

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
**ROADSIDE MOWING 2024**  
**NORTH REGION – GUNTERVILLE AREA**  
**GADSDEN DISTRICT**  
**(ETOWAH COUNTY)**

**1.0 CONTRACTOR'S REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL**

- 1.1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 34-8-1 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, EACH BIDDER MUST SUBMIT WITH THEIR BID, PROOF OF LICENSING THROUGH THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF LICENSING FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS, WITH APPROVED MAXIMUM BID LIMITS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE BID RELATED TO THIS SPECIFICATION. CONTRACTOR MUST BE LICENSED IN AN AREA OF WORK APPROPRIATE TO THE WORK SCOPE APPLICABLE TO THIS BID PROCESS. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE BID.** A COPY OF THE CONTRACTOR'S CURRENT YEAR LICENSE WILL EXPEDITE THE EVALUATION PROCESS.
- 1.2 EACH BIDDER MUST SUBMIT, WITH THEIR BOND, PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 PER OCCURRENCE, \$2,000,000 AGGREGATE. EACH BIDDER SHALL FURTHER PROVIDE PROOF OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION WITH THE BID PACKAGE WILL BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE BID.**
- 1.3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 41-16-59 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ON THIS SOLICITATION IS RESTRAINED FROM ASSIGNING OR SUBCONTRACTING ANY PORTION OF THE WORK UNDER THIS CONTRACT WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE AWARDING AGENCY AND THE AREA MAINTENANCE ENGINEER.
- 1.4 DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE CONTRACT, AWARD WILL BE MADE ON AN "ALL OR NONE" BASIS, TO THE RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR, WHO DURING THE COURSE OF BID EVALUATION IS FOUND TO BE THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES, CALCULATIONS WILL BE BASED ON TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL USAGE PER PROVIDED DISTRICT BOX SHEETS.
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1.7 EACH BIDDER MUST BE ABLE TO DOCUMENT, ON DEMAND, A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF ROADWAY MOWING AND LITTER PICKUP/REMOVAL SERVICE OPERATIONS OF A SIMILAR SIZE, NATURE AND SCOPE INCLUDING VALID REFERENCES AND CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION.

## 2.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 ALL WORKMANSHIP SHALL BE OF PROFESSIONAL QUALITY AND STANDARD AS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE TRADE. ALL WORKMANSHIP IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND APPROVAL BY THE AREA MAINTENANCE ENGINEER, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEE AND MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS (CURRENT EDITION) AS WELL AS ANY STANDARD DRAWINGS, SPECIAL DRAWINGS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

2.2 ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THIS WORK WILL BE PERFORMED UNDER TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REQUIRING SPECIAL CARE TO EXPEDITE THE WORK AND PREVENT UNDUE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. **TRAFFIC CONTROL WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD) AND CHAPTER VI OF THE MOST CURRENT EDITION OF THE STANDARDS AND GUIDES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROLS FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, UTILITY AND INCIDENTAL MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS.** ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBARTICLE 107.7 AND SUB-ARTICLE 630.03 (D) OF THE CURRENT STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE CARE TO ENSURE THAT THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE KEPT IN LIKE NEW APPEARANCE FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. PAYMENT FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE A SUBIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.

ON ROUTES WHERE TRACTORS WITH MOWERS ARE WITHIN

TWO FEET OF THE TRAVELED WAY, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROTECT HIS PERSONNEL AND THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. THIS MAY BE DONE BY PROVIDING A TRAIL TRUCK WITH FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS AND "MOWER AHEAD" SIGNS OR "FLAGGER AHEAD" SIGNS WITH A FLAGGER OR OTHER APPROVED METHODS. PAYMENT FOR THESE ITEMS SHALL BE A SUBSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF THE MOWING ITEM. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL EMPLOYEES WEAR APPROPRIATE SAFETY APPAREL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE MUTCD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST CLASS 2 ANSI STANDARDS.

*WHEN MOWING ON THE INSIDE SHOULDER OF THE MEDIAN ON DIVIDED HIGHWAYS WITH SPEEDS GREATER THAN 50 MPH, A UNIFORMED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH CAR (STATE, COUNTY, OR CITY) WILL BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE LISTED MUTCD TRAFFIC CONTROL. SCHEDULING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COST SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. PAYMENT FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE A SUBSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.*

MOWING, LINE TRIMMING AND LITTER COLLECTION SHALL BE PERFORMED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNING.

