



INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

DATE: January 6, 2026

BID REQUEST: Bulk Fertilizer Application

Sealed bids will be accepted until **January 20, 2026 at 1:00 PM** and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read aloud at the Arlington Heights Park District Administration Office, 410 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004. Bids arriving after this time will be rejected and will be returned unopened, including mailed bids regardless of when post marked. All Bidders are welcome to attend the bid opening. After bid opening, bids will be submitted for approval to the Arlington Heights Park District Board of Park Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. **Scope of project includes: delivery and application of fertilizer products to various sites. This project is anticipated to begin May 1, 2026 and conclude November 1, 2026- weather permitting.**

1. Preparation and Submission of Bid Proposal

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. **No faxed or e-mail bid or modification of a bid will be considered.** The Park District is not responsible for the premature opening of bids not marked as required. Any bid opened prematurely due to the failure of the Bidder to mark the envelope in accordance with these Bid Documents will be considered non-responsive. Bidders' prices are to include the delivery of all materials; including; equipment, supplies, tools, scaffolding, transportation, insurances, bonds, warranties, and all other items and facilities, and the performance of all labor and services, necessary for the proper completion of the Work except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the Contract Documents. Bids shall not include federal excise tax or state sales tax for materials to be incorporated in, or totally consumed in the prosecution of, the Work. An exemption certificate will be furnished by the Park District upon request of the Bidder.

Bidder must acknowledge all Addenda (if any) received in the spaces provided on the Contractor Bid Form. By submitting a bid, Bidder indicates that all considerations issued by Addendum are incorporated in the bid.

Bidders shall return all Bid Documents, including Drawings and Specifications with the bid, and **no sheets shall be detached from any part of the Bid Documents.**

Attached to the Bid Form will be one or more certifications regarding the Bidder's compliance with applicable laws. **Failure of a Bidder to complete/submit a required certification shall be the basis for immediate rejection of that Bidder's bid.** The certification of the successful Bidder shall become a part of the Contract with the Park District.

The Bidder shall submit its prices on the attached Bid Proposal Form. The Bid Proposal Form shall be executed properly and all writing, including all signatures, shall be with black ink. Failure to use the Bid

Proposal Form provided could result in rejection of the bid. Do not detach any portion of this document; invalidation of the bid could result.

The Bidder shall specify in figures, in the places provided, a price for each of the separate items called for in the Bid Form.

2. Requirement of Bidders

Bidders must be able to demonstrate that they: 1) have experience in performing and have successfully performed and are still actively engaged in performing work similar in kind and scope to the Services; and 2) are able to show that they have adequate laborers and materials to successfully complete the Services as indicated in the Bid Documents and within the time required by the Bid Documents. The Contractor shall not have been debarred or determined ineligible for public contracts by any governmental agency.

The following information must be attached to the bid proposal. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the Bidder.

On a separate sheet, list at least five (5) service contracts your organization has completed in the past two (2) years, which are comparable in scope, giving the name of the client, client contact and telephone number, and length of contract.

On a separate sheet, list all administrative proceedings and litigation filed by or against Bidder in the past five (5) years, including the name and case number, name/jurisdiction of the court or administrative agency, and a summary of each claim/case, including current status and if no longer pending, the disposition. The foregoing includes but is not limited to information regarding any proceedings and actions taken by any governmental agency to debar or disqualify the Bidder from bidding on public contracts, including the name of the agency initiating the proceeding/action, the nature of the proceeding/action, the claimed basis for the proceeding/action and the current status or disposition of the proceeding/action.

Initial here if there is nothing to disclose: _____

On a separate sheet, indicate all instances in which Bidder has been rejected for not being a responsible bidder, giving the name of the client, client contact and telephone number, and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the rejection.

Initial here if there is nothing to disclose: _____

On a separate sheet, provide a list of all contracts to which you were a party and with respect to which you were declared to be in breach of one or more provisions, giving the type of contract, the project location where applicable, the names and addresses of the parties to the contract, the name of the party declaring the breach, the nature of the claimed breach and current status or resolution of the claim.

Initial here if there is nothing to disclose: _____

Other required submittals include: Bid Proposal; Contractor's Compliance and Certifications. **Failure of a Bidder to complete/submit these documents shall be the basis for immediate rejection of that Bidder's bid.**

3. Examination of Site, Drawings, Specifications

Each Bidder shall visit the site(s) of the proposed Work and fully acquaint themselves with conditions, as they exist, and shall undertake such additional inquiry and investigation as deemed necessary so that they may fully understand the requirements, facilities, possible difficulties and restrictions attending the execution of the Work under the Contract. Bidder shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with all of the Bid Documents including but not limited to the Drawings and the written Specifications. Any conflicts or discrepancies found between or among Bid Documents, including but not limited to the Drawings and written Specifications, and the site conditions, or any errors, omissions or ambiguities in the Drawings or written Specifications shall be immediately reported to the Park District and written clarification requested prior to submission of a bid.

