



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BID OPPORTUNITY

BID OPPORTUNITY NO. 158-2005

PROVISION OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. PROJECT TITLE

B1.1 PROVISION OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 12:00 noon Winnipeg time, April 8, 2005.

B2.2 Bid Submissions determined by the Manager of Materials to have been received later than the Submission Deadline will not be accepted and will be returned upon request.

B2.3 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B2.1.

B3. SITE INVESTIGATION

B3.1 Further to GC.2.01, the Bidder may make an appointment to view the Site by contacting the Contract Administrator.

B3.2 The Bidder shall not be entitled to rely on any information or interpretation received at the Site investigation unless that information or interpretation is the Bidder's direct observation, or is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B4. ENQUIRIES

B4.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D3.1.

B4.2 If the Bidder finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder shall notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission, or request a clarification as to the meaning or intent of the provision at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B4.3 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Bidders by issuing an addendum.

B4.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Bidder who made the enquiry.

B4.5 The Bidder shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B4 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B5. ADDENDA

B5.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

B5.2 The Contract Administrator will issue each addendum at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, or provide at least two (2) Business Days by extending the Submission Deadline.

- B5.2.1 Addenda will be available on the Bid Opportunities page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.
- B5.2.2 The Bidder is responsible for ensuring that he has received all addenda and is advised to check the Materials Management Branch internet site for addenda shortly before submitting his Bid.
- B5.3 The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 8 of Form A: Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Bid non-responsive.

B6. SUBSTITUTES

- B6.1 The Work is based on the Plant, Materials and methods specified in the Bid Opportunity.
- B6.2 Substitutions shall not be allowed unless application has been made to and prior approval has been granted by the Contract Administrator in writing.
- B6.3 Requests for approval of a substitute will not be considered unless received in writing by the Contract Administrator at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B6.4 The Bidder shall ensure that any and all requests for approval of a substitute:
- (a) provide sufficient information and details to enable the Contract Administrator to determine the acceptability of the Plant, Material or method as either an approved equal or alternative;
 - (b) identify any and all changes required in the applicable Work, and all changes to any other Work, which would become necessary to accommodate the substitute;
 - (c) identify any anticipated cost or time savings that may be associated with the substitute;
 - (d) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved equal, the substitute will fully perform the functions called for by the general design, be of equal or superior substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Substantial Performance and Total Performance;
 - (e) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved alternative, the substitute will adequately perform the functions called for by the general design, be similar in substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the proposed work schedule and the dates specified in the Supplemental Conditions for Substantial Performance and Total Performance.
- B6.5 The Contract Administrator, after assessing the request for approval of a substitute, may in his sole discretion grant approval for the use of a substitute as an “approved equal” or as an “approved alternative”, or may refuse to grant approval of the substitute.
- B6.6 The Contract Administrator will provide a response in writing, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, only to the Bidder who requested approval of the substitute.
- B6.6.1 The Bidder requesting and obtaining the approval of a substitute shall be entirely responsible for disseminating information regarding the approval to any person or persons he wishes to inform.
- B6.7 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved equal”, any Bidder may use the approved equal in place of the specified item.

- B6.8 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved alternative”, any Bidder bidding that approved alternative shall base his Total Bid Price upon the specified item but may also indicate an alternative price based upon the approved alternative. Such alternatives will be evaluated in accordance with B14.
- B6.9 No later claim by the Contractor for an addition to the Total Bid Price because of any other changes in the Work necessitated by the use of an approved equal or an approved alternative will be considered.

B7. BID SUBMISSION

- B7.1 The Bid Submission consists of the following components:
- (a) Form A: Bid;
 - (b) Form B: Prices.
- B7.2 All components of the Bid Submission shall be fully completed or provided, and submitted by the Bidder no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely in ink, to constitute a responsive Bid.
- B7.3 The Bid Submission shall be submitted enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number and the Bidder’s name and address.
- B7.3.1 Samples or other components of the Bid Submission which cannot reasonably be enclosed in the envelope may be packaged separately, but shall be clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number, the Bidder’s name and address, and an indication that the contents are part of the Bidder’s Bid Submission.
- B7.4 Bid Submissions submitted by facsimile transmission (fax) or internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.
- B7.5 Bid Submissions shall be submitted to:
- The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance Department
Materials Management Branch
185 King Street, Main Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

B8. BID

- B8.1 The Bidder shall complete Form A: Bid, making all required entries.
- B8.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, his name shall be inserted;
 - (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
 - (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
 - (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.
- B8.2.1 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B8.2.

- B8.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid, the Bidder shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Bidder for purposes of the Bid.
- B8.4 Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, it shall be signed by the Bidder;
 - (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
 - (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers and the corporate seal, if the corporation has one, should be affixed;
 - (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name, or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.
- B8.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid shall be printed below such signatures.
- B8.4.2 All signatures shall be original and shall be witnessed except where a corporate seal has been affixed.
- B8.5 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Bidder" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Bidders in the Bid Submission and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

B9. PRICES

- B9.1 The Bidder shall state a price in Canadian funds for each item of the Work identified on Form B: Prices.
- B9.1.1 Notwithstanding GC.9.01(1), prices on Form B: Prices shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- B9.2 The quantities listed on Form B: Prices are to be considered approximate only. The City will use said quantities for the purpose of comparing Bids.
- B9.3 The quantities for which payment will be made to the Contractor are to be determined by the Work actually performed and completed by the Contractor, to be measured as specified in the applicable Specifications.

B10. QUALIFICATION

- B10.1 The Bidder shall:
- (a) undertake to be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Bidder does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Bidder does carry on business;
 - (b) be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligation to the City;
 - (c) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract;
 - (d) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract;
 - (e) have successfully carried out work, similar in nature, scope and value to the Work;
 - (f) employ only Subcontractors who:

- (i) are responsible and not suspended, debarred or in default of any obligation to the City (a list of suspended or debarred individuals and companies is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>); and
 - (ii) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them, and are fully capable of performing the Work required to be done in accordance with the terms of the Contract;
- (g) have a written workplace safety and health program in accordance with The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);

B10.2 The Bidder shall be prepared to submit, within three (3) Business Days of a request by the Contract Administrator, proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Bidder and of any proposed Subcontractor.

B10.3 The Bidder shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Bidder's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Bidder's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

B11. OPENING OF BIDS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

B11.1 Bid Submissions will be opened publicly, after the Submission Deadline has elapsed, in the office of the Corporate Finance Department, Materials Management Branch, or in such other office as may be designated by the Manager of Materials.

B11.1.1 Bidders or their representatives may attend.

B11.2 After the public opening, the names of the Bidders and their Total Bid Prices as read out (unevaluated, and pending review and verification of conformance with requirements) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.

B11.3 After award of Contract, the name(s) of the successful Bidder(s) and the Contract Amount(s) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.

B11.4 The Bidder is advised that any information contained in any Bid Submission may be released if required by City policy or procedures, by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law.

B12. IRREVOCABLE BID

B12.1 The Bid(s) submitted by the Bidder shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B12.2 The acceptance by the City of any Bid shall not release the Bids of the next two lowest evaluated responsive Bidders and these Bidders shall be bound by their Bids on such Work for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B13. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

B13.1 A Bidder may withdraw his Bid without penalty by giving written notice to the Manager of Materials at any time prior to the Submission Deadline.

- B13.1.1 Notwithstanding GC.7.06(2), the time and date of receipt of any notice withdrawing a Bid shall be the time and date of receipt as determined by the Manager of Materials.
- B13.1.2 The City will assume that any one of the contact persons named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid or the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid, and only such person, has authority to give notice of withdrawal.
- B13.1.3 If a Bidder gives notice of withdrawal prior to the Submission Deadline, the Manager of Materials shall:
- (a) retain the Bid Submission until after the Submission Deadline has elapsed;
 - (b) open the Bid Submission to identify the contact person named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid and the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid; and
 - (c) if the notice has been given by any one of the persons specified in B13.1.3(b), declare the Bid withdrawn.
- B13.2 A Bidder who withdraws his Bid after the Submission Deadline but before his Bid has been released or has lapsed as provided for in B12.2 shall be liable for such damages as are imposed upon the Bidder by law and subject to such sanctions as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate in the circumstances. The City, in such event, shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available to it at law.

