

**Town of Secaucus  
1203 Paterson Plank Road  
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094**

**BID DOCUMENTS  
FOR  
TREE PLANTING SERVICES**

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## 1.0 BID NOTICE

### BID DOCUMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids for the provision of tree planting services will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Secaucus ("Town"), or his designee, on March 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

All bids must be on the proposal forms obtained from the Town. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the words "Sealed Tree Planting Bid". The envelope must be addressed to Town Clerk, Town of Secaucus, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, and may be delivered by hand, overnight courier or mail. The envelope containing the bid must be received by the Town Clerk by the date and time set forth above. No late bids will be accepted.

Bid documents may be examined and obtained at the Town's Purchasing Agent's office, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, phone 201-330-2026, during business hours, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The fee for bid documents is twenty (\$20.00) dollars payable in cash or certified check to the Town of Secaucus.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond from a surety company licensed to do business in New Jersey, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Total Cost Per Year in the bid submitted, exclusive of alternates, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, made payable to the Town of Secaucus.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 *et seq.* (P.L. 1975, c. 127 as amended) and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 *et seq.*

The Town reserves the right to waive any minor irregularities in or to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Town of Secaucus.

**2.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 “BID DOCUMENTS”** means all documents requesting bid proposals including the Bid Notice, Definitions, Instructions to Bidders, Specifications, Bid Proposal Checklist, Bid Proposal Form, Technical Specifications, Affidavit of Non-Collusion, Affidavit and Questionnaire of Bidder’s Experience and Financial Responsibility, Statement of Ownership of Corporation or Partnership, addenda (if any), Acknowledgment of Secaucus Pay to Play Ordinance, Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran, all documents submitted by the bidder, and the Contract.
- 2.2 “CONTRACT”** means the written agreement executed by and between the Contractor and the Town, as amended, changed or modified, and shall include all Bid Documents.
- 2.3 “CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR”** means the Town’s Purchasing Agent, or his designee.
- 2.4 “CONTRACTOR”** means the lowest responsible bidder to whom the award of the Contract shall be made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.
- 2.5 “TOWN”** means the Town of Secaucus.
- 2.6 “LEGAL NEWSPAPER”**, for purposes of these Bid Documents, means the JERSEY JOURNAL.
- 2.7** Definitions set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:20-50.2 are incorporated herein by reference.

### **3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

#### **3.1 BID OPENING**

All bids will be publicly opened and read by the Town Clerk, or his designee, as set forth in the Bid Notice.

#### **3.2 BID SUBMISSIONS**

3.2.1 Each document required to be submitted by the bidder (see Bid Proposal Checklist, **Schedule 1**) must be properly completed in accordance with these Bid Documents. No bidder shall submit the requested information on any form other than those provided in these Bid Documents, unless specifically permitted.

3.2.2 Bids shall be delivered to the Purchasing Agent as set forth in the Bid Notice.

3.2.3 Each bidder shall sign the documents to be submitted, where applicable, as follows:

- For a corporation, by an authorized principal executive officer;
- For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor respectively; or
- By a duly authorized representative.

3.2.4 Each bidder shall submit one (1) original set of completed Bid Documents and one (1) copy.

#### **3.3 BID PROPOSAL FORM**

3.3.1 On the Bid Proposal Form (see **Schedule 2**), the bidder must state the prices, and rates offered, written or typed in ink, in words and numbers for each item requested.

3.3.2 If the amount shown in words and its equivalent in figures in the Bid Proposal Form do not agree, the written words shall be binding. In the event there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and the extended totals, including any formula, the unit prices shall prevail.

3.3.3 Each bidder shall acknowledge receipt of addenda on the Bid Proposal Form, if applicable.

3.3.4 The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

### **3.4 EXCEPTIONS TO THE BID DOCUMENTS**

Any conditions, limitations, provisos, amendments, or other changes attached or added by the bidder to any of the provisions of these Bid Documents or any changes made by the bidder on the Bid Proposal Form may result in the rejection of the bid.

