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**Request for Proposal # 2019-09
Lawn Mowing, Landscaping and Trash/Sweeping Services at CCSU
Addendum 1 dated June 21, 2018**

Addendum 2 has been issued to answer questions received to date.

-Is the landscaping/lawn mowing scope the same scope that is currently being performed on the property currently?
ANSWER: No. The previous Lawn Mowing contract did not require a 6 day/two times per week cut. The previous Landscape contract did not require weekly maintenance of the weeds

-Who determines mowing twice a week, once a week, and skipping weeks? During walk through, many areas have been skipped for a couple weeks already.
ANSWER: The University decides the mowing occurrences. During the growing season it is normally twice per week When we have special occasions we may postpone a cutting or double a cutting based on the disturbance/event.

-Maintaining vegetation on fence lines. This currently has not been completed on many areas of the property, in some cases years. Is the work performed on these fence lines acceptable to CCSU? If awarded the contract, cleaning these fence lines (Ella Grasso Blvd) would not be maintenance, but a reclamation on the fence lines, requiring much more work than maintaining the fence lines. Should this be a separate line item to be priced?
ANSWER: No. Fence Lines were previously maintained twice a year. New contract requires weekly maintenance of all fence lines. Summer maintenance for this year has not yet been performed and would occur in July.

-Mulching and edging has not been completed on numerous areas around the campus. The contract states mulching/edging spring, and again in the summer. Who determines what areas are to be mulched/edged?
ANSWER: The University decides what areas are to be mulched and edged. Consideration for special events or construction or other projects around campus are factored when determining action to be taken.

-During the walkthrough, weeding and or treatment of the weeds has not been done continually through the spring. Some beds have not been done at all. Is the contract for 2 weedings (Spring/Summer)? All other occurrences would be an additional Work Order?
ANSWER: No, the previous contract did not require weekly maintenance of weeding. This contract requires treatment and manual weeding to be performed weekly.

-Can Round-Up be used on the property?
ANSWER: Yes as long as your product has been approved by the CCSU Director of Health and Safety. Additionally, you must present proof of appropriate licenses for spraying chemicals.

-Do we have to provide pricing for all services, Lawn Mowing/Landscape/Trash Removal to be considered, or can we price 1 or 2 items?
ANSWER: Companies can submit pricing on one, two or all three services. There is no requirement to submit pricing in all three categories of services.

-When would this contract start?

**ANSWER: Section 1.13, TERM OF CONTRACT has been corrected to the following -
The term of the resulting award shall be for three (3) years starting September 1, 2018. CCSU reserves the right to extend the award for one (1) additional two-year period, or parts thereof, with the mutual consent of the contractor.**

Regarding standard Wage rates- What classifications should be used for workers for this RFP? I see Section 1.25 in the RFP, but in the past they were classified as Heavy cleaners, just wanted to make sure. Also, we would use that for the trash and sweeping portion workers also? Not refuse collector

ANSWER: Lawn mowers, landscapers and sweepers are categorized as either janitor or light cleaner depending on their date of hire. Per CGS Section 31-57f "...the Labor Commissioner shall classify any individual employed on or before July 1, 2009, as a grounds maintenance laborer or laborer as a janitor, and shall classify any individual hired after July 1, 2009, performing the duty of grounds maintenance laborer, laborer or janitor as a light cleaner, heavy cleaner, furniture handler or window cleaner, as appropriate. CCSU has historically used light cleaner.

The CT DOL SWR classification rates sheet dated April 1, 2018 does not have a category for trash or refuse collector.

All other terms, conditions and specifications in the RFP remain the same.

END OF ADDENDUM 2