

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

for

**Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

**BID #16-24**

**Karen S. Conard, City Manager**

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City of Portsmouth  
Portsmouth, NH  
Department of Public Works

## **Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

### **INVITATION TO BID**

**Sealed** bid proposals, **plainly marked**, “**Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping, Bid Proposal #16-24**” **on the outside of the mailing envelope as well as the sealed bid envelope**, addressed to the Finance/Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 03801, will be accepted until **02:00 p.m. on Thursday March 21, 2024**, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A walk through of the Transfer Station to view the brush pile area will be scheduled upon request.

The City of Portsmouth is seeking proposals from qualified contractors. The Contractor will grind all brush and leaf piles at the City of Portsmouth Transfer Station located at 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH. The bid shall reflect pricing for grinding brush and leaf piles on-site and pricing if leaves are to be hauled off-site for processing elsewhere. The work will be executed bi-annually, during the Fall (October 15<sup>th</sup>-November 15<sup>th</sup>) and Spring (May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>). The Contractor will be required to keep access road passable for City employees to the maximum degree possible. Bidders must include all labor, equipment, materials, mobilization, and disposal.

Specifications, drawings, and bid proposal forms may be obtained from the City website at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/purchasing.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/purchasing.htm). Addenda to this bid document, if any, including written answers to questions, will be posted on the City of Portsmouth website at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/purchasing.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/purchasing.htm) under the project heading **Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**. Addenda and updates will NOT be sent directly to vendors.

Questions may be addressed to the Purchasing Coordinator at [purchasing@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:purchasing@cityofportsmouth.com) no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 12, 2024**.

The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, to re-bid, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

**BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Special Notice to Bidders

Appended to these instructions is a complete set of bidding and general contract forms. These forms may be detached and executed for the submittal of bids. The plans, specifications, and other documents designated in the proposal form will be considered as part of the proposal, whether attached or not.

The bidders must submit a statement of bidder's qualifications also included as part of this document.

Addenda to this proposal, if any, including written answers to questions, will be posted on the City of Portsmouth website at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/purchasing.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/purchasing.htm) under the project heading by March 14, 2024 @ 4:00. Addenda and updates will NOT be sent directly to firms. Contractors submitting a proposal should check the web site daily for addenda and updates after the release date. Firms should print out, sign and return addenda with the proposal. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

2. Interpretation of Quantities in Bid Schedules

The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate only and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the contractor will be made only for actual work performed and accepted in accordance with the contract. Any scheduled item of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided, and no claim for loss, anticipated profits or costs incurred in anticipation of work not ultimately performed will be allowed due to such increase or decrease.

3. Examination of Plans, Specifications and Site Work

The bidder is expected to carefully examine the site of the proposed work, the plans, standard specifications, supplemental specifications, special provisions and contract forms, if applicable, before submitting a proposal. The submission of a bid shall be considered conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such examination and is satisfied as to the conditions to be encountered in performing the work and as to the requirements of the contract. Bid submissions will be conclusive evidence that the bidder has investigated and is satisfied with the sources of supply for all materials.

Plans, surveys, measurements, dimensions, calculations, estimates and statements as to the condition under which the work is to be performed are believed to be correct, but contractor must examine as no allowance will be made for any errors or inaccuracies.

4. Familiarity with Laws

The bidder is assumed to be familiar with all federal and state laws, local by-laws, ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect those engaged or employed on the work or affect the materials or equipment used in the work or affect the conduct of the work. Accordingly, bidder, if awarded the contract, shall be obligated to perform the work in conformity with said laws, by-laws, ordinances and regulations. If bidder shall discover any provision in the plans or specifications which conflicts with any such law, by-law, ordinance or regulation the bidder shall forthwith report it to the engineer in writing.

5. Preparation of Proposal

a) The bidder shall submit its proposal upon the forms furnished by the Owner. The bidder shall specify a lump sum price in figures, for each pay item for which a quantity is given and shall also show the products of the respective prices and quantities written in figures in the column provided for that purpose and the total amount of the proposal obtained by adding the amount of the several items. All words and figures shall be in ink or typed. If a unit price or a lump sum bid already entered by the bidder on the proposal form is to be altered it should be crossed out with ink, the new unit price or lump sum bid entered above or below it and initialed by the bidder, also with ink.

b) The bidder's proposal must be signed with ink by the individual, by one or more general partners of a partnership, by one or more members or officers of each firm representing a joint venture; by one or more officers of a corporation, by one or more members (if member-managed) or managers (if manager-managed) of a limited liability company, or by an agent of the contractor legally qualified and acceptable to the owner. If the proposal is made by an individual, the name and post office address must be shown, by a partnership the name and post office address of each general and limited partner must be shown; as a joint venture, the name and post office address of each venturer must be shown; by a corporation, the name of the corporation and its business address must be shown, together with the name of the state in which it is incorporated, and the names, titles and business addresses of the president, secretary and treasurer.

