



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BID OPPORTUNITY

BID OPPORTUNITY NO. 187-2008

PROVISION OF TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - DOWNTOWN

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 PROVISION OF TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - DOWNTOWN

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Winnipeg time, March 25, 2008.

B2.2 Bids 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 C3.1, the Bidder may view the Site without making an appointment.

B3.2 The Bidder is advised that it is in their best interest to view the Sites because it will make them better acquainted with the size of the trees that will be maintained and therefore how much water they will require during maintenance. The quantity of water needed may directly influence Bid Prices.

B3.3 The Bidder is responsible for determining:

- (a) the location of any utility which can be determined from the records or other information available at the offices of any public authority or person, including a municipal corporation and any board or commission thereof, having jurisdiction or control over the utility;
- (b) the nature of the surface and subsurface conditions at the Site;
- (c) the location, nature, quality or quantity of the materials to be removed or to be employed in the performance of the Work;
- (d) the nature, quality or quantity of the Plant needed to perform the Work;
- (e) all matters concerning access to the Site, power supplies, location of existing services, utilities or materials necessary for the completion of the Work; and
- (f) all other matters which could in any way affect his Bid or the performance of the Work.

B4. ENQUIRIES

B4.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D4.1.

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 promptly notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B4.3 If the Bidder is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder should request clarification as to the meaning or intent prior to the Submission Deadline.

B4.4 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.

B4.5 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.

B4.6 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 regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.

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 Contract;
- (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 Contract.

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 may 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 shall consist of the following components:
- (a) Form A: Bid;
 - (b) Form B: Prices.
- B7.2 Further to B7.1, the Bidder should include the written correspondence from the Contract Administrator approving a substitute in accordance with B6.
- B7.3 All components of the Bid 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, to constitute a responsive Bid.
- B7.4 Bidders are advised not to include any information/literature except as requested in accordance with B7.1.
- B7.5 Bidders are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Bid Opportunity document, including the General Conditions, may result in the Bid being determined to be non-responsive.
- B7.6 The Bid may be submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, or by facsimile transmission.
- B7.7 If the Bid is submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, it shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number and the Bidder's name and address, and shall be submitted to:
- The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance Department
Materials Management Branch
185 King Street, Main Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1
- B7.7.1 Samples or other components of the Bid 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.
- B7.8 If the Bid is submitted by facsimile transmission, it shall be submitted to (204) 949-1178
- B7.8.1 The Bidder is advised that the City cannot take responsibility for the availability of the facsimile machine at any time.
- B7.9 Bids submitted by internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.

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 should 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 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 C11.1.1, prices on Form B: Prices shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Manitoba Retail Sales Tax (MRST, also known as PST), which shall be extra where applicable.
- 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; and
- (b) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract; and
- (c) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract.

B10.2 The Bidder and any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligations 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>.

B10.3 The Bidder and/or any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the Work; and
- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract; and
- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program, if required, pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);

B10.4 The Bidder shall 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.

B10.5 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 Bids will not be opened publicly.

B11.2 Following the Submission Deadline, the names of the Bidders and their bid prices (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 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 C22.5, 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 will:

- (a) retain the Bid until after the Submission Deadline has elapsed;
- (b) open the Bid 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 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 or minor informalities or irregularities 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 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 Notwithstanding C4.1, the City will issue a purchase order to the successful Bidder in lieu of the execution of a Contract.
- B15.4 The Contract Documents, as defined in C1.1(n), 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

C0. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- C0.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* (Revision 2007 04 12) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- C0.1.1 The *General Conditions for Supply 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>.
- C0.2 A reference in the Bid Opportunity to a section, clause or subclause with the prefix “**C**” designates a section, clause or subclause in the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*.

PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Work of the Contract.

D2. SCOPE OF WORK

D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of furnishing all labour, supervision, equipment, materials and expertise necessary for tree watering and maintenance services of boulevard and park trees on public right of ways in the City of Winnipeg Downtown area, from date of award until temperatures consistently fall below freezing (approximately 6 months).

D2.2 The major components of the Work are as follows:

- (a) Securing of Utility Clearances when required;
- (b) Watering of trees;
- (c) Adding mulch to tree Sites when required; and
- (d) Fertilizing the trees.

D2.3 The Work shall be done on an "**as required**" basis during the term of the Contract.

- (a) Watering shall be done as directed by the Contract Administrator, approximately every seven (7) to fourteen (14) days, between May and October.

