

**BID FOR
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE-MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS**

BID # 22/23-026

BIDS DUE NOT LATER THAN: 1:45 PM ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023

PUBLIC BID OPENING: 2:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023

[NOTE: TIME BIDS ARE DUE IS DIFFERENT FROM BID OPENING TIME]



431 PRATER WAY
P.O. BOX 857
SPARKS, NV 89432-0857

Company Name: _____

**CITY OF SPARKS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE-MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS
BID # 22/23-026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sparks, Nevada, will receive written sealed bids only, for the project listed above. Said bids must be in the hands of the Contracts and Risk Manager at 431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada, NO LATER THAN **1:45 PM ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023**. Bids postmarked prior to, but not received until after this deadline will not be accepted. Vendor bid response submittals may not be sent to the City of Sparks via the Internet/e-mail and will not be entertained for award by the City of Sparks. The right is reserved to reject any Bid/Proposal or to accept the Bid/Proposal which is deemed by the City of Sparks to be in the best interest of the City of Sparks. The City of Sparks reserves the right to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the bid process.

All Bids are to be marked clearly on the outside. Due to hybrid schedules and staff reductions, in-person staff availability is limited. Bidders wishing to physically deliver their bids on the bid due date shall note that the Purchasing Office will receive bids in the lobby of City Hall beginning at 1PM on February 22nd. Bids are due no later than 1:45PM. Bids may also be delivered to the Purchasing Department physical dropbox/mailbox, also located in the lobby of City Hall.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at **2:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023** via Zoom video/audio conferencing. Meeting # 884 0649 9830. Meeting Passcode: 578205 with a direct link of: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88406499830?pwd=YXBPd2ptQng2NDFCdkloblk2QktlQT09>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Landscape & Grounds Maintenance operations for the Triple Crown, Mesa Meadows/Pinnacles, Promontory Point Subdivision as described in the bid document.

PRE-BID MEETING: There will be a **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting held on February 15, 2023 at 10AM at the Parks and Recreation Office: 98 Richards Way., Sparks, NV 89431.

LICENSING: Prospective bidders will be required to have a current Contractor's License under the Nevada State Law for the type of work specified herein.

The work to be performed under this Contract shall be commenced by the successful Bidder after all executed Contract documents have been submitted, and after being notified to proceed by the City of Sparks. Pursuant to NRS 332.065 any Contract entered into under NRS Chapter 332 in which the estimated annual dollar amount exceeds \$100,000 will require written certification that the bidder is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract.

Bid documents and specifications may be obtained from the City of Sparks website. Please visit <http://portal.cityofsparks.us/bids> to obtain complete bid documents. There is no cost to use the system or obtain plans, but registration at the site is required. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders/responders to monitor the Purchasing Division's website for any changing information prior to submitting their bid/proposal. The City of Sparks will not be responsible for the timeliness or completeness of information provided by any 3rd party bid listing or re-selling service. For further information, contact the Purchasing Division at dmarran@cityofsparks.us or at (775) 353-2273. The individual responsible for coordinating this bid is: Dan Marran, CPPO, C.P.M. – Contracts and Risk Manager

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Bidder's Checklist

Bidders are instructed to complete and return the following forms in order for their bids to be complete. Failure to return the following items may result in your bid being declared “non-responsive.”

1. _____ Bid Item Schedule
2. _____ Bidder Information Sheets
3. _____ Acknowledgement and Execution Form
4. _____ Certification Regarding Debarment
5. _____ Signed Bid Addenda (if applicable)

**CITY OF SPARKS
 BID ITEM SCHEDULE**

BID TITLE: Landscape Maintenance-Maintenance Districts

BID # 22/23-026

PRICES must be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening.

COMPLETION of this project is expected PURSUANT TO CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER acknowledges receipt of _____ Addenda.

 Bidder Name

 (signature)

MESA MEADOWS/PINNACLES SUBDIVISION

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL AMOUNT
1	Lump Sum	Provide Landscape/Grounds Maintenance of the Mesa Meadows/Pinnacles subdivision	\$ _____
2	Force Account	For work as authorized by City of Sparks Project Coordinator	\$5,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT MESA MEADOWS/PINNACLES SUBDIVISION			\$ _____

TRIPLE CROWN SUBDIVISION

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL AMOUNT
1	Lump Sum	Provide Landscape/Grounds Maintenance of the Triple Crown subdivision	\$ _____
2	Force Account	For work as authorized by City of Sparks Project Coordinator	\$5,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT TRIPLE CROWN SUBDIVISION			\$ _____

PROMONTORY POINT SUBDIVISION

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL AMOUNT
1	Lump Sum	Provide Landscape/Grounds Maintenance of the Promontory Point subdivision	\$
2	Force Account	For work as authorized by City of Sparks Project Coordinator	\$5,000.00

TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT PROMONTORY POINT SUBDIVISION	\$ _____
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GRAND TOTAL

TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR ALL AREAS (Mesa Meadows/Pinnacles, Triple Crown, Promontory)	\$ _____
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Bids shall be ranked/evaluated using the “Grand Total” (annual) cost for all locations.

For billing purposes, the Contractor’s total annual amount for each landscape maintenance area will be divided by the number of months to be serviced (12) and monthly invoicing and payment shall be based upon that amount.

The initial contract term shall be for 24 months (April 2023 – March 2025). There will be mutually agreeable options to extend the contract for up to three (3) additional 12-month periods (April-March), not to exceed March 2028.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE-MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

SUPPLEMENTAL WORK PRICING

Instructions:

1. Entire Hourly Rate for work for the Supplemental Work Items. This rate includes all personnel and equipment used for completion of the work as directed by City.
2. This rate excludes cost of all new or replacement plants, trees and irrigation system supplies for supplemental work. City reserves the right to provide these items.

Item	Description	Hourly Rate
1	Plant/Shrub Replacement	\$ _____
2	Tree Replacement	\$ _____
3	Irrigation Repairs (main, lateral, valves, etc)	\$ _____

Bidder Information

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name:
Contact Name:
Address:
City:
State / Zip Code:
Telephone Number including area code:
Fax Number including area code:
E-mail:

COMPANY BACKGROUND

- 1) Has your company ever failed to complete any contracts awarded to it? No ___ Yes ___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 2) Has your company filed any arbitration request or law suits on contracts awarded within the last five years? No ___ Yes ___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 3) Does your company now have any legal suits or arbitration claims pending or outstanding against it or any officers relating to the performance of a public contract? No ___ Yes ___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 4) Does your company now employ any officers or principals who were with another firm when that company failed to complete a contract within the last five years? No ___ Yes ___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 5) Has your company had a contract partially or completely terminated for default (cause) within the past five years? No ___ Yes ___ (If yes, please provide details.)

- 6) Has your company been found non-responsible on a government bid within the last five years? No ___ Yes ___ (If yes, please provide details.)

Bidder Information

BUSINESS LICENSING INFORMATION All vendors doing business within the City of Sparks are required to obtain and maintain a current business license from the City of Sparks prior to commencement of work (Sparks Municipal Code Section 5.08.020A). Vendor(s) awarded a contract resulting from this bid shall be required to obtain a current business license if they do not already hold one.

City of Sparks Business License Number:
Date Issued:
Date of Expiration:
Name of Licensee:
City, State, Zip Code of Licensee:
Telephone Number of Licensee:
Taxpayer Identification Number:

CONTRACTOR LICENSE INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

Nevada State Contractor's License Number (If Applicable):
License Classification(s):
Limitation(s) of License:
Date Issued:
Date of Expiration:
Name of Licensee:
City, State, Zip Code of Licensee:
Telephone Number of Licensee:

Bidder Information

DISCLOSURE OF PRINCIPALS:

a) Individual and/or Partnership:

Owner 1) Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Owner 2) Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Other 1) Title:
Name
Other 2) Title:
Name:

b) Corporation:

State in which Company is Incorporated:
Date Incorporated:
Name of Corporation:
Address
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
President's Name:
Vice-President's Name:
Other 1) Name:
Title:

Awarded Contract Information

If your company is determined to be the awardee of the contract for this scope of work, the contract form for the work will be routed via electronic means. Therefore, please identify the authorized individual that will be signing the resulting contract. Presumably this will be the company owner or corporate officer authorized to bind the company for future work.

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name:
Authorized Name:
Title:
Individual E-Mail Address:
Telephone Number including area code:
Mailing Address:

CITY OF SPARKS ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND EXECUTION:

STATE OF _____)
) SS
County of _____)

_____(Name of Principal) being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he/she is the Bidder, or authorized agent of the Bidder for whom the aforesaid described work is to be performed by; that he/she has read the Plans, Specifications, and related documents including but not limited to, any addenda issued and understands the terms, conditions, and requirements thereof; that if his/her bid is accepted that he/she agrees to furnish and deliver all materials and services except those specified to be furnished by the City of Sparks (Owner) and to do and perform all work for the **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE-MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, Bid # 22/23-026**, together with incidental items necessary to complete the work to be performed and/or services and materials to be provided in accordance with the Specifications, Plans, and Contract Documents annexed hereto.

TO THE CONTRACTS AND RISK MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SPARKS:

The undersigned, as Bidder, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this proposal, as principals, are those named herein, the Bidder is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid: that this proposal is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation; that he/she has carefully examined the location of the proposed work; the proposed form of Contract, the Contract Provisions, Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents incorporated therein referred to and made part thereof; that he/she proposes and agrees if this proposal is accepted, that he/she will contract with the City of Sparks in the form of the Contract prescribed, to provide all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus and other means of construction, and to do all the work and furnish all the materials specified in the Contract and annexed Contract Provisions, Plans and Specifications, in the manner and time prescribed and according to the requirements of the Project Representative as therein set forth, it being understood and agreed that the quantities shown herein are approximate only and are subject to increase or decrease, and that he/she will accept, in full, payment therefore the indicated prices.

(Printed Name of Contractor/Bidder) Contractor/Bidder: _____
BY: _____
Firm: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State / Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____
(Signature of Principal) Signature: _____
DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

State of Nevada)
) SS.
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, in the year 2023, before me,

/Notary Public, personally appeared _____ Personally known to me (or proved
to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he (she) executed it. WITNESS my hand and official seal.
Notary's Signature: _____ My commission Expires: _____

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

(This form to be signed and returned at the time of bid)

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 93, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85, 668, 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The prospective bidder, _____ certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. Any exceptions provided will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility and whether or not the City will enter into contract with the party. For any exception noted, indicate on an attached sheet to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

I am unable to certify to the above statement. My explanation is attached.

Signature _____ Date _____

GENERAL CONDITIONS

General Conditions



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Please Read Carefully

These Provisions Are a Part of Your Bid and any Contract Awarded

Scope of Bid/Proposal: Bids/Proposals are hereby requested for **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE-MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS**, as per specifications herein.

The bidder agrees that:

- A. Bidder has carefully examined the specifications, and all provisions relating to the item(s) to be furnished or the work to be done; understands the meaning, intent, and requirements; and
- B. Bidder will enter into a written contract and furnish the item(s) or complete the work in the time specified, and in strict conformity with the City of Sparks specifications for the prices quoted.

Note: Bidder is defined as any individual, partnership, or corporation submitting a bid, proposal, or quotation in response to a request for bid (RFB), request for proposal (RFP), request for information (RFI) or request for quotation (RFQ). A bidder may also be referred to as a bidder, contractor, supplier or vendor.

The use of the title "Bidder," "Vendor", "Contractor" or "Consultant" within this solicitation document and any resulting contract shall be deemed interchangeable and shall refer to the person or entity with whom the City of Sparks is soliciting and/or contracting for the service or product referenced within the bid document.

1. Prices:

All prices and notations must be in ink or typewritten. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections typed or written with ink adjacent to the error. Bids shall indicate the unit price extended to indicate the total price for each item bid. Any difference between the unit price correctly extended and the total price shown for all items bid shall be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Bidders are encouraged to review all prices prior to bid submittal, as withdrawal or correction may not be permitted after the bid has been opened.

2. Firm Prices:

Prices on bid shall be firm prices not subject to escalation unless otherwise provided for in the specifications. In the event the specifications provide for escalation, the maximum limit shall be shown, or the bid shall not be considered. In the event of a decline in market price below a price bid, the City of Sparks shall receive the benefit of such decline.

3. Items Offered:

If the item offered by the bidder has a trade name, brand and/or catalog number, such shall be stated in the bid. If the bidder proposes to furnish an item of a manufacturer or vendor other than that mentioned on the face hereof, bidder must specify maker, brand, quality, catalog number, or other trade designation. Unless such is noted on the bid form, it will be deemed that the item offered is that designated even though the bid may state "or equal".

4. Brand Names:

Whenever reference to a specific brand name is made by the City, it is intended to describe a component that has been determined to best meet operational, performance, or reliability standards of the City, thereby incorporating these standards by reference within the specifications. These specifications are not meant to limit the vendor; they are guidelines to minimum qualifications. The bidder shall indicate their compliance or non-compliance for each line of the specification. Any deviations from the specifications or where submitted literature does not fully support the meaning of the specifications must be clearly cited in writing by the bidder.

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An equivalent (“or equal”) may be offered by the bidder, subject to evaluation and acceptance by the City. It is the bidder’s responsibility to provide, at bidder’s expense, samples, test data, or other documentation the City may require to fully evaluate and determine acceptability of an offered substitute. The City reserves the sole right to reject a substituted component that will not meet or exceed City standards.

5. Samples:

Samples may be required for bid evaluation and testing purposes. Bidders shall agree to provide samples upon request and at no additional cost to the City.

6. Withdrawal of Bids:

Bids may be withdrawn by written or facsimile notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of bid. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by a bidder, or bidder’s authorized representative, prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of bids. Telephone withdrawals are not permitted.

7. Late Bids, Modifications, or Withdrawals:

Bids, modifications of bids, or bid withdrawals received after the exact time and date specified for receipt will not be considered.

