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NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE, POLICY & URBAN AFFAIRS
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SPECIFICATIONS FOR

TOP GRADE SHREDDED TOP SOIL

FOR THE

CITY OF BUFFALO, AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

DATE ISSUED: MARCH 4, 2010
BID OPENING DATE: MARCH 16, 2010
BUYER: PAUL DESIDERIO

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REGULATIONS

FOR ENTERING FORMAL PROPOSALS FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND; SERVICES

1. METHOD OF TENDERING PROPOSALS.

(A) ALL BIDDERS MUST TENDER THEIR PROPOSAL ON THE FORM FURNISHED WITH THESE SPECIFICATIONS and shall execute the form in ink or typewriter, without alteration or additions of any kind. Except for catalogs or other descriptive literature specified or requested, ANY LETTERS OR OTHER PAPERS ATTACHED TO PROPOSALS OR SUBMITTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER CONTAINING CONTINGENT CLAUSES OR MODIFICATIONS TO THESE SPECIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Any deviation or minor points of variance shall be specifically shown and stated in the space provided on the bid sheet or on a separate sheet of paper, and only those deviations or minor variations contemplated or permitted thereby will be considered.

(B) No person, co-partnership, or corporation, shall submit more than one proposal, either directly or by agent. Each bidder shall sign said proposal with his/her full name, in his/her own handwriting, and, if a partnership, each partner must sign; if a corporation, the corporate name shall be signed, and signed and acknowledged by a duly authorized officer thereof.

(C) **A bid bond, certified check, bank draft or letter of credit must accompany a bid under \$250,000.00.** If the total dollar amount of the bid exceeds \$250,000.00, then only a bid bond is acceptable, otherwise, a certified check, bank draft or letter of credit shall be for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. Bid bond running to the City of Buffalo to be executed by bidder as principal and by duly incorporated company authorized to guarantee performance of the contract, and to do business in the State of New York, as surety, in the penal amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid, conditioned that if the bid accompanying the bond shall be accepted, the principal named in such bond will, whenever required, enter into a written contract for the performance of the contract in accordance with conditions as provided in the plans and specifications and will furnish the required security for the faithful performance of the contract as specified, and the penal sum of such bid bond, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) shall be and become the minimum amount of the damages suffered by the City as liquidated damages, if the bidder whose bid is accepted shall fail to enter into a contract with the City and give security for the performance of the contract as required, upon notice to him as in said plans and specifications prescribed. The amount of the aforementioned bid bond, certified check, bank draft or letter of credit, shall be based on the total amount of the bid arrived at by the addition of the totals for all groups or units bid upon. Whenever bidder submit proposals for items aggregating less than \$10,000.00, no security need accompany the proposal.

(D) "Energy Star"

For all applicable products bidders must submit with their bid a statement indicating that all products purchased will bear the "Energy Star" label as awarded by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and U. S. Department of Energy.

(E) If bidder finds it necessary to purchase a product that does not bear the “Energy Star” label the bidder or the respective Department or Agency must include a written statement indicating the reason “Energy Star” products cannot be used, and a comparison of the initial and operating cost differential during the useful life of the “Energy Star” rated product and the non-rated product.

(F) All bidders must submit with their bid a statement indicating that they will work toward a minority workforce goal of 25%, and woman workforce goal of 5%. In addition, a statement must be submitted indicating that the bidder will work toward a business utilization goal for minority business enterprise of 25% and woman business enterprise of 5%.

Form EEO-2 is enclosed and must be completed and returned with your proposal.

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR BIDDER.

Ordinarily, proposals are not considered from bidders on supplies, material or equipment, if the bidder or manufacturer of same is in bankruptcy, or in the hands of a receiver at the time of tendering a proposal or at the time of entering into a contract, but the Director of Purchase reserves the right to accept or reject such proposals in the best interest of the City. No bid shall be accepted from any person or corporation that is in arrears to the City upon any debt or contract.

3. CONTRACT AND BOND.

(A) The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract and furnish a bond guaranteeing the faithful performance of the contract in the penal amount of the contract price, such bond to be executed by the bidder as principal, and by a duly incorporated company authorized to guarantee the performance of the contract and to do business in the State of New York as surety. Said bond to be approved by the Corporation Counsel as to form and by the Comptroller of the City of Buffalo as to sufficiency of the bond. The amount of the performance bond shall be based on the total amount of the contract, arrived at by the additions of the totals for all groups or units listed thereon.