6. Nonconforming Proposals

Proposals will be considered nonconforming and may be rejected at Owner's sole discretion for any of the following reasons:

- If the proposal is on a form other than that furnished by the Owner, or if the form is altered or any portion thereof is detached;
- If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or altered bids, or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal or any portion thereof incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous as to its meaning;
- If the bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award; or
- If the proposal does not contain a unit price for each pay item listed except in the case of authorized alter pay items.

7. Proposal Guaranty

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, surety, or similar guaranty of the types and in an amount not less than the amount indicated in the Invitation to Bid. All sureties shall be made payable to the "City of Portsmouth". If a bid bond is used by the bidder it shall be:

- In a form satisfactory to the Owner;
- With a surety company licensed, authorized to do business in, and subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Hampshire; and
- Conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the sub-bid or the general bid.

In the event any irregularities are contained in the proposal guaranty, the bidder will have four business days (not counting the day of opening) to correct any irregularities. The corrected guaranty must be received by 4:00 p.m. If irregularities are not corrected to the satisfaction of the Owner, the Owner, in its sole discretion, may reject the bid.

8. Delivery of Proposals

When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Owner at the address and in the care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the invitation for bids. Proposals received after the time for opening of the bids will be returned to the bidder, unopened.

9. Withdrawal of Proposals

A bidder will be permitted to withdraw his or her proposal unopened after it has been submitted if the Owner receives a request for withdrawal in writing prior to the time specified for opening the proposals.

10. Public Opening of Proposals

Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the invitation for bids. Bidders, their authorized agents, and other interested parties are invited to be present.

11. Disqualification of Bidders

Any or all of the following reasons may be deemed by Owner in its sole discretion as being sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his proposal:

- More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name;
- Evidence of collusion among bidders;
- Failure to submit all required information requested in the bid specifications;
- Lack of competency or of adequate machinery, plant or other equipment, as revealed by the statement of bidders qualification or otherwise;
- Uncompleted work which, in the judgment of the owner, might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work if awarded;
- Failure to pay, or satisfactorily settle, all bills due for labor and materials on former contracts;
- Default or unsatisfactory performance on previous contracts; or
- Such disqualification would be in the best interests of the Owner.

12. Material Guaranty and Samples

Before any contract is awarded, the bidder may be required to furnish a complete statement of the origin, composition and manufacture of any or all materials to be used in the construction of the work, and the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject the bid based on the contents of the statement or as a result of the failure of the bidder to submit the statement.

**AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

1. Consideration of Proposals

a) After the proposals are opened and read, they will be compared on the basis of the total price for all sections of work to be charged to perform the work and any such additional considerations as may be identified in the bid documents. The results of such comparisons will be immediately available to the public. In case of a discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written figures, the prices written in words shall govern. In case of a discrepancy between the total shown in the proposal and that obtained by adding the products of the quantities of items and unit bid prices, the latter shall govern.

2. Award of Contract

Within 30 calendar days after the opening of proposals, if a contract is to be awarded, the award will be made to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed. The successful bidder will be notified, via email that bid has been accepted and that the bidder has been awarded the contract.

The award shall not be considered official until such time that a Purchase Order, fully executed contract or an award letter has been issued by the Finance Director. No presumption of award shall be made by the bidder until such documents are in hand. Verbal notification of award is not considered official. Any action by the bidder to assume otherwise is done so at his/her own risk and the City will not be held liable for any expense incurred by a bidder that has not received an official award.

3. Reservation of Rights

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities or to advertise for new proposals, if, in the sole discretion of the Owner, the best interest of the City of Portsmouth will be promoted thereby.

The City reserves the right to make inquiries regarding the qualifications and reputation of the bidder. By submitting a bid proposal, Bidder agrees to hold harmless the Owner and its employees and agents from any and all claims, actions, and damages arising from such investigation. Bidder may be requested to execute releases.

The Owner reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract at any time before the execution of such contract by all parties without any liability of the Owner.