The failure or omission of any Bidder to obtain, receive or examine any form, instrument, or information or to visit the Project site(s), and become knowledgeable with respect to conditions there existing, or to seek needed clarification shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligations with respect to their bid. By submitting a bid, the Bidder agrees, represents and warrants that they have undertaken such investigation as deemed necessary, has examined the site(s) and the Bid Documents, has obtained all needed clarifications and where the Bid Documents indicate in any part of the Work, that a given result be produced, that the Bid Documents are adequate and the required result can be produced as indicated in the Specifications and Drawing(s). Once the award has been made, failure to have undertaken and completed the foregoing tasks shall not be cause to alter the original Contract or to request additional compensation.

4. Acceptance or Rejection of Bids

The Park District may accept the bid of, and award the Contract for the Work to, the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder as determined by and in the sole discretion of the Park District.

The Owner reserves the right to (1) reject all bids; (2) reject only certain bids which are non-conforming or non-responsive to the bid requirements; (3) accept only a portion, part or specific items of Work of all and reject others, as the Owner shall in its sole discretion determine to be in its best interest; and/or (4) award the Contract to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest bid responsive to the bidding requirements. No bid will be accepted from or Contract awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears or is in default to the Park District upon any debt or contract, or that is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to said Park District or that has failed to perform faithfully any previous contract with the Park District.

In the event of a rejection of a portion, part, or certain items of Work of all bids, the bid of each Bidder shall automatically be deemed reduced by the amount of such rejected part or item at the unit price or other cost designated therefore by that Bidder on its submitted Contractor Bid Proposal Form. The successful Bidder so selected may not refuse to enter into a Contract with the Owner on the basis that the Owner awarded a Contract for less than all portions or items of the Work specified in the Bid Documents. The Arlington Heights Park District Board of Park Commissioners reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities, and to disregard any informality on the bids and bidding, when in its opinion the best interest of the Park District will be served by such actions and in accordance with applicable law.

5. Surety

- A. All bids must be accompanied by a bid bond or bank cashier's check or certified check payable to the Arlington Heights Park District for ten percent (10 %) of the amount of the bid and drawn on a responsive and responsible bank doing business in the United States. Bond requirements listed below:
- a. The bid security shall be made payable to the Arlington Heights Park District, and shall be attached to the proposal.
 - b. Should the Bidder fail or refuse to enter into the agreement and furnish an acceptable bond within ten (10) calendar days after notification of acceptance of the Bidder's proposal by the Arlington Heights Park District, the bid security shall be forfeited and become the property of the Arlington Heights Park District.
 - c. In the case of the Successful Bidder, the bid security will be retained by the Park District until receipt of all contract paperwork.
 - d. All bid securities will be returned to Unsuccessful Bidders upon request, following the receipt of all contract paperwork of the Successful Bidder.

The bid security of all except the three (3) lowest responsive and responsible Bidders will be returned after the decision to accept or reject bids by the Arlington Heights Park District Board of Park Commissioners. The bid security of the successful Bidder will be returned after acceptance by the Park District of an acceptable Performance Bond, Labor and Materials/Payment Bond and a certificate of insurance naming the Arlington Heights Park District as the certificate holder and as additional insured, and the successful Bidder has executed and returned to the Park District the Contract for the Work presented by the Park District.

For projects \$50,000 and over, prior to beginning work, the successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond, and Labor and Materials/Payment Bond in the amount of 110% of the Contract Sum, using a form similar to the AIA-A312-2010 form, or its current equivalent, or one acceptable to Owner, cosigned by a surety company licensed to conduct business in the State of Illinois and with at least an "A" rating and a financial rating of at least "X" in the latest edition of the Best Insurance Guide. Said bond shall guarantee the faithful performance of the Work in accordance with the Contract, the payment of all indebtedness incurred for labor and materials, and guarantee correction of Work. The cost of each bond shall be included in the Contract Sum. The Bidder and all Subcontractors shall name the Park District as an obligee on all bonds. Said bonds shall meet the requirements of the Illinois Public Construction Bond Act, 30 ILCS 550/0.01 *et seq.* and any further amendments thereto. Bidder shall include in its Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond such language as shall guarantee the faithful performance of the Prevailing Wage Act as required in these Bid Documents.

The Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond will become a part of the Contract. The failure of the successful Bidder to enter into the Contract and supply the required bonds and evidence of insurance within ten (10) days after the Contract is presented for signature, or within such extended period as the Park District may grant, shall constitute a default, and the Park District may either award the Contract to the next responsible Bidder, or re-advertise for bids. In the event of a default, the Owner need not return

the defaulting Bidder's bid surety and may charge against the defaulting Bidder for the full difference between the amount for the bid and the amount for which a Contract for the Work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the defaulting Bidder's bid surety.

