

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – ON CALL SERVICE CONTRACT
GREENVILLE DISTRICT – I-65 REST AREAS

1. SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The Contractor will be required to supply labor, equipment, materials, tools, means of transportation, traffic control, and incidentals to perform work in accordance with this specification, and to ensure a safe work environment for employees associated with Vegetation Management Services defined in this specification. This work will occur within the Greenville District at the I-65 Rest Areas. The coverage area is approximately 8 acres of Bermuda Sod at Southbound Rest Area and approximately 8 acres of Bermuda Sod at Northbound Rest Area. This covers the area around the Rest Area and vicinity outside the Rest Area drive.

2. AWARD

Contractor must submit a bid on all line items or the bid will be deemed incomplete and thus rejected.

Award will be made to the bidder meeting all minimum requirements, specifications, and offering the lowest overall pricing for each individual area.

3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT(S)

Contractor must provide proof of possession of an active Commercial Applicator Permit, issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries with bid submittal packet.

Contractor must provide proof of a registered physical address within 50 miles of the Greenville District Office Facility. P.O. Box will not be accepted.

4. SPECIFICATION

All herbicide mixtures and formulations will be applied according to label directions and/or to manufactures' recommendations. Under no circumstances shall herbicides be applied at rates exceeding label recommendations.

Contractor must have working knowledge of herbicides and other related products. Contractor must be able to communicate and explain application operations to interested parties.

Contractor must be able to immediately resolve and/or satisfy any claim associated with performing, handling, shipping, storing, or applying of herbicides associated

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with this on-call service contract. Contractor is fully responsible for proper off-site disposal of all chemical containers.

Contractor will be responsible for locating sensitive and/or restricted non-vegetative right-of-way areas where herbicides, as specified on the manufacturer's label, should not be applied. Examples are gardens, lawns, pastures, ornamental/fruit trees, streams and wetlands, pesticide hypersensitive adjacent property owners, and organic nurseries.

All spray units will be leak-proof and spill-proof. All spray equipment will be sealed so leakage will not occur from tanks, pumps, spray hose connections, etc. Any equipment found not meeting this requirement will be just cause for stopping work. Repeated failure to eliminate such leakage will be just cause for cancellation of this on-call service contract.

Contractor, applicators, and employees shall, at all times while on the activity site, wear the appropriate safety clothing as well as Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) specified by label directions.

Contractor will be responsible for any off target and/or chemical drift type damage.

Contractors, applicators, and employees involved in the application of herbicides and/or adjuvants must have all federal, state, and local licenses, certificates and permits required by law. An individual in possession of a current applicable Commercial Applicator Permit, issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, must be present on the job site at all times.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act, the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, and the Alabama Environmental Management Act are hereby made a part hereof by reference.

Contractor shall provide proof of applicable Permit coverage and conform to the above referenced regulations. In the event Permit criteria are not met or a Permit is not required, the Contractor shall submit a Best Management Plan (BMP) designed to manage and minimize the discharge of regulated pollutants into the environment.

Contractor must indemnify and save harmless ALDOT from all suits, actions or claims of any character brought because of injuries or damage received by any person(s) or property because of a lack of compliance with applicable laws and regulations due to action or inaction on the part of the Contractor. Suits, actions and claims include those brought by private or public entities and may be civil or regulatory in nature.

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Contractor must not clean equipment, tanks, hoses, or other materials related to herbicide applications on ALDOT property.

Contractor must produce daily herbicide reports of all applications. The reports will contain all information required by the Department of Ag & Industries for applications done in the State of Alabama.

Contractor must contact ALDOT District Personnel a minimum of two days prior to performing any Vegetation Management activity.

Vegetation Management applications will be priced individually and used as needed.

In the event a Vegetation Management application performed by the Contractor is deemed deficient by ALDOT the Contractor will reapply the previous treatment at no additional charge to ALDOT.

Vegetation Management activity locations and quantities will be furnished to the Contractor through a purchase order.

For each purchase order, the Contractor will be responsible for providing any/all line items as directed by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).

The exact quantity of each line item is unknown. The ALDOT does not guarantee the State will buy any amount.

All work will be completed in conformance with the ALDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, ALDOT Standard and Special Drawings for Highway Construction, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), latest adopted edition, and any other applicable ALDOT policy and/or procedure.

The Contractor will have 14 days from receipt of notice to proceed (date printed on approved purchase order) to complete the work requested on the purchase order and associated documents. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to notify ALDOT, within five business days after receipt of notice to proceed, if additional information is needed to complete the work requested on the purchase order. In the event work cannot be completed within the 14-day timeframe, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to submit an explanation and request for an extension stating the number of additional days that will be required to complete the work. This letter will be submitted to the District Personnel in charge for review and approval. Failure to complete the work within the 14-day

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timeframe could result in termination of the purchase order if an extension is not submitted and approved by the District Personnel.