4. Return of Proposal Guaranty

All proposal guaranties, except those of the three lowest bidders, will be returned upon request following the opening and checking of the proposals. The proposal guaranties of the three lowest bidders will be returned within ten days following the award of the contract if requested.

5. Execution and Approval of Contract

The successful bidder is required to present all contract bonds, to provide proof of insurance, and to execute the contract within 10 days following receipt of the City's notification of acceptance of the bid. No contract shall be considered as in effect until it has been fully executed by all parties.

6. Failure to Execute Contract

Failure to execute the contract and file acceptable bonds within 10 days after notification of acceptance of bid shall be just cause for the cancellation of the award and the forfeiture of the proposal guarantee which shall become the property of the Owner, not as a penalty, but in liquidation of damages sustained. The award may then be made to the next lowest responsible bidder, or the City may exercise its reserved rights including the rejection of all bids or re-advertisement.

**PROPOSAL FORM**

**Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

To the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, herein called the Owner.

The undersigned, as Bidder, herein referred to as singular and masculine declares as follows:

1. All interested in the Bid as Principals are named herein.
2. This bid is not made jointly, or in conjunction, cooperation or collusion with any other person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity.
3. No officer, agent or employee of the Owner is directly or indirectly interested in this Bid.
4. The bidder has carefully examined the sites of the proposed work and is fully informed and satisfied as to the conditions there existing, the character and requirements of the proposed work, the difficulties attendant upon its execution and the accuracy of all estimated quantities stated in this Bid, and the bidder has carefully read and examined the Agreement, Specifications and other Contract Documents therein referenced and knows and understands the terms and provisions thereof.
5. The bidder understands that the quantities of work calculated in the Bid or indicated on the Drawings or in the Specifications or other Contract Documents are approximate and are subject to increase or decrease or deletion as deemed necessary by the Portsmouth City Engineer. Any such changes will not result in or be justification for any penalty or increase in contract prices; and agrees that, if the Bid is accepted the bidder will contract with the Owner, as provided in the Contract Documents, this Bid Form being part of said Contract Documents, and that the bidder will supply or perform all labor, services, plant, machinery, apparatus, appliances, tools, supplies and all other activities required by the Contract Documents in the manner and within the time therein set forth, and that the bidder will take in full payment therefor the following item prices listed below.
6. It is the intention of this contract that the items listed above describe completely and thoroughly the entirety of the work as shown on all of the plans and as described in all of the specifications. All other items required to accomplish the above items are considered to be subsidiary work, unless shown as a pay item, to wit:

This project will be bid as lump sum:

1. Labor

In Figures \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Words \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Equipment

In Figures \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Words \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Materials

In Figures \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Words \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mobilization

In Figures \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Words \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Disposal

In Figures \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Words \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

**The work included in Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 above includes all cost associated with the work under this agreement:**

**Total of 1, 2,3, and 4 above: BASIS OF AWARD**

In Figures \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Words \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*The price of the proposal is good for 60 days.

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The undersigned agrees that extra work, if any, performed in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents, the bidder will accept compensation as stipulated therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS,

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER,

The Bidder has received and acknowledged Addenda No. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

All Bids are to be submitted on this form and in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the Bidder's name and address and the Project name as it appears at the top of the Proposal Form.

**STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS**

Must be Supplied with Bid

**All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. Add separate sheets if necessary.**

1. Name of Bidder
2. Permanent Main Office Address
3. Form of Entity
4. When Organized
5. Where Organized
6. How many years have you been engaged in the contracting business under your present name; also state names and dates of previous firm names, if any
7. Contracts on hand; (schedule these, showing gross amount of each contract and the approximate anticipated dates of completion).
8. General character of work performed by your company.
9. Have you failed within the last seven years to complete any work awarded to you?  
\_\_\_\_(no)\_\_\_\_(yes). If so, where and why?
10. Have you defaulted on a contract within the last seven years?  
\_\_\_\_(no)\_\_\_\_(yes). If so, where and why?
11. Have you ever failed to complete a project in the time allotment according to the Contract Documents?  
\_\_\_\_(no)\_\_\_\_(yes). If so, where and why?
12. List the most important contracts recently executed by your company, stating approximate cost for each, and the month and year completed.

**BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS continued**

13. List your major equipment available for this contract.

14. List any subcontractors whom you would expect to use for this project and their scope of work (unless this work is to be done by your own organization).