6. Withdrawal of Bid

Bidders may withdraw or cancel their bids at any time prior to the advertised bid opening time by signing and submitting a request for said withdrawal. After the bid opening time, no bid shall be withdrawn or canceled for a period of sixty (60) calendar days.

7. Award, Acceptance and Contract

Owner will award the Contract to the lowest most responsible and responsive Bidder, as determined by Owner. In considering the Bidder's responsibility, the Owner may evaluate, among other factors, the ability of the Bidder to provide experienced labor sufficient in numbers to timely and properly complete the services, conformity with the Specifications, serviceability, quality, and the financial capability of the Bidder, and the performance of the Bidder on other projects.

The Owner shall have the right to accept Alternates in any order or combination, unless otherwise specifically provided in the Bid Documents, and to determine the low Bidder on the basis of the sum of the Base Bid and Alternates accepted.

Bids will be awarded to one Bidder for the entire Project or to any series of Bidders for an appropriate proportion of the Project. If specified in the Bid Form, awards will be based upon the submitted unit prices.

The acceptance of a bid will be by a Notice of Award, signed by a duly authorized representative of the Park District; no other act by the Park District shall constitute the acceptance of a bid. The acceptance of a bid by the Park District shall bind the successful Bidder to execute and perform the Work of the Contract. The successful Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded by the Park District shall sign and deliver to the Park District for execution by the Park District all required copies of the Contract, along with all required insurance and surety documents within ten (10) days after receiving the documents for signature. In case the Bidder shall fail or neglect to do so, they will be considered as having abandoned the Contract, and as being in default to the Owner. The Owner may thereupon re-advertise or otherwise award said Contract and forfeits the Bid Security.

The Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary and/or Special Conditions, if any, Drawings, Specifications, Contractor Bid Proposal Form, Addenda, if any, Contractors Compliance and Certifications Attachment, and Substance Abuse Certification and the Prevailing Wage Determination and Supersedes Notice comprise the Bid Documents. The Bid Documents, together with the Standard /Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor AIA Document A101-2017, as modified by the Park District (or such other form of agreement or contract selected by Owner), and the Performance Bond and Labor Material Payment Bond and proof of insurance comprise the Contract Documents.

8. Interpretation of the Contract Documents

The Park District shall in all cases determine the amount or quantity of the several kinds of Work which are to be paid for under this Contract, and shall decide all questions which may arise relative to the execution of the Contract on the part of the Contractor, and all estimates and decisions shall be final and conclusive. The Park District shall have the right to make alterations in the lines, grades, plans, forms, or dimensions of the Work herein contemplated either before or after the commencement of the Work. If such alterations diminish the quantity of the Work to be done, they shall not constitute a claim for damage or for anticipated profits on the work dispensed with, or if they increase the amount of Work, such increase shall be paid according to the quantity actually done and at the price or prices stipulated for such Work in the Contract. The Park District reserves the right to approve, an equal to or superior to product or equipment required under the Specifications, or to reject as not being and equal to or superior to the product or equipment required under the Specifications. If the Bidder is in doubt as to the interpretation of any part of the Bid Documents, or finds errors, discrepancies or omissions from any part of the Contract Documents, he must submit a written request for interpretation thereof not later than three (3) days prior to opening of bids to the Park District. Address all communications to mturinsky@ahpd.org at the Park District. If an error or omission is discovered in the Bid Documents after the bid opening, the Park District reserves the right: i) to determine whether to require the submission of new bids; or ii) if the error or omission is of such a nature that it was reasonably discoverable upon a careful review of the Bid Documents, to award the Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder as determined by the Park District and to require that Contractor to perform the Work in accordance with an issued correction by the Park District and/or Architect and for the amount bid by the Contractor. Such decisions are final and not subject to recourse. Errors and omissions made by the Bidder cannot be corrected after the bid opening.

9. Addenda

Any interpretation, correction to, or addition to the Bid Documents will be made by written Addendum and will be delivered by mail or fax to each prime Bidder of record. The written Addenda constitute the only interpretations of the Bid Documents; the Park District accepts no responsibility for any other claimed interpretations or communications.

It is the responsibility of each Bidder to verify that they have received all Addenda prior to submitting a bid. It is also the responsibility of each Bidder to verify that all subcontractors and material suppliers whose prices are incorporated in the Bidder's bid are familiar with the Bid Documents in their entirety, including all Addenda issued up to the time of bid opening.