- 2.3 PRICES TO INCLUDE ALL EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, TOOLS, LABOR, TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND OTHER NECESSARY INCIDENTALS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS WORK IN AN APPROVED AND SATISFACTORY MANNER. ALL FUEL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WORK SHALL BE A SUBSIDIARY OF MOWING.
- 2.4 NO WORK WILL BE DONE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL AND NOTIFICATION BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AT LOCATIONS DESIGNATED.
- 2.5 PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE IN ARREARS BY THE UNIT PRICE FOR EACH LINE ITEM ACTUALLY COMPLETED PER CYCLE. AN INVOICE WITH A COPY OF THE DAILY REPORTS AND PROOF OF COMPLIANT DISPOSAL (SEE 3.2) IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AT THE END OF EACH CYCLE. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE DAILY, BY PHONE, FAX, OR EMAIL OF THE AREAS MOWED AND CLEANED SO THAT INSPECTIONS CAN BE MADE DAILY.

- 2.6 THE PURCHASE ORDER AWARD WILL BE VALID FOR THE **2024** MOWING SEASON AS DIRECTED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR A **SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH** YEAR WITH MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONTRACTOR UNDER THE ORIGINAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICING.
- 2.7 THE QUANTITIES INCLUDED ON THE PROVIDED BOX SHEET ARE **ESTIMATES ONLY AND IN NO WAY OBLIGATE THE STATE TO PURCHASE ANY MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM QUANTITY OF WORK. THE NUMBER OF CYCLES MAY BE INCREASED OR REDUCED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CONTRACT YEAR OR AT THE WRITTEN DIRECTION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR (SEE SEC. 3.6).** A PRE-MOWING SEASON MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY IN APRIL OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST MOWING CYCLE IF SOONER TO DETERMINE THE PLANNED CYCLES FOR THE MOWING SEASON.
- 2.8 THE ESTIMATED ACREAGE IS BASED ON MAINTENANCE INVENTORIES AND IS FURNISHED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.
- 2.9 NO MOWING OR LITTER OPERATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED WHEN THERE ARE CLIMATIC OR TRAFFIC CONDITIONS PRESENT OR FORECAST THAT WOULD MAKE SUCH AN OPERATION INEFFECTUAL OR DANGEROUS. THESE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS MIGHT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HEAVY RAIN, FOG, ICE OR HIGH WINDS. TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MIGHT INCLUDE SPORTING EVENTS, HOLIDAYS, CONCERTS, ETC.

### **3.0 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 THE MOWING AND LITTER REMOVAL EQUIPMENT USED SHALL BE OF SUFFICIENT TYPE, CAPACITY, AND QUANTITY TO SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY PERFORM THE MOWING WORK. ALL FACTORY SAFETY DEVICES MUST BE IN PLACE AND FULLY OPERATIONAL. THE DEPARTMENT WILL APPROVE THE CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO STARTING WORK.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL UTILIZE EQUIPMENT THAT IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND SUITABLE AND SAFE FOR MOWING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS OF THE HIGHWAY. ALL ROTARY MOWERS SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY CHAINS TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY BY FLYING DEBRIS FROM A MOWER. SAFETY CHAINS SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 3/8 INCH DIAMETER METAL. LINKS SHALL BE INSTALLED SIDE BY SIDE

AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE MOWER DECK FRAME. THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF THE SAFETY CHAINS SHALL BE LONG ENOUGH TO DRAG THE GROUND AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE MOWER IS IN OPERATION. THE MOWER SHALL NOT HAVE A FIXED DECK WIDTH MORE THAN 10 FEET SO THAT SAFE TRAVEL IN TRAFFIC LANES IS POSSIBLE. HINGED OR BATWING MOWERS WIDER THAN 10 FEET, WHILE IN OPERATION, SHALL BE ACCEPTABLE AND SUBJECT TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL. MOWER'S SHALL BE KEPT IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION AND PROVIDE A CLEAN SHARP CUT OF VEGETATION. EQUIPMENT SHALL CONFORM TO ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS THAT APPLY TO THE OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT.

ANY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WORKING OUTSIDE THEIR VEHICLE IN A WORK ZONE SHALL WEAR APPROPRIATE REFLECTIVE ATTIRE, I.E. VEST, MEETING CURRENT ANSI CLASS 2 OR CLASS 3 STANDARDS. DELIBERATE VIOLATIONS OF ESTABLISHED SAFETY PROTOCOL, WHEN OBSERVED AND DOCUMENTED BY ALDOT PERSONNEL CAN BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATION FOR CANCELLATION OF THIS CONTRACT.