B) **ALTERNATIVES TO PERFORMANCE BONDS.** Where the cost for the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the head of the City agency charged with the execution of the contract may, in his/her discretion, waive the requirement of a performance bond and authorize instead the submission of a certified check, bank draft or letter of credit in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of said cost. Where the cost of such purchase exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the Common Council may, upon the recommendation of the head of the city agency charged with the execution of the contract, waive the requirement of a performance bond and authorize instead the submission of a bank draft, certified check or letter of credit in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of said cost.

(C) **EXCEPTIONS.** Wherever the total of items awarded to any bidder is less than \$10,000.00, purchase orders will be issued and no performance bond will be required.

This exception does not apply where a trade-in is involved. In such cases the gross total quoted amount shall be the determining figure. A bond, or other security, shall be required when the amount is \$10,000.00 and over.

4. DISCOUNT.

Bidder will please specify cash discount, if any; discount period to begin with receipt of invoice in the office of the Division of Purchase. The cash discount is not to be considered in determining the low bid, except where bids are otherwise identical.

5. PAYMENT.

Payment for material, supplies or equipment called for herein shall be made within thirty (30) days after approved completion of contract and the rendition of proper invoice to the Division of Accounting, 1214 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202.

6. PATENT INFRINGEMENT.

The Contractor shall agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Buffalo, its servants, agents and employees from any and all suits or action at law or in equity, which may hereafter be brought against them or either of them, for, or on account of, the infringement, or alleged infringement, of any patent or patent rights upon or pertaining to any of the articles described herein.

7. GENERAL.

(A) The Contractor will not be allowed to take advantage of any errors or omissions. The Director of Purchase reserves the right to reject any and all bids on any or all items in the proposal and to waive any informality. In case of error, unit price governs.

(B) Should there be any question concerning these specifications, or the intent of these specifications, the prospective bidder shall apply to the Director of Purchase for such information.

(C) These regulations, specifications, invitation for bids, and the proposal are deemed to be incorporated in the contract.

(D) The Division of Purchase reserves the right to award by item, or as a whole, or to reject any or all bids.

8. TAXES.

Quotations shall not include any New York Sales Tax as municipalities of New York State are not subject to this tax. No Federal Tax of any kind shall be included unless the Federal Law specifically levies such tax against purchases made by the political subdivisions of a State.

9. TITLE.

Contractor must transfer a good and incontrovertible title to all equipment furnished hereunder free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of whatever name and nature.

10. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

Pursuant to Section 408 of the City Charter, no contractor awarded a contract pursuant to bids shall assign or subcontract any part of such contract to any person, firm or corporation by whom a proposal was submitted to the City for the same contract. In any event, no contractor shall assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of the within contract, or any part thereof, or any right, title or interest thereunder,

without the prior written consent of the Director. Any such purported action without such consent shall be null and void.

11. SUBCONTRACTOR LIST.

The successful bidder shall submit a list of proposed subcontractors to the Director of Purchase for his approval and obtain his written consent thereto prior to the execution of the contract.

12. NATIONALLY KNOWN CORPORATIONS.

The Director of Purchase reserves the right to determine which corporations are to be designated as nationally known, and his decision will be final.

13. DELIVERY DATE, PENALTIES AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME.

The delivery date shall be considered by the Director of Purchase in making the award. Such delivery date shall be of the essence of the contract.

If the contractor and/or supplier fails to complete the contract within the specified delivery date or within any extensions thereof granted in accordance with this section, the City may elect to permit the contractor and/or supplier to proceed with and complete the contract, provided, however, that in any such case such permission shall not be deemed a waiver in any respect by the City of the contractor's and/or supplier's liability for damages or expenses thereby incurred by the City as a result of the failure to complete delivery within the specified time, but such liability shall continue in full force against the contractor and/or supplier as if such permission had not been granted.