In the event a conflict or omission is discovered in the Bid Documents after the issuing of the last Addendum such that an interpretation cannot be issued by the Park District prior to bidding, the Bidder is directed to estimate on and provide the quantity and quality of material and labor consistent with the overall represented and indicated Work so as to provide all materials, equipment, labor, and services necessary for the completion of the Work in accordance with the Bid Documents.

10. Substitutions during Bidding

Unless otherwise indicated, the use of brand names in the Specifications is used for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality. Bidders proposing to use an alternate that is equal to or superior to in

every respect to that required by the Specifications must request approval in writing to the Park District at least seven (7) business days prior to the bid opening and mark the item as 'or approved equal'.

Additionally, Bidders requesting approval for use of an alternate must provide certification by the manufacturer that the substitute proposed is equal to or superior in every respect to that required by the Contract Documents, and that its in-place performance will be equal to or superior to the product or equipment specified in the application indicated. The Bidder, in submitting the request for substitution, waives the right to additional payment or an extension of Contract Time because of the failure of the substitute to perform as represented in the request for substitution.

The Park District may request additional information or documentation necessary for evaluation of the request for substitution. The Park District will notify all Bidders of acceptance of the proposed substitute by means of an Addendum to the Bid Documents. Park District's approval of a substitute during bidding does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility to submit required shop drawings and to comply with all other requirements of the Contract Documents, including but not limited to proper performance of all components of the Work and suitability for the uses specified.

Bids proposing alternates not previously approved by the Park District will be considered non-responsive and rejected. The Park District reserves the right to determine whether a substituted selection, in its judgment, is equal to or better quality and therefore an acceptable alternate. Such decisions are final and not subject to recourse.

GENERAL CONDITIONS - INSURANCE

Insurance Requirements – Environmental Contractors and Consultants

Company shall obtain insurance of the types and in the amounts listed below.

A. Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance

Company shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this project/location.

CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) occurrence form CG 00 01 10 93, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage, and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

B. Pollution Legal Liability Insurance and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability

Company shall maintain insurance for pollution legal liability, and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability applicable to bodily injury; property damage, including loss of use of damaged property or of property that has not been physically injured or destroyed; cleanup costs; and defense, including costs and expenses incurred in the investigation, defense, or settlement of claims; all in connection with any loss arising from the insured facility. Coverage shall be maintained in an amount of at least \$2,000,000 per loss, with an annual aggregate of at least \$4,000,000.

This pollution legal liability coverage shall apply to sudden and non-sudden pollution conditions resulting from the escape or release of smoke, vapors, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids, or gases, waste materials, or other irritants, contaminants, or pollutants.

If the pollution legal liability coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the Company warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of this contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of three years beginning from the time that work under this contract is completed.

If the scope of services as defined in this contract includes the disposal of any hazardous or non-hazardous materials from the job site, the Company must furnish to the District evidence of pollution legal liability insurance maintained by the disposal site operator for losses arising from the insured facility accepting waste under this contract.

C. Professional Liability Insurance

If professional services are included under this contract, Company shall maintain errors and omissions liability insurance appropriate to the Company's profession. Coverage as required in this paragraph shall apply to liability for a professional error, act, or omission arising out of the scope of the company's services as defined in this contract. Coverage shall be written subject to limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per loss.

Insurance as required under this provision may not exclude:

- a. Bodily injury.
- b. Property damage.
- c. Pollution conditions arising out of environmental work.
- d. Asbestos-related claims.
- e. Testing, monitoring, measuring operations, or laboratory analyses.
- f. Liability arising out of the operation of a treatment facility if such operation is required within the scope of the contractor's services as defined in this contract.

D. Business Auto and Umbrella Liability Insurance

If applicable, Company shall maintain business auto liability and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto including owned, hired and non-owned autos.

Business auto insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01, CA 00 05, CA 00 12, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in the 1990 and later editions of CA 00 01.

E. Workers Compensation Insurance

Company shall maintain workers compensation and employer's liability insurance. The commercial umbrella and/or employers liability limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident or \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease.

Company waives all rights against District and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents for recovery of damages arising out of or incident to the Company's activities.

F. General Insurance Provisions

1. The General Liability, Automobile Liability, Contractors Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 - a. The District, its officers, officials, agents employees and volunteers are to be covered as

insured with respect to liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of the Company; and with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Company including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations; Contractors Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution. No policy shall contain "Insured v. Insured" exclusion.

- b. For any claims related to this project, the Company's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respect the District, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District shall be excess of Company's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
 - c. Each insurance policy required herein shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by the Insurer except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the District.
2. The Automobile Liability policy shall be endorsed to include Transportation Pollution Liability insurance covering materials to be transported by Company pursuant to the contract. This coverage may also be provided on the Contractors Pollution Liability policy.
 3. If General Liability, Contractors Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability and/or Errors & Omissions coverages are written on a claims-made form:
 - a. The retroactive date must be shown, and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
 - b. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
 - c. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the contract effective date, the Company must purchase and extended period coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
 - d. A copy of the claims reporting requirements must be submitted to the District for review.
 - e. If the services involve lead-based paint or asbestos identification/remediation, the Contractors Pollution Liability shall not contain lead-based paint or asbestos exclusions. If the services involve mold identification/remediation, the Contractors Pollution Liability shall not contain mold exclusion and the definition of "Pollution" shall include microbial matter including mold.