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Bidder

BY \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year **2024**, by and between the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire (hereinafter call the Owner) and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called the Contractor),

WITNESSETH; that the Owner and Contractor, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I- Work** - The Contractor shall perform all work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the completion of the Project. The Contractor shall provide, at Contractor's expense, all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals as may be necessary for the expeditious and proper execution of the Project.

**ARTICLE II - ENGINEER** - The Engineer shall mean the Director of Public Works or authorized representative, who will act as engineer in connection with completion of the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE III - CONTRACT TIME** - The work will commence and finish in accordance with the Notice to Proceed.

**ARTICLE IV - CONTRACT PRICE** - Owner shall pay Contractor for performance of the work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE V - PAYMENT** - Upon final acceptance of the work and settlement of all claims, Owner shall pay the Contractor the Contract Price, subject to additions and deductions provided for in the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE VI - RETAINAGE** - To ensure the proper performance of this Contract, the Owner shall retain certain amounts in the percentage of the Contract Price and for the time specified as provided in the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE VII - LIQUIDATED DAMAGES** - In event the Contractor fails to successfully complete the work within the specified contract time the Owner shall assess the Contractor liquidated damages in the amount of **one hundred dollars (\$100.00)** for each calendar day beyond the specified completion date. Liquidated damages shall be deducted from the Contract Price prior to final payment of the Contractor.

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT** (continued)

**ARTICLE VIII – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** – The Contract Documents which comprise the contract between Owner and Contractor are attached hereto and made a part hereof and consist of the following:

- 8.1 This Agreement
- 8.2 Contractor’s Bid and Bonds
- 8.3 Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed
- 8.4 Instruction to Bidders
- 8.5 General Requirements, Control of Work, Temporary Facilities, Measurement and Payment, Standard Specifications
- 8.6 Insurance Requirements
- 8.7 Specifications
- 8.8 Special Provisions
- 8.9 Any modifications, including change orders, duly delivered after execution of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IX – TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT** – Should contractor at any time refuse, neglect, or otherwise fail to supply a sufficient number or amount of properly skilled workers, materials, or equipment, or fail in any respect to prosecute the work with promptness and diligence, or fail to perform any of its obligations set forth in the Contract, Owner may, at its election, terminate the employment of Contractor, giving notice to Contractor in writing of such election, and enter on the premises and take possession, for the purpose of completing the work included under this Agreement, of all the materials, tools and appliances belonging to Contractor, and to employ any other persons to finish the work and to provide the materials therefore at the expense of the Contractor.

**ARTICLE X – INDEMNIFICATION OF OWNER** – Contractor will indemnify Owner against all suits, claims, judgments, awards, loss, cost or expense (including without limitation attorneys’ fees) arising in any way out of the Contractor’s negligent performance of its obligations under this Contract. Contractor will defend all such actions with counsel satisfactory to Owner at its own expense, including attorneys’ fees, and will satisfy any judgment rendered against Owner in such action.

**ARTICLE XI – PERMITS** – The Contractor will secure at its own expense, all permits and consents required by law as necessary to perform the work and will give all notices and pay all fees and otherwise comply with all applicable City, State, and Federal laws, ordinances, local by-laws, rules, and regulations.

**ARTICLE XII – INSURANCE** – The Contractor shall secure and maintain, until acceptance of the work, insurance with limits not less than those specified in the Contract.

**ARTICLE XIII – NONDISCRIMINATION** - Nondiscrimination in City Contracts. Any entity that enters into a contract for goods or services with the City of Portsmouth or any of its boards, agencies and departments and any recipient of city funds shall:

- A. Implement an employment nondiscrimination policy prohibiting discrimination in hiring, discharging, promoting, or demoting, matters of compensation, or any other employment related decision or benefit on account of actual or perceived race,

ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, age, military status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or marital or familial status.

- B. Not discriminate in the performance of the contract on account of actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, age, military status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or marital or familial status.

**ARTICLE XIV – MISCELLANEOUS –**

- A. Neither Owner nor Contractor shall, without the prior written consent of the other, assign, sublet or delegate, in whole or in part, any of its rights or obligations under any of the Contract Documents; and, specifically not assign any monies due, or to become due, without the prior written consent of Owner.
- B. Owner and Contractor each bind itself, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.
- C. The Contract Documents constitute the entire Agreement between Owner and Contractor and may only be altered amended or repealed by a duly executed written instrument.
- D. The laws of the State of New Hampshire shall govern this Contract without reference to the conflict of law principles thereof.
- E. Venue for any dispute shall be the Rockingham County Superior Court unless the parties otherwise agree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto executed this  
AGREEMENT the day and year first above written.