8. Mistake in Bid:

- (a) If the bidder discovers a mistake in bid prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of bid, bidder may correct the mistake by withdrawing the bid in accordance with Item 7 above and resubmit prior to the stated bid deadline.
- (b) If within seventy-two hours of the bid closing and prior to the issuance of a purchase order or a contract, the apparent low bidder discovers a mistake in bid of a serious and significant nature, bidder may request consideration be given to withdrawing the bid. The mistake must be evident and provable. The right is reserved by the City to reject any and all requests for withdrawal of bids. The decision of the Purchasing Manager is final as regards acceptance or rejection of requests for withdrawal after closing of bids.
- (c) A mistake in bid cannot be considered once a purchase order or contract is issued.

9. Signature:

All bids shall be signed and the title and firm name indicated. A bid by a corporation shall be signed by an authorized officer, employee or agent with his or her title.

10. Exceptions:

A bidder deviating from specifications must specify any and all deviation(s). Failure to note said exceptions shall be interpreted to convey that the bidder shall propose to perform in the manner described and/or specified in this bid solicitation. If exception(s) are taken or alternatives offered, complete descriptions must be shown separately.

11. Confidential Information:

Any information deemed confidential or proprietary should be clearly identified by the bidder as such. It may then be protected and treated with confidentiality only to the extent permitted by state law. Otherwise the information shall be considered a public record. Information or data submitted with a bid will not be returned.

12. Quality:

Unless otherwise required in the specifications, all goods furnished shall be new and unused.



13. Litigation Warranty:

The bidder, by bidding, warrants that bidder is not currently involved in litigation or arbitration concerning the materials or bidder's performance concerning the same or similar material or service to be supplied pursuant to this contract of specification, and that no judgments or awards have been made against bidder on the basis of bidder's performance in supplying or installing the same or similar material or service, unless such fact is disclosed to the City in the bid. Disclosure may not disqualify the bidder. The City reserves the right to evaluate bids on the basis of the facts surrounding such litigation or arbitration and to require bidder to furnish the City with a surety bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Nevada and approved by The City of Sparks in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price conditional on the faithful performance by bidder of the contract in the event the bid is awarded to bidder, notwithstanding the litigation or arbitration.

14. Royalties, Licenses and Patents:

Unless otherwise specified, the bidder shall pay all royalties, license and patent fees. The bidder warrants that the materials to be supplied do not infringe any patent, trademark or copyright and further agrees to defend any and all suits, actions and claims for infringement that are brought against the City, and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from all loss or damages, whether general, exemplary or punitive, as a result of any actual or claimed infringement asserted against the City, the bidder or those furnishing material to bidder pursuant to this contract.

15. Performance Standards:

Performance of work and acceptability of equipment or materials supplied pursuant to any contract or award shall be to the satisfaction and full discretion of the City.

16. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards:

Bidders shall be required to comply with current ADA Standards in preparing their bids and executing work required under any contract resulting from this bid. Completed work must comply with current ADA Standards.

17. Warranties:

(a) Unless otherwise specified, all workmanship, material, labor or equipment provided under the contract shall be warranted by bidder and/or manufacturer for a minimum of twelve (12) months after acceptance by City. Greater warranty protection will be accepted. Lesser warranty protection must be indicated by bidder on the bid proposal as an exception.

(b) Bidder shall be considered primarily responsible to the City for all warranty service, parts and labor applicable to the goods or equipment provided by bidder under this bid or award, irrespective of whether bidder is an agent, broker, fabricator or manufacturer's dealer. Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that warranty work is performed at a local agency or facility convenient to City and that services, parts and labor are available and provided to meet City's schedules and deadlines. If required and defined within the Scope of Work, the Bidder will post a performance bond after contract award to guarantee performance of these obligations. Bidder may establish a service contract with a local agency satisfactory to City to meet this obligation if bidder does not ordinarily provide warranty service.

18. Addenda:

The effect of all addenda to the bid documents shall be considered in the bid, and said addenda shall be made part of the bid documents and shall be returned with them. Before submitting a bid, each bidder shall ascertain

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whether or not any addenda have been issued, and failure to acknowledge any such addenda may render the bid invalid and result in its rejection.

All potential bidders are responsible for monitoring the City website regarding the availability of new bid documents or addenda (where applicable). The City of Sparks will not be responsible for the results of any potential failures in automatic notification systems to potential bidders or plan holders with respect to these documents and will not adjust bid schedules or requirements due to any potential failures of those systems. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders/responders to monitor the Purchasing Division's website for any changing information prior to submitting their bid/proposal. The City of Sparks will not be responsible for the timeliness or completeness of information provided by any 3rd party bid listing or re-selling service.

19. Specifications to Prevail:

The detailed requirements of the Specifications, Scope of Work or Special Conditions shall supersede any conflicting reference in these General Conditions or the stated language on the City of Sparks Standard Purchase Order that are in conflict therewith.

20. Taxes:

The City is exempt from State, City and County Sales Taxes per NRS 372.325. The City will furnish Exemption Certificates for Federal Excise Tax when applicable. The successful bidder shall pay all taxes, levies, duties and assessments of every nature, which may be applicable to any work or materials under this Contract. The Contract Sum and any agreed variations thereof shall include all taxes imposed by law. The successful bidder shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. The successful bidder herein indemnifies and holds the City harmless from any liability on account of any and all such taxes, levies, duties, assessments and deductions.

21. Conflict of Interest:

No City employee or elected or appointed member of City government, or member of the employee's immediate family, may participate directly or indirectly in the procurement process pertaining to this bid if they:

- (a) Have a financial interest or other personal interest that is incompatible with the proper discharge of their official duties in the public interest or would tend to impair their independence, judgment or action in the performance of their official duties.
- (b) Are negotiating for or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment with bidder. The bidder warrants to the best of his knowledge that the submission of the bid will not create such conflict of interest. In the event such a conflict occurs, the bidder is to report it immediately to the Purchasing Manager. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to annul this contract without liability at its discretion, and bidder may be subject to damages and/or debarment or suspension.

22. Disqualification of Bidder:

Any one or more of the following may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a prospective Bidder and the rejection of the Bid:

- (a) The Bidder is not responsive or responsible.
- (b) The quality of services, materials, equipment or labor offered does not conform to the approved plans and specifications.
- (c) There is evidence of collusion among prospective Bidders (Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as Bidders).
- (d) The Bidder lacks the correct contractor's license classification required for the defined scope of work.
- (e) Lack of competency, understanding of the scope of work, adequate machinery, plant and/or equipment as revealed in routine due diligence associated with bid evaluation.

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- (f) Unsatisfactory performance record as shown by past work for the City of Sparks, judged from the standpoint of workmanship, progress, and quality of services/goods provided.
- (g) Uncompleted work which, in the judgment of the City of Sparks, might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work, if awarded.
- (h) Failure to pay or satisfactorily settle all bills due for labor and/or material on any contract(s).
- (i) Failure to comply with any requirements of the City of Sparks.
- (j) Failure to list, as required, all subcontractors who will be employed by the Bidder.
- (k) Any other reason determined, in good faith, to be in the best interest of the City of Sparks.

23. Gratuities:

The City may rescind the right of the bidder to proceed under this agreement if it is found that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts, cash or otherwise are offered or given by the bidder, or any agent or representative of the bidder, to any officer or employee of the City with the intent of influencing award of this agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to performance of this agreement.

24. Bidder's Security (This Section IS IS NOT Applicable to this bid):

A bid deposit in an amount equal to at least 5% of the bid may be required as a bid security by the City. The bid security may only be in cash, a cashier's or certified check made payable to the City of Sparks, or a bid bond. If the bid security is a bond, it shall be executed by a surety insurer authorized to issue surety bonds in the State of Nevada. All Bonding Companies must have an "A" rating or better with Moody's or A.M. Best Company, and be included on the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bond and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in circular 570 (as amended) by the audit staff, Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department. (In other words, the company is T-listed.) The bid security must be executed by the bidder and enclosed with the bid proposal in the sealed bid envelope.

25. Performance and Payment Bonds:

Per NRS 339.025, before any contract, except one subject to the provisions of chapter 408 of NRS, exceeding \$100,000 for any project for the new construction, repair or reconstruction of any public building or other public work or public improvement of any contracting body is awarded to any contractor, he shall furnish to the contracting body the following bonds which become binding upon the award of the contract to the contractor (All Bonding Companies must have an "A" rating or better with Moody's or A.M. Best Company, and be included on the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bond and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in circular 570 (as amended) by the audit staff, Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department. (In other words, the company is T-listed.)):

Performance Bond (This Section IS IS NOT Applicable to this bid):

The Contractor awarded this bid will be required to furnish the City with a surety bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract. This may take the form of a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Nevada and approved by the City of Sparks. The bond shall be in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the contract price. Such bond shall be forfeited to the City in the event that bidder receiving the contract shall fail or refuse to fulfill the requirements and all terms and conditions of the contract.

Payment Bond (This Section IS IS NOT Applicable to this bid):

The Contractor awarded this bid will be required to furnish the City with a payment bond. This may take the form of a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Nevada and approved by the City of Sparks. The bond shall be in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the

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contract price The bond must be solely for the protection of claimants supplying labor or materials to the contractor to whom the contract was awarded, or to any of his subcontractors, in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract.

26. Indemnification:

To the fullest extent permitted by law, upon award, Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and protect City, its affiliates, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns (“Indemnified Parties”), and each of them from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, costs, expenses, actual attorney’s fees, losses or liabilities, in law or in equity, of every kind and nature whatsoever (“Claims”) arising out of or related to any act or omission of Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives, or Subcontractors in any way related to the performance of work under this Agreement by Contractor, or to work performed by others under the direction or supervision of Contractor, including but not limited to:

1. Personal injury, including but not limited to bodily injury, emotional injury, sickness or disease, or death to persons;
2. Damage to property of anyone, including loss of use thereof;
3. Penalties from violation of any law or regulation caused by Contractor’s action or inaction;
4. Failure of Contractor to comply with the Insurance requirements established under this Agreement;
5. Any violation by Contractor of any law or regulation in any way related to the occupational safety and health of employees.

In determining the nature of the claim against City, the incident underlying the claim shall determine the nature of the claim, notwithstanding the form of the allegations against City.

If City’s personnel are involved in defending such actions, Contractor shall reimburse City for the time and costs spent by such personnel at the rate charged City for such services by private professionals.

In cases of professional service agreements, requiring professional liability coverage:

If the insurer by which a Consultant is insured against professional liability does not so defend the City and applicable agents and/or staff, and the Consultant is adjudicated to be liable by a trier of fact, the City shall be entitled to reasonable attorney’s fees and costs to be paid to the City by the Consultant in an amount which is proportionate to the liability of the of the Consultant.

Nothing in this contract shall be interpreted to waive nor does the City, by entering into this contract, waive any of the provisions found in Chapter 41 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

27. Insurance:

BIDDERS' ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT BIDDERS CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE CARRIERS OR BROKERS TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF BID SUBMISSION THE AVAILABILITY OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENTS AS PRESCRIBED AND PROVIDED HEREIN. IF THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER FAILS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, THAT BIDDER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

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The City may, unless otherwise required by law, waive or reduce the insurance requirements itemized here, at the discretion of the city’s Contracts and Risk Manager.

Should work be required on City premises or within the public right-of-way, upon award of the contract, the bidder shall provide proof of insurance for the types of coverage, limits of insurance and other terms specified herein, prior to initiation of any services under City, Bid, Proposal or Contract. Coverage shall be from a company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada and the City of Sparks and shall meet the following minimum specifications:

Contractor shall at its own expense carry and maintain at all times the following insurance coverage and limits of insurance no less than the following or the amount customarily carried by Contractor or any of its subcontractors, whichever is greater. Contractor shall also cause each subcontractor employed by Contractor to purchase and maintain insurance of the type specified herein. All insurers must have AM Best rating not less than A-VII, and be acceptable to the City. Contractor shall furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing coverage for itself and for each subcontractor. Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this contract at City’s option. If Contractor fails to maintain the insurance as set forth herein, City shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase said insurance at Contractor’s expense.

Contractor shall provide proof of insurance for the lines of coverage, limits of insurance and other terms specified below prior to initiation of any services. Coverage shall be from a company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada and the City of Sparks. Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall carry and maintain coverage and limits no less than the following or the amount customarily carried by Contractor or any of its subcontractors, whichever is greater.

Applicable to this Contract	Insurance Type	Minimum Limit	Insurance Certificate	Additional Insured	Waiver of Subrogation
Yes	General Liability/Umbrella (Excess) Liability	\$2,000,000	✓	✓	✓
Yes	Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	✓	
Yes	Workers’ Compensation	Statutory	✓	N/A	✓
Yes	Employer’s Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	
No	Professional Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	N/A
No	Pollution Legal Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	N/A

Commercial General Liability

Contractor shall carry and maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and, if necessary to meet required limits of insurance, commercial umbrella/excess liability insurance with a total limit of not less than the limits specified herein.

For contracts that are for the construction or improvement of public facilities, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain products and completed operations liability coverage through the statute of repose after completion of

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the project. Continuing commercial umbrella coverage, if any, shall include liability coverage for damage to the insured's completed work equivalent to that provided under ISO form CG 00 01.

There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL limiting the scope of coverage for liability arising from pollution, explosion, collapse, underground property damage, or damage to the named insured's work unless Subcontractor carries and maintains separate policies providing such coverage and provides Contractor evidence of insurance confirming the coverage.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

\$2,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit for bodily injury and property damage

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit

\$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations Aggregate Limit

\$10,000 Medical Expense Limit

If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, it shall be revised to apply separately to this PROJECT or LOCATION.

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability (CGL) "Occurrence" form CG 00 01 04/13 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

Additional Insured

City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds using the applicable ISO additional insured endorsement(s) or substitute forms providing equivalent coverage, in respects to damages and defense arising from: activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, occupied, or used by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, or volunteers. Additional insured status for City shall apply until the expiration of time within which a claimant can bring suit per applicable state law.