In order to avoid all controversy in the determination of actual damages or expenses to the City for the delay in completion of the contract by reason of the City's election not to terminate the right of the contractor and/or supplier to proceed with the completion of the contract, the contractor and/or supplier and their surety shall be liable for and shall pay or allow to the City a sum equal to one percent (1%) of the total amount of the contract per day as fixed and agreed liquidated damages for each and every calendar day, Sundays and holidays included, after the date fixed for delivery during which time the contract shall remain incomplete, and any such damages and expenses may be deducted by the City from any payment or payments then due or thereafter to fall due to the contractor and/or supplier.

No extension of time for completion of this contract shall be granted unless the contractor and/or supplier shall make written application to the Director of Purchase no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the specified delivery date for an extension of time to complete delivery and the Director of Purchase shall have granted such extension in writing no later than the date upon which delivery was to have been made. The granting of any such extension and the length of time thereof shall be in the sole discretion of the Director of Purchase.

14. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION.

If the bidder is a corporation, the execution of the non-collusive certification in the form of proposal shall be deemed to include the signing to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation.

No bid shall be considered for an award nor will any award be made to a bidder where the proposal does not include the statements as to non-collusion as set forth in the form of proposal herein, provided however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. In such event

the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the Director of Purchase determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition. In this connection, it should be noted that the fact that a bidder has published price lists, rates or tariffs covering items being procured or has informed prospective customers of the proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or has sold the same items to other customers at the same price as being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure to any other bidder or to any competitor within the meaning of the non-collusive certification included in the form of proposal.

15. SECTION 220-E, Labor Law.

PROVISIONS IN CONTRACTS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, CREED, COLOR OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC WORKS.

Every contract for or on behalf of the state or a municipality for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies shall contain provisions by which the contractor with the state or municipality agrees:

(a) That in the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, no contractor, subcontractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin discriminate against any citizen of the state of New York who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

(b) That no contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his/her behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract on account of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin;

(c) That there may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the state or municipality under this contract a penalty of fifty dollars for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract;

(d) That this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state or municipality, and all moneys due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this section of the contract; and

(e) The aforesaid provisions of this section covering every contract for or on behalf of the state or municipality for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies shall be limited to operations performed within the territorial limits of the state of New York.

16. NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

A notice of award letter will be sent to all parties who submitted a valid proposal notifying all of our selection as to who was the successful bidder. **There is a ten (10) day bid protest appeal period which starts from date of award on letter, any vendor who feels they have a reason for protest must file within this time period.**

TOP GRADE SHREDDED TOP SOIL

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PROPOSALS IN SEALED ENVELOPES, marked “FORMAL BID ON TOP GRADE SHREDDED TOP SOIL FOR THE CITY OF BUFFALO, AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES”, addressed to the Director of Purchase, 65 Niagara Square, Room 1902 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202, will be received until 11:00 A.M., local time, WEDNESDAY MARCH 16, 2010.

The quantities required are estimated. The City of Buffalo reserves the right to increase or decrease the total amount in accordance with the actual needs and at the stated prices. THE CITY FURTHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TEST RANDOM SAMPLES AND TO REJECT ANY SHIPMENT DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE.

CONTRACT PERIOD: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Contract may be renewed for three (3) one-year periods, under the same terms, if agreeable to both the Contractor and the City of Buffalo.

TOP SOIL

The City of Buffalo requires approximately 1,500 cubic yards of SHREDDED TOP SOIL as follows:

Quality: Topsoil shall be the surface layer of soil with no ad-mixture of refuse or any material toxic to plant growth and shall be free from sub-soil and stumps, roots, brush, stones, clay lumps or similar objects larger than one inch in diameter. Brush and other vegetation which will not be incorporated with the soil during handling operations shall be cut and removed prior to stripping. Ordinary sods and herbaceous growth such as grass and weeds are to be removed. The topsoil or soil mixture, unless otherwise specified or approved, shall have an acidity range of approximately 5.5 PH to 6.6 PH when tested according to the methods of testing A.O.A.C. in effect on the date of the Notice to Bidders. Natural topsoil may be amended by the Contractor with approved materials and methods to meet the above specifications. THE TOPSOIL MUST BE SCREENED AND SHREDDED.

DELIVERY

Delivery shall be in lots as specified on individual purchase orders to various locations within the City of Buffalo, and within 24 hours notice, weather permitting. Circumstances such as changing weather conditions and the need to adhere to game schedules on the ball fields, may require delivery or pickup within a few hours notice. For this reason, the location of the bidder's place of business will be an important consideration in awarding this contract.