B14. EVALUATION OF BIDS

- B14.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following bid evaluation criteria:
- (a) compliance by the Bidder with the requirements of the Bid Opportunity (pass/fail);
 - (b) qualifications of the Bidder and the Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B10 (pass/fail);
 - (c) Total Bid Price;
 - (d) economic analysis of any approved alternative pursuant to B6.
- B14.2 Further to B14.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Bid as being non-responsive if the Bid Submission is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The Award Authority may reject all or any part of any Bid, or waive technical requirements if the interests of the City so require.
- B14.3 Further to B14.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Bid submitted by a Bidder who does not demonstrate, in his Bid Submission or in other information required to be submitted, that he is responsible and qualified.
- B14.4 Further to B14.1(c), the Total Bid Price shall be the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item shown on Form B: Prices.
- B14.4.1 If there is any discrepancy between the Total Bid Price written in figures, the Total Bid Price written in words and the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item, the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item shall take precedence.
- B14.5 This Contract will be awarded as a whole.

B15. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- B15.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract or will give notice that no award will be made.

- B15.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Bidder, even though one or all of the Bidders are determined to be responsible and qualified, and the Bids are determined to be responsive.
- B15.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B15.2, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:
- (a) the prices exceed the available City funds for the Work;
 - (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar work in the past;
 - (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Work, or a significant portion thereof, with its own forces;
 - (d) only one Bid is received; or
 - (e) in the judgment of the Award Authority, the interests of the City would best be served by not awarding a Contract.
- B15.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the responsible and qualified Bidder submitting the lowest evaluated responsive Bid.
- B15.4 Notwithstanding GC.3.01 and GC.3.02, the City will issue a purchase order to the successful Bidder in lieu of the execution of a Contract.
- B15.5 The Contract Documents, as defined in GC.1.01(7), in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the purchase order notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said purchase order.

PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS

C1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

C1.1 The *General Conditions for Provision of Services* (Revision 1996 02 05) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.

C1.1.1 The *General Conditions for Provision of Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>.

PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Provision of Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- D1.2 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "The City of Winnipeg Act" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "The City of Winnipeg Charter".
- D1.3 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Board of Commissioners" or "Commissioner" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting the "Chief Administrative Officer".
- D1.4 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Tender Package" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "Bid Opportunity".
- D1.5 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Tender Submission" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "Bid Submission".
- D1.6 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Bidding Instructions" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "Bidding Procedures".

D2. SCOPE OF WORK

- D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of landscape maintenance at the West End Water Pollution Control Centre and the Perimeter Road Pumping Station for the period of April 15, 2005 to November 15, 2007.
- D2.2 The major components of the Work are as follows:
- (a) Spring clean-up (raking / dethatching);
 - (b) Grass cutting and trimming;
 - (c) Application of fertilizer and weed control chemicals;
 - (d) Watering;
 - (e) Tree and shrubbery pruning;
 - (f) Fall clean-up (clippings / leaf debris).
- D2.3 Notwithstanding D2.1, the type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract is subject to annual approval of monies therefore in a budget by Council. Bidders are advised that monies have been approved for work up to and including December 31, 2005-.
- D2.4 Notwithstanding D2.1, in the event that operational changes result in substantial changes to the requirements for Work, the City reserves the right to alter the type or quantity of work performed under this Contract, or to terminate the Contract, upon thirty (30) Calendar Days written notice by the Contract Administrator. In such an event, no claim may be made for damages on the ground of loss of anticipated profit on Work.

D3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

- D3.1 The Contract Administrator is:
Mr. Ron Hahlweg

Treatment Plant Supervisor
7740 Wilkes Ave
Headingley, MB, R4H 1B8

Telephone No. (204) 986-5220

Facsimile No. (204) 986-4232

- D3.2 At the pre-commencement meeting, the Contract Administrator will identify additional personnel representing the Contract Administrator and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D4. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR

- D4.1 At the pre- commencement meeting, the Contractor shall identify his designated supervisor and any additional personnel representing the Contractor and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D5. NOTICES