Primary and Non-Contributory

Contractor's insurance coverage shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers. There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL to make it excess over other available insurance; alternatively, if the CGL states that it is excess or pro rata, the policy shall be endorsed to be primary with respect to the additional insured. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its officers, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it in any way.

Waiver of Subrogation

Contractor waives all rights against City and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained pursuant to this agreement. Insurer shall endorse CGL policy as required to waive subrogation against the City with respect to any loss paid under the policy.

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Endorsements

Policy forms or endorsements are required confirming coverage for all required additional insureds. The forms or endorsements for CGL shall be at least as broad as the unmodified ISO additional insured endorsement CGO 20 10 07/04 and CG 20 37 07/04 or substitute forms providing additional insured coverage for products and completed operations.

A waiver of subrogation in favor of City shall be endorsed to the policy using an unmodified Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery of Others to Us ISO CG 24 04 05 09, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage.

Business Automobile Liability

Minimum Limits of Insurance

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage or the limit customarily carried by Contractor, whichever is greater. No aggregate limit may apply. Coverage may be combined with Excess/Umbrella Liability coverage to meet the required limit.

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified Insurance Services Office (ISO) Business Automobile Coverage form CA 00 01 10/13, CA 00 25 10/13, CA 00 20 10/13 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos).

Pollution liability coverage at least as broad as that provided under the ISO pollution liability—broadened coverage for covered autos endorsement (CA 99 48) shall be provided, and the Motor Carrier Act endorsement (MCS 90) shall be attached for all contracts involving transportation of “hazardous material” as this term is defined by applicable law, including, but not limited to, waste, asbestos, fungi, bacteria and mold.

Additional Insured

City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds with respect to damages and defense arising from the ownership, maintenance or use of automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, or volunteers. Additional insured status for City shall apply until the expiration of time within which a claimant can bring suit per applicable state law.

Endorsements

A policy endorsement is required listing all required additional insureds. The endorsement for Business Automobile Liability shall be at least as broad as the unmodified ISO CA 20 48 10/13 or a substitute form confirming City’s insured status for Liability Coverage under the Who Is An Insured Provision contained in Section II of the coverage form ISO CA 00 01 10/13.

Waiver of Subrogation.

Contractor waives all rights against City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained pursuant to this agreement. Contractor’s insurer shall endorse policy to waive subrogation against City with respect to any loss paid under the policy.

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Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability

Contractor shall carry and maintain workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the State of Nevada, including but not limited to NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210 or provide proof that compliance with the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 616A-D and all other related chapters is not required. It is understood and agreed that there shall be no coverage provided for Contractor or any Subcontractor of the Contractor by the City. Contractor agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this Agreement and as a precondition to any obligation of the City to make any payment under this Agreement to provide City with a certificate issued by an insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627 and with a certificate of an insurer showing coverage pursuant to NRS 617.210.

It is further understood and agreed by and between City and Contractor that Contractor shall procure, pay for and maintain the above-mentioned coverage at Contractor's sole cost and expense.

Should Contractor be self-funded for workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance, Contractor shall so notify City in writing prior to the signing of this Contract. City reserves the right to approve said retentions, and may request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, for review prior to the signing of this Contract.

Upon completion of the project, Contractor shall, if requested by City, provide a Final Certificate for itself and each Subcontractor showing that Contractor and each Subcontractor had maintained the required Workers Compensation and Employer’s Liability by paying all premiums due throughout the entire course of the project.

Nevada law allows the following to reject workers’ compensation coverage if they do not use employees or subcontractors in the performance of work under the contract:

- Sole proprietors (NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210)
- Unpaid officers of quasi-public, private or nonprofit corporations (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)
- Unpaid managers of limited liability companies (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)
- An officer or manager of a corporation or limited liability company who owns the corporation or company (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)

If a contractor has rejected workers’ compensation coverage under applicable Nevada law, the contractor must indicate the basis for the rejection of coverage and complete, sign and have notarized an Affidavit of Rejection of Coverage. The Affidavit must be completed, signed and notarized prior to performance of any work.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

Workers’ Compensation:	Statutory Limits
Employer’s Liability:	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Accident – Each Accident
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Each Employee
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Policy Limit

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) Workers Compensation and Employer’s Liability coverage form WC 00 00 07/11 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage.



OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGES (IF APPLICABLE)

Professional Liability Insurance (if Applicable) \$1,000,000 each claim limits of liability or whatever limit is customarily carried by the Contractor, whichever is greater, for design, design-build or any type of professional services. If coverage is required on a claims-made or claims-made and reported basis, any applicable retroactive or pending & prior litigation dates must precede the effective date of this contract. Continuous coverage shall be maintained, or an extended reporting period shall be obtained for a period of at least three (3) years following completion of the project.

ALL COVERAGES

Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or non-renewed by either CONTRACTOR or by the insurer, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to CITY except for ten (10) days' notice for nonpayment of premium.

DEDUCTIBLES AND RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000.00 per occurrence or claim must be declared to and approved by the City's Contracts and Risk Manager and prior to signing this Contract. City is entitled to request and receive additional documentation, financial or otherwise, prior to giving its approval of the deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any changes to the deductibles or self-insured retentions made during the term of this Contract or during the term of any policy must be approved by City's Contracts and Purchasing Manager prior to the change taking effect. Contractor is responsible for any losses within deductibles or self-insured retentions.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Should City and Contractor agree that higher coverage limits are needed warranting a project policy, project coverage shall be purchased and the premium for limits exceeding the above amount may be borne by City. City retains the option to purchase project insurance through Contractor's insurer or its own source.

Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to City, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.

ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A-VII and acceptable to the City. City, with the approval of the Risk Manager, may accept coverage with carriers having lower Best's ratings upon review of financial information concerning Contractor and insurance carrier. City reserves the right to require that Contractor's insurer be a licensed and admitted insurer in the State of Nevada, or meet any applicable state and federal laws and regulations for non-admitted insurance placement.

VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

Prior to the start of any Work, Contractor must provide the following documents to City of Sparks, Attention: Purchasing Division, P.O. Box 857, Sparks, NV 89432-0857:

- A. Certificate of Insurance.** Contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance form to the City of Sparks to evidence the insurance policies and coverage required of Contractor.



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- B. Additional Insured Endorsements.** An original Additional Insured Endorsement, signed by an authorized insurance company representative, must be submitted to the City of Sparks, by attachment to the Certificate of Insurance, to evidence the endorsement of the City of Sparks as additional insured.
- C. Policy Cancellation Endorsement.** Except for ten (10) days' notice for non-payment of premium, each insurance policy shall be endorsed to specify that without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City of Sparks, the policy shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or non-renewed, and shall provide that notices required by this paragraph shall be sent by certified mailed to the address specified above. A copy of this signed endorsement must be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. If endorsements are not available, Contractor shall be responsible to provide prior written notice to City as soon as practicable upon receipt of any notice of cancellation, non-renewal, reduction in required limits or other material change in the insurance required under this Agreement.
- D. Bonds (as Applicable).** Bonds as required and/or defined in the original bid documents.

All certificates and endorsements are to be addressed to the City of Sparks, Purchasing Division and be received and approved by City before work commences. The City reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each Subcontractor. All coverages for Subcontractors shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS

1. Contractor shall be responsible for and remedy all damage or loss to any property, including property of City, caused in whole or in part by Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone employed, directed, or supervised by Contractor.
2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payment of damages to persons or property resulting from its operations or the operations of any Subcontractors under it, and such coverage and limits required herein shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to City in this contract.
3. In addition to any other remedies City may have if Contractor fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, City may, at its sole option:
 - a. Purchase such insurance to cover any risk for which City may be liable through the operations of Contractor under this Agreement and deduct or retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;
 - b. Order Contractor to stop work under this Agreement and/or withhold any payments which become due Contractor here under until Contractor demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; or,
 - c. Terminate the Agreement.
4. If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insureds condition, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.



28. Safety Program:

Upon award, the Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide all necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:

1. All employees on the work site and all other persons who may be affected thereby.
2. All the work, materials, and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site.
3. Other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, and utilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and others of any public authority having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury, or loss. He shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and progress on the work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs, other warnings against hazards, promulgating safety regulations, and notifying owners and users of adjacent utilities. Contractor shall comply with OSHA'S Hazard Communication Standards.

Contractor shall designate a responsible member of its organization at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor to the Owner and the Engineer.

29. Award of Contract:

- (a) Bids/Proposals will be analyzed and award will be made to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the solicitation and whose bid is considered to be most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. Factors to be considered may include, but are not limited to: bidder's past performance, total unit cost, economic cost analysis, life cycle costs, warranty and quality, maintenance cost, durability, the operational requirements of the City and any other factors which will result in the optimum economic benefit to the City.
- (b) The City reserves the right to reject any item or items, to waive informalities, technical defects and minor irregularities in bids/proposals received; and to select the bid(s) or proposal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City. Should the City elect to waive a right it will not constitute an automatic waiver of that right in the future nor will it impact any other right or remedy. The City may consider bids/proposals submitted on an "all or nothing" basis if the bid/proposal is clearly designated as such.
- (c) The City reserves the right to award one or more contracts on the bids/proposals submitted, either by award of all items to one bidder or by award of separate items or groups of items to various bidders as the interests of the City may require, unless the bidder clearly specifies otherwise in his bid.
- (d) Upon acceptance by the City of Sparks, the solicitation, bid, proposal, or price quotation and issuance of a purchase order issued to the successful bidder shall be deemed to result in a binding contract incorporating those terms and these General Conditions without further action required by either party. Items are to be furnished as described in the bid and in strict conformity with all instructions, conditions, specifications, and provisions in the complete contract, as defined by this clause or any related integrated agreement.

30. Request for Proposal (RFP) Submittals:

In the case of Request for Proposals (RFP's), it should be noted that the documents submitted by prospective bidders are competitive sealed proposals and not competitive sealed bids. When proposals are opened, prices

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and other information will not be made public until the proposal is awarded. There shall be no disclosure of any bidder's information to competing bidders prior to the award of the proposal.

By their nature, proposals will include a number of variables that will vary based on the complexity of the product or service addressed within the proposal. Therefore, the evaluation of RFP's and the recommendation for award will not be based on price alone. Selection criteria will be better defined for each scope of work in the Special Conditions section of this bid.

Upon award of the contract, the executed contract and proposals will become public information. Accordingly, each proposal should be submitted on the vendor's most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint.

31. Tie Bids:

Should identical low, responsive and responsible bids be received from two bidders, the City of Sparks Purchasing Manager shall notify all parties involved in the tie and may at his option utilize a coin-flip to determine the low bidder who shall be recommended for award. Or;

Should there be three or more low, responsive and responsible tie bids the Purchasing Manager shall exercise the following tie breaking method, unless another alternative is apparent and prudent: The City of Sparks Purchasing Manager shall set a mutually agreed upon time where, in his office, he shall shuffle a new deck of playing cards and have each bidder's representative cut the cards. The tie bidder who cuts the highest card (with Ace high) shall be recommended for bid award.

32. Appeals/Protests – Bids Only (Not Applicable to Request for Proposals):

A person who submits a bid on a contract may, after the bids are opened and within 5 business days after the date the "Recommendation to Award" is issued by the City, unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions, file a notice of protest regarding the awarding of the contract. The City's "Recommendation to Award" will be dated and posted on the City's public website within the area where bid notices and bid re-caps are posted (Currently: <http://www.cityofsparks.us/bids>).

- (a) A notice of protest must include a written statement setting forth with specificity the reasons the person filing the notice believes the applicable provisions of law were violated.
- (b) A person filing a notice of protest may be required by the governing body or its authorized representative, at the time the notice of protest is filed, to post a bond with a good and solvent surety authorized to do business in this State or submit other security, in a form approved by the governing body or its authorized representative, to the governing body or its authorized representative who shall hold the bond or other security until a determination is made on the protest. A bond posted or other security submitted with a notice of protest must be in an amount equal to the lesser of:
 - (1) Twenty-five percent of the total value of the bid submitted by the person filing the notice of protest;
 - or
 - (2) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- (c) A notice of protest filed in accordance with the provisions of this section operates as a stay of action in relation to the awarding of any contract until a determination is made by the governing body or its authorized representative on the protest.
- (d) A person who submits an unsuccessful bid may not seek any type of judicial intervention until the governing body or its authorized representative has made a determination on the protest and awarded the contract.

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- (e) A governing body or its authorized representative is not liable for any costs, expenses, attorney's fees, loss of income or other damages sustained by a person who submits a bid, whether or not the person files a notice of protest pursuant to this section.
- (f) If the protest is upheld, the bond posted or other security submitted with the notice of protest must be returned to the person who posted the bond or submitted the security. If the protest is rejected, a claim may be made against the bond or other security by the governing body or its authorized representative in an amount equal to the expenses incurred by the governing body or its authorized representative because of the unsuccessful protest. Any money remaining after the claim has been satisfied must be returned to the person who posted the bond or submitted the security.

33. Documentation:

Due to the time constraints that affect contract performance, all required documents, certificates of insurance and bonds shall be provided to the City within ten (10) calendar days following award or date of request by City, whichever is later. Any failure to comply may result in bid being declared non-responsive and rejected, and at City's option, the bid bond may be attached for damages suffered.

34. Discounts:

- (a) Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in evaluating bids for award. However, offered discounts will be taken if payment is made within the discount period, even though not considered in the evaluation of bids.
- (b) In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from date of delivery and acceptance, or invoice receipt, whichever is later. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the City check.
- (c) Any discount offered other than for prompt payment should be included in the net price quoted and not included in separate terms. In the event this is not done, the City reserves the right to accept the discount offered and adjust prices accordingly on the Purchase Order.

35. Seller's Invoice:

Invoices shall be prepared and submitted in duplicate to the address shown on the Purchase Order. Separate invoices are required for each Purchase Order. Invoices shall contain the following information: Purchase Order number, item number, description of supplies or services, sizes, unit of measure, quantity, unit price and extended totals.