### **3.5 EXAMINATION OF SITE AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

3.5.1 Prior to submitting a bid, the bidder shall, and by submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that it has:

3.5.1.1 Carefully examined the Bid Documents and addenda, if any;

3.5.1.2 Fully acquainted and familiarized itself with the conditions as they exist, the manufacturers and goods requested, and the character of the operations to be carried out under the proposed Contract, and made such investigation so that the bidder fully understands the facilities, equipment difficulties, and restrictions accompanying the goods requested under the Contract; and

3.5.1.3 Brought to the attention of the Town any variations in the Bid Documents and the actual conditions that would affect the bid. The variations shall be reported in accordance with **sections 3.6 and 3.7** below.

3.5.2 Should the bidder observe that any of the Bid Documents are at variance with applicable laws, statutes, codes or regulations in any respect, or that there are errors, inconsistencies or ambiguities in the Bid Documents, the bidder shall promptly notify the Town in writing in accordance with **sections 3.6 and 3.7** below.

### **3.6 INTERPRETATION/ADDENDA**

3.6.1 No oral interpretation or clarification will be made to any potential bidder as to the meaning of the Bid Documents. A request for an interpretation or clarification shall be made in writing by fax to the Town's General Counsel, Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, PC, attention: Anthony V. D'Elia, 300 Harmon Meadow Boulevard, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, fax 201-348-6633. The request shall be made at least three (3) business days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Every interpretation made will be in the form of an addendum to the Bid Documents, and notice will be provided by facsimile or e-mail to all potential bidders on record with the Town as having received the Bid Documents. All addenda issued become part of the Bid Documents.

3.6.2 Failure of the bidder to acknowledge receipt of all addenda shall not relieve the bidder from any obligation.

**3.7 OBJECTIONS TO CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

All potential bidders are advised to examine the Bid Documents carefully. Any potential bidder who wishes to challenge the Bid Documents shall file such challenge in writing as set forth in **section 3.6** no less than three (3) business days prior to the opening of the bids. Challenges filed after that time shall be considered void and having no impact on the Town or the award of a contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15.

**3.8 BID GUARANTEE**

Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond from a surety company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the Total Cost set forth in the Bid Proposal Form, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, made payable to the Town of Secaucus. Cash will not be accepted. The bid bond submitted shall be in a form satisfactory to the Town and shall comply with the Local Public Contracts Law.

**3.9 VENDOR/MANUFACTURER QUALIFICATIONS**

3.9.1 The Town will make any investigation it deems necessary to determine the ability of a bidder to provide the services required by the Bid Documents. The bidder agrees to furnish to the Town all such information and data for this purpose as the Town requests. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the bidder fails to satisfy the Town that the bidder, vendor and manufacturer are properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Bid Documents.

**3.10 NOTICE OF AWARD, EXECUTION OF CONTRACT & DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS**

3.10.1 Within seven (7) business days of notice of the award of the contract, the successful bidder shall deliver to the Town the executed Contract, the performance and payment bond (if required by the Bid Documents), insurance documentation reflecting the required insurance coverage and the appropriate affirmative action documentation.

3.10.2 Failure to deliver the aforementioned documents in a form satisfactory to the Town, and commence the contract as required in the Bid Documents shall be cause for the Town to declare the bidder non-responsive and to award the contract to the next lowest bidder.

### **3.11 INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, and its Council Members, administrators, officers, employees and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties" and individually, an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, fines, civil penalties, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, interest, court costs and attorneys' fees, which in any way arise out of or result from any act(s) or omission(s) by Contractor (or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor or anyone for whose acts Contractor may be liable) in the performance or non performance of services or other obligations under this Agreement or in the use or occupancy of any facilities or equipment provided by the Town, including, but not limited to, injury to or death of any person, damage to or destruction of any property, real or personal (including, but not limited to, property owned, leased or under the control of the Town), and liability or obligations under or with respect to any violation of federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, codes and ordinances (including, but not limited to, those concerning environmental protection). This Section shall apply regardless of whether or not the damage, loss or injury complained of arises out of or relates to the negligence (whether active, passive or otherwise) of, or was caused in part by, an Indemnified Party. However, nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as a release or indemnity by Contractor of an Indemnified Party from or against any loss, liability or claim to the extent arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of that Indemnified Party. This Section shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other right to indemnity which would otherwise exist in favor of any Indemnified Party, or any obligation of Contractor, its officers, directors, employees, agents or contractors to indemnify an Indemnified Party. Contractor's obligations under this Section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits paid or payable by Contractor under workers' compensation laws, disability benefits laws or other employee benefit laws or regulations. The indemnification obligations of this Section shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

### **3.12 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS**

The successful bidder agrees to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, c. 127 as amended) and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq. The bidder agrees to the mandatory language and terms set forth below as required by N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq. Prior to the execution of the Contract, the successful bidder will submit (1) evidence that the bidder is operating under an existing federally approved affirmative action program, (2) a Certificate of Employee Information Report, issued in accordance with

N.J.A.C. 17:27-4, or (3) a completed initial Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (Form AA-302).