- 3.2 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS DURING THE LITTER OPERATION SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE HAULING, HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF SUCH MATERIAL SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF COMPLIANT DISPOSAL WITH EACH INVOICE BY SUBMITTING WITH THE INVOICE, DISPOSAL TICKETS PROVIDING THE NAME, FACILITY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND LOCATION OF FACILITY CONTRACTOR IS USING FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS. ALL LANDFILL FEES SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE AND LEGAL DISPOSAL SHALL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT AND FORFEITURE OF PAYMENT FOR ANY WORK FOUND TO BE IN NON-COMPLIANCE.
- 3.3 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR A DAILY WORK REPORT WHICH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AREA MOWED AND LITTER PICKED UP, WORK HOURS, DAMAGE AND/OR REPAIRS MADE TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY, ADVERSE WEATHER, ETC

- 3.4 FREQUENCIES FOR EACH CYCLE/ROUTE ARE INDICATED ON THE PROVIDED BOX SHEET. HOURS OF OPERATIONS WILL BE FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET ONLY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, UNLESS ALTERED BY ORDER OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE FOR PARTICULAR LOCATIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES. EACH CYCLE MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE A NEW CYCLE IS STARTED. SEE THE ATTACHED SHEETS FOR LOCATIONS, CYCLE FREQUENCIES AND APPROXIMATE ACREAGE FOR EACH LOCATION.
- 3.5 THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL DETERMINE THE BEGINNING OF EACH CYCLE AND WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTOR FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH CYCLE. NO WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED WITHOUT WRITTEN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.
- 3.6 CONTRACTOR'S SHALL PLAN FOR **A SINGLE MOWING CYCLE AS A STANDARD** BASED ON THE PERFORMANCE OF ALDOT'S HERBICIDE PROGRAM. IF ONLY ONE CYCLE IS NEEDED, THE APPROXIMATE START DATE WILL EITHER BE CYCLE ONE OR CYCLE THREE. **THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER CYCLES AND TO ADD OR TO DELETE ROUTES, OR INCREASE OR DECREASE THE DISTANCE ON ROUTES AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY.** THE CONTRACTOR'S BID CANNOT BE ADJUSTED TO COMPENSATE FOR THESE ALTERATIONS.
- 3.7 EVIDENCE OF A CONTRACTOR'S INABILITY TO COMPLETE EACH CYCLE IN A TIMELY MANNER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS, WILL BE CAUSE FOR CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT.
- 3.8 UPON REQUEST, CONTRACTOR MUST BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE LEGAL IDENTIFICATION (STATE ISSUED DRIVER'S LICENSE OR NON-DRIVER'S LICENSE IDENTIFICATION CARD) AND A USCIS FORM I-9 FOR ANY CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WORKING ON AN ALDOT CONTRACT.

#### **4.0 WORK SCOPE AND MOWING LIMITS**

- 4.1 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SUPERVISION ON THE PROJECT AT ALL TIMES. SUPERINTENDENT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE MOWING OPERATIONS, ANSWER INQUIRIES, INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS, ENSURE SAFE PROCEDURES, MONITOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, ETC. PAYMENT FOR THIS WILL BE A SUBSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.