36. Inspection and Acceptance:

Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless specified otherwise, and will be made by the City department shown in the shipping address or other duly authorized representative of the City. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejection, risk of loss will be on the bidder unless loss results from negligence of the City.

37. Lost and Damaged Shipments:

Risk of loss or damage to items prior to the time of their receipt and acceptance by the City is upon the bidder. The City has no obligation to accept damaged shipments and reserves the right to return at the bidder's expense damaged merchandise even though the damage was not apparent or discovered until after receipt of the items.

38. Late Shipments:

Bidder is responsible to notify the City department receiving the items and the Purchasing Manager of any late or delayed shipments. The City reserves the right to cancel all or any part of an order if the shipment is not made as promised.



39. Document Ownership:

All technical documents and records originated or prepared pursuant to this contract, including papers, reports, charts, and computer programs, shall be delivered to and become the exclusive property of the City and may be copyrighted by the City. Bidder assigns all copyrights to City by undertaking this agreement.

40. Advertisements, Product Endorsements:

City employees and agencies or organizations funded by the City of Sparks are prohibited from making endorsements, either implied or direct, of commercial products or services without written approval of the City Manager. No bidder may represent that the City of Sparks has endorsed their product or service without prior written approval.

41. Optional Cooperative Purchase Agreement

It is intended that any other public agency (i.e., city, county, district, public agency, municipality or state agency) shall have the option to participate (A.K.A. "join" or "piggyback") in any award made as a result of this solicitation. The City of Sparks shall incur no financial responsibility in connection with purchase orders or contracts made by the bidder with another public agency resulting from this solicitation. The public agency utilizing the original contract shall accept sole responsibility for placing orders and making applicable payments to the vendor. Should the Bidder not wish for a contract resulting from this bid to be used by other public agencies, they have the option to decline that option at the time of request.

42. Vendor Workplace Policies

No Vendor providing a service, program or activity to the public on behalf of the City shall discriminate against any person because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin or disability. Vendor, if providing a service, program or activity to the public on behalf of the City, shall comply with the Americans with Disability Act and City's policies pursuant thereto when providing said service, program or activity.

The City of Sparks is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Bidders shall be cognizant of the requirements for compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (41 CFR part 60).

43. Business License Requirement:

All companies doing business with, or within, the City of Sparks are required to obtain and maintain a current business license from the City of Sparks prior to the commencement of work per Sparks Municipal Code Section 5.08.020A. Bidder(s) awarded a contract resulting from this bid shall be required to obtain a current business license if they do not already possess one.

44. City Provisions to Prevail:

Except as indicated in the specifications, the City's standard General Conditions shall govern any contract award. Any standard terms and conditions of bidder submitted by bidder shall not be acceptable to City unless expressly agreed to by the City. The City reserves the right to reject bidder's bid as non-responsive, to consider the bid without bidder's standard terms and conditions, or to require bidder to delete reference to such, as a condition of evaluation or award of the bid. If, after award of contract, bidder (contract vendor) provides materials or services accompanied by new or additional standard terms or conditions, they too shall be considered void and City may require deletion as a further condition of performance by vendor.

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45. Invalid Provisions:

In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this agreement shall be found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect and be enforceable.

46. Amendments and Modifications:

The Purchasing Manager may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, make a modification to the contract or an amendment to the Purchase Order, within the general scope of this contract, in (1) quantity of materials or service, whether more or less; (2) drawings, designs, or specifications, where the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the City; (3) method of shipment or packing; and (4) place of delivery. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost or the time required for the performance of this contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made by written modification of the contract or amendment to the Purchase Order. Any claim by the bidder for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within 30 calendar days from the notification date.

47. Assignment:

Vendor shall not assign or delegate duties or responsibilities under this agreement, in whole or in part, without prior written approval of the City.

48. Disputes After Award:

Except as otherwise provided in these provisions, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Purchasing Manager, who shall reduce this decision to writing and mail a copy to the bidder. The decision of the Purchasing Manager shall be final and conclusive, unless bidder requests arbitration within ten (10) calendar days. Pending final decision of a dispute, the bidder shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Purchasing Manager's decision.

49. Arbitration after Award:

Any and all disputes, controversies or claims arising under or in connection with the contract resulting from this bid, including without limitation, fraud in the inducement of this Contract, or the general validity or enforceability of this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nevada without giving effect to conflicts of law principles, may be submitted to binding arbitration before one arbitrator, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association in a private manner in Washoe County, Nevada. This award shall be final and judgment may be entered upon it in any court having jurisdiction thereof. In reaching this final award, the arbitrator shall have no authority to change or modify any provision of this Contract. All other expenses of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties. All fees, including legal fees, shall be borne by the party who incurred them. All costs of enforcement shall be borne by the losing party. Each party shall have the right to discovery in accordance with the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.

50. Lawful Performance:

Vendor shall abide by all Federal, State and Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Statutes as may be related to the performance of duties under this agreement. In addition, all applicable permits and licenses required shall be obtained by the vendor, at vendor's sole expense.

51. Annual Appropriation of Funds:

Multi-year term supply and service contracts and leases are subject to annual appropriation of funds by the City Council. The City plans and makes appropriations to the City Budget with respect to a fiscal year that starts

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July 1st and ends June 30th of each year. Payments made under term contracts and leases are considered items of current expense. Purchase Orders are funded when issued; therefore, they are current expense items and are not subject to any subsequent appropriation of funds.

Continuance of a multi-year contract beyond the limits of funds available shall be contingent upon appropriation of the requisite funds in the ensuing fiscal year and the termination of this contract due to lack of appropriation shall be without penalty.

52. Extension:

When in the City's best interest, this agreement may be extended on a daily, month-to-month, or annual basis by mutual agreement of both parties. Services and/or materials received under an extension shall be in accordance with pricing, terms, and conditions, as described herein.

53. Termination:

The City may terminate this agreement and be relieved of any consideration to the vendor should vendor fail to perform in the manner required. Furthermore, the City may terminate this agreement for any reason without penalty upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor. In the event of termination, the full extent of City liability shall be limited to an equitable adjustment and payment for materials and/or services authorized by and received to the satisfaction of the City prior to termination.

54. Venue:

This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Nevada, and venue for any proceeding shall be in Washoe County.

55. Boycott of Israel (NRS 332.065) (This Section IS IS NOT Applicable to this bid):

Pursuant to NRS 332.065 any Contract entered into under NRS Chapter 332 in which the estimated annual dollar amount exceeds \$50,000 will require written certification that the bidder is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract. The term "Boycott of Israel" has the meaning ascribed in NRS 332.065(5). Bidder certifies that it is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract.

Special Conditions and Specifications (Specific to Project)

In instances where the Special Conditions conflict with the General Conditions, the Special Conditions will prevail with respect to that instance or item(s).

SPECIAL PROVISIONS
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE-MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS
BID #22/23-026

SECTION 1: SCOPE OF WORK

The City of Sparks is seeking pricing from qualified contractors to perform Landscape & Grounds Maintenance operations for the Triple Crown, Mesa Meadows/Pinnacles, Promontory Point Subdivision as described herein in Attachments 1-3, under the general direction of Project Manager. Maintenance activity would include all labor, equipment and supplies required to perform complete Landscape & Grounds Maintenance operations, specifically including:

- Lawn service (mowing, edging and clean-up)
- Remove and replace dead or damage shrubs, bushes, trees
- Aeration and de-thatching of turf areas
- Maintenance of non-turf areas
- Removal & replacement of trees, shrubs, bushes, ornamental flowers, etc.
- Weed removal
- Fertilization
- Pesticide, herbicide and fungicide treatment
- Seasonal start-up, shut-down, maintenance and repair of irrigation systems and associated equipment (potable and non-potable systems)
- Placing of mulch
- Snow/Ice Removal from walkways and/or adjacent sidewalk areas
- Leaf & Litter Removal from landscape areas, sidewalks, and gutters
- Irrigation Maintenance/Repair
- Repair/Maintenance of fencing areas/amenities
- Graffiti Removal
- Pest/Rodent Control

The term of any potential contract will be for an initial period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025, with mutually agreeable options for additional 1-year periods (up to 5 total years-April 1 – March 31 of each year), not to exceed March 31, 2028. Pricing for subsequent option years may be renegotiated based on documented operational conditions observed in the prior year of the contract. However, increases to the contracted price beyond the previous year of the contract are not guaranteed. The City reserves the right to re-bid the service to coincide with the completion of any contract year. The square footage may increase or decrease due to expansion of the respective subdivision or additions/deletions/changes to the list of sites maintained under this contract. If the total square footage changes during the life of the contract, the City and the Contractor shall negotiate a per month payment based on the changes in the respective square footages.

Contractor is responsible to inspect the landscape maintenance areas and evaluate the extent to which the physical condition thereof will affect the services to be provided. Contractor accept the premises in their present physical condition.

SECTION 2: NOTICE TO PROCEED AND TIME SCHEDULE

An official "Notice to Proceed" specifying the date by which maintenance service operations shall be

started will be issued in writing and delivered to the Contractor by the City. The Contractor shall obligate himself to complete the work within the stated time limits

SECTION 3: LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall refer to Site Inspections/Corrective Action/Liquidated Damages Section of the “Standards of Performance and Technical Specifications”.

SECTION 4: EXCUSABLE DELAYS

The Contractor shall not be assessed with liquidated damage during any delay in the completion of the work caused by acts of God, the public enemy, fire, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, unusually severe weather, or due to such causes, provided that the Contractor shall notify the City in writing of the causes of delay and his findings of the facts thereon shall be final and conclusive.

SECTION 5: INTENT OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The intent of the plans and specifications is to prescribe a complete outline of work which the Contractor undertakes to do in full compliance with the contract. He shall furnish all required materials, equipment, tools, labor and incidentals, unless otherwise provided in the contract and shall include the cost of these items in the contract unit prices. All items of work called for on the plans or in the specifications and not included as a separate item in the proposal shall be considered as incidental to the other items listed in the proposal and the payment for such incidental items shall be considered as included in the contract unit prices bid.

SECTION 6: AUTHORITY OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

All work shall be done under the supervision of the Project Manager acting on behalf of the City. He shall decide all questions which arise as to the quality and acceptability of materials furnished, work performed, manner of performance, rates of progress, interpretation of the plans and specifications, acceptable fulfillment of the contract and compensation under the specifications. He shall determine the amount of work performed and materials furnished and his decision and estimate shall be final.

SECTION 8: COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall cooperate with other contractors who may be employed by the City on construction of other work adjacent to or in the proximity of the location of the project.

SECTION 9: LIMITS OF CONTRACTOR’S OPERATIONS & HOURS OF WORK

The Contractor will confine his operations within the limits as shown within the bid document. If the Contractor’s operations result in damage to any publicly or privately-owned facilities outside the limitations of the easement, the Contractor shall, at his expense, repair such damage and indemnify the owner of the damaged property.

The Contractor shall at all times so conduct the work as to ensure the least possible obstruction to normal pedestrian and vehicular traffic including access to all public and private properties during all states of the work, and inconvenience to the general public and the residents in the vicinity of the work, to ensure the protection of persons and property in a manner satisfactory to the Project Manager.

No road or street shall be closed to the public, except with the permission of the City. Fire hydrants on or

adjacent to the work area shall be kept accessible at all times. During the work, provision shall also be made by the Contractor to ensure the use of sidewalks, public telephones and the proper functioning of gutters, sewer inlets, drainage ditches and irrigation ditches.

Except for snow/ice removal, contractor shall limit work activities to Mon-Fri 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SECTION 10: PROTECTION OF EXISTING UTILITIES

The Contractor shall inform himself of the exact location of all conduits, ducts, cables, pipe systems, etc. and shall protect said utilities. Any damage caused by operation of the Contractor shall be repaired by the Contractor at his own expense.

SECTION 11: DISPOSAL OF EXCESS AND WASTE MATERIALS

At the completion of each work day, the Contractor will clean up all waste materials, excess materials, trash or other construction completed and shall be removed by the Contractor and disposed of at a location selected by the Contractor

SECTION 12: OTHER PROVISIONS

The City may authorize a suspension of work during unfavorable weather or other conditions beyond the control of the Contractor. During such a suspension, the Contractor shall make attempts to coordinate with the City to provide such portions of the service as may be agreed upon between the Contractor and the City of the accommodation of both parties.

During non-working hours any hazardous section of the work shall be outlined with markers and warnings. If deemed necessary by the City, barricades may be erected to protect public traffic at the expense of the Contractor.

When the Contractor's equipment is required to merge with a cross traffic and at such other points which may be necessary to maintain safe traffic conditions, flagmen/traffic control shall be provided according to MUTCD standards.

None of the provisions herein shall be construed to restrict or prohibit, at any time, the prosecution of items of work which will not interfere with the use of existing sidewalks and paths.

SECTION 23: FORCE ACCOUNT

THIS ITEM SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AS A CONTINGENT ITEM. The use of this contingent item will be as directed by the Project Manager. The quantity of the above contingent item of work, as set forth on the bid schedule represent no actual estimate, is nominal only and may be greatly increased or decreased or reduced to zero. The increase or reduction of this quantity as compared with that set forth on the bid schedule shall not constitute a basis for claim by the CONTRACTOR for extra payment or damages.

Force Account items as defined by the City of Sparks will be additions to the contract arising within the course and scope of the contract for incidental costs due to unforeseen circumstances. Unforeseen circumstances include but are not limited to the following:

Emergency repairs, complications arising with interfacing new improvements to existing improvements, emergency pumping, emergency light/power plants, premium time or overtime to accelerate portions of work, unexpected utility modifications or conflicts, correcting existing substandard work, requested traffic control measures or signage, over-excavation of unsuitable materials, unknown field conditions, underground storage tanks, asbestos encountered, or any other miscellaneous or incidental items related to unforeseen circumstances. For repairs or replacement or materials outside of the Landscape Maintenance Contract.