Mandatory Affirmative Action Language

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2, or a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the applicable employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents: (1) Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval; (2) Certificate of Employee Information Report; or (3) Employee Information Report Form AA302.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Div. of Contract Compliance & EEO as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Div. of Contract Compliance & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

### 3.13

#### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990**

Discrimination on the basis of disability in contracting for the purchase of goods and services is prohibited. The successful bidder agrees to comply with the requirements of Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 ("Act"). The bidder agrees to the mandatory language and terms of the Act as follows:

The Contractor and the Town do hereby agree that the provisions of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in a all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereunto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the Town pursuant to this contract, the Contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the Contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall defend the Town in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The Contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the Town, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The Contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to the Town grievance procedure, the Contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the Town which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the Town or if the Town incurs any expense to cure a violation of the Act which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the Contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The Town shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the Contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim. If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the Town or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the Town shall expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the Contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the Town or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the Town of the services provided by the Contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the Town pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the Town assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the Contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of the contract. Furthermore, the Contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the Contractor's obligations assumed in the contract, nor shall they be construed

to relieve the Contractor from any liability, nor preclude the Town from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the contract or otherwise at law.

### **3.14 NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

The bidder shall comply with the requirements of the Business Registration law, N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (P.L. 2004, c. 57). The bidder shall submit a copy of its business registration certificate with its bid. The mandatory language and terms of the Business Registration law are set forth below. For information on the Business Registration law go to:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dca/lgs/lpcl/index.shtml#BusinessRegistration>

N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (P.L. 2004, c. 57) (Business Registration Law) amends and supplements the business registration provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, which impose certain requirements upon a business competing for, or entering into a contract with a local contracting agency whose contracting activities are subject to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.), or the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.)

The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the contractor.

Before final payment on the contract is made by the contracting agency, the contractor shall submit an accurate list and the proof of business registration of each subcontractor or supplier used in the fulfillment of the contract, or shall attest that no subcontractors were used.

For the term of the contract, the contractor and each of its affiliates and subcontractors of its affiliates [N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(g)(3)] shall collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is intended for a contract with a contracting agency.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to the Business Registration Law, N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, or that provides false business registration information, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency.

**3.15**      **CERTIFICATE OF SURETY**

Each bid must include a certificate from a surety company, licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, unconditionally agreeing, in the event of the award of the contract, to furnish a payment and performance bond of a face value of 100% of the total contract awarded. The certificate of surety shall be in a form satisfactory to the Board.

**3.16**      **PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND**

After the award of the contract, the successful bidder shall provide a performance and payment bond issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, in an amount equal to 100% of the total contract awarded. The performance and payment bond shall be in the form set forth in N.J.S.A. 2A:44-143.

**4.0**      **SPECIFICATIONS**

**4.1**      **PAYMENTS**

4.1.1      The successful bidder shall comply with the Town's standard payment procedures.

4.1.2      Payments to the successful bidder only will be made upon the submission and approval of properly completed vouchers, invoices and bills.

4.1.3      Requests for payment shall be submitted to the Town Administrator, David Drumeler.

4.1.4      The Town reserves the right to demand as much detail, information or documents as it deems necessary prior to payment.

4.1.5      If the successful bidder fails to perform or provide services in accordance with the Bid Documents, the Town may deduct or retain from monies due, or which may become due to the successful bidder, or its assignee, such sum sufficient to pay the difference between the price(s) on which the award is made and the price(s) which the Town may or shall be obliged to pay to remedy such failure.