G. Evidence of Insurance

Company shall furnish District with a certificate(s) of insurance and applicable policy endorsement(s), executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth above.

Failure of District to demand such certificate, endorsement or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of District to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Company's obligation to maintain such insurance.

District shall have the right, but not the obligation, of prohibiting Company from entering the premises until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by District.

Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this Contract at District's option. Company shall provide certified copies of all insurance policies required above within 10 days of Districts' written request for said copies.

H. Acceptability of Insurers

For insurance companies which obtain a rating from A.M. Best, that rating should be no less than A VII using the most recent edition of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If the Best's rating is less than A VII or a Best's rating is not obtained, the District has the right to reject insurance written by an insurer it deems unacceptable.

I. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to the District. At the option of the District, the Company may be asked to eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the District, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents or required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and other related costs including but not limited to investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

J. Subcontractors

Company shall cause each subcontractor employed by Company to purchase and maintain insurance of the type specified above. When requested by the District, Company shall furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing coverage for each subcontractor.

K. Waiver of Subrogation

Company hereby agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Company may acquire from vendor by virtue of the payment of any loss. Company agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be

enforced with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the entity for all work performed by the Company, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

L. Transporters of Hazardous Waste

If applicable, transporters of hazardous waste must provide the District with a USEPA identification number and either an Illinois Special Waste Hauling Permit or a Uniform Hazardous Waste Hauling Permit prior to performing any work contemplated by this Agreement.

M. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the District and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees (attorney's and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising out of or resulting from the Company's activities, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (i) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property, and (ii) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent or wrongful act or omission of the Company, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this Paragraph. Company shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the District, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by reason of Company's breach of any of its obligations under, or Company's default of, any provision of the Contract.

BID PROPOSAL

Bidder is:

An Individual:

By: _____ (SEAL)

(Individual's Name)

Doing business as _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

A Partnership:

By: _____ (SEAL)

(Firm Name)

(General Partner)

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

A Corporation:

By: _____ (SEAL)

(Corporation Name)

(State of Incorporation)

By: _____

(Name of Person Authorized to Sign)

Title: _____ Attest _____

(Secretary)

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

By submission of its bid, the Bidder acknowledges, agrees, represents, declares and warrants:

1. That it has visited and examined the site, and is fully familiar with and has satisfied itself as to the site and the local and other conditions under which the Work is to be performed, including without limitation, (i) surface conditions of the site and subsurface conditions readily observable or ascertainable upon the exercise of reasonable diligence and all structures and obstructions thereon and thereunder, both natural and manmade; (ii) the nature, location, and character of the general area in which the Project is located, including without limitation, its climatic conditions, available labor supply and labor costs, and available equipment supply and equipment costs; and (iii) the quality and quantity of all materials, supplies, tools, equipment, labor, and professional services necessary to complete the Work in the manner and within the cost and time frame indicated by the Contract Documents; and has correlated the Bidder's personal observations with the requirements of and matters indicated in or by the proposed Contract Documents;
2. To hold the bid open for sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid opening;
3. To enter into and execute a Contract with the Owner within ten (10) days after the date of the Notice of Award, if awarded on the basis of this bid, and in connection therewith to:
 - (a) Furnish all bonds and insurance required by the Contract Documents;
 - (b) Accomplish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents; and
 - (c) Complete the Work within the time requirements as set forth in the Contract Documents;
4. That the Bidder has carefully examined the Instructions to Bidders, the Drawings and Specifications, and the Project Manual in its entirety, in order to determine how these affect the bid proposal, the forms of the Contract, the required Contract bonds, and duration thereof, and that the Bidder has inspected in detail the site of the proposed Work, and been familiarized with all of the requirements of construction, and of the governing municipalities under whose jurisdiction the Project falls (its codes, ordinances and construction requirements therein), and understands that in making this proposal, the Bidder waives all rights to plead any misunderstanding regarding the same;
5. That if this proposal is accepted, the Bidder is to provide all of the necessary equipment, tools, apparatus, labor, and other means of construction, and to do all of the Work and to furnish all of the materials specified in the Contract Documents in the manner and at the time therein prescribed, and in accordance with the requirements set forth;
6. To furnish a Bid Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders;
7. To furnish Performance/Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (applies to projects \$50,000 and over);
8. **To commence Work on May 1, 2026 and Complete work by November 1, 2026**, and to prosecute the Work in such a manner, and with sufficient materials, equipment and labor as will ensure its completion within reasonable time, it being understood and agreed that the completion within such reasonable time is an essential part of this Contract;
9. That they have checked carefully the bid figures and understands that they shall be responsible for any errors or omissions based on these Specifications and alternates as submitted on the Bid Proposal Form;