Any force account items shall be adjusted daily upon report sheets, furnished to the Engineer by the CONTRACTOR and signed by both parties. These daily reports shall thereafter be considered the true record of force account items for unforeseen circumstances. No additional incidental work shall be performed or made except upon a written order from the Engineer.

**STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE – MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS
BID #22/23-026**

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

General Requirements:

- 1) All services provided by the Contractor shall be consistent with quality standards of the grounds maintenance industry.
- 2) Contractor shall confine to the greatest possible extent, all operations, equipment, apparatus and placement of materials to the immediate area of work. Contractor shall comply with all rules and regulations in effect on the work site, including, but not limited to parking, traffic laws, use of walks, security restrictions, hours of allowable entrance and departure.
- 3) Storage of equipment shall be off-site, not on City property. Contractor or their authorized representative must be present to accept delivery of all equipment and/or materials shipments. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to assume all liability for equipment and material delivered to the job site.
- 4) Contractor shall notify the City verbally or in writing of any defects noted in such surfaces that are to receive their work if such defects may affect normal operations or present a safety concern.

Operational Guidelines:

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain coordination with the Project Manager at all times. Either party may request and be granted a conference upon request within two (2) working days of the request.
- 2) The Contractor shall submit a work schedule prior to start of the growing season. The work schedule shall contain the route to be followed and the schedule of activities (i.e. mow day, trim day, fertilization, etc) with proposed times. The Contractor shall also consult with the Project Manager prior to any schedule variance. The notification shall occur the day before any scheduled variation is to take place and must be agreed to by the Project Manager.
- 3) When work by City forces, by other contractors, or weather conditions of a temporary nature prevent the Contractor from cutting any areas, and such conditions are eliminated during the period designated for that mowing cycle, the Project Manager may require the Contractor to cut these areas as part of the cycle without penalty for exceeding the time allowed.
- 4) If the Contractor encounters an area where the grassed areas normally mowed are saturated with

standing water to the point where the equipment may not be used without excessive damage to the turf, the Contractor shall notify the Project Manager immediately. When, in the opinion of the Project Manager, these areas shall be avoided, they shall be mowed at subsequent cycles when required by the Project Manager.

- 5) When mowing areas within ten (10) feet of the travel way, the equipment shall be operated in the direction of traffic. This provision does not apply when the specific work-site is protected by flagmen and warning signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- 6) The Contractor shall be responsible for mowing within two (2) feet of routine objects, such as, but not limited to, signs, mailboxes, guard rails, phone boxes, etc. Uncut areas leading up to and away from obstacles shall not be allowed. If needed, the Contractor shall pull up to and back up to obstacles with the mowing deck to insure that only a two (2) foot area left uncut and then the contractor must use a string trimmer on the remaining uncut area up to the obstacle. Vegetation shall be trimmed down to the same grade as the surrounding mown vegetation.
- 7) Should the Contractor be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution of or completion of the work as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of the Contractor, and not due to his fault or neglect, including but not restricted to acts of God or the public enemy, acts of government, fires, floods, discovery of pre-existing hazardous materials, utility conflicts, epidemics, quarantine regulations, strikes or lockouts, the Contractor shall notify the Project Manager immediately by telephone and in writing within two (2) business days after the commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which the Contractor may have had to request a time extension.
- 8) If the Contractor complies with the two (2) business days notice requirement, the Project Manager shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay being claimed. The Project Manager's findings of fact justify such an extension, and the Project Manager's finding of fact shall be final and conclusive on the parties. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Project Manager's investigation of the delays by providing any schedules, correspondence or other data that may be required to complete the findings of fact.

Equipment:

- 1) The Contractor shall furnish equipment of a type and quantity to perform the work satisfactory within the time specified herein. If, in the opinion of the Project Manager the Contractor has insufficient equipment on the job to satisfactorily complete the work within the required time, the Contractor shall immediately provide additional equipment as directed by the Project Manager at no additional cost to the City.
- 2) As a minimum, all riding-type mowing equipment operated on a roadway shall be legally equipped and marked. Contractor is responsible for determining legal requirements.
- 3) Mowing equipment used by the Contractor must be in good repair and shall be maintained so as to produce a clean, sharp cut and uniform distribution of the cuttings at all times. The mowers shall be constructed such that the height of the cut is adjustable. Equipment, which damages

curbs, pavement, or turf, shall not be allowed.

Protective devices on the mower decks shall be used to prevent objects from being thrown into traffic. All safety devices installed by the manufacturer shall be in place and in proper working order at all times. If the Project Manager determines that equipment is deficient in safety devices, the Contractor shall be notified immediately. The Contractor shall immediately repair, or remove the equipment from service until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.

- 4) Any item or equipment utilized to transport litter or other materials associated with the maintenance of specified locations shall be constructed in a manner to preclude further distribution or loss of litter along the roadway. All open top carriers shall be covered and secured with tarpaulins.

Property Damage:

- 1) Wherever any existing property, material, equipment or facility is damaged by the Contractor, the cost of repair or replacement shall be charged to the Contractor. Items covered by this provision include, but are not limited to curbs, sidewalks, lawns (to include scalped areas), plantings, trees, and signs. Contractor shall immediately report any property damage to City.
- 2) The Contractor shall repair, to its original state, any landscape damaged by failure to provide proper and adequate protection, to the satisfaction of the City, or remove and replace with new materials or plantings at the Contractor's expense. Repair work due to damages caused by the Contractor shall be coordinated through, and subject to the approval of the City. Repairs shall be made with like materials in a manner acceptable to the City.

Complaints:

- 1) All public complaints concerning landscape maintenance shall be brought to the attention of the contractor. Complaints will be investigated by the contractor and action will be taken to mitigate the cause of the complaint.
- 2) Complaints brought to the contractor's attention shall be investigated and resolved by 5:00 p.m. the following business day, unless otherwise authorized by the Project Manager.
- 3) A standardized form, to be approved by the City, shall be completed for each complaint received by or referred to the contractor.

Holidays and Inclement Weather:

- 1) When inclement weather, in the opinion of the City's authorized representative, prevents adherence to the regular schedule for two or less days in a given week, the locations so affected by the weather shall be serviced within five (5) working days of the scheduled service without interruption of the regular schedule. The contractor shall perform all extra work required by such inclement weather without additional charge, and shall provide the City with a schedule of when the makeup service will be done.
- 2) When any holiday or observance occurs on a regular scheduled service day, said location shall be

serviced within five (5) working days from the regularly scheduled day without interruption in the regular schedule. The Contractor may request to work on holidays with two (2) days advance notice to the City.

- 3) In the event the contractor is prevented from completing the service as provided in the schedule due to reasons other than inclement weather, they shall be required to complete the services so deferred prior to the next regular scheduled date, or give the City credit for the service(s) not so performed at the rate shown on the proposal.

Scheduling of Major Maintenance Activities:

- 1) The Contractor shall provide to the City by Feb 15th of every year a schedule of the major maintenance activities, outlining planned days and times of occurrence for each area (Mesa Meadows/Triple Crown/Promontory) for review and approval. The schedule shall identify at a minimum for the following activities:
 - a. Mowing/Edging
 - b. Planter Maintenance
 - c. Irrigation Monitoring
 - d. Fertilization
 - e. Aeration
 - f. Mulching

Billing, Reports and Payments:

- 1) Payment for Landscaped Right of Way Maintenance shall be monthly following the month which service was performed. Contractor shall submit an invoice to the City not later than the 15th day of the month following the month service was performed and shall be based on one twelfth of the annual cost of all locations serviced. Adjustments shall be based upon the unit costs (per location) submitted in the bid provided by the contractor. Additional charges outside the scope of the contract may be billed only upon City approval, which must be obtained prior to work commencing. Bills to include “Payable within 30 days of receipt”.
- 2) Each area must be listed separately for tracking purposes but invoiced on a single bill for payment.
- 3) In addition to other data filed with the City of Sparks, the contractor shall, on a monthly basis, file reports with the City detailing the maintenance activity for the previous month. The reports shall be submitted with the invoice for the previous month. The City reserves the right to change the format or requirements of the reports at any time.
 - a. Maintenance Log: each service location detailed by name and description, date(s) serviced and specific services performed.
 - b. Scheduled service areas not completed as scheduled, and explanation for the missed service.
 - c. Complaints: quantity, detail of each complaint, actions taken, resolution.

- d. Failure to submit required reports with the invoice may result in delay of payment of invoice until such time that reports are submitted to the satisfaction of the City.

Site Inspections/Corrective Action/Liquidated Damages by City:

- 1) City will formally inspect each area once per month for compliance with standards. Inspections shall be scored on a Pass/Fail basis. Additionally the Project Manager will perform routine inspections throughout the month to assess the areas and will notify the contractor of any concerns.
- 2) Inspection results and corrective action required will be reported to Contractor via email within two business days. Contractor will return the notice to City within five (5) business days of receipt, describing corrective actions taken.
- 3) Any inspection resulting in a Failing grade will result in a 10% reduction in the reimbursement amount for that month for the subject area. Consecutive failing grades on monthly inspections for the same area will incur an additional 10% reduction for each month resulting in a failed inspection report.
- 4) If three or more monthly inspections result in a Failing grade for any month, the total combined penalty for that month will be multiplied by the number of failing inspections, up to a maximum of 75% of the total billing for all areas for that month.
- 5) Any inspection resulting in a Failing rating in the final two months of a contract period, unless an extension has been requested and approved, shall result in a 50% penalty for the failing area for that month; if three or more areas have failing inspections, no payment will be made for those areas for that month. This paragraph supersedes the preceding paragraph for maximum penalties. Upon request by Contractor, City will provide notice at least three but not more than seven work days in advance of an inspection during this period.

Reporting and Observations (Safety Hazards):

- 1) Contractor shall take notice of any safety hazards that are readily apparent and remove them where possible. In cases where this is not possible, Contractor shall immediately notify the City in order for the issue to be addressed and mitigated.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Mowing:

All areas specified to be maintained shall be cut, trimmed, edged and blown at the required frequency (generally, weekly during the growing season – estimated 28 times/year, weather dependant). A Grounds Maintenance Schedule must be provided to the Project Manager for inspection purposes by February 15th of each year. Any change from the schedule must be communicated to the Project Manager as soon as possible. Grounds maintenance concerns expressed by City staff will need to be addressed within 24 hours after notification has been made.

Contractor shall remove all trash and litter from the entire area to be mowed prior to initiating any mowing. All grass shall be mowed to a height of no less than two and one half inches (2.5”).

Contractor shall remove no more than 1/3 of the grass height during mowing. All scheduled mowing (for each location) shall be commenced and completed in one day, weather permitting, as specified unless rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Where landscaping has been established or natural landscaping has been preserved, mowing shall conform to the established mowing contours. The Contractor shall mow up to the limits maintained by the City and around existing appurtenances located within the mowing site as directed by the Project Manager. If there is not a fence line, or tree line to mow up to the contractor shall make every effort to either mow to the existing mow line or mow so that there is a consistent area being mowed.

Those areas that cannot be reached with a mower shall be trimmed down with the use of a string trimmer. Turf trimmed with a weed-eater shall be trimmed to the same height as that of the turf around it that was mowed.

Edging:

All turf edges, including but not limited to; sidewalks, drives, curbs, shrub beds, flower beds, ground cover beds, around tree bases, and along lakes and streams shall be edged to a neat and uniform line. Mechanical edging of turf shall be completed as one operation in a manner that results in a well-defined, V-shape edge that extends into the soil. Such edging shall be done with a power edger with a rigid blade.

All turf edges shall be trimmed or limited around: sprinklers to provide optimum water coverage, valve boxes, back flow devices, equipment and other obstacles. All ground cover and flower bed areas where maintained next to turf areas shall be kept neatly edge and all grass invasions eliminated.

Walkways shall be cleaned immediately following each mechanical edging to remove accumulated debris and limit hazardous conditions.

Chemical application, including pesticide, fungicide and rodent control may be used in and around areas such as planters, areas adjacent to buildings, trees, fence lines, sprinkler heads, etc. Chemicals shall be applied in a manner to limit drift to six (6) inches. Precautionary measures shall be employed since all areas will be open for public access during application.

Edging shall be done during the growing season, generally weekly– estimated 28 times/year

Clean-up:

Mowers shall be the type which causes clippings to be distributed evenly over the cut areas. If grass windrows, the windrowed grass shall be removed and hauled away. All grass clumps shall be removed from each site either through mulching or removal.

All curbs, sidewalks and roadways will be blown off or swept to remove trash and cuttings immediately after mowing, edging and trimming. Roadways shall be blown clean to maintain compliance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. All fines for violations of the City's NPDES Permit shall be paid by the contractor.

Rake and remove leaves and debris from lawn, planter areas, roadways, sidewalks, an curb/gutter for

identified landscape maintenance areas.

Sweep/blow sand, rocks, and other debris from sidewalks.

Litter Pick-up:

Contractor shall pick up all trash and litter from the entire area in the course of routine maintenance activities and dispose of offsite.

Litter control shall be done throughout the year, weekly during the growing season and during the non-growing season at a minimum of every two weeks or as directed by the Project Manager.

Frontage Fence Maintenance:

ALL maintenance areas shall be maintained in proper working order and appearance. This includes routine and recurring staining or painting to match existing paints, and replacement of broken or missing fence pickets. Fence repairs to be completed within 3 business days of occurrence or reporting by the City. This is also to include graffiti removal within a 24 hour period of occurrence.

All fencing-type structures within the area maintained under this contract shall be maintained in proper working order

In cases of vandalism or by car accident notify the City immediately, these repairs will be paid for outside of the contract.

Subdivision Monument Sign:

The Contractor shall remove any graffiti and paint subdivision monument signs annually (Mesa Meadows).

Fertilization:

The turf grass shall be treated with fertilizer three times annually. The fertilizer formulation and schedule of application shall be approved by the Project Manager.

Aeration Punching:

All lawn areas will be aerated once per year in either May or June. Care shall be taken to avoid unnecessary or excessive injury to the turf grass and tree root areas.

Mulching:

Mulching supply and application shall take place twice (2) per year, in the first week of April and September.