4.1.6      The Town is tax exempt. Therefore, no taxes shall be included on requests for payment.

**4.2 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES & "OR EQUAL" PROVISION**

In the event the Bid Documents require the furnishing of any brand name, the requirement shall be deemed to mean and shall be interpreted to require the furnishing of the brand name or equivalent. The Town reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether a brand or component is equivalent to that requested, or to reject any proposed equivalent in the event it is not compatible with systems, facilities, components or accessories already owned or used by the Town. The bidder shall be required to disclose on its Bid Proposal Form or the Technical Specifications if it will furnish a product other than those requested.

**4.3 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

4.5.1 The Technical Specifications are set forth in **Schedule 5**. To the extent any provision in the following Technical Specifications conflict with any State regulations.

**SCHEDULE 1**

**BID PROPOSAL CHECKLIST**

Bidder should initial next to documents, thus indicating that the document has been submitted.

- 1.     \_\_\_\_\_     Bid Proposal Checklist
- 2.     \_\_\_\_\_     Bid Proposal Form
- 3.     \_\_\_\_\_     Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- 4.     \_\_\_\_\_     Affidavit and Questionnaire of Bidder's Experience and Financial Responsibility
- 5.     \_\_\_\_\_     Specifications Provided
- 6.     \_\_\_\_\_     Statement of Ownership of Corporation or Partnership
- 7.     \_\_\_\_\_     Bid Guarantee
- 8.     \_\_\_\_\_     Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(1)(b) (P.L. 2004, c. 57)

\_\_\_\_\_ (seal)  
(Contractor)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name and Title)

**SCHEDULE 2**

**BID PROPOSAL FORM – 2 pages**  
Proposal for Tree Planting Services

TO: Town of Secaucus

FROM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Facsimile Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Beeper Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(e-mail address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Cellular Phone Number)

The undersigned hereby agrees to provide complete performance in accordance with the Bid Documents for the prices listed in this Bid Proposal Form. The bidder represents that it has read and understands the Bid Documents and that it has duly considered all information contained therein in the course of submitting its bid. Moreover, submission of this bid serves as the bidder's representation that if awarded the contract, it will not make any claims for, or have any right to, any concessions or damages because of lack of understanding of the Bid Documents or lack of information concerning same.

**CONTRACT YEAR ONE**            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL YEAR TWO**        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL YEAR THREE**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The bidder states that it has received the following Addenda, Notices or Revisions to the Bid Documents and has given them due consideration in the preparation of its bid.

**Addendum No., Title of Notice or  
Title of Revision**

**Date Received**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_ (seal)  
(Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

By:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

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(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)





## QUESTIONNAIRE

This Questionnaire must be completed and submitted as part of the bid. Failure to complete this form or to provide any of the information required herein may result in rejection of the bid.

1. How many years has the bidder been engaged in the business of providing the services or products requested by the Bid Documents under the present firm name?

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2. List any other names under which the bidder, its partners or officers have conducted business in the past three (3) years, and the number of years business was conducted under that name.

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3. When was the bidder organized, formed or incorporated?

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4. List three bank references with contact information:

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5. Credit available for this Contract?

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6. List the names and home addresses of all the officers of the bidder, noting their position in the Company:

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7. List the name of executive who will give personnel attention to the project:

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8. Has the bidder ever been adjudged bankrupt or been subject to a receivership or an order of reorganization? If so, give details and particulars.

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9. Is the bidder at this time subject to any court order relating to bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization? If so, give details and particulars.

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10. Has the bidder, its partners or officers, failed to perform any contract in the past three (3) years? If the answer is "Yes", state when, where and why. A complete explanation is required.

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11. Are there any judgments, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against the bidder, or any of its principals?

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12. Has the bidder filed any law suits or requested arbitration with regard to any contracts within the last five years? (If the answer is yes, please attach details).

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13. Within the last five years, has any officer or principal of the bidder ever been an officer or principal of another organization that failed to complete a contract? (If the answer is yes, please attach details).

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14. On a separate sheet, list the private and public contracts the bidder is currently performing, giving the name the owner, contract amount, percent complete and scheduled completion date, and owner contact number.

15. On a separate sheet, list the contracts the bidder has completed this past year, giving the name of the owner, owner contact number, contract amount, date of completion.