D2.3.1 The type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract shall be as authorized from time to time by the Contract Administrator and/or Users.

D2.3.2 Notwithstanding C7.4, the City shall have no obligation under the Contract to purchase any quantity of any item in excess of its actual operational requirements.

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.

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. DEFINITIONS

D3.1 When used in this Bid Opportunity:

- (a) "**User**" means a person, department or other administrative unit of the City authorized by the Contract Administrator to order Work under this Contract;

D4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

D4.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Christopher Lepa,
401 Pandora Avenue W
Forestry Technician
105- 1155 Pacific Ave, Winnipeg, MB

Telephone No. (204) 986-2006

Facsimile No. (204) 222-2839

D4.2 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.

D5. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR

D5.1 Further to C6.19, the Contractor shall employ and keep on the Work, at all times during the performance of the Work, a competent supervisor and assistants, if necessary, acceptable to the Contract Administrator. The supervisor shall represent the Contractor on the Site. The supervisor shall not be replaced without the prior consent of the Contract Administrator unless the supervisor proves to be unsatisfactory to the Contractor and ceases to be in his employ.

D5.2 Before commencement of Work, the Contractor shall identify his designated supervisor and any additional personnel representing the Contractor and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D5.2.1 Further to C5.5 Contract Administrator may give instructions or orders to the Contractor's supervisor and such instructions or orders shall be deemed to have been given to the Contractor.

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. INSURANCE

D7.1 The Contractor shall provide and maintain the following insurance coverage:

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

D7.2 Deductibles shall be borne by the Contractor.

D7.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a certificate(s) of insurance, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, 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.

D7.4 The Contractor shall not cancel, materially alter, or cause the policy to lapse without providing at least fifteen (15) Calendar Days prior written notice to the Contract Administrator.

D7.5 The City shall have the right to alter the limits and/or coverages as reasonably required from time to time during the continuance of this agreement.

151 Princess Street

CONTROL OF WORK

D8. COMMENCEMENT

- D8.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he is in receipt of a notice of award from the City authorizing the commencement of the Work.
- D8.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work on the Site until:
- (a) the Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
 - (i) evidence of authority to carry on business specified in D6;
 - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in C6.14; and
 - (iii) evidence of the insurance specified in D7.
 - (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.

D9. PRIME CONTRACTOR – THE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (MANITOBA)

- D9.1 Further to C6.23, the Contractor shall be the Prime Contractor and shall serve as, and have the duties of the Prime Contractor in accordance with The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba).

D10. SAFETY

- D10.1 The Contractor shall be solely responsible for safety at the Site and for compliance with all laws, rules, regulations and practices required by the applicable safety legislation.
- D10.2 The Contractor shall be solely responsible for securing the Site, and any existing facility thereon, and for the proper care and protection of the Work already performed.
- D10.3 The Contractor shall do whatever is necessary to ensure that:
- (a) no person, property, right, easement or privilege is injured, damaged or infringed by reason of the Contractor's activities in performing the Work;
 - (b) the health and safety of all persons employed in the performance of the Work or otherwise is not endangered by the method or means of its performance;
 - (c) adequate medical services are available to all persons employed on the Work and at all times during the performance of the Work;adequate sanitation measures are taken and facilities provided with respect to the Work.
 - (e) pedestrian and other traffic on any public or private road or waterway is not unduly impeded, interrupted or endangered by the performance or existence of the Work or Plant;
 - (f) fire hazards in or about the Work are eliminated.

D11. INSPECTION

- D11.1 Before beginning or resuming operations upon any portion of the Work, the Contractor shall notify the Contract Administrator so as to enable him to arrange for inspection. If the Contractor fails to notify the Contract Administrator, the Contractor shall, if and when required by the Contract Administrator, forthwith take down or expose and redo that portion of the Work required to facilitate inspection. The cost of such taking down or exposure, and redoing, if any, shall be borne by the Contractor.
- D11.2 If and when required by the Contract Administrator, the Contractor shall take down or expose forthwith any portion of the Work where the Contract Administrator determines that the Work is not in accordance with the Contract. The cost of such taking down or exposure, and redoing, if any, shall fall upon the City if the taking down or exposure indicates that the portion exposed was properly performed, but if otherwise the cost shall be borne by the Contractor.

D12. ORDERS

D12.1 The Contractor shall provide a local Winnipeg telephone number or a toll-free telephone number at which orders for service may be placed.

D13. RECORDS

D13.1 The Contractor shall keep detailed records of the services supplied under the Contract.

D13.2 The Contractor shall record, as a minimum, for each item listed on Form B: Prices:

- (a) user name(s) and addresses;
- (b) order date(s);
- (c) service date(s); and
- (d) description and quantity of services provided.

D13.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a copy of the records for each quarter year within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of the end of that quarter.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D14. INVOICES

D14.1 Further to C11, the Contractor shall submit an invoice for the Work performed pursuant to each order.

D14.2 Further to C22.2, the Contractor shall submit invoices to the City of Winnipeg, Public Works Department, Parks and Open Space Division, 1539 Waverley Street, Winnipeg MB R3T 4V7.

D14.3 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.

D14.4 The City will bear no responsibility for delays in approval of invoices which are improperly submitted.

D15. PAYMENT

D15.1 Further to C11, payment shall be in Canadian funds net thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt and approval of the Contractor's invoice.

D15.2 Further to C11, effective January 1, 2007 the City may at its option pay the Contractor by direct deposit to the Contractor's banking institution.

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.

E1.2 The following are applicable to the Work:

<u>Drawing No.</u>	<u>Drawing Name/Title</u>
1	Tree Maintenance Site Map

E1.3 Bidders are reminded that requests for approval of substitutes as an approved equal or an approved alternative shall be made in accordance with B6, prior to the Bid Submission.

E2. SERVICES

E2.1 The Contractor shall provide tree watering and maintenance services for 6 months in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.

E2.2 **A watering cycle** shall be the watering and maintenance of all 400 trees, in accordance with the applicable specifications, once.

- (a) The watering cycle shall be as stated in E2.4;
- (b) The recognized standard for tree watering is approximately 8 to 10 times during the growing season;
- (c) The rule of thumb is 40 litres of water per 25 mm calliper and all trees will be under 25 cm diameter at Breast Height.

E2.3 The Contractor should:

- (a) program the timing of operations to plant growth, weather conditions and use of the Site;
- (b) Do each operation continuously and complete within a reasonable time period;
- (c) Store equipment and materials off-Site;
- (d) Collect and dispose of debris or excess material on a daily basis.

E2.4 Watering shall be done as directed by the Contract Administrator, every seven (7) to fourteen (14) days, between May and October. During each watering cycle, the Contactor will:

- (a) Be provided with a list of order for specific trees to water each watering cycle by the Contract Administrator;
- (b) Begin watering within 48 hours of when the list was received, and finished within 2 weeks;
- (c) Contact the Contract Administrator when each watering cycle is initiated. Once a watering cycle is completed, submit a written record to the Contract Administrator identifying:
 - (i) Maintenance work carried out,
 - (ii) Development and condition of plant material,
 - (iii) Preventative or corrective measures required which are outside Contractor's responsibility,
- (d) Inform the Contract Administrator immediately of any breakdown or delay in maintenance;
- (e) Water trees slowly to ensure that water does not run away from the root zone and so the top 300mm of soil around the root system of the tree is well saturated. Use a:
 - (i) deep root feeder (hard-surface boulevards) or
 - (ii) low pressure open flow nozzle and hose (turf-covered and red shale boulevards),

- (f) Prevent the water stream from gouging out a hole in the soil or mulch;
- (g) Obtain all necessary utility clearances before using a deep root feeder;
- (h) Keep in mind that the recognized standard for tree watering is approximately 8-10 times during the growing season with the following amounts of water depending on the calliper of tree – the rule of thumb is 40 litres of water per 25 mm calliper;
- (i) Keep in mind that the watering requirements of trees depend on a number of variables such as tree species, tree size, soil type, and weather including precipitation. The watering requirements are a minimum standard and shall be followed unless otherwise directed by the Contract Administrator;
- (j) Initial watering cycle to include fertilizer application;
- (k) Complete one watering cycle after temperatures consistently fall below freezing to ensure adequate moisture in root zone at freeze-up.

E2.5 Add additional mulch as required to maintain minimum consistent depth of mulch, and

- (a) Clean up edges and contain mulch within the designated area.

E2.6 Tree Sites shall be hand weeded during the watering process. The Contractor will:

- (a) Maintain surface of tree site free of weeds, and
 - (i) Not allow weeds to establish for a period longer than two (2) weeks.
- (b) Never use any herbicides near trees.

E2.7 The Contractor shall ensure only experienced personnel, under the direction of a skilled supervisor, shall execute all of the Work. The supervisor shall be on Site at all times during the Work and shall be authorized to make binding decisions on behalf of the Contractor.

E2.8 It is understood that the Contract Administrator shall consult with the City Forester on matters which do not conform to, or which are not addressed by these Specifications.

E3. MATERIALS

Water

E3.1 Water shall be free of oils, acids, alkalis, salts and other substances that may be detrimental to plant growth. Water suitable for human consumption shall be acceptable without testing. Waters from rivers and streams shall not be used without prior approval of the Contract Administrator.

E3.2 Should the Contract Administrator determine that water quality testing is necessary, an approved testing laboratory shall perform the test at the sole expense of the Contractor.

E3.3 The Contractor, prior to submission of his/her bid or quotation, shall investigate the type and location of water supply available, so that the Contractor will be cognizant of the watering costs necessary to carry out the contract watering conditions.

E3.4 All costs to provide water for watering operation shall be borne by the Contractor. These costs may include hydrant permit and meter rental fees.

Fertilizer

E3.5 The fertilizer shall be approved by the Contract Administrator prior to application. All fertilizer shall be formulated for trees and have a ratio of 20.20.20. It shall be mixed to the concentration specified on the package.

Mulch

E3.6 Mulch shall be comprised of clean bark or wood chips free of leaves, branches and other extraneous matter.

E3.7 Mulch shall consist of chips not less than 15 mm nor larger than 75 mm in size and not more than 20 mm deep.

E4. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

E4.1 The Contractor shall take every precaution not to damage, injure or mark any existing structures or landscaping on the street allowance or adjacent properties.

E4.2 Should any damage be caused by the Contractor their employees or equipment, it shall be restored or replaced at the Contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the Contract Administrator. This applies even if damage results from work done in the process of correcting deficiencies.

E5. PUBLIC SAFETY / TRAFFIC CONTROL

E5.1 In accordance with the Manual of Temporary Traffic Control, the Contractor ("Agency" in the manual) shall make arrangements with the Traffic Services Section of the City of Winnipeg to place all temporary regulatory signs. The Contractor shall bear all costs associated with the placement of temporary traffic control devices by the Traffic Services Section of the City of Winnipeg in connection with the works undertaken by the Contractor. The requirements shall include the following:

- (a) The Contractor shall maintain traffic flow and ensure that protection is afforded to the road user and that the Contractor's operations shall in no way interfere with the safe operation of traffic.

E6. LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF WORK

E6.1 The Contractor is advised that the Work Site locations may not identify the exact area requiring Maintenance Services. The Contractor shall be advised of the exact Work Site locations in the required sequence from the Contract Administrator. All Work on the Site shall be completed prior to the commencement of any further Work being given.

E6.2 This listing is of intended Work locations. It is provided for the convenience of the Bidder only. The City reserves the right to add or delete locations, within the boundaries of the City, or alter the type and/or quantity of Work performed at any location as required by changes in its operations during the term of the Contract.

E6.3 All Work under this contract shall be assigned by supplying the Contractor with a list of Work Site locations that are arranged on a priority basis. The Contractor must begin with the first listing and follow it through to the last listing unless the Contract Administrator approves other arrangements.

E6.4 The Contractor's operations shall be limited to the minimum encroachment on private properties necessary for undertaking the Work and he shall be responsible for all damage resulting from his Work on or over private property. The Contractor shall take such measures as are necessary to ensure safe and convenient pedestrian ingress and egress are maintained to residences.

E6.5 The Contractor shall promptly report any delay or change to an agreed commencement and completion date to the Contract Administrator.

E6.6 The Contractor shall not begin Work under this Contract prior to a pre-construction meeting being scheduled and held between representatives of the Contractor and the Contract Administrator.

E6.7 This meeting will be scheduled with the Contractor after the award of Contract.

E6.8 The Contract will end October 31st 2008, or after temperatures consistently fall below freezing, whichever occurs later.

E7. AFTER HOURS WORK

E7.1 Further to Clause C1.1 (gg) of the General Conditions, the Contractor shall obtain written permission from the Contract Administrator for any Work to be performed outside regular working hours including any Sunday or Statutory Holiday. Regardless of the Contract Administrator's approval, any such Work done by the Contractor between these hours shall conform to all applicable Laws, By-Laws and Ordinances.

E8. TREE MAINTENANCE SITE MAP