Turf Repair:

Contractor shall be responsible for repairing all turf area damaged as a result of Contractor's operations. Contractor MAY be reimbursed for repairs made due to damage caused by vandalism, at the discretion of the City. Claims for reimbursement shall be made separate from the routine monthly billing of services and must be authorized by the Project Manager PRIOR to making the repairs.

Tree, Shrub and Ground Cover Maintenance:

Trees at sites that border walkways, pavilions, parking areas or any area that receives pedestrian traffic shall be pruned to a height of 6.5' to maintain eye safety. Any trees that extend over walkways shall be pruned to a height of 10'. Any trees that extend over roadways or parking lots shall be pruned to a height of 15'. All trimming on such trees shall follow the trimming guidelines of ANSI A-300 pruning standards. All suckering growth shall also be removed from the trees. Tree trimmings shall be disposed of by the contractor at the contractor's expense. A certified Arborist must be on staff and review all trees to be trimmed. .

All shrub material must be reviewed monthly and trimmed as necessary to maintain a safe and aesthetically pleasing appearance. Prune shrub beds to achieve or maintain a natural form specific to the species. Prune out all deadwood. Prune to provide clearance along all streets, curbs and sidewalks. All shrub material shall be trimmed according to current ANSI pruning standards. Trimmings shall be disposed of offsite.

Flower beds and tree rings shall be maintained to avoid bowls and potential pooling of mulch.

All Trees, Shrubs, and Plantings shall be trimmed so as to prevent sight issues for vehicular traffic.

Contractor shall be responsible for replacing all trees, shrubs, or bushes damaged as a result of Contractor's operations. Contractor MAY be reimbursed for replacements made due to damage caused by vandalism or other mitigating factors outside of the contractors control, at the discretion of the City.

All Trees, Shrubs, and Plantings shall be done as needed on a year round basis.

Weed Control:

All grass-like type weeds, morning glory or vine-weed types, ragweed or other underground spreading weeds shall be kept under strict control. Methods for removal of weeds, can incorporate one or all four of the following:

- a. Hand Removal (Mechanical)
- b. Cultivation
- c. Chemical Eradication
- d. Mulching

Pre-Emergent shall be applied twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The Contractor shall supply to the City for approval the type and schedule for application.

Chemical treatment with Roundup (or approved equal) or hand pulling of weeds shall be completed in and around sign and light posts, cracks in concrete (walkways, basketball courts), tree rings, playgrounds, shrub/plant beds, and hardscapes.

All plant beds at the specified locations should be free from weeds at all times. This can be achieved through manual or chemical procedures. Weed control products should be applied according to label recommendations. Any damage to plant material due to negligence of the contractor shall be replaced at the contractor's expense.

Weed Control shall be done as needed on a year round basis

Pest/Rodent Control:

The turf grass shall be treated with pesticides. The application shall be utilized both as a pre-treatment in spring to prevent infestation as well as for treatment of active infestations. The pesticide shall be applied according to label requirements.

The Contractor will be responsible for pest/rodent control of all areas within the contract to include all lawn areas, landscape areas, trees, bushes, etc. Pest/Rodent control methods (chemicals, baits, etc.) shall be submitted to the City for review and approval.

Pest Control shall be done as needed on a year round basis

Irrigation System Maintenance:

The City of Sparks will work with the Contractor on watering schedules including annual start-up and shut-down activity. The Contractor shall be responsible for monitoring the irrigation system to check for and maintain proper sprinkler head coverage adjustment, operation and to make any necessary repairs (including all parts and labor) for any system malfunctions, breaks, leaks and missing equipment for above ground drip systems, sprinkler heads and risers (This does not include underground main or lateral lines). Repairs of underground main or lateral lines shall be brought to the Project Managers attention prior to repair unless there is a concern for public safety. Replacement of any irrigation system equipment or parts shall require matching of existing fixtures and components. All repairs, unless otherwise approved by the City, shall be completed within 48 hours.

Monitoring shall take place no less than once (1) time per week. The Contractor shall be responsible for monitoring closely the moisture level of the soil and to make changes in the irrigation program as weather and physical conditions dictates so as to provide and maintain optimum growing conditions. Irrigation shutdown when threat of freeze damage is present. Once shut down and blow out system will stay this way until threat from freeze is gone. Any programming changes to the water schedule shall be approved by the City prior to changes being made.

The Contractor is responsible for maintaining visible box lids and replacing or raising as necessary.

The Contractor will be responsible to annually complete backflow testing by July 1 of each year (Backflow testing to be done when irrigation system is operational). This shall include all labor, supplies, equipment, services and other incidentals necessary for the certification, or notice of failed certification, of each backflow within each landscape maintenance area. Details and locations of each individual backflow will be provided. In addition, a formal TMWA certification shall be submitted for each backflow.

The Contractor shall use an electronic device to connect to the City of Sparks GIS Database. City will have a tutorial session with Contractor personnel on using the database with Contractor provided electronic device.

The Contractor shall notify the City Project Manager of all failed certifications. The City will perform the repairs, certifications, and submittals to TMWA for all failed backflow devices.

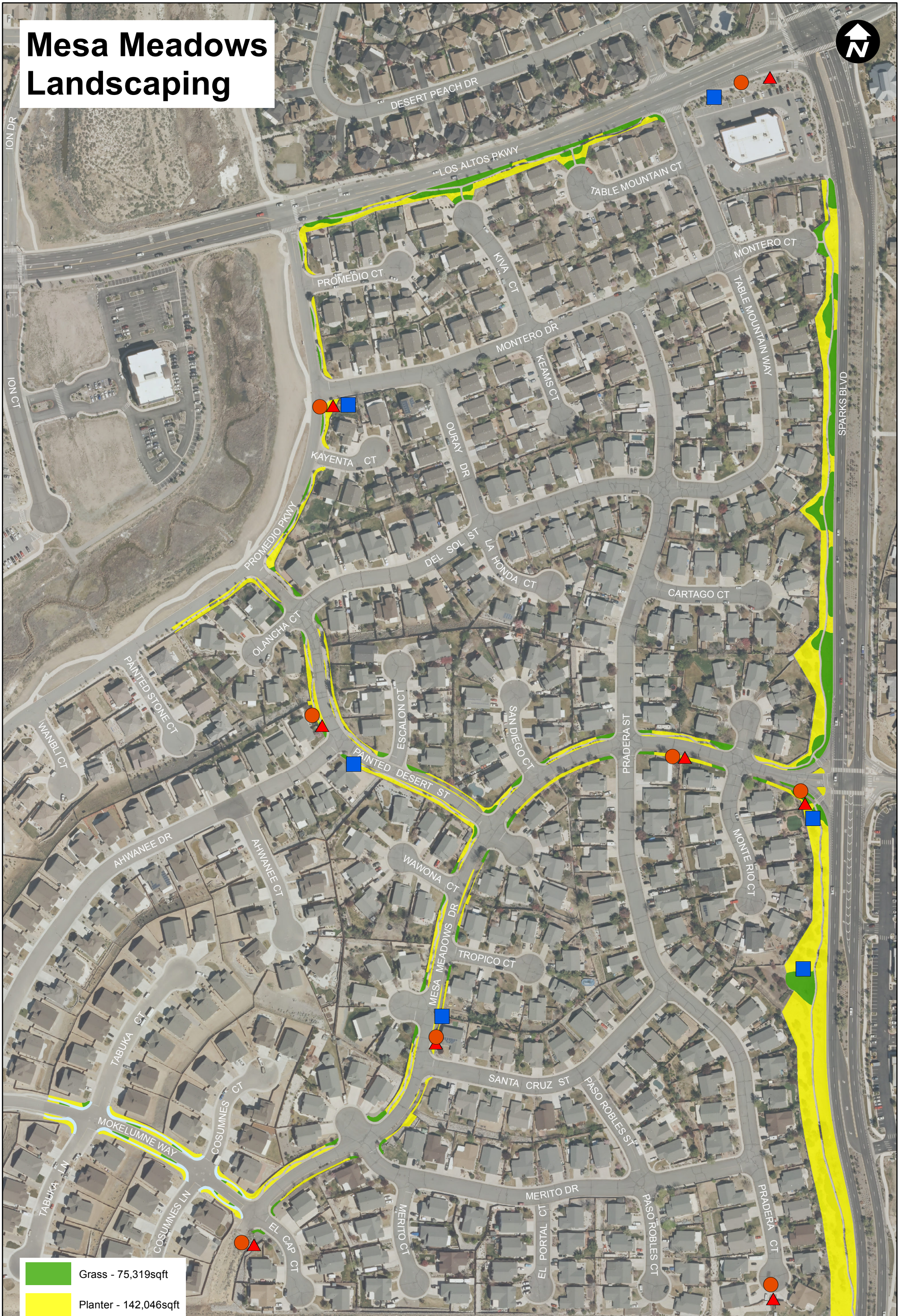
The Contractor shall be responsible to trouble shoot all irrigation control issues and notify City of determined causes. Repairs to RPA, underground main/laterals, valves, wires, solenoids or the clock will be performed by the City or by the Contractor at the City's request outside of the maintenance contract.

Snow and Ice Removal – Specified Locations:

This contract includes the clearing of snow and/or ice (as required) from designated walkways/sidewalks within or immediately adjacent to specified service locations during the winter season. Contractor shall include all necessary equipment and labor to clear all locations on a daily basis. Activity required under this contract shall include snow removal and ice melt type application (as necessary). During periods of inclement weather it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to check sidewalk condition and take necessary action in order to prevent snow and ice accumulation. Any ice control product used by the Contractor must be approved by the City of Sparks. The contractor must be able to mobilize within two hours' notice at any time or day to begin snow removal operations; this is to include weekends and holidays. The contractor will provide the Project Manager with a 24 hour contact number.

The contractor may use any equipment he deems necessary to accomplish the snow removal as long as it meets the timelines required and does not damage City owned property/infrastructure or adjacent private property.

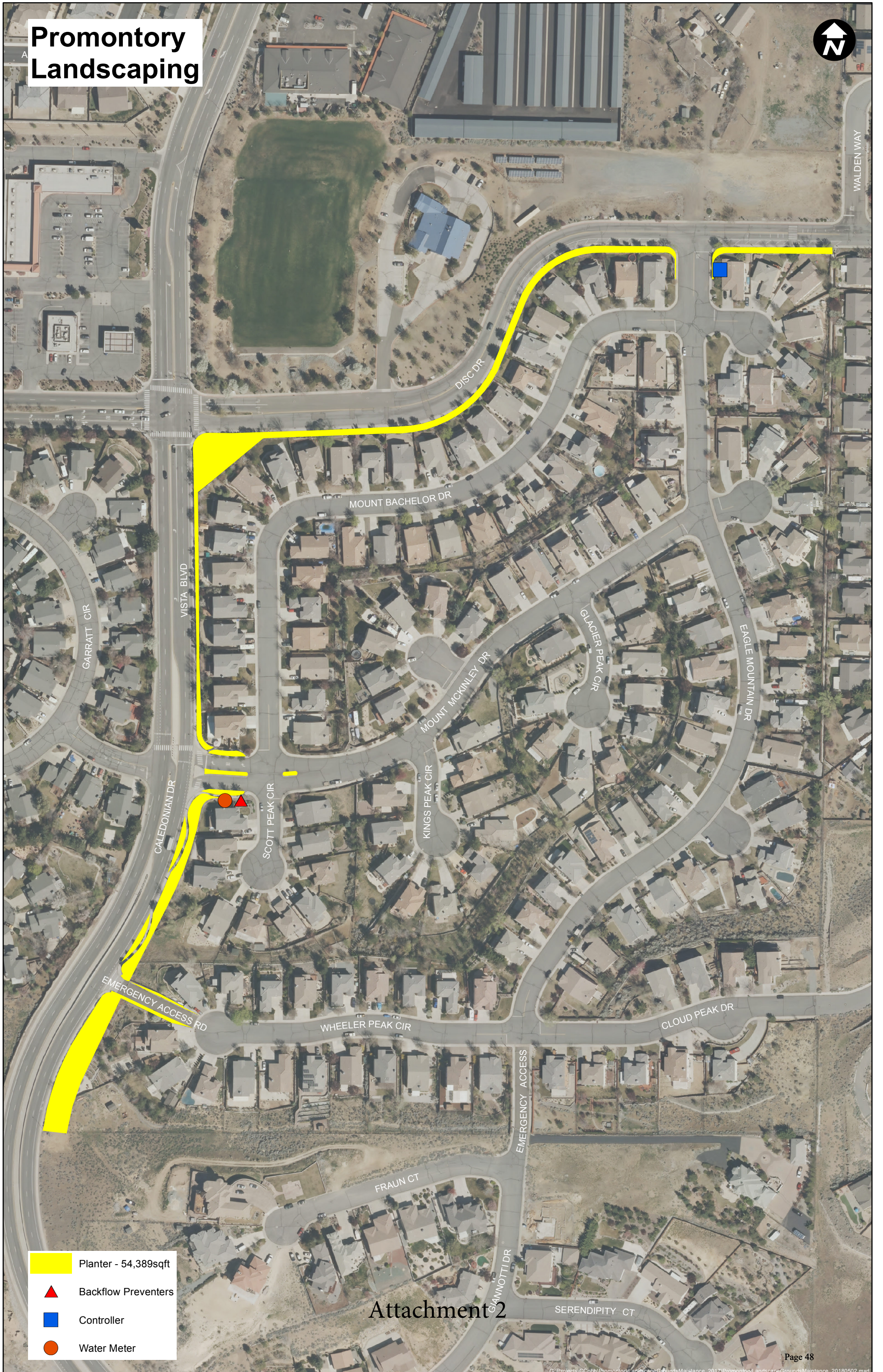
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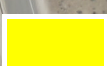





- Grass - 75,319sqft
- Planter - 142,046sqft
- Backflow Preventers
- Controller
- Water Meter