**BIDDER:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, N.H.**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen C. Conard

TITLE: City Manager

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**

Date:

To:

IN AS MUCH as you were the low responsible bidder for work entitled:

**Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

You are hereby notified that the City intends to award the above referenced project to you.

Immediately take the necessary steps to execute the Contract and to provide required bonds and proof of insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice.

The City reserves the right to revoke this Notice if you fail to take the necessary steps to execute this Contract.

City of Portsmouth  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**NOTICE TO PROCEED**

DATE:

**Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

TO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO COMMENCE WORK IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE AGREEMENT DATED, \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO \_\_\_\_\_.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Peter H. Rice, PE

TITLE: Public Works Director

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE**

RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE NOTICE TO  
PROCEED IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGE ORDER**

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Change Order Number:

Date of Issuance:

Owner: CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, N.H

Contractor:

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You are directed to make the following changes in the Contract Documents:

Purpose of Change Order:

Attachments:

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CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE

CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIME

Original Contract Price:  
\$

Original Completion Date:

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Contract Price prior to this Change Order:  
\$

Contract Time prior to this Change Order:  
days

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Net Increase of this Change Order:  
\$

Net Increase of this Change Order:  
days

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Contract Price with all approved Change Orders:  
\$

Contract Time with all approved Change Orders:  
days

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RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED:

APPROVED:

by \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
PW Director City Finance City Manager Contractor

**CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_:

Before me, the undersigned, a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public, Justice of the Peace)

in and for said County and State personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual, Partner, or duly authorized representative of Corporate)

who, being duly sworn, according to law deposes and says that the cost of labor, material, and equipment and outstanding claims and indebtedness of whatever nature arising out of the performance of the Contract between

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor)

of \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

has been paid in full for Construction of: **Transfer Station Bi-Annual Brush Chipping**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual, Partner, or  
duly authorized  
representative of  
Corporate Contractor)

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S RELEASE**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that

I, \_\_\_\_\_ {insert name},  
in my capacity as \_\_\_\_\_ {insert title}  
of \_\_\_\_\_ {insert name of Contractor}

agree that upon receipt of the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the CITY OF  
PORTSMOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE as final and completed payment for the construction of:  
\_\_\_\_\_ {insert name of project}

do hereby on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ {name of Contractor} and its  
successors and assigns release, quit-claim and forever discharge the City of Portsmouth, New  
Hampshire, its successors and assigns, of and from all claims and demands arising from or in  
connection with the construction of the above-referenced project and the contract dated  
\_\_\_\_\_. All claims and demands shall include without limitation all actions, causes,  
suits, debts, dues, duties, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specifications,  
covenants, contracts, agreements, promises, damages and judgments whatsoever in law or equity  
against the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire which Contractor ever had, now has or may  
have, for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever; from the beginning of  
record time to the date of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

Witness

Contractor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
print name : \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Duly Authorized \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

**1. INTENT OF CONTRACT**

The intent of the Contract is to provide for the construction and completion in every detail of the work described. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation and supplies required to complete the work in accordance with the terms of the Contract. The Contractor shall be required to conform to the intent of the plans and specifications. No extra claims shall be allowed for portions of the work not specifically addressed in the plans and specifications but required to produce a whole and complete project, such work will be considered subsidiary to the bid items.

**2. INCIDENTAL WORK**

Incidental work items for which separate payment is not measured includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

- a. Mobilization/Demobilization
- b. Accessories and fasteners or components required to make items complete and functional.

**3. ALTERATION OF PLANS OR OF CHARACTER OF WORK**

The Owner reserves the right, without notice to Surety, to make such alterations of the plans or of the character of the work as may be necessary or desirable to complete fully and acceptably the proposed construction; provided that such alterations do not increase or decrease the contract cost. Within these cost limits, the alterations authorized in writing by the Owner shall not impair or affect any provisions of the Contract or bond and such increases or decreases of the quantities as a result from these alterations or deletions of certain items, shall not be the basis of claim for loss or for anticipated profits by the contractor. The contractor shall perform the work as altered at the contract unit price or prices.

**4. EXTRA WORK ITEMS**

Extra work shall be performed by the Contractor in accordance with the specifications and as directed and will be paid for at a price as provided in the Contract documents or if such pay items are not applicable than at a price negotiated between the contractor and the Owner or at the unit bid price. If no agreement can be negotiated, the Contractor will accept as payment for extra work, cost plus 15% (overhead & profit). Costs shall be substantiated by invoices and certified payroll. If the Owner determines that extra work is to be performed, a change order will be issued.