PAYMENT

Payment shall be made for individual purchase orders upon completion of same, and upon proper presentation of invoices.

Prices must be guaranteed for contract period. A renewal increase will be accepted, based on proof of manufacturer's increase, and approved by the Director of Purchase. Otherwise, the contract prices and conditions will remain the same for renewals. All increases must be from the manufacturer in writing on their letterhead. Maximum increase - 5% per year.

METHOD OF BIDDING

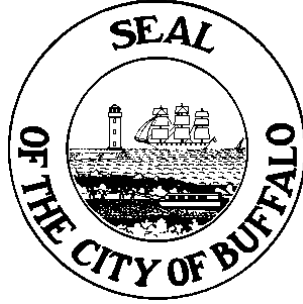
Bidders shall quote unit price picked up, and unit price delivered.

Bidders shall state minimum delivery, and location of place of business.

ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED

BIDDERS SHALL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS APPEARING ON BID FORM.
FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION.
NOT RESPONDING TO THIS BID PROPOSAL WILL RESULT IN YOUR NAME BEING
REMOVED FROM THE BIDDERS LIST FOR THIS COMMODITY GROUP.

KATHLEEN A. FITZPATRICK
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE



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FORMAL PROPOSAL
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Covered by Specifications ADVERTISED ON: MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

This bid must be returned to 65 Niagara Square, Room 1902 City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y. 14202 on or before 11:00 A.M., Local Time, TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010, at which time all bids will be publicly opened.

THE UNDERSIGNED SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING BID WHICH IS IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE INTENT OF THE SPECIFICATIONS.

APPROX. 1500 CUBIC YARDS TOP SOIL, PICKED UP.....\$ _____ PER CU. YD.

DELIVERED.....\$ _____ PER CU. YD.

MINIMUM LOAD _____

LOCATION OF PLACE OF BUSINESS _____

NAME OF BIDDER _____ PHONE NO. _____

REMIT TO ADDRESS _____
ADDRESS _____

This form must be completed and submitted as stipulated in the specifications, either TYPEWRITTEN OR PRINTED IN INK.

CASH DISCOUNT (IF ANY) TO BE DEDUCTED _____ % IN THIRTY (30) DAYS.

We attach hereto Bid Bond, Certified Check, Bank Draft or Letter of Credit in the amount required by the specifications.

THIS PROPOSAL IS FAIR IN EVERY RESPECT AND NO OFFICER OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INTERESTED IN SAID PROPOSAL, OR IN THE WORK TO WHICH IT RELATES, OR IN ANY PORTION OF THE PROFITS, excluding profits which may accrue as a stockholder, provided that as such stockholder he does not have supervision, control, or direction of said corporation and that he did not participate in the calculation, submission or preparation of this bid.

THIS PROPOSAL IS TENDERED BY (A) (AN) CORPORATION _____ PARTNERSHIP _____ INDIVIDUAL _____

PARTNERS CONSTITUTING _____
PARTNERSHIP _____

INCORPORATED IN WHAT STATE, IF CORPORATION? _____

IF FOREIGN CORPORATION, STATE IF AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN NEW YORK STATE _____

<u>* CORPORATE OFFICERS' NAMES</u>	<u>TITLES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>* PRINCIPAL STOCK HOLDERS</u>			
<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

* Note: This information is not required from nationally known corporations.

NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certificates, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to it's own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor;

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

FIRM OR CORPORATION NAME _____

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS _____

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERS OR OFFICERS

TITLE

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME ABOVE)

TITLE

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME ABOVE)

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BIDDERS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

The _____

(Company Name)

hereby states that we will make good faith efforts to ensure a diverse workforce and minority business participation for this proposal/bid in accordance with the City of Buffalo Charter, Chapter 96, Bonds and Contracts.

We will work toward a minority workforce goal of 25%, and woman workforce goal of 5%. In addition, we will work toward a business utilization goal for minority business enterprise of 25% and woman business enterprise of 5%.

(Signature of Authorized representative of Bidder)

Date _____

BIDS/PROPOSALS FAILING TO INCLUDE OR COMPLETE ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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