10. That it is understood and agreed that the Arlington Heights Park District reserves the right to: a) accept or reject any or all bids; b) waive any technicalities; c) award to one Bidder the entire Project or to any series of Bidder for an appropriate proportion of the Project; and d) accept Alternates in any order or combination and to determine low Bidder on the basis of the sum of the Base Bid and Alternates accepted.

Submitted this ____ day of _____ 2026

Name: _____
By: _____
Signature _____
Title: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me

this _____ day of _____ 2026

Notary Public

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATIONS ATTACHMENT

Note: The following certifications form an integral part of the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor. Breach by Contractor of any of the certifications may result in immediate termination of the Contractor's services by Owner.

THE UNDERSIGNED CONTRACTOR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES, CERTIFIES, AFFIRMS AND AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Contractor has carefully read and understands the contents, purpose and legal effect of this document as stated above and hereafter in this document. The certifications contained herein are true, complete and correct in all respects.

- B. Contractor shall abide by and comply with, and in contracts which it has with all persons providing any of the services or Work on this Project on its behalf shall require compliance with, all applicable Federal, State and local laws and rules and regulations including without limitation those relating to 1) fair employment practices, affirmative action and prohibiting discrimination in employment; 2) workers' compensation; 3) workplace safety; 4) wages and claims of laborers, mechanics and other workers, agents, or servants in any manner employed in connection with contracts involving public funds or the development or construction of public works, buildings or facilities; and 5) steel products procurement.

- C. To the best of Contractor's knowledge, no officer or employee of Contractor has been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, or any unit of local government, nor has any officer or employee made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.

- D. Contractor is not barred from bidding on or entering into public contracts due to having been convicted of bid-rigging or bid rotating under paragraphs 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code. Contractor also certifies that no officers or employees of the Contractor have been so convicted and that Contractor is not the successor company or a new company created by the officers or owners of one so convicted. Contractor further certifies that any such conviction occurring after the date of this certification will be reported to the Owner, immediately in writing, if it occurs during the bidding process, or otherwise prior to entering into the Contract therewith.

- E. Pursuant to the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), Contractor has a written sexual harassment policy that includes, at a minimum, the following information: (i) a statement on the illegality of sexual harassment; (ii) the definition of sexual harassment under State law; (iii) a description of sexual harassment utilizing examples; (iv) the Contractor's internal complaint process including penalties; (v) the legal recourse, investigative and complaint process available through the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission and directions on how to contact both; and (vi) protection against retaliation as provided by Section 6-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. Contractor further certifies that such policy shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of the policy shall be provided to the Illinois Department of Human Rights upon request.

- F. (i) Contractor's bid proposal was made without any connection or common interest in the profits anticipated to be derived from the Contract by Contractor with any other persons submitting any bid or proposal for the Contract; (ii) the Contract terms are in all respects fair and the Contract will be entered into by Contractor without collusion or fraud; (iii) no official, officer or employee of the Owner has any direct or indirect financial interest in Contractor's bid proposal or in Contractor, (iv) the Contractor has not directly or indirectly provided, and shall not directly or indirectly provide, funds or other consideration to any person or entity (including, but not limited to, the Owner and the Owner's employees and agents), to procure improperly special or unusual treatment with respect to this Agreement or for the purpose of otherwise improperly influencing the relationship between the Owner and the Contractor. Additionally, the Contractor shall cause all of its officers, directors, employees, (as the case may be) to comply with the restrictions contained in the preceding sentence.
- G. Contractor knows and understands the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause administered by the Illinois Department of Human Rights, which is incorporated herein by this reference, and agrees to comply with the provisions thereof. Contractor further certifies that Contractor is an "equal opportunity employer" as defined by Section 2000 (e) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 as amended, which are incorporated herein by this reference.
- H. Neither Contractor nor any substantially owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce promulgated under that Act.
- I. Contractor is not barred from contracting with the Owner because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, unless it is being contested. Contractor further certifies that it understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the Contract and allows the Owner, a municipal entity, to recover in a civil action all amounts paid to the Contractor.
- J. If Contractor has 25 or more employees at the time of letting of the Contract, Contractor knows, understands and acknowledges its obligations under the Illinois Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/1 *et seq.*) and certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the actions required under, and otherwise implementing on a continuing basis, Section 3 of the Drug Free Workplace Act. Contractor further certifies that it has not been debarred and is not ineligible for award of this Contract as the result of a violation of the Illinois Drug Free Workplace Act.
- K. Contractor knows, understands and acknowledges its obligations under the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 *et seq.* A true and complete copy of Contractor's Substance Abuse Prevention Program Certification is attached to and made a part of this Contractor Compliance and Certification Attachment.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

The Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 et seq., (“Act”) prohibits any employee of the Contractor or any Subcontractor on a public works project to use, possess or be under the influence of a drug or alcohol, as those terms are defined in the Act, while performing work on the project. The Contractor/Subcontractor **[circle one]**, by its undersigned representative, hereby certifies and represents to the Arlington Heights Park District that **[Contractor/Subcontractor must complete either Part A or Part B below]**:

A. The Contractor/Subcontractor [circle one] has in place for all of its employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement that deals with the subject of the Act a written substance abuse prevention program, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this certification, which meets or exceeds the requirements of the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 et seq. [Contractor/Subcontractor must attach a copy of its substance abuse prevention program to this Certification.]

Name of Contractor/Subcontractor (print or type)

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (print or type)

_____ Dated: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative

B. The Contractor/Subcontractor **[circle one]** has one or more collective bargaining agreements in effect for all of its employees that deal with the subject matter of the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 et seq.

Name of Contractor/Subcontractor (print or type)

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (print or type)

_____ Dated: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative

SCOPE AND SPECIFICATION OF WORK

- The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, fuel and any other items necessary to complete the scope of the work specified herein.
- Scheduled applications are to take place at various park sites and athletic field locations throughout the Village of Arlington Heights as noted in the enclosed specifications. Maps to be provided.
- Quantities (acreage) listed are estimates for bid purposes only; actual quantities may be more or less. The Park District shall be billed for the exact amount of acreage applied.
- Contractor shall provide the Arlington Heights Park District with all Safety Data Sheets and labels for any and all products to be used on Park District property prior to any application.
- Bidders recommending an “Or Equal Product” must provide product literature for the item recommended. Failure may be cause for rejection as non-compliant.
- The Park District may and without cost to the District, require the bidder to provide a product sample or equipment demonstration within 5 days following a verbal request for consideration of an acceptable “Or equal” product or equipment. Failure may be cause for rejection as non-compliant.
- Bidder must notify the District immediately via email if a manufacturer makes a product deletion, substitution or other changes to those specified herein.
- Contractor shall notify the Arlington Heights Park District prior to any application of products 2 days prior to applications to allow for proper posting of areas if necessary, and assure any maintenance needed beforehand, has been completed, and no planned uses scheduled.
- All turf applications shall be applied by an Illinois Licensed Pesticide Operator, under the direct supervision of an appropriate Illinois Licensed Pesticide Applicator. Copies of licensed individuals shall be provided to the Arlington Heights Park District before work begins.
- All Federal, State, Local laws and ordinances, as well as any Policies or Procedures of the Arlington Heights Park District regarding turf applications must be followed.
- Contractor must follow all applicable labels and laws regarding the use of acceptable products.
- Contractor shall supply a current Certificate of Insurance with the Arlington Heights Park District listed as additionally insured.
- The Owner will inspect the sites after applications to determine acceptability. If the application does not comply with specifications, the Owner will notify the Contractor. The Contractor will correct any unacceptable applications at his/her own expense.

Equipment/Application Specifications:

- Low Profile Floation (turf) Tires required on equipment for use on turf areas.
- Must be capable of applying in widths of 20ft to 60ft (Min-Max)
- Contractor must provide and operate equipment with “on-board” computerized spreading control systems, capable of controlling and spreading a consistent application of product to cover the entire specified area.
- Must be capable of lifting large packaging/containers from product staging area for dumping/dispensing into hopper; i.e.; on-board crane or equivalent material handling capacity. The District does not provide equipment or manpower to assist with this function.
- Large farm or agricultural spreader equipment will not be accepted.

Schedule:

- Upon effective date of contract, bidder will coordinate with the Superintendent of Parks Grounds to finalize the application schedule for products being applied. Dates will be weather and ground conditions dependent and not take place until conditions are deemed suitable by the District.
- Park users, District programs and athletics, as well School District use at application sites, take priority to applications. Skipping of a location does not exempt bidder from application, and rescheduling with the Superintendent for the next available time, will be necessary.
- Applications will be scheduled for the early morning hours to reduce conflict with park and field users.
- The Superintendent will provide a priority list and inform applicator of specific locations where applications must be made before others to reduce the conflict with users.
- Any interaction with users regarding the applications or possible conflicts shall be reported to the Operations Supervisor at the earliest convenience to the applicator.

