citywide Tree Maintenance Program Request for Proposal." Cost proposals must be submitted on the forms provided herein for this purpose. Proposals in the form of telephone calls, facsimiles, or e-mails will not be accepted.

The City does not recognize the U.S. Postal Service postmarks or receipts from UPS, FedEx, or other carriers in determining the date and time the proposal was received. The Contractor shall fully ascertain by inspection the amount and character of the work required by this RFP and the field conditions the work shall be performed in.

The City reserves the right to reject any bid which is not made on a proposal form furnished in the Contract Documents by the City of South Gate. All bids shall be valid and irrevocable for a period of 90 days after City's bid opening date, notwithstanding any award of contract by the City to another bidder.

Contractor License: Bids will not be accepted from contractors who are not licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. The bidder shall be required to possess and hold both a valid State of California C-27(Landscaping) and a C-61/D49 (Limited Specialty/Tree Service) Contractor's License. Both licenses must be in good standing at the time of the RFP submittal as well as in the prior three-consecutive-year period prior to the date on which the contract is awarded.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. It is not a violation of that Labor Code section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Sections 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code at the time the contract is awarded.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the State prevailing wage rates for this project have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and are set forth on the DIR website: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD> but are not printed in the Specifications. A copy of the Contractor's certified payroll will be required to be submitted with each invoice.

Before a contract is entered into with the successful bidder, the bidder shall present evidence in writing to the City Clerk, City of South Gate, that the bidder has a current combined single limit liability policy with aggregate limits for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

Bidders are required to carefully examine the project sites, specifications, and requirements prior to submitting a bid.

Rejection of Bid Proposals The City of South Gate reserves the right to reject any and all bids or delete portions of any and all bids or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures. The City shall be the sole judge of the bids received and take all bids under advisement for a period of 90 days.

If any interested person seeks additional information regarding this Notice Inviting Bid Proposals on the proposed Project, please contact Dave Torres, Field Operations Manager, during regular

business hours of the City of South Gate, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday at (323) 563-5784 or by email at dtorres@sogate.org.

Notice given this May 19, 2022.

By order of the City of South Gate.

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