18. Trade References with contact information:

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19. Name of Bonding Company:

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20. Name and address (no P.O. Box) of agent authorized to accept service:

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## SCHEDULE 5

### TREE PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

#### **1. GENERAL**

The contractor shall be liable for any damages to property caused by its operations; and in the event of damage, it shall, at its own expense, restore all disturbed or damaged areas to their original condition. All materials, equipment and personnel shall be limited to the work area defined by the project supervisor.

Trees shall be free of damage as the result of handling or transportation.

No substitution of plant material is allowed unless written permission is obtained from the project supervisor prior to the delivery date of the material.

All work shall conform to accepted horticulture practices as ultimately determined by the project supervisor.

The Town of Secaucus shall designate a project supervisor.

This contract shall be for a term of one (1) year. The Town reserves the right to award a contract for two additional one (1) year extensions.

#### **2. SCOPE OF WORK**

Tree planting shall consist of:

- preparation of areas for planting
- furnishing and planting of specified trees, unless the contract is for planting only
- maintenance of plantings until acceptance by the project supervisor
- clean up and restoration of any disturbed areas to the condition prior to the planting operations

#### **3. SCHEDULE OF WORK**

The contractor shall submit a proposed work schedule to the project supervisor for approval at least seven (7) days prior to beginning operations. After the schedule is accepted, no modifications will be permitted without written authorization from the project supervisor.

The contractor shall arrange to confine its operations to normal working hours for the industry and no work will be permitted on Sundays or holidays without written authorization from the project supervisor.

#### **4. PERSONNEL**

All personnel will be properly supervised in a manner that assures that the property is protected from damage that the safety of all personnel and the public is protected and that all work related to the planting contract is done in a professional manner and according to accepted horticultural standards.

#### **5. PROTECTION OF UTILITIES**

Prior to any excavation or the driving of stakes into the ground, the contractor shall ascertain and have marked out the location of all underground utilities. The contractor shall take proper precautions not to disturb or damage any sub-surface utilities.

In the event that any sub-surface utilities are uncovered or damaged, the contractor shall immediately cease operations and notify the appropriate utility company and the project supervisor. The planting work shall not resume until the utility company has made arrangements for the repair of the damage and declared the area safe to work in and the project supervisor has given approval to re-start. The contractor shall be financially responsible for any damage to utilities and structures and shall properly maintain the protection of same.

#### **6. MULCH**

Uniformly shredded hard wood is the preferred type of mulch but other organic mulches may be used if approved by the project supervisor in writing. All debris and other foreign material including twigs, stones, cans, soil, etc. shall be removed prior to spreading. The mulch shall be spread around all plantings to a depth of three (3") and in accordance with the accompanying planting diagram. Mulch shall be kept at least two (2") away from the base of the tree trunk. The mulch ring shall be at least 36" in diameter.

#### **7. LAYOUT**

All trees shall be located as shown on the plans supplied by the project supervisor. Should the contractor encounter obstructions or impediments of any nature, it shall notify the project supervisor who will arrange adjustments to the landscape plan. All adjustments to the plan must be authorized in writing prior to resuming planning in the specified area where the obstruction is located.

The project supervisor or designee shall stake the exact planting location of each tree in accordance with the plans. The staking and layout work shall be done sufficiently in advance of planting to avoid delays to the contractor.

No planting holes shall be excavated in advance of planting operations. The planting holes must be approved by the project supervisor prior to the placement of the tree in the hole. Each plant shall be planted in an individual hole as specified by the project supervisor. The depth of the planting hole shall be excavated so that the base of the

tree shall be set to an ultimate finished grade that will bear the same relationship to finished grad as it bore to the natural grade before transplanting. (See the accompanying planting diagram for a depiction of this).

## **8. WATER**

Plants shall be thoroughly watered in after planting. Four gallons per each 2"-2 ½" caliper tree is the minimum amount of water that shall be used. The project supervisor will notify the contractor if water suitable for irrigation is available on the site. If water is unavailable on the site, it is the responsibility of the contractor to furnish it at the time of planting. Water must not be applied faster than the ground can absorb it. The use of water-holding containers with drain holes or products such as Treegator or the equivalent shall be the method of watering.

## **9. NURSERY STOCK**

Plant species shall conform to those indicated on the drawings and the plant list. The trees shall be species specified in accordance with the naming conventions used in the publication Hortus Third.