**5. CHANGE ORDERS**

The Owner reserves the right to issue a formal change order for any increase, decrease, deletion, or addition of work or any increase in contract time or price. The contractor shall be required to sign the change order and it shall be considered as part of the Contract documents.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS** (continued).

**6. FINAL CLEANING UP**

Before acceptance of the work, the contractor shall remove from the site all machinery, equipment, surplus materials, rubbish, temporary buildings, barricades, and signs. All parts of the work shall be left in a neat and presentable condition. On all areas used or occupied by the contractor, regardless of the contract limits, the bidder shall clean up all sites and storage grounds.

The items prescribed herein will not be paid for separately but shall be paid for as part of the total contract price.

**7. ERRORS AND INCONSISTENCY IN CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Any provisions in any of the Contract Documents that may be in conflict with the paragraphs in these General Requirements shall be subject to the following order of precedence for interpretation.

1. Specifications will govern General Requirements, Control of Work, Temporary Facilities, Measurement and Payment, sections.

**CONTROL OF WORK**

**1. AUTHORITY OF ENGINEER**

(a) All work shall be done under supervision of the City Engineer and to his satisfaction. The City Engineer will decide all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of materials furnished and work performed and as to the rate of progress of the work; all questions that may arise as to the interpretation of the plans and specifications; and all questions as to the acceptable fulfillment of the Contract by the Contractor.

(b) The City Engineer will have the authority to suspend the work wholly or in part for such periods as he may deem necessary due to the failure of the Contractor to correct conditions unsafe for workers or the general public; for failure to carry out provisions of the Contract; for failure to carry out orders; for conditions considered unsuitable for the prosecution of the work, including unfit weather; or for any other condition or reason deemed to be in the public interest. The Contractor shall not be entitled any additional payments arising out of any such suspensions.

(c) The Owner reserves the right to demand a certificate of compliance for a material or product used on the project. When the certificate of compliance is determined to be unacceptable to the City Engineer the Contractor may be required to provide engineering and testing services to guarantee that the material or product is suitable for use in the project, at its expense (see Sample of Certificate of Compliance).

**2. PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AND LANDSCAPES**

(a) The Contractor shall use every precaution to prevent injury or damage to wires, poles, or other property of public utilities; trees, shrubbery, crops, and fences along and adjacent to the right-of-way, all underground structures such as pipes and conduits, within or outside of the right-of-way; and the Contractor shall protect and carefully preserve all property marks until an authorized agent has witnessed or otherwise referenced their location.

(b) The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage or injury to property of any character, during the prosecution of the work, resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in his manner or method of executing the work, or at any time due to defective work or materials, and said responsibility will not be released until the project shall have been completed and accepted.

(c) When or where any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in the execution of the work, or as a result of the failure to perform work by the Contractor, the Contractor shall restore, at its own expense, such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, by repairing rebuilding, or otherwise restoring as may be directed, or the Contractor shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.

(d) The Contractor shall address and repair all scars, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, made on fruit or ornamental trees by equipment, construction operations, or the removal of limbs larger than one inch in diameter. Damaged trees must be replaced if so determined by the City Arborist, in his or her sole discretion.

**CONTROL OF WORK** (continued)

(e) If the Contractor fails to repair, rebuild or otherwise restore such property as may be deemed necessary, the Owner, after 48 hours notice, may proceed to do so, and the cost thereof may be deducted from any money due or which may become due the Contractor under the contract.

(f) It is the intent of the Parties that the Contractor preserve, to as great an extent as possible, the historic & natural features of the site.

**3. MAINTENANCE DURING CONSTRUCTION**

The Contractor shall maintain the work during construction and until the project is accepted. This maintenance shall constitute continuous and effective work prosecuted day by day, with adequate equipment and workers to ensure that the structure is kept in satisfactory conditions at all times.

**4. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Upon commencement of work, the Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions necessary to ensure the safety of employees on the site, other persons who may be affected thereby, including the public, and other property at the site or adjacent thereto. Contractor is responsible for complying with OSHA requirements by providing all employees and subcontractors with proper safety equipment including but not limited to hardhats, safety glasses, safety harnesses.

**5. PERMITS**

It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain all permits required for the operation of equipment in, or on, all city streets and public ways.