- D5.1 GC.7.06 is hereby amended to delete reference to "registered mail" and to replace same with "ordinary mail".
- D5.2 GC.7.06 is further amended hereby to include delivery by facsimile transmission (fax) as an acceptable means of delivering notices, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Contract. Deliveries by fax will be deemed to have been received on the day of delivery, if a business day, or if not a business day, on the business day next following the day of delivery.
- D5.3 Further to GC.7.06, all notices, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications to the City, except as expressly otherwise required in D5.4, D5.5 or elsewhere in the Contract, shall be sent to the attention of the Contract Administrator at the address or facsimile number identified in D3.1.
- D5.4 All notices of appeal to the Chief Administrative Officer shall be sent to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer at the following address or facsimile number:
The City of Winnipeg
Chief Administrative Officer Secretariat
Administration Building, 3rd Floor
510 Main Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9
Facsimile No.: (204) 949-1174
- D5.5 All notices, requests, nominations, proposals, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications required to be submitted or returned to the City Solicitor shall be sent to the following address or facsimile number:
The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Services Department
Legal Services Division
185 King Street, 3rd Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1
Facsimile No.: (204) 947-9155

SUBMISSIONS

D6. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

D6.1 The Contractor shall be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Contractor does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Contractor does carry on business, throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

D7. WORKERS COMPENSATION

D7.1 The Contractor shall be registered with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, shall provide and maintain Workers Compensation coverage throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

D8. INSURANCE

D8.1 The Contractor shall provide and maintain the following insurance coverage at all times during the performance of the Work:

- (a) commercial general liability insurance, in the amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) all inclusive, with The City of Winnipeg being added as an additional insured, with a cross-liability clause, such liability policy to also contain a contractual liability, an unlicensed motor vehicle liability and a products and completed operations endorsement to remain in place at all times during the performance of the;
- (b) automobile liability insurance for owned and non-owned automobiles used for or in connection with the Work in the amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) at all times during the performance of the Work and until the date of Total Performance.

D8.2 Deductibles shall be borne by the Contractor.

D8.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a certificate of insurance of each policy at least two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of any Work on the Site but in no event later than seven (7) Calendar Days from notification of the award of Contract.

D8.4 The Contractor shall not cancel, materially alter, or cause each policy to lapse without providing at least fifteen (15) Calendar Days prior written notice to the Contract Administrator.

CONTROL OF WORK

D9. COMMENCEMENT

D9.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he is in receipt of a purchase order authorizing the commencement of the Work.

D9.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work on the Site until:

- (a) the Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
 - (i) evidence that the Contractor is in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba;
 - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in D7;

- (iii) evidence of the insurance specified in D8; and
- (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D10. INVOICES

- D10.1 "Landscape Maintenance" shall be measured on a unit basis for the provision of the services described herein for each year of this Contract.
- D10.2 Payment shall be made at the Contracted Unit Price for "Landscape Maintenance" for "Year 1", "Year 2" and "Year 3". The price shall be payment in full for performing all operations and supply of materials and all other items incidental to the work for each year of this Contract.
- D10.3 Further to GC.9.01 and D10.2 notwithstanding GC.9.03, the Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for the percentage of the Work performed for the previous month.
- D10.4 Invoices must clearly indicate, as a minimum:
 - (a) the City's order number;
 - (b) date(s) of provision of services;
 - (c) location at which service was provided;
 - (d) type and quantity of services provided;
 - (e) the amount payable with GST and MRST shown as separate amounts; and
 - (f) the Contractor's GST registration number.
- D10.5 The City will bear no responsibility for delays in approval of invoices which are improperly submitted.
- D10.6 Further to GC.9.01 and GC.9.03, payment shall be in Canadian funds net thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt and approval of the Contractor's invoice

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. GENERAL

E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.

E1.2 The following Drawings are applicable to the Work:

<u>Drawing No.</u>	<u>Drawing Name/Title</u>
WEP-LS-1	West End Water Pollution Control Centre - Site Plan
WEP-LS-2	Perimeter Road Pumping Station - Site Plan

E2. SERVICES

E2.1 The Contractor shall perform landscape maintenance at the West End Water Pollution Control Centre and the Perimeter Road Pumping Station in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.

E2.2 Landscape maintenance shall occur during regular hours of operation Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. except holidays. The Contractor shall be required to "check-in and check-out" with reception at both locations anytime they are on-site. The Contractor shall not store equipment at either site.

(a) Occasional overnight parking of equipment may be permitted at the Contractors own risk.

E2.3 Landscape maintenance shall be performed annually as either Priority 1 or Priority 2 at both locations for each contracted year as shown on the drawings and in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.

E2.3.1 Priority 1 Areas shall be maintained as follows:

(a) Lawns shall be cut and trimmed on a weekly basis or as required when approved by the Contract Administrator. Grass shall be cut at a height of not less than 50 mm. Regular mowing shall begin in the spring when required. The date shall be no later than the week of May 1, and shall continue through to October 18 or later as required. This will total approximately 20 cuts per contracted year.

(i) The Contractor shall collect and properly dispose of all litter/debris each week prior to mowing.

(b) A spring clean up shall be required annually and shall include hand and power raking to remove thatch, compacted organic material and any other litter/debris. Spring clean up shall occur before May 1.

(c) Fertilizer and weed control shall be applied three times, once during the spring, summer and fall periods of each contracted year. Granular or water-soluble types will be acceptable.

(d) Supplemental watering may be necessary when significant rainfall has not occurred for 10-14 days consecutively, especially when the weather is warm. Although irrigation is in place around the main entrance, some of this area would require hose and sprinkler watering. It is the Contractors responsibility to familiarize him/herself with the options available and have the necessary equipment available.

(e) Any disease or insect problems with lawns shall be reported to the on-site contact as soon as these situations are observed. Any minor applications of pesticide or overseeding will be part of the Contractors obligations.

- (f) Fall clean up shall take place on the seasons final visit. Lawns shall be given their final mowing, which should be at a height of approximately 40-45 mm. All clippings and leaf debris shall be picked up and properly disposed of.

E2.3.2 Priority 2 Areas shall be maintained as follows:

- (a) Complete mowing of this area will be as required and shall be a minimum of 7 times per season. As the lawns will not receive supplemental watering the rate of grass growth will depend on precipitation and temperature, but mowing shall be considered when a majority of the growth has exceeded 100 mm.
- (b) Cutting shall be done to a height of 50 mm. Note that ditch bottoms may be wet for prolonged periods and cutting may not be possible until conditions dry out. Growth must be cleared out at least two times per season to permit proper flow in ditches.
- (c) Final cut of this area shall not occur before the final week of September.

E2.4 Shrubs and Shrub Beds shall be maintained as follows:

- (a) The 650 sq m of wood mulched shrub beds shall be inspected bi-weekly for unwanted growth of grasses and weeds. Approved herbicides such as Roundup or Killex are acceptable control agents but any herbicide damage to plants shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Some manual weed pulling should be expected.
- (b) Shrubs shall be pruned in the spring before leafing out to remove deadwood, broken branches or to improve visual balance. By mid to late June following the emergence of new growth, deciduous shrubs shall be cut back as necessary to an attractive consistent appearance. Tight shaping is not desirable. On evergreen shrubs, any dead or browning foliage shall be removed as it is observed.
- (c) Insect or disease problems shall be reported to the on-site contact when observed. Appropriate and reasonable measures to control these problems shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- (d) Watering will be required under the same criteria as the lawns, see E2.3.1(d).
- (e) Fertilizing of shrubs (shrub bed areas) shall be done by late May. This can be done with a granular application of a balanced fertilizer at an appropriate rate.

E2.5 Trees and Tree Wells shall be maintained as follows:

- (a) All trees at either site shall be pruned lightly in spring and mid summer to remove deadwood, blacknot, crossing branches, and lower trunk and canopy twig growth. Sucker growth on Shubert Chokecherry shall be pruned on a biweekly basis. Suckers shall not be treated with a systemic herbicide. Supplemental watering of the twenty-four (24) trees beyond irrigation coverage should be done 2-5 times per season depending on the seasonal rainfall.
- (b) Fertilizing of all trees shall be done once per year in the spring by injection of water-soluble fertilizer at least 100 mm below the ground surface. Injections will occur on a 1 m grid beneath canopy and extend 1 m beyond canopy dripline. Tree Wells shall be cultivated biweekly for removal of grass, weeds and suckers.