All landscape nursery stock shall be good quality and at a minimum conform to the standard specifications of The American Standard for Nursery Stock issued by the American Nursery and Landscape Association (formerly the American Association of Nurserymen). All plants shall be grown under climatic conditions similar to those of the planting site for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately prior to this project.

No substitutions shall be permitted in either kind or grade without prior written authorization from the project supervisor.

Any materials and/or work may be rejected, if, in the opinion of the project supervisor, it does not meet the standards or requirements that apply to the project. All rejected material shall be promptly removed from the site by the contractor at its own expense.

## **10. QUALITY**

Plants shall have the habit of growth that is normal for the species or cultivar and shall be sound, healthy, vigorous, free from insects, plant diseases and injuries or damage of any nature. All plants shall be of the grades specified, neither larger nor smaller, without written authorization from the project supervisor. All plants specified as single stem shade trees on the landscape drawing key shall have their branching starting between six and seven feet in height. Tree crowns shall be balanced and scaffolding branches shall be adequately spaced and developed in proportion to each other. No plants shall be pruned, clipped or trimmed prior to delivery without written authorization from the project supervisor. All landscape stock must be nursery grown.

All plants shall have been root pruned at the nursery at least once during the three year period immediately preceding transplanting and at least one year prior to transplanting.

All plants must be State Inspected and a copy of the "Certificate of Inspections" issued by the State department of Agriculture at the point of origin must accompany shipments from each source.

## **11. SHIPMENT, DELIVERY, INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

The project supervisor reserves the right to inspect and select all plant material at its point of origin. Acceptance at the nursery, in which the plant is growing, prior to transplanting, does not preclude rejection at the project planting site for just cause.

The plant material is to be delivered to the site in quantities and on the dates agreed upon by the project supervisor. The contractor shall advise the project supervisor of all deliveries at least 48 hours prior to its arrival at the site, so that all trees may be inspected upon delivery to the site.

All plants shall be tarped, protected from weather and be adequately packed to avoid breakage, sun scald, windburn, desiccation and other damage during loading and shipment. All measures customary in good trade practice shall be taken to keep the plants in good condition.

No plants shall be planted until they have been inspected and approved on the site by the project supervisor.

Legible tags shall be attached to each tree. Trees that fail to meet the specifications set forth in Sections 9 and 10 will be rejected. Rejected plants shall be removed from the site immediately and approved replacement stock that meets the specifications set forth in Sections 9 and 10 will be obtained and plated in the prescribed manner by the contractor at its expense. Final written acceptance of the plants will be give only after they have been planted and after the requirements prescribed herein are met.

## **12. TIME OF PLANTING**

Prior to the commencement of planting, the contractor shall contact the project supervisor to establish a schedule of planting dates. Trees will be planted from March 1 through June 15 or September 1 through November 30.

## **13. PLANTING**

Unless otherwise specified within these specifications, all work shall conform to accepted horticultural practices as ultimately determined by the project supervisor.

Plants shall be protected upon arrival to the site by being thoroughly watered and properly maintained until properly planted and watered. Unplanted stock shall be

"healed-in" a bed of material approved by the project supervisor upon delivery to the site unless they will be planted within four (4) hours after delivery. At all times workmanlike methods customary in good horticultural practices shall be exercised. The contractor shall protect all existing features on the site including underground utilities, structures and existing trees.

All trees shall be planted in pits that are a minimum of two (2') feet larger in diameter than the diameter of the ball of earth or their spread of roots. The depth of the pits shall be equal to the depth of the root ball. The tree shall be centered in the hole and then back filled on half the depth of the soil ball with topsoil. The backfill shall be lightly but thoroughly tamped and well watered. The remainder of the hole is then to be backfilled with approved topsoil to a depth that after settling will assure the tree will be at the same level it was previously growing at the nursery. The tree will be well watered again before mulch is placed over the surface of the root ball.

#### **14. GUYING, STAKING AND WRAPPING**

The installation of tree stakes and supporting materials will be done for those trees that the project supervisor deems necessary. Stakes shall be made of wood, of the length and size required to restrict excessive movement by the tree, as ultimately determined by the project supervisor. Tie materials shall be plastic chain lock or flat, woven webbing designed specifically for staking trees.

For details on proper staking, see accompanying planting diagram.