Attachment 1

Promontory Landscaping

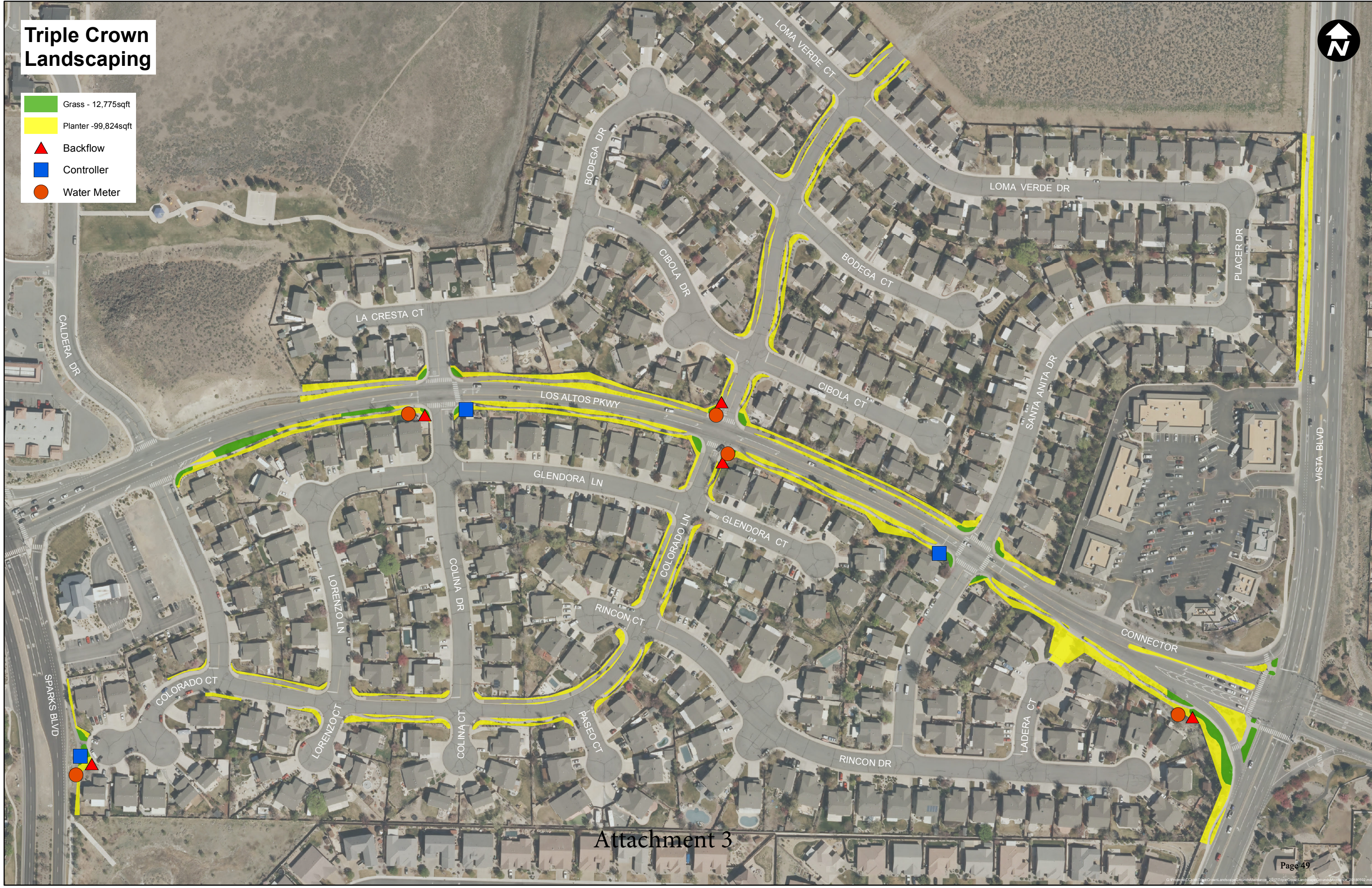


-  Planter - 54,389sqft
-  Backflow Preventers
-  Controller
-  Water Meter

Attachment 2

Triple Crown Landscaping

- Grass - 12,775sqft
- Planter - 99,824sqft
- Backflow
- Controller
- Water Meter



Forms

(to be used following award of bid)

1) Contract Form



**GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CITY OF SPARKS, NEVADA**

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into on this DAY day of MONTH, YR, by and between the City of Sparks, Nevada, a municipal corporation, existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nevada, hereinafter called "City", and **VENDOR**, a qualified vendor in the class of work required, hereinafter called "Vendor".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City has awarded a contract to Vendor for performing the work hereinafter mentioned in accordance with the proposal of said Vendor;

WHEREAS, the Vendor will perform the work for the compensation stated in said proposal, for an amount which has been arrived at after negotiations between the parties;

WHEREAS, each party is willing to and does assume joint liability for the contents of this Contract, and each party accordingly agrees that it shall not be construed against any party as a drafting party;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. Scope of Work:

The scope of work for this contract is generally defined as **PROJECTTITLE**. The City's Contract Documents and Vendor's Entire Proposal are on file with the City of Sparks. All terms, conditions and requirements contained in these Documents, including any and all addenda issued by the City, are hereby incorporated into this Contract.

The Vendor shall perform within the time stipulated, the Contract as herein defined and shall provide and furnish any and all of the labor, materials, methods or processes, equipment implements, tools, machinery and equipment, and all utility, transportation and other services required to construct, install and put in complete order for use in a good and workmanlike manner all of the work covered by the Contract in connection with strict accordance with the plans and specifications therefore, which were approved by said City and are on file with the City, including any and all addenda issued by the City, and with the other contract documents hereinafter enumerated.

2. Payment for Services

As full consideration for the Services to be performed by Vendor, City agrees to pay Vendor as set forth in accordance with the Fee Schedule set forth in the proposal, bid or quotation and not to exceed fee of **COST**. The City will not hire or directly compensate the Vendor's employees, assistants or subcontractors, if any. It is expressly understood and agreed that all work done by Vendor shall be subject to review as to its result by the City at the City's discretion. Payment of any invoice shall not be taken to mean that the City is satisfied with Vendor's services to the date of payment and shall not forfeit City's right to require the correction of any deficiencies.

3. Term (Check One)



- This is a One-Time Service, or**
- This is a term contract from (MO/DY/YR) to (MO/DY/YR)**

The Vendor shall perform the services called for in the specifications/proposal and within the time specified and in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Vendor shall not alter or vary any terms or conditions contained or incorporated herein, including but not limited to, the quantity, price, delivery date or date designated as After Receipt of Order (ARO) or date for commencement or completion of services as mutually agreed upon, unless such alteration or variation is consented to in writing by a duly authorized representative of the City.

The City reserves the right to cancel resultant Contract upon ten days written notice in the event the type and quality of the work performance is unsatisfactory or in default, subject to Vendor’s right to cure as outlined in termination clause.

This is a non-exclusive Contract and the City reserves the right to acquire the services at its discretion, from other sources during the term of this Contract.

4. No Unfair Employment Practices:

In connection with the performance of work under this Agreement, Vendor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, creed, color, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation or age. Such agreement shall include, but not be limited to, the following: recruitment or recruitment advertising, rates or pay or other forms of compensation, and selection. Any violation of these provisions by Vendor shall constitute a material breach of contract.

5. No Illegal Harassment:

Violation of the City’s harassment policy, which is incorporated by reference and available from the Human Resource Division, by the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, consultants, subcontractors and anyone from whom it is legally liable, while performing or failing to perform Vendor’s duties under this Contract shall be considered a material breach of contract.

6. Lawful Performance:

Vendor shall abide by all Federal, State and Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Statutes as may be related to the performance of duties under this agreement. In addition, all applicable permits and licenses required shall be obtained by the vendor, at vendor’s sole expense.

7. Licenses and Permits:

The Vendor shall procure at his own expense all necessary licenses and permits and shall adhere to all the laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to the performance of this Contract.

All Vendors, Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Suppliers doing business within the City of Sparks are required to obtain a current business license from the City of Sparks prior to commencement of this contract. Per Sparks Municipal Code Section 5.08.020A: “It is unlawful for any person to transact business in the City without first having obtained a license from the City to do so and without complying with all applicable provisions of this title and paying the fee therefore.”

8. Acceptance by the City:

It is expressly understood and agreed that all materials provided and/or work done by the Vendor shall be



subject to inspection and acceptance by the City at its discretion, and that any progress inspections and approval by the City of any item or work shall not forfeit the right of the City to require the correction of faulty workmanship or material at any time during the course of the work, although previously approved by oversight. Nothing herein contained shall relieve the Vendor of the responsibility for proper construction and maintenance of the work, materials and equipment required under the terms of this Contract until all work has been completed and accepted by the City.

9. Waiver:

No waiver of any term, provision or condition of this Contract, whether by conduct or otherwise, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be nor shall it be construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such term, provision or condition of this Contract. No waiver shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party making it.

10. Notices:

All notices required to be given in writing by this Contract shall be deemed to be received (i) upon delivery if personally delivered, or (ii) when receipt is signed for if mailed by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, or by express delivery service or courier, when addressed as follows (or sent to such other address as a Party may specify in a notice to the others):

PURCHASING MANAGER
CITY OF SPARKS
431 PRATER WAY
PO BOX 857
SPARKS, NV 89432-0857

VENDOR:

11. Jurisdiction and Venue:

Any action or proceeding seeking to do so must be brought in the courts of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe, or if the party can acquire subject-matter jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in the City of Reno. Each of the parties consents to the personal jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts) in any such action or proceeding and waives any objection to venue laid therein. Process in any action or proceeding referred to in the preceding sentence may be served on either party by sending it certified mail to the respective addresses designated for notice.

12. Indemnification:

To the fullest extent permitted by law, upon award, Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and protect City, its affiliates, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns (“Indemnified Parties”), and each of them from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, costs, expenses, actual attorney’s fees, losses or liabilities, in law or in equity, of every kind and nature whatsoever (“Claims”) arising out of or related to any act or omission of Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives, or Subcontractors in any way related to the performance of work under this Agreement by Contractor, or to work performed by others under the direction or supervision of Contractor, including but not limited to:



1. Personal injury, including but not limited to bodily injury, emotional injury, sickness or disease, or death to persons;
2. Damage to property of anyone, including loss of use thereof;
3. Penalties from violation of any law or regulation caused by Contractor’s action or inaction;
4. Failure of Contractor to comply with the Insurance requirements established under this Agreement;
5. Any violation by Contractor of any law or regulation in any way related to the occupational safety and health of employees.

In determining the nature of the claim against City, the incident underlying the claim shall determine the nature of the claim, notwithstanding the form of the allegations against City.

If City’s personnel are involved in defending such actions, Contractor shall reimburse City for the time and costs spent by such personnel at the rate charged City for such services by private professionals.

In cases of professional service agreements, requiring professional liability coverage:

If the insurer by which a Consultant is insured against professional liability does not so defend the City and applicable agents and/or staff, and the Consultant is adjudicated to be liable by a trier of fact, the City shall be entitled to reasonable attorney’s fees and costs to be paid to the City by the Consultant in an amount which is proportionate to the liability of the of the Consultant.

Nothing in this contract shall be interpreted to waive nor does the City, by entering into this contract, waive any of the provisions found in Chapter 41 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

13. Insurance:

BIDDERS' ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT BIDDERS CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE CARRIERS OR BROKERS TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF BID SUBMISSION THE AVAILABILITY OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENTS AS PRESCRIBED AND PROVIDED HEREIN. IF THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER FAILS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, THAT BIDDER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

The City may, unless otherwise required by law, waive or reduce the insurance requirements itemized here, at the discretion of the city’s Contracts and Risk Manager.

Should work be required on City premises or within the public right-of-way, upon award of the contract, the bidder shall provide proof of insurance for the types of coverage, limits of insurance and other terms specified herein, prior to initiation of any services under City, Bid, Proposal or Contract. Coverage shall be from a company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada and the City of Sparks and shall meet the following minimum specifications:

Contractor shall at its own expense carry and maintain at all times the following insurance coverage and



limits of insurance no less than the following or the amount customarily carried by Contractor or any of its subcontractors, whichever is greater. Contractor shall also cause each subcontractor employed by Contractor to purchase and maintain insurance of the type specified herein. All insurers must have AM Best rating not less than A-VII, and be acceptable to the City. Contractor shall furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing coverage for itself and for each subcontractor. Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this contract at City’s option. If Contractor fails to maintain the insurance as set forth herein, City shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase said insurance at Contractor’s expense.

Contractor shall provide proof of insurance for the lines of coverage, limits of insurance and other terms specified below prior to initiation of any services. Coverage shall be from a company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada and the City of Sparks. Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall carry and maintain coverage and limits no less than the following or the amount customarily carried by Contractor or any of its subcontractors, whichever is greater.

Applicable to this Contract	Insurance Type	Minimum Limit	Insurance Certificate	Additional Insured	Waiver of Subrogation
Yes	General Liability/Umbrella (Excess) Liability	\$2,000,000	✓	✓	✓
Yes	Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	✓	
Yes	Workers’ Compensation	Statutory	✓	N/A	✓
Yes	Employer’s Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	
No	Professional Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	N/A
No	Pollution Legal Liability	\$1,000,000	✓	N/A	N/A

Commercial General Liability

Contractor shall carry and maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and, if necessary to meet required limits of insurance, commercial umbrella/excess liability insurance with a total limit of not less than the limits specified herein.

For contracts that are for the construction or improvement of public facilities, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain products and completed operations liability coverage through the statute of repose after completion of the project. Continuing commercial umbrella coverage, if any, shall include liability coverage for damage to the insured's completed work equivalent to that provided under ISO form CG 00 01.

There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL limiting the scope of coverage for liability arising from pollution, explosion, collapse, underground property damage, or damage to the named insured’s work unless Subcontractor carries and maintains separate policies providing such coverage and provides Contractor evidence of insurance confirming the coverage.



Minimum Limits of Insurance

\$2,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit for bodily injury and property damage

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit

\$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations Aggregate Limit

\$10,000 Medical Expense Limit

If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, it shall be revised to apply separately to this PROJECT or LOCATION.

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability (CGL) "Occurrence" form CG 00 01 04/13 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

Additional Insured

City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds using the applicable ISO additional insured endorsement(s) or substitute forms providing equivalent coverage, in respects to damages and defense arising from: activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, occupied, or used by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, or volunteers. Additional insured status for City shall apply until the expiration of time within which a claimant can bring suit per applicable state law.

Primary and Non-Contributory

Contractor's insurance coverage shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers. There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL to make it excess over other available insurance; alternatively, if the CGL states that it is excess or pro rata, the policy shall be endorsed to be primary with respect to the additional insured. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its officers, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it in any way.

Waiver of Subrogation

Contractor waives all rights against City and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained pursuant to this agreement. Insurer shall endorse CGL policy as required to waive subrogation against the City with respect to any loss paid under the policy.

Endorsements

Policy forms or endorsements are required confirming coverage for all required additional insureds. The forms or endorsements for CGL shall be at least as broad as the unmodified ISO additional insured



endorsement CGO 20 10 07/04 and CG 20 37 07/04 or substitute forms providing additional insured coverage for products and completed operations.

A waiver of subrogation in favor of City shall be endorsed to the policy using an unmodified Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery of Others to Us ISO CG 24 04 05 09, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage.

Business Automobile Liability

Minimum Limits of Insurance

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage or the limit customarily carried by Contractor, whichever is greater. No aggregate limit may apply. Coverage may be combined with Excess/Umbrella Liability coverage to meet the required limit.

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified Insurance Services Office (ISO) Business Automobile Coverage form CA 00 01 10/13, CA 00 25 10/13, CA 00 20 10/13 or substitute form providing equivalent coverage. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos).

Pollution liability coverage at least as broad as that provided under the ISO pollution liability—broadened coverage for covered autos endorsement (CA 99 48) shall be provided, and the Motor Carrier Act endorsement (MCS 90) shall be attached for all contracts involving transportation of “hazardous material” as this term is defined by applicable law, including, but not limited to, waste, asbestos, fungi, bacteria and mold.

Additional Insured

City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds with respect to damages and defense arising from the ownership, maintenance or use of automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, or volunteers. Additional insured status for City shall apply until the expiration of time within which a claimant can bring suit per applicable state law.

Endorsements

A policy endorsement is required listing all required additional insureds. The endorsement for Business Automobile Liability shall be at least as broad as the unmodified ISO CA 20 48 10/13 or a substitute form confirming City’s insured status for Liability Coverage under the Who Is An Insured Provision contained in Section II of the coverage form ISO CA 00 01 10/13.

Waiver of Subrogation.

Contractor waives all rights against City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained pursuant to this agreement. Contractor’s insurer shall endorse policy to waive subrogation against City with respect to any loss paid under the policy.

Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability

Contractor shall carry and maintain workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance meeting



the statutory requirements of the State of Nevada, including but not limited to NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210 or provide proof that compliance with the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 616A-D and all other related chapters is not required. It is understood and agreed that there shall be no coverage provided for Contractor or any Subcontractor of the Contractor by the City. Contractor agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this Agreement and as a precondition to any obligation of the City to make any payment under this Agreement to provide City with a certificate issued by an insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627 and with a certificate of an insurer showing coverage pursuant to NRS 617.210.

It is further understood and agreed by and between City and Contractor that Contractor shall procure, pay for and maintain the above-mentioned coverage at Contractor's sole cost and expense.

Should Contractor be self-funded for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance, Contractor shall so notify City in writing prior to the signing of this Contract. City reserves the right to approve said retentions, and may request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, for review prior to the signing of this Contract.

Upon completion of the project, Contractor shall, if requested by City, provide a Final Certificate for itself and each Subcontractor showing that Contractor and each Subcontractor had maintained the required Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability by paying all premiums due throughout the entire course of the project.

Nevada law allows the following to reject workers' compensation coverage if they do not use employees or subcontractors in the performance of work under the contract:

- Sole proprietors (NRS 616B.627 and NRS 617.210)
- Unpaid officers of quasi-public, private or nonprofit corporations (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)
- Unpaid managers of limited liability companies (NRS 616B.624 and NRS 617.207)
- An officer or manager of a corporation or limited liability company who owns the corporation or company (NRS 616B.624 and NRS617.207)

If a contractor has rejected workers' compensation coverage under applicable Nevada law, the contractor must indicate the basis for the rejection of coverage and complete, sign and have notarized an Affidavit of Rejection of Coverage. The Affidavit must be completed, signed and notarized prior to performance of any work.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

Workers' Compensation:	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability:	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Accident – Each Accident
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Each Employee
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Policy Limit

Coverage Form

Coverage shall be at least as broad as the unmodified National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage form WC 00 00 07/11 or substitute form



providing equivalent coverage.

OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGES (IF APPLICABLE)

Professional Liability Insurance (if Applicable) \$1,000,000 each claim limits of liability or whatever limit is customarily carried by the Contractor, whichever is greater, for design, design-build or any type of professional services. If coverage is required on a claims-made or claims-made and reported basis, any applicable retroactive or pending & prior litigation dates must precede the effective date of this contract. Continuous coverage shall be maintained, or an extended reporting period shall be obtained for a period of at least three (3) years following completion of the project.

Contractors Pollution Liability Insurance (If Applicable)- \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or whatever amount is acceptable to the City for any exposure to “hazardous materials” as this term is defined in applicable law, including but not limited to waste, asbestos, fungi, bacterial or mold.

Coverage shall apply to bodily injury; property damage, including loss of use of damaged property or of property that has not been physically injured; cleanup costs; and defense, including costs and expenses incurred in the investigation, defense, or settlement of claims.

City shall be included as an insured under Contractor’s pollution liability insurance.

If coverage is required on a claims-made or claims-made and reported basis, any applicable retroactive or pending & prior litigation dates must precede the effective date of this contract. Continuous coverage shall be maintained, or an extended reporting period shall be obtained for a period of at least three (3) years following completion of the project.

If the scope of services as defined in this contract includes the disposal of any hazardous materials from the job site, Contractor must furnish to City evidence of pollution liability insurance maintained by the disposal site operator for losses arising from the insured facility accepting waste under this contract. Coverage certified to the City under this section must be maintained in minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 per loss, with an annual aggregate of at least \$2,000,000.

Lower tier sub-subcontractors, Truckers, Suppliers: Evidence confirming lower tier subcontractors, truckers and suppliers are maintaining valid insurance prior to beginning work on the project to meet the requirements set forth herein on Subcontractor, including but not limited to all additional insured requirements of Subcontractor.

ALL COVERAGES

Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or non-renewed by either CONTRACTOR or by the insurer, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to CITY except for ten (10) days' notice for nonpayment of premium.

DEDUCTIBLES AND RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000.00 per occurrence or claim must be declared to and approved by the City’s Contracts and Risk Manager and prior to signing this Contract.



City is entitled to request and receive additional documentation, financial or otherwise, prior to giving its approval of the deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any changes to the deductibles or self-insured retentions made during the term of this Contract or during the term of any policy must be approved by City's Contracts and Purchasing Manager prior to the change taking effect. Contractor is responsible for any losses within deductibles or self-insured retentions.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Should City and Contractor agree that higher coverage limits are needed warranting a project policy, project coverage shall be purchased and the premium for limits exceeding the above amount may be borne by City. City retains the option to purchase project insurance through Contractor's insurer or its own source.

Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to City, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.

ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A-VII and acceptable to the City. City, with the approval of the Risk Manager, may accept coverage with carriers having lower Best's ratings upon review of financial information concerning Contractor and insurance carrier. City reserves the right to require that Contractor's insurer be a licensed and admitted insurer in the State of Nevada, or meet any applicable state and federal laws and regulations for non-admitted insurance placement.

VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

Prior to the start of any Work, Contractor must provide the following documents to City of Sparks, Attention: Purchasing Division, P.O. Box 857, Sparks, NV 89432-0857:

- A. **Certificate of Insurance.** Contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance form to the City of Sparks to evidence the insurance policies and coverage required of Contractor.
- B. **Additional Insured Endorsements.** An original Additional Insured Endorsement, signed by an authorized insurance company representative, must be submitted to the City of Sparks, by attachment to the Certificate of Insurance, to evidence the endorsement of the City of Sparks as additional insured.
- C. **Policy Cancellation Endorsement.** Except for ten (10) days' notice for non-payment of premium, each insurance policy shall be endorsed to specify that without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City of Sparks, the policy shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled or non-renewed, and shall provide that notices required by this paragraph shall be sent by certified mailed to the address specified above. A copy of this signed endorsement must be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. If endorsements are not available, Contractor shall be responsible to provide prior written notice to City as soon as practicable upon receipt of any notice of



cancellation, non-renewal, reduction in required limits or other material change in the insurance required under this Agreement.

D. Bonds (as Applicable). Bonds as required and/or defined in the original bid documents.

All certificates and endorsements are to be addressed to the City of Sparks, Purchasing Division and be received and approved by City before work commences. The City reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each Subcontractor. All coverages for Subcontractors shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS

1. Contractor shall be responsible for and remedy all damage or loss to any property, including property of City, caused in whole or in part by Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone employed, directed, or supervised by Contractor.
2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payment of damages to persons or property resulting from its operations or the operations of any Subcontractors under it, and such coverage and limits required herein shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to City in this contract.
3. In addition to any other remedies City may have if Contractor fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, City may, at its sole option:
 - a. Purchase such insurance to cover any risk for which City may be liable through the operations of Contractor under this Agreement and deduct or retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;
 - b. Order Contractor to stop work under this Agreement and/or withhold any payments which become due Contractor here under until Contractor demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; or,
 - c. Terminate the Agreement.
4. If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insureds condition, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.

14. Liquidated Damages (This Section IS IS NOT Applicable to this Contract):

If the service is not completed within the time stipulated in the bid, the Vendor shall pay to the City of Sparks as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for delay and not as a penalty (it being impossible to determine the actual damages occasioned by the delay) \$ _____ for each calendar day of delay until delivery is completed; the Vendor shall be liable to the City of Sparks for the amount herein. This amount may be deducted from money due or to become due to the Vendor as compensation under this proposal in the event the Vendor fails to meet delivery schedules or product specifications.



15. Material Breach of Contract:

In the event Vendor fails in their delivery of services as contracted for herein, to the satisfaction of the City of Sparks or otherwise fails to perform any provisions of this Contract, the City, after providing five (5) days written notice and vendor’s failure to cure such breach, may without waiving any other remedy, make good the deficiencies and deduct the actual cost of providing alternative services from payment due the Vendor. Non-performance after the first notice of non-performance shall be considered a material breach of contract.

16. Force Majeure:

Neither party to the Contract shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, acts of God, and/or war which is beyond that party's reasonable control. City may terminate the Contract upon written notice after determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Contract.

17. Termination:

Failure to Cure:

The City may terminate the Contract for material breach of contract upon ten (10) days written notice and recover all damages, deducting any amount still due the Vendor from damages owed to the City, or seek other remedy including action against all bonds. The Vendor may terminate the Contract for material breach of contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the City.

Non-Funding:

Continuance of this contract beyond the fiscal year (July – June) in which the contract was initiated shall be contingent upon appropriation of the requisite funds in the ensuing fiscal year(s) and the termination of this contract due to lack of appropriation shall be without penalty.

Convenience:

The City may terminate this agreement for any reason without penalty upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor. In the event of termination, the full extent of City liability shall be limited to an equitable adjustment and payment for materials and related services authorized by and received to the satisfaction of the City prior to termination.

18. Assignment:

All of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Contract, and any amendments thereto, shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns. The Vendor shall not assign this Contract without the written consent of the City which will not be unreasonably withheld.

19. Boycott of Israel (NRS 332.065) (This Section IS IS NOT Applicable to this bid):

Pursuant to NRS 332.065 any Contract entered into under NRS Chapter 332 in which the estimated annual dollar amount exceeds \$100,000 will require written certification that the bidder is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract. The term “Boycott of Israel” has the meaning ascribed in NRS 332.065(5). Bidder certifies that it is not, and will not be, engaged in a Boycott of Israel throughout the duration of the Contract.



20. Entire Contract:

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and shall supersede all prior offers, negotiations, agreements and contracts whether written or oral. Any modifications to the terms and conditions of this Contract must be in writing and signed by both parties.

21. Severability:

If any part of this Contract is found to be void it will not affect the validity of the remaining terms of this Contract which will remain in full force and effect.

22. Headings:

Paragraph titles or captions contained in this Contract are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference only, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Contract or the intent of any provision thereof.

23. Singular Includes the Plural; Gender; Title Reference:

Whenever the singular number is used in this Contract and when required by the context, the same shall include the plural, and the use of any gender, be it masculine, feminine or neuter, shall include all of the genders, and the word "person" or "entity" shall include corporation, firm, partnership, or any other combination or association.

The use of the title "Bidder", "Vendor", "Contractor" or "Consultant" within this contract or associated bid document shall be deemed interchangeable and shall refer to the person or entity with whom the City of Sparks is contracting for the service or product referenced within this contract.

24. Execution:

The parties agree to execute such additional documents and to take such additional actions as are reasonably necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof. They also agree, acknowledge and represent that all corporate authorizations have been obtained for the execution of this Contract and for the compliance with each and every term hereof. Each undersigned officer, representative or employee represents that he or she has the authority to execute this Contract on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Sparks has caused this Contract to be executed by its officers thereunto duly authorized and the Consultant has subscribed same, all on the day and year first above



written.

(Vendor)

CITY OF SPARKS, NEVADA
A Municipal Corporation

By: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

(Title)

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ATTEST:

City Attorney

City Clerk (As Required)



Attachment A

THIS (optional) SPACE TO BE USED TO ATTACH VENDOR PROPOSAL OR TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS CONTRACT