**6. BARRICADES, WARNING SIGNS AND TRAFFIC OFFICERS**

(a) The Contractor shall provide, erect and maintain all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs and other traffic control devices, and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public. Roadway closed to traffic shall be protected by effective barricades. Obstructions shall be illuminated during hours of darkness. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to control and direct traffic in a proper manner, as approved by the engineer.

(b) The Contractor will be held responsible for all damage to the work from traffic, pedestrians, animals or any other cause due to lack of adequate controlling devices.

The work prescribed herein will not be paid for separately but will be paid for as part of the Contract Price unless specifically appearing as a bid item.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Insurance shall be in such form as will protect the Contractor from all claims and liabilities for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, and for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract whether such operation by himself or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him.

AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

- A) Comprehensive General Liability:  
Bodily injury or Property Damage - \$2,000,000  
Per occurrence and general aggregate
- B) Automobile and Truck Liability:  
Bodily Injury or Property Damage - \$2,000,000  
Per occurrence and general aggregate

Coverage requirements can be met with excess policies.

Additionally, the Contractor shall purchase and maintain the following types of insurance:

- A) Full Workers Comprehensive Insurance coverage for all people employed by the Contractor to perform work on this project. This insurance shall at a minimum meet the requirements of the most current laws of the State of New Hampshire.
- B) Contractual Liability Insurance coverage in the amounts specified above under Comprehensive General Liability.
- C) Product and Completed Operations coverage to be included in the amounts specified above under Comprehensive General Liability.

ADDITIONAL INSURED

All liability policies (including any excess policies used to meet coverage requirements) shall include the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire as named Additional Insureds.

- 1) The contractor's insurance shall be primary in the event of a loss.
- 2) The Additional Insured endorsement must include language specifically stating that the entity is to be covered for all activities performed by, or on behalf of, the contractor, including the City of Portsmouth's general supervision of the contractor.
- 3) City of Portsmouth shall be listed as a Certificate Holder. The City shall be identified as follows:

City of Portsmouth  
Attn: Legal Department  
1 Junkins Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

**MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

**1. MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITIES**

(a) All work completed under the contract will be measured according to the United States standard measure.

(b) The method of measurement and computation to be used in determination of quantities of material furnished and of work performed under the contract will be those methods generally recognized as conforming to good engineering practice. Unless otherwise stated all quantities measured for payment shall be computed or adjusted for "in place" conditions.

(n) The term "lump sum" when used as an item of payment will mean complete payment for the work described in the item.

**2. SCOPE OF PAYMENT**

(a) The Contractor shall receive and accept compensation provided for in the contract as full payment for furnishing all materials and for performing all work under the contract in a complete and acceptable manner and for all risk, loss, damage or expense of whatever character arising out of the nature of the work or the prosecution thereof.

(b) The Contractor shall be liable to the Owner for failure to repair, correct, renew or replace, at his own expense, all damage due or attributable to defects or imperfections in the construction which defects or imperfections may be discovered before or at the time of the final inspection and acceptance of the work.

(c) No monies, payable under the contract or any part thereof, shall become due or payable if the Owner so elects, until the Contractor shall satisfy the Owner that the Contractor has fully settled or paid all labor performed or furnished for all equipment hired, including trucks, for all materials used, and for fuels, lubricants, power tools, hardware and supplies purchased by the Contractor and used in carrying out said contract and for labor and parts furnished upon the order of said Contractor for the repair of equipment used in carrying out said contract; and the Owner, if he so elects, may pay any and all such bills, in whole or in part.

**3. PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

Submit Application for Payment after completion of Project closeout procedures with release of liens and supporting documentation. Include consent of surety to final payment and insurance certificates.

**4. COMPENSATION FOR ALTERED QUANTITIES**

(a) Except as provided for under the particular contract item, when the accepted quantities of work vary from the quantities in the bid schedule the Contractor shall accept as payment in full, so far as contract items are concerned, at the original contract unit prices for the accepted quantities of work done. No allowance will be made for any increased expense, loss of expected reimbursement, or loss of anticipated profits suffered or claimed by the Contractor resulting either directly from such alterations or indirectly from unbalanced allocation among the contract items of overhead expense on the part of the Bidder and subsequent loss of expected reimbursements therefore or from any other cause.