Thee trunks shall not be wrapped.

#### **15. PLANTING PREPARATIONS**

Prior to backfilling, balled and burlapped trees shall have burlap and twine removed from around the trunks, stems and tops of the balls. The burlap shall be peeled back off the top of the ball, or if bulky, cut away and removed from the upper three-quarters of the soil ball. No burlap shall be pulled out from underneath the ball

At least the upper two-thirds of the wire basket shall be removed from the root balls after the trees are set in the planting pit by cutting with any tool that does not destroy the integrity of the root ball or injure the tree roots. The remaining lower section of the wire basket shall be flattened as much as possible in the planting hole.

Backfilling shall be lightly but thoroughly tamped and well watered as described under the "Planting" section above. Only topsoil approved by the project supervisor may be used to backfill the holes during planting operations. Unsuitable excavating material as designated by the project supervisor shall be removed from the site by the contractor at its expense.

## **16. MULCHING**

Shredded hardwood mulch supplied by the contractor shall be free of debris and shall be placed by the contractor around all plantings at the time of planting to a depth of three (3") inches as shown in the planting diagram. Care shall be exercised to keep mulch two (2") inches away from the bases of all plantings. After the mulching operation has been approved by the project supervisor, the mulch shall be thoroughly watered.

## **17. PRUNING**

The contractor shall not prune any plant.

## **18. CLEAN-UP**

During the course of operations, the contractor shall remove from the property at its expense all excess and waste materials. Any damaged lawn areas or planting areas will be restored to their original condition by the contractor at its expense, if such damage is the result of the contractor's operations.

## **19. INSPECTION FOR ACCEPTANCE**

Inspection: The contractor shall notify the project supervisor when planting is completed and shall request an inspection in order to determine whether or not the project meets the specifications contained herein. If the work is acceptable, a written notice shall be provided stating so. If deficiencies are found in the work, a list of items requiring attention shall be furnished to the contractor by the project supervisor. The contractor shall correct the deficiencies within ten (10) days and a re-inspection shall be made. This procedure will continue until the work is found acceptable.

Acceptance: After inspection, the contractor will be notified in writing by the project supervisor of the acceptance of all work.

## TREE MAINTENANCE AND CARE SPECIFICATIONS

### **1. GENERAL**

Maintenance procedures will be carried out to promote the establishment of the trees and ensure that they are in a healthy and viable condition two years after planting.

### **2. SCOPE OF WORK**

Work shall consist of:

- Inspections
- Watering
- Mulching
- Weeding
- Securing stakes and guys
- Resetting trees to plumb
- Insect and disease control
- Fertilization
- Pruning

#### **INSPECTIONS**

Inspections shall consist of regular visits to the planting site/s by a qualified representative of the grantee to determine the health and needs of the trees. A minimum of four inspections shall be done per year, with one scheduled during each of the months of April, May, June and November.

#### **WATERING**

Watering is the most crucial maintenance procedure to ensure successful plant establishment and survival. The use of water-holding containers with small drain holes or products such as Treegator or the equivalent shall be the method of watering.

#### **MULCHING**

Shredded hardwood mulch is the preferred type of mulch but other organic mulches may be used. The mulch shall be free of debris and shall be maintained around all plantings to a depth of three (3") inches as shown in the planting diagram for the entire maintenance period. Care shall be exercised to keep mulch two (2") inches away from the base of all plantings. The mulch ring shall be maintained at a size at least 36" in diameter.

#### **WEEDING**

The mulch rings of 2" caliper or larger size trees shall be kept free of weeds by using either chemical controls and/or hand weeding. Tall growing weeds that can hinder the establishment of seedlings and smaller trees shall be controlled in a large enough area around the plant to ensure competition from the weeds does not adversely affect the

trees' survival. Any pre-emergent or post-emergent weed control applications shall be applied in a manner consistent with the label and only target the undesirable plants.

#### **SECURING STAKES AND GUYS**

Tree stakes and supporting materials shall be maintained according to the planting specifications or replaced as necessary during the first maintenance year. For details on proper staking, see the planting diagram. All staking materials and guys shall be removed and disposed of at the end of the first year.

#### **RESETTING TREES TO PLUMB**

Any tree that deviates from a vertical position shall be adjusted so that the main trunk is plumb in two directions that are ninety degrees from each other. All care shall be taken not to harm the root ball or root system of the tree during resetting operations.

#### **INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL**

Trees shall be kept free of insect or disease infestations that can affect their health or establishment. Integrated pest management techniques shall be employed to minimize or alleviate the undesirable condition. If the timing is incorrect to administer a control, a qualified representative of grantee shall monitor the insect or disease and the appropriate controls shall be applied the next season, if necessary. All insect or disease problems are to be diagnosed and treated individually. No broadcast spraying of pesticides shall be done.

#### **FERTILIZATION**

A balanced, slow release fertilizer shall be applied at the recommended rate at the end of the first growing season in late fall. The fertilizer shall be a product formulated for trees. The application will be made by either soil injection along the outside of the mulch ring or by applying a granular form to the mulch ring area.

#### **PRUNING**

Pruning shall be done only to dead, broken, diseased or infested branches during the maintenance period and in accordance with the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts' Pruning Standards for Shade Trees.

### **3. MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

Tree maintenance shall be carried out in accordance with the maintenance schedule set forth in the maintenance plan submitted by the project supervisor.

**SCHEDULE 6**

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP**

New Jersey law, N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, provides that no corporation or partnership shall be awarded any state, county, municipal or school district contract for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said corporation or partnership there is submitted a statement. The statement shall set forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein.

If one or more of such stockholders or partners is itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding ten percent (10%) or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning ten percent (10%) or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner, exceeding the ten percent (10%) ownership criteria established in this act has been listed.

Accordingly, this statement must be completed and submitted simultaneously with the bid.

In the case of corporate or partnership stockholders, continue the disclosure on extra sheets until all required individual stockholders or partners are disclosed.

- (1) Names and addresses of all stockholders in \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation, who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock of any class are:

<u>Names:</u>	<u>Addresses:</u>
_____	_____
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(2) Names and addresses of all partners of \_\_\_\_\_, a partnership, owning an interest therein of ten percent (10%) or greater are:

Names:

Addresses:

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(3) Continued information on stockholders or partnerships that are themselves corporations or partnerships (Use extra sheets if necessary and attach).

WITNESS:

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(Contractor)

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(Signature)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

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Schedule 7

TOWN OF SECAUCUS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SECAUCUS PAY TO PLAY ORDINANCE

Chapter 26 of the Secaucus Code addresses "Pay to Play" reforms in the Town of Secaucus. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the ordinance. Moreover, the undersigned represents that he/she, his/her firm, spouse and child living at home has not (and will not) solicited or made any contributions of money, pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions in excess of the allowable limits within two (2) calendar years immediately preceding the date of the contract or agreement or the effective date of Chapter 26, whichever is shorter, to: (i) any municipal candidate or holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any Town of Secaucus party committee, or (iii) to any candidate committee, PAC or CPC that regularly engages in, or whose primary purpose is the support of Secaucus municipal elections and/or municipal parties, between the time of first communication between that professional business entity or vendor and the municipality regarding a specific professional services agreement or goods and services agreement, as the case may be, and the later of the termination of negotiations or rejection of any proposal, or the completion of the contract or agreement.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
State of \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Professional)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print name of Affiant and Title  
under signature)

**SCHEDULE 8**

**DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

OPS Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that the person or entity, or one of the person or entity's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is not identified on a list created and maintained by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the person or entity.

**I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that the person or entity listed above for which I am authorized to submit a proposal:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is not providing goods or services of \$20,000,000 or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person or entity that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran,  
**AND**

\_\_\_\_\_ is not a financial institution that extends \$20,000,000 or more in credit to another person or entity, for 45 days or more, if that person or entity will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

**In the event that a person or entity is unable to make the above certification because it or one of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates has engaged in the above-referenced activities, a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities must be provided in part 2 below to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.**

**PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN  
You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the proposer, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.**

Name: _____	Relationship to Proposer: _____
Description of Activities: _____	
Duration of Engagement: _____	Anticipated Cessation Date: _____
Proposer Contact Name: _____	Contact Phone Number: _____

**Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the above-referenced person or entity. I acknowledge that the State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the State of New Jersey and that the State at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.**

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Full Name (Print):

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Signature: