

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB No. 1609

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO

**Purchasing Department
201 W. Water St.
Piqua, Oh 45356**

Date: February 3, 2016

For further information contact:
**Bev Yount, CPPB
Purchasing Analyst
Phone: 937-778-4002
Fax: 937-778-1130
Email: byount@piquaoh.org**

Your written bid is requested for: Landscape Maintenance Downtown per the included bid form and specifications.

Bids must be received in the Purchasing Office, 201 W. Water St., Piqua, OH 45356
no later than: 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Envelopes shall be plainly marked: **IFB 1609 Landscape Maintenance Downtown** on left, lower corner of envelope

User agency: Engineering Department

Submit signed original bid and one (1) copy of the bid.

Bidder is requested to use the City's bid form that is enclosed, as none other will be accepted.

LEGIBLE INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.

A copy of the Bid Tabulation may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope.

All federal, state, and local laws regarding competitive bidding, anti-competitive practices, and conflict of interest shall be applicable to this I.F.B.

Bids are to include all shipping costs to the point of delivery as indicated above.

The City of Piqua is exempt from payment of federal excise taxes and state retail sales taxes (Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certification No. 31-6000136).

State Manufacturer and Model No. of items you are bidding and send DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE on same with your bid. Any brand names on our bid form are to establish quality levels and do not indicate preference.

The City of Piqua reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in a bid, or to accept the bid or bids which the judgment of proper officials, is to the best interest of the City.

The City of Piqua reserves the right to accept a part or parts of a bid unless otherwise restricted in the bid. If you are not in a position to quote, advise to this effect so we may keep your name on our active vendor list.

**BID to the
City of Piqua, Ohio
Purchasing Department**

Please Reply to I.F.B. 1609

No Later Than: 2:00 p.m. 2/23/16

The undersigned proposes and agrees to furnish any or all items bid at the prices stated herein.

1. Provide all needed material, labor, equipment, etc. to do work as described in the attached scope of work for the Landscaping Maintenance in Downtown, Piqua, OH 45356. The Local Preference Purchasing Program pursuant to Piqua Code Section 34.22 will be applied to this project. We are looking for a partner that shares our desire to make these areas of our City look impeccable.

Total price for Routine Maintenance Scope of Work \$ _____ total

Contact Bob Graeser at 937-778-2044 or bgraeser@piquaoh.org with any questions regarding the scope of work.

The successful bidder must have and maintain current workers compensation insurance, comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance for bodily injury, death or loss of or damage to property of third persons in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence with the City of Piqua as an additional named insured.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT ITEMS FURNISHED AS A RESULT OF THIS BID WILL BE IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF PIQUA SPECIFICATIONS APPLYING THERETO UNLESS EXCEPTIONS ARE STATED ABOVE. THE CITY OF PIQUA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES IN A BID, OR TO ACCEPT THE BID OR BIDS WHICH THE JUDGMENT OF PROPER OFFICIALS, IS TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY. THE CITY OF PIQUA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT A PART OR PARTS OF A BID UNLESS OTHERWISE RESTRICTED IN THE BID.

All delivery costs are included in this quotation regardless of F.O.B. designation.

Bidding Company: _____

Cash Discount Allowed: _____ % 10th Proximo.
Leave blank if your terms are Net 30 days.

Address: _____

Delivery will be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of order.

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

By: _____
Name and Title (please print or type)

Prices quoted will remain firm for acceptance within 90 calendar days after bid opening unless otherwise stated.

Signature: _____

Phone No.: _____/Fax No.: _____

Fed. I.D. No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Standard Terms and Conditions

1. BILLING: All goods or services must be billed to the City of Piqua and at prices not exceeding those stated on the purchase order. If prices or terms do not agree with your quotation, you must notify the Purchasing Department within three business days or your disagreement is waived.
2. INVOICE: Prepayment or progress payments are not permitted unless prior permission is obtained from the Finance Department. All invoices are to be in duplicate and are to be mailed to the Finance Department and shall reference the City's purchase order number. Failure to include the purchase order number may prevent timely payment. Each purchase order must be invoiced separately. Unless specified otherwise, the invoice will only be paid upon completion of the order. The City of Piqua may issue payments to vendors electronically upon mutual agreement of both parties.
3. CASH DISCOUNTS: All cash discount terms will be effective from date of actual receipt and acceptance of the items purchased, or receipt of correct and acceptable invoice, whichever is later.
4. FREIGHT: NO COLLECTION FREIGHT SHIPMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. All quotations are solicited on a "delivered price" basis. When, in rare instances, the City accepts a quotation not including all shipping charges, your claim for reimbursement, must be itemized on the invoice and supported with a copy of the original freight bill.
5. TAXES: The City of Piqua is exempt from payment of Federal excise taxes and State retail sales taxes. Our Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate Number is 31-6000136. You are responsible for all Social Security taxes and Workers' Compensation contributions for yourself or any of your employees.
6. DELIVERIES: All deliveries on this order must be in full accordance with specifications, properly identified with the purchase order number and must not exceed the quantities specified.
7. CANCELLATION: The City of Piqua reserves the right to cancel this order by written notice if you do not fulfill your contractual obligations with respect to timeliness, quality and/or any other reason.
8. DEFAULT PROVISIONS: In case of your default, the City of Piqua may procure the items from other sources and hold you responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby and any other damages permitted by law, if you have been notified in writing by the City of Piqua you are in default and you have failed to cure the default within the time specified.
9. NO VERBAL AGREEMENTS: The City of Piqua will be bound only by the terms and conditions of this order, and will not be responsible for verbal agreements made by any officer or employee of the City of Piqua. In order to be binding on the parties, any changes made to these Terms and Conditions shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
10. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT: It is hereby understood (and by acceptance of this order) you agree to defend, indemnify and save harmless the City of Piqua, Ohio, its officers, agents and employees from any and all loss, costs or expense on account of any claim, suit or judgment as a result of, caused by, or incident to any patent, copyright or trademark infringement and/or royalty, actual or claimed, because of the use or disposition by said City of any article enumerated on this order and sold to said City pursuant to this order.
11. INSPECTION: The City of Piqua may inspect the items ordered hereunder during their manufacture, construction and/or preparation at reasonable times and shall have the right to inspect such items at the time of their delivery and/or completion. Items furnished hereunder may at any time be rejected for defects revealed by inspection, analysis, or by manufacturing operations or use after delivery even though such items may have previously been inspected and accepted. Such rejected items may be returned to you for full refund to City of Piqua including shipping and transportation charges.
12. WARRANTY: You warrant that the items and their production or completion shall not violate any federal, state or local laws, regulations or orders. You warrant all items delivered hereunder to be free from defects of material or workmanship, to be good quality, and to conform strictly to any specifications, drawings or samples which may have been specified or furnished by the City of Piqua, and you further warrant that you have good title to the items free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and will transfer such title to the City of Piqua. Said warranties shall not negate nor limit any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness. This warranty shall survive any inspection, delivery, acceptance or payment by the City of Piqua.
13. RISK OF LOSS: Title and risk of loss to and with respect to the items shall remain with you until the items in a complete state have been delivered to and accepted by the City of Piqua or to an agent or consignee duly designated by the City of Piqua at the location specified on the face hereof, items which are to be shipped shall be shipped F.O.B. destination unless otherwise specified by the City of Piqua. A packing slip must accompany each such shipment and if a shipment is to a consignee or an agent of the City of Piqua, a copy of the packing slip shall be forwarded concurrently to the City of Piqua. If no such packing slip is sent, the count or weight by the City of Piqua or its agent or consignee is agreed to be final and binding on you with respect to such shipment.
14. SAVE HARMLESS: You shall indemnify and hold the City of Piqua, its officers, elected officials, agents, consignees, employees, volunteers, and representatives harmless from and against all expenses, damages, claims, suits, or liabilities (including attorney's fees of the City of Piqua) of every kind whatsoever by reason of, arising out of, or in any way connected with, accidents, occurrences, injuries or losses to or any person or property which may occur before or after acceptance of the completed items by the City of Piqua upon or about in any way due to resulting from, in whole or in part, the preparation, manufacture, construction, completion, and/or delivery of the items, including such as are caused by your subcontractors and excluding only such as are caused by the sole negligence of the City of Piqua other than where the City of Piqua's negligence consists of its failure to discover a condition caused or permitted to exist by you or any subcontractor of yours.
15. INSURANCE: If requested by the City of Piqua, you shall maintain policies of liability insurance such types and such amounts and with such companies as may be designated by the City of Piqua, which policies shall be written so as to protect the City of Piqua and you from the risks enumerated in Section 14. Such policies of insurance shall not be cancelable except upon thirty (30) days written notice to the City of Piqua and proof of such insurance shall be furnished by you to the City of Piqua. In addition, such policies shall protect all your subcontractors. You agree to make prompt written report to the insurance company involved of all accidents, occurrences, injuries or losses which may occur and of any and all claims made against the persons insured under said policies of insurance and to send copies of such reports to the City of Piqua within twenty-four (24) hours of the time that you obtained knowledge of the occurrence thereof.

16. SPECIFICATIONS CONFIDENTIAL: Any document marked confidential or proprietary, received from The City of Piqua, shall not be released by the Company prior to the City's consent that the information to be released is disclosable and/or a public record. The City shall receive immediate notice of any other document disclosed by the Company.
17. EXAMINATION OF PREMISES: If work is to be performed hereunder on the premises of the City of Piqua, you represent that you have examined the premises and any specifications or other documents furnished in connection with the items and that you have satisfied yourself as to the condition of the premises and site and agrees that no allowance shall be made in respect of any error as to such on your part.
18. CLEANING OF PREMISES: If work is to be performed hereunder on the premises of the City of Piqua, you shall at all times keep the premises free from accumulation of waste material or rubbish. At the completion of the items you shall leave the premises and the items broom-clean.
19. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
 - (a) You agree that you will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, age, marital status, or handicap with respect to employment, upgrading promotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, lay-off determination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
 - (b) It is expressly agreed and understood by you that Section 19 (a) constitutes a material condition of this contract as fully as specifically rewritten herein, also that failure to comply therewith shall constitute a breach thereof entitling the City to terminate the contract at its option.
20. AGREEMENT TO BE EXCLUSIVE: This purchase order contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all other oral agreements only when there is no executed contract between the parties. The parties acknowledge and agree that neither of them has made any representation with respect to the subject matter of this purchase order or any representation inducing the execution and delivery of this purchase order, except such representations as are specifically set forth here, and each party acknowledges that it has relied on these representations in connection with its dealings with the other.
21. GOVERNING LAW: This purchase order, the performance under it, and all suits and special proceedings under it, shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. In any action, special proceeding or other proceeding that may be brought arising out of, in connection with, or by reason of this agreement, the laws of the State of Ohio shall be applicable and shall govern to the exclusion of the laws of any other forum, without regard to the jurisdiction in which the action or special proceeding may be instituted.
22. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS: Any rights or remedies granted to the City of Piqua in any part of this purchase order shall not be exclusive of, but shall be in addition to, any other rights or remedies granted in another part of this purchase order and any other rights or remedies that the City of Piqua may have at law or in equity in any such instance. Any litigation arising from disputes herein shall be instituted only in Miami County, Ohio.
23. GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Should there be any conflict between the terms of the executed contract and this purchase order, the terms of the contract govern.
24. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: The contractor, his assigns, heirs, successors, employees and any and all subcontractors are independent contractors and are not agents and/or employees of the City of Piqua.
25. ASSIGNMENT: This purchase order is not assignable to any other entity or contractor. Assignment of the purchase order shall void the purchase order.

Contractor List:

Elliott Landscaping
 926 Covington Avenue
 Piqua, Ohio 45356

Casto Landscaping
 300 E. Ash Street
 Piqua, Ohio 45356

Ultimate Fence & Landscape, LLC
 P.O. Box 1131
 Piqua, Ohio 45356

Outdoor Enterprise LLC
 8515 Lefevre Rd.
 Casstown, OH 45312

Joe White Landscaping
 P.O. Box 195
 Sidney, OH 45365

Easy Lawn
 910 S. Main St.
 Piqua, OH 45356

Scope of Work:

City of Piqua Landscape Maintenance Downtown

Locations:

The City of Piqua is requesting bids for maintaining the existing beds in the following areas.

- The bio-garden areas on Water Street between Main Street and Wayne Street on the north and south side of the Street.
- The curb extensions at the intersection of High Street and Wayne Street
- The curb extensions at the intersection of High Street and Downing Street

Work Scope:

This work is to include pristine maintenance, all bedding plants are to be surveyed for any dying plants and replaced immediately. All beds are to be mulched in April with like mulch for all the beds to maintain color consistency throughout the downtown area. This work is to include watering of all the plants. The watering is to be done based on need and time of year; however, plants are to appear hearty and responding to good watering conditions at times throughout the growing season.

The trees that are at the intersection of High Street and Wayne Street are Cleveland Select Pear and they develop water shoots. These must be trimmed so they don't occur at all. The appearance of these landscape areas is to be immaculate at all times.

Seasonal pruning will be required to provide a manicured appearance throughout the year.

Time Limits:

This contract will be for a period of one year (2016), with an option for a renewal of an additional year (2017).

Quality Control:

The City of Piqua Engineering Department will monitor all maintenance of these zones to ensure City expectations are met. If expectations cannot be maintained, the City of Piqua will inform the landscaper they are not meeting the City's expectations and reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any point.

Request of Payment:

Schedule for routine maintenance payments will be as follows: April-June 40%, July- August 40%, Oct-Nov 20% .