(b) Extra work performed will be paid for at the contract bid prices or at the price negotiated between the Owner and the Contractor if the item was not bid upon. If no agreement can be negotiated, the Contractor will accept as payment for extra work, cost plus 15% (overhead and profit). Costs shall be substantiated by invoices and certified payroll.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT (continued)

5. PARTIAL PAYMENTS

Partial payments will be made on a monthly basis during the contract period. From the total amount ascertained as payable, an amount equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the whole will be deducted and retained by the Owner until such time as the work is 50 % complete at which time retainage will be reduced to 5%.

6. FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Upon due notice from the Contractor of presumptive completion of the entire project, the Owner or City Engineer will make an inspection. If all construction provided for and contemplated by the contract is found complete to his satisfaction, this inspection shall constitute the final inspection and the Owner or City Engineer will make the final acceptance and notify the Contractor in writing of this acceptance as of the date of the final inspection. If, however, the City Engineer's inspection discloses any work in whole or in part, as being unsatisfactory, the Engineer will give the Contractor the necessary instructions for correction of such work, and the Contractor shall immediately comply with and execute such instructions. Upon correction of the work, another inspection will be made which shall constitute the final inspection provided the work has been satisfactorily completed. In such event, the City Engineer will make the final acceptance and notify the Contractor in writing of this acceptance as of the date of final inspection.

7. ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT

(a) When the project has been accepted and upon submission by the Contractor of all required reports, completed forms and certifications, the Owner will review the final estimate of the quantities of the various classes of work performed. The Contractor may be required to certify that all bills for labor and material used under this contract have been paid.

(b) The Contractor shall file with the Owner any claim that the Contractor may have regarding the final estimate at the same time the Contractor submits the final estimate. Failure to do so shall be a waiver of all such claims and shall be considered as acceptance of the final estimate. From the total amount ascertained as payable, **an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the whole will be deducted and retained by the Owner for the guaranty period.** After approval of the final estimate by the Owner, the Contractor will be paid the entire sum found to be due after deducting all previous payments and all amounts to be retained or deducted under the provisions of the contract.

(c) All prior partial estimates and payments shall be subject to correction in the final estimate and payment.

8. GENERAL GUARANTY AND WARRANTY OF TITLE

(a) Neither the final certification of payment nor any provision in the contract nor partial or entire use of the improvements embraced in this Contract by the Owner or the public shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with the Contract or relieve the Contractor of liability in respect to any express or implied warranties or responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any defects in the work and pay for any damage to other work resulting there from which shall appear within a period of twelve (12) months

**MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT** (continued)

from the date of final acceptance of the work. The Owner will give notice of defective materials and work with reasonable promptness.

(b) No material supplies or equipment to be installed or furnished under this Contract shall be purchased subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale, lease purchase or other agreement by which an interest therein or in any part thereof is retained by the Seller or supplier. The Contractor shall warrant good title to all materials, supplies and equipment installed or incorporated in the work and upon completion of all work, shall deliver the same together with all improvements and appurtenances constructed or placed thereon by him to the Owner free from any claims, liens or charges. Neither the Contractor nor any person, firm or corporation furnishing any material or labor for any work covered by this Contract shall have the right to a lien upon any improvements or appurtenances thereon.

Nothing contained in this paragraph, however, shall defeat or impair the right of persons furnishing materials or labor to recover under any bond given by the Contractor for their protection or any rights under any law permitting such persons to look to funds due the Contractor in the hands of the Owner. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inserted in all subcontractors and material contracts and notice of its provisions shall be given to all persons furnishing materials for the work when no formal contract is entered into for such materials.

(c) At completion of project, Contractor to provide to Owner, written guarantee of one (1) year Workmanship warranty; and one (1) year Manufacturer's warranty.

**9. NO WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS**

(a) Upon completion of the work, the Owner will expeditiously make final inspection and notify the Contractor of acceptance. Such final acceptance, however, shall not preclude or stop the Owner from correcting any measurement, estimate, or certificate made before or after completion of the work, nor shall the Owner be precluded or be stopped from recovering from the Contractor or his Surety, or both, such overpayment as it may sustain by failure on the part of the Contractor to fulfill his obligations under the contract. A waiver on the part of the Owner of any breach of any part of the contract shall not be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

(b) The Contractor, without prejudice to the Contract shall be liable to the terms of the Contract, shall be liable to the Owner for latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as may amount to fraud, and as regards the Owner's right under any warranty or guaranty.

**10. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Whenever the improvement provided for by the Contract shall have been completely performed on the part of the Contractor and all parts of the work have been released from further obligations except as set forth in his bond and as provided in Section 8 above.