- 4.2 **THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTOR OF ADDITIONS, REDUCTIONS OR CANCELLATIONS IN MOWING ACREAGE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF BEGINNING OF MOWING CYCLE.** THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RECEIVE, IN WRITING, A NOTICE TO PROCEED FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO STARTING WORK ON ANY ONE CYCLE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BEGIN WORK WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROCEED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS TIME FRAME WILL RESULT IN THE CONTRACTOR BEING FOUND IN DEFAULT OF CONTRACT.
- 4.3 THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE WILL INFORM THE CONTRACTOR OF AREAS THAT ARE NOT TO BE MOWED. THE CONTRACTOR WILL USE CAUTION TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THESE AREAS.
- 4.4 NO GATHERING OF HAY SHALL BE PERMITTED
- 4.5 PROJECTED START DATES FOR EACH CYCLE ARE INCLUDED ON BOX SHEET. **THESE DATES MY BE ALTERED, OR AN ENTIRE CYCLE MAY BE DELETED,** BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR DEPENDING ON WEATHER AND GROWING CYCLES. THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTOR, IN WRITING, OF ANY DEVIATION IN PLANNED CYCLE DATES.
- 4.6 THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE HAND TOOLS OR STRING TRIMMERS AS NECESSARY AROUND SIGN POSTS, DELINEATORS, UTILITY POLES, HEADWALLS, DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, BRIDGES, MAIL BOXES, ETC. PAYMENT FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE A SUBSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.
- 4.7 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PERFORM "EDGE" TRIMMING BEHIND ALL CONCRETE ISLANDS, CURBS AND LIKE STRUCTURES IN EACH MOWING CYCLE. CONTRACTOR SHALL USE SUCH EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ACCOMPLISH REQUIRED TRIMMING IN A NEAT, LINEAR FASHION. NO RESIDUAL CUT VEGETATION SHALL REMAIN HANGING OVER CURBING, CONCRETE ISLANDS OR LIKE STRUCTURES. THIS WORK SHALL BE A SUBSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.
- 4.8 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE VEHICLES OR OTHER PROPERTY WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF MOWING OPERATIONS. SIGNS OR DELINEATORS DAMAGED BY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE STRAIGHTENED OR REPLACED IMMEDIATELY, PRIOR TO ADVANCING TO THE NEXT SEGMENT AT NO COST TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF ANY DAMAGE TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ANY REPAIRS PERFORMED. THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL DETERMINE IF REPAIRS ARE SUFFICIENT AND HAS THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT UNTIL SUFFICIENT REPAIRS ARE MADE.

- 4.9 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL TO PERFORM ALL OPERATIONS INCLUDED IN THIS PROJECT. THESE OPERATIONS SHALL INCLUDE NORMAL MOWING OPERATIONS, TRIMMING AND HANDWORK, AS WELL AS WORK IN WET AREAS OR OTHER HARD TO MAINTAIN AREAS.
- 4.10 MOWING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN "BLOCK" TYPE SEGMENTS **NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILES** IN LENGTH. EACH SECTION SHALL BE COMPLETELY MOWED INCLUDING HAND WORK, PRIOR TO ADVANCING. MOWING SHALL PROGRESS IN A CONTINUOUS DIRECTION. THE CONTRACTOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SKIP FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER LEAVING SEGMENTS UNMOWED EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A STEEP SLOPE BEING TOO WET TO MOW WHICH COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE TURF BY SLIPPING AND SPINNING TRACTOR WHEELS. IN THIS CASE THE CONTRACTOR WILL RETURN TO THIS AREA AFTER A SUFFICIENT DRYING PERIOD.
- 4.11 MOWING HEIGHT SHALL BE 6 INCHES. THE TOLERANCE FOR MOWING HEIGHT SHALL BE 3/4 INCH PLUS OR MINUS. MOWERS WORKING ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER SHALL PROVIDE FOR A NEAT UNIFORM CUT OVER THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE CUT AREA. SCALPING OR SHALLOW CUTTING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
- 4.12 ANY RUTTING, SCALPING OR SLOPE DAMAGE CREATED BY THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO PRE-EXISTING CONDITION, USING ALDOT SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOP SOIL, SEEDING AND MULCHING. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR SHALL BE A SUBSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.
- 4.13 FRONT SLOPES GREATER THAN 3:1 WILL BE MOWED A MINIMUM OF 15 FEET DOWN THE SLOPE FROM EDGE OF SHOULDER OR EDGE OF GUARDRAIL IF APPLICABLE. ON BACKSLOPES GREATER THAN 3:1, MOW A MINIMUM OF 15 FEET UP THE BACKSLOPE FROM DITCHLINE. ANY SLOPE, DITCH OR OTHER MOWABLE AREA, AS DEFINED BY THE MOWING LIMITS IN THIS CONTRACT, THAT IS TOO WET TO MOW WITHOUT TRACTOR SLIPPAGE WILL BE MOWED USING A BOOM MOWER OR HAND EQUIPMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR. PAYMENT FOR THESE ITEMS SHALL BE A SUSIDIARY OBLIGATION OF MOWING.