Product Delivery (individual contractor applications):

- All delivery of products for contractor application must be sufficient to complete the application process at all the sites specified for each individual application date.
- Product delivery will not be accepted more than 5 days before scheduled application date.
- The Superintendent will coordinate with the contractor/bidder on the location for product delivery and staging area for equipment loading. **No Deliveries will be accepted prior to May 1, 2026.**
- Packaging must be so that product remains dry. Products may be stored outside, exposed to the weather elements before loading and application commences. Bidder is responsible for the unloading and proper placement of any products from delivery vehicles as per District representative.

Any alterations or modifications of the work herein specified shall be made only by written agreement between the Bidder and the Park District, and shall be made prior to commencement of any such alterations or modifications. No claims for any extra work or materials will be allowed unless covered by written agreement.

All bids submitted will be considered firm for a period of 60 days from the bid opening date.

Bid Form

Contractor Name _____

SPREADING SERVICES			
QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
98 Acres 90 Acres	Fertilizer Application Service, as specified herein 2 application dates (estimated weeks and product) June 8, 2026 (33-0-10 w/ .067% Acelepryn) October 12, 2026 (25-0-15)	Per Acre \$ _____ \$ _____	Totals \$ _____ \$ _____ Grand total \$ _____
FERTILIZERS			
9 TONS 1 App. 6/8/2026	33-0-10 Fertilizer w/ .067% Acelepryn Delivered and applied with spread specified above. Fertilizer must meet following specifications: Must consist of 100% nitrogen from Polymer-Encapsulated Urea, and provide a uniform and predictable release of nutrient for a period of up to 120 days. Product must also contain .067% Acelepryn. (Or acceptable equal) Rate of product application is 175 lbs. per acre or 11.42 acres per ton Mfg. _____	Per Ton \$ _____	Totals \$ _____
8 TONS 1 App. 10/12/2026	25-0-15 Fertilizer Delivered and applied with spread specified above. Fertilizer must meet following specifications: Total Nitrogen – Half of total Nitrogen to be slow release derived from methyl urea nitrogen, Potash derived from Sulphate of potash. (Or acceptable equal) Rate of product application is approx. 175 lbs. per acre or 11.42 acres per ton Mfg. _____	Per Ton \$ _____	Totals \$ _____

CUSTOM APPLICATION SUMMARY FOR THE 2026 GROWING SEASON. THE APPROXIMATE DATES WOULD BE THE WEEK OF:

6/8/2026 9 tons 33-0-10 w/ .067% Acelepryn delivered and applied at 175lb/Acre.
 10/12/2026 8 tons 25-0-15 delivered and applied at 175lb/Acre.

Dates, application times, and park sites to be confirmed with winning bidder, pending current weather and ground conditions. Overhead maps will be provided showing parks and designated areas where fertilizer is to be applied. Acreages provided are estimates only. Arlington Heights Park District staff may, if necessary, accompany the operators performing the applications. Arlington Heights Park District may agree to any or all parts of the bid, and/or or award separate items to different bidders.

2026 Bulk Fertilizer Application Athletic Field Sites
Approx. acreage

<u>Park Site</u>	<u>Acres 6/8/26</u> 33-0-3 w/ .067% Acelepryn	<u>Acres 10/12/26</u> 25-0-15
<u>Berbercker Park; Baseball</u>	1	1
<u>Camelot Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	1.75	1.75
<u>Carefree Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	4	4
<u>Carousel Park; Soccer</u>	2.5	2.5
<u>*Centennial Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	6	6
<u>*Dunton Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	2.5	2.5
<u>Evergreen Park; Baseball</u>	1	1
<u>Flentie Park; Baseball</u>	1	1
<u>Frontier Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	6	6
<u>Hasbrook Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	3.5	3.5
<u>*Heritage Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	6	6
<u>Legacy Park; Soccer</u>	2	2
<u>Melas Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	15	7
<u>Methodist Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	5	5
<u>*Miner School; Baseball/soccer</u>	3	3
<u>*Patriots Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	9	9
<u>Pioneer Park; Baseball/football</u>	8	8
<u>Prairie Park; Baseball/Soccer</u>	3	3
<u>*Rand-Berkley Park;</u> Baseball/soccer	4	4
<u>*Raven Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	2.75	2.75
<u>Recreation Park; Baseball/soccer</u>	5	5
<u>*Thomas School; Baseball/soccer</u>	2	2
<u>Virginia Terrace; Baseball</u>	1	1
<u>Volz Park; Baseball</u>	1	1
<u>Wildwood Park; Soccer</u>	2	2
<u>Total acres</u>	<u>98 Acres</u>	<u>90 Acres</u>

* Indicates school site

Please refer to the Arlington Heights Park District website www.ahpd.org for specific locations.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

All materials accepted as low bid must be accompanied by safety data sheets and product labels where applicable, in order to comply with Illinois Law (Public Act 83-240)