- 4.14 MOWING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE CLEANED OF ALL CLIPPINGS AND SEEDS AND APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE PRIOR TO BEGINNING EACH MOWING CYCLE. IN ADDITION, MOWING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE CLEANED OF ALL CLIPPINGS AND SEEDS PRIOR TO BEGINNING EACH DAY.
- 4.15 IF MOWING IS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THE ALLOTTED NUMBER OF DAYS, LIQUIDATED DAMAGES WILL BE ASSESSED PER CYCLE, BASED ON THE MOST CURRENT EDITION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.
- 4.16 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONTRACT, LITTER IS DEFINED AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TRASH, GARBAGE, AND/OR REFUSE OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES: PAPER, PLASTIC, BOTTLES, CANS, WOOD, TIRES, METAL PRODUCTS, ETC. AND DEBRIS DESIGNATED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR. LITTER IS TO BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER MOWING FOR DISPOSAL ON EACH MOWING CYCLE WITHIN THE MOWING LIMITS AND SHALL INCLUDE THE PAVED SHOULDER AND ROADWAY.
- 4.17 THE IMMEDIATE POST MOWING LITTER PICKUP WILL BE CONSIDERED SUBSIDIARY TO THE MOWING CYCLE. ALL LITTER SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER MOWING.
- 4.18 LITTER COLLECTION SHALL BE DONE WITHIN SEPARATE BLOCKS OR AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO ALLOW THE COLLECTION TO BE PERFORMED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER AND TO ALLOW THE INSPECTION OF THE LITTER REMOVAL WORK.
- 4.19 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DISPOSE OF THE COLLECTED LITTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF THIS TYPE OF DEBRIS.
- 4.20 LITTER PICKUP WILL BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO MOWING CYCLES WITHIN 14 DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR. **ADDITIONAL LITTER PICKUP WILL BE PAID AT THE BID PRICE SUBMITTED FOR THE REGULAR MOWING CYCLES.** THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD PLAN FOR A **MINIMUM OF QUARTERLY LITTER PICKUP CYCLES** ON DIVIDED HIGHWAY ROUTES IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR MOWING CYCLES.
- 4.21 HANDWORK AROUND GUARDRAILS AND CABLERAILS AND ATTACHED END ANCHORS WILL BE PAID FOR AS LINE TRIMMING. ALL OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING HANDWORK WILL BE PAID AS SUBSIDIARY TO MOWING (SEE SEC. 4.6).

4.22 ADDITIONAL LINE TRIMMING WILL BE REQUIRED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR BASED ON AESTHETIC AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AROUND STRUCTURES AND GUARDRAIL. ADDITIONAL LINE TRIMMING WILL BE PAID AT THE BID PRICE SUBMITTED FOR THE REGULAR MOWING CYCLES.

## **5.0 INSPECTION**

5.1 THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MAY APPOINT SUCH INSPECTORS, ASSISTANTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY AND THEY SHALL BE GRANTED FULL ACCESS TO THE WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT.

5.2 DUTIES OF THE INSPECTOR:

INSPECTORS WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO INSPECT ALL WORK DONE. SUCH INSPECTION MAY EXTEND TO ALL OR ANY PART OF THE WORK. THE INSPECTOR WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO ALTER OR WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT. THE INSPECTOR WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS CONTRARY TO THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATION OR TO ACT AS FOREMAN FOR THE CONTRACTOR; HOWEVER, HE SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REJECT WORK OR MATERIALS UNTIL ANY QUESTIONS AT ISSUE CAN BE REFERRED TO AND DECIDED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

INSPECTOR SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE WORKSITE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. IN THE EVENT THAT AN UNDUE SAFETY HAZARD EXISTS, THE INSPECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO STOP WORK UNTIL THE HAZARD IS CORRECTED.

5.3 ALL WORK IS TO BE DONE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

### **MOWING GUIDELINES AND PARAMETERS FOR ALL CYCLES**

MEDIANS ARE TO BE MOWED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

OUTSIDE SLOPES ON ALL ROUTES ARE TO BE MOWED TO RIGHT OF WAY OR TO THE EXISTING TREE LINE/FENCE LINE IN EACH CYCLE.

LITTER COLLECTION IS TO BE PERFORMED TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OR TREE LINE/FENCE LINE.

AT INTERSECTING ROADWAYS AND DRIVEWAYS, A WIDE SIGHT

TRIANGLE, WITH LEGS EXTENDING 150 FEET, SHALL BE MOWED DOWN EACH SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION.

HANDWORK AROUND GUARDRAILS, CULVERT ENDS AND BRIDGE ENDS AND OTHER DRAINAGE STRUCTURES SHALL BE A PRIORITY.

WET AREAS NOT ACCESSIBLE BY MECHANICAL MOWING EQUIPMENT SHALL REQUIRE HAND TRIMMING OR OTHER SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT ON EACH CYCLE OR AS DIRECTED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE.