REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The West Virginia Parkways Authority will receive sealed proposals for the following:

SLOPE MOWERS (2)

Proposals will be received at the office of the WV Parkways Authority, Administration Building, 3310 Piedmont Rd, Charleston, WV until 2PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. If proposals are mailed via the U. S. Postal Service regular mail, they must be addressed to the WV Parkways Authority, P. O. Box 1469, Charleston, WV 25325. This mail is picked up by the Authority once a day between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. However, Drop-Off, Express Mail One Day Service, Federal Express, United Parcel Service (UPS), etc. must be delivered / sent to the WV Parkways Authority, 3310 Piedmont Rd., Charleston, WV 25306. Fax bids will not be accepted.

It shall be the bidders' responsibility to determine their method of transmittal such that their bids will arrive in the Authority's office prior to the scheduled bid opening. The Authority cannot waive or excuse late receipt of a proposal which is delayed and late for any reason. Late submissions will not be accepted and will remain unopened. Any proposal received after the proposal opening date and time will be immediately disqualified in accordance with applicable law and administrative rules and regulations applicable to the Authority.

All proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The outside of the envelope must include the name and address of the proposer and clearly marked as follows:

ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

RFQ: SLOPE MOWERS (2)

BID OPENING DATE: 8/25/15

Specifications are available at www.wvturmpike.com

The West Virginia Parkways Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Prospective vendors are responsible for all toll charges incurred while providing goods or services to the West Virginia Parkways Authority.

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WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS AUTHORITY
MAINTENANCE DIVISION

PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Slope Mowers

Units: Two (2) Slope Mowers

1.0 PURPOSE

These specifications describe a Slope Mower, (hereinafter referred to as "unit") to be purchased by the West Virginia Parkways Authority (hereafter referred to as “Authority”); define the provisions to be contained in proposals for the sale of said unit to the Authority; establish an enforceable schedule for delivery; and establish criteria for gauging the compliance of the bidder to these specifications.

2.0 BIDDING PROCEDURES

2.1 The current purchasing procedures and any new procedures or requirements that are promulgated after the request for bids are issued and which are established by addendum to the requests for bids regarding bidding as established by the Authority shall apply.

2.2 Bidders shall return an original set of these specifications along with three (3) copies with all information provided, as requested herein.

2.3 Bidders must indicate “comply” or “non-comply” for each specification described in Sections 5.0 and 6.0. The unit must meet the specifications fully in order to be marked “comply”. All non-comply answers are to be fully explained on a separate sheet to be attached to the bidders proposal.

2.4 FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN SECTION 2.3 MAY BE CAUSE TO REJECT THE BID.

2.5 It may be determined by the Authority that non-compliance with a unit specification not marked MANDATORY does, or does not, reduce the quality and performance of the affected unit below an acceptable level or that it may or may not represent a best value purchase because of such non-compliance.

2.6 Bidders are to submit additional manufacturer’s literature and information pertinent to their proposal as may be available.

2.7 Bidders may submit more than one proposal if different unit models are to be offered.

2.8 Any and all questions pertaining to these specifications or this procurement process must be in writing and submitted to:

Margaret Vickers, Director of Procurement
West Virginia Parkways Authority
3310 Piedmont Rd. Charleston, WV 25306
Phone: (304) 926-1900 Fax: (304)926-1909
Email: mvickers@wvturnpike.com
3.0 CONDITION OF UNITS UPON DELIVERY

3.1 The unit shall arrive at the prescribed delivery point having been completely pre-serviced with oil, lubricants, coolant, and tire pressure; with all equipment completely assembled, installed and operating as designed; and all required adjustments and corrections made to make the unit immediately ready for its designed and continuous operation. All prescribed precautions pertaining to first operations and break-in of the unit shall be posted conspicuously on the unit for ready observance by the operator.

3.2 Upon delivery, the Authority will perform a complete inspection of the unit to assure that it meets the Authority’s specifications or accepted alternatives. Final processing for payment may not be initiated until the unit is certified to meet specifications and the operator’s, service, shop, maintenance, and parts manuals and the Certificate of Origin or Title are received.

4.0 AWARD CRITERIA

4.1 It is the Authority’s intent to open this procurement to a wide audience of bidders. The specifications outlined herein are general in nature describing a unit that the Authority feels best meets its needs. However, the Authority will consider any reasonable alternates to the specifications if the bidder can demonstrate that the proposed alternate is comparable in performance, quality and functionality.

4.2 The Authority realizes that certain models can have features beneficial to the Authority even though such features may not be specifically described in the technical specifications, Section 6.0. The vendor is to submit available literature and supporting documentation describing the unit in as much detail as possible. If the vendor wishes to point out certain beneficial features of his proposed unit, it may do so in a separate document included in its bid submittal package. In evaluating the bids the Authority may consider any special or unique features not included in the technical specifications. The Authority will award the bid to the vendor that provides the best overall value to the Authority whether or not the vendor has the lowest bid.

4.3 The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any non-consequential irregularities or informalities in proposals received. The Authority reserves the right to accept the proposal that will, in the Authority’s judgment, best serve the interest of the Authority regardless of whether such proposal is the lowest cost submitted.
5.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE UNIT BEING PROPOSED

The bidder shall identify the unit by manufacturer, model, series and year of manufacture, so as to enable identification by the Authority in the manufacturer's sales literature on the proposed unit. The bidder shall submit complete descriptive literature showing that the proposed unit is the manufacturer's most current model, including latest engineering improvements, which have been, or shall imminently be, regularly advertised and sold on the open market. The description of the unit shall also be sufficient to assure the Authority that specifications will be met without improvising, modifying, or augmenting a basically standard unit beyond those variations contained in the manufacturer's regularly advertised specifications.

5.2 DELIVERY POINT AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Delivery point of completely assembled unit will be to the West Virginia Parkways Authority, 265 Neptune Drive, Beckley, WV 25801 within ninety (90) calendar days after the date of the purchase agreement, by the successful bidder. Marking “comply” with this specification indicates that the bidder WILL deliver the unit in ninety (90) days. If the unit is not delivered within ninety (90) days, or alternate days proposed, the Authority has the right to: (1) cancel the award and negotiate with the second highest ranked bidder; or (2) assess a liquidated damages penalty against any successful bidder that fails to deliver the unit within the specified time period of $25.00 per day for each day beyond the specified deadline for delivery. Any delays occasioned by forces outside the control of bidder will be taken into consideration by the Authority when assessing any penalty.

5.3 OPERATING AND SERVICE MANUALS AND PARTS LISTS

One (1) operator manual shall be included with the unit upon delivery. In addition, there shall be a total of one (1) service, shop, or maintenance manual, and one (1) parts manual included with the total delivery.
5.4 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY AND SERVICE POLICY

The manufacturer's standard warranty or service policy is to apply to the unit. Such warranty or service policy is to be recognized at any authorized/franchised unit dealer, representing manufacturer of proposed unit throughout the State of West Virginia and within a radius of 80 miles from the delivery point. The applicable warranty or service policy shall not be contingent upon obtaining routine service lubrication and servicing of the unit from a factory-authorized agency. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to make available all replacement parts, components, and materials found to be defective under the terms of the warranty, and without cost (including labor cost) to the Authority. The unit shall be accompanied upon delivery by the unit manufacturer's properly executed warranty or service policy. Unit shall be warranted against manufacturing defects for not less than twelve (12) months from date of delivery and shall include other warranty requirements as may be specified in Section 6.

5.5 PARTS AND SERVICE DISCOUNTS

The bidder shall specify the amount of discount it will grant to the Authority on parts and labor for the first year that the Authority has the unit in operation. Discount on labor should be that percentage discounted from the usual and normal hourly or flat rate shop rate charged to retail customers for the same type of work done. Discount on parts should be that percentage discounted from manufacturer's list price.

Discount on labor: _________
Discount on Parts: _________

6.0 GENERAL

6.0.1 The vendor certifies that the proposed unit is offered commercially as a standard package on the market.

6.0.2 The vendor shall provide a unit for demonstration to the Parkway Authority that is a “like” unit.
6.1 General

6.1.1 Slope mower must be capable of mowing up to forty (40) degree slopes horizontally.

6.1.2 Engine to be a minimum of 38 horsepower, water-cooled diesel engine.

6.1.3 Mower to have an operator switch with a lanyard to attach to the operator so that if it’s pulled it will function as an emergency brake and safety switch that will cut the machine off and temporarily brake the machine so if the operator would become separated from the machine.

6.1.4 Mower to be equipped with a twin closed loop hydraulic system, including hydraulic pumps and hydraulic modular wheel motors powering the forward and reverse rotation of the wheels.

6.1.5 Hydraulic system to be a minimum of fourteen (14) gallons reservoir with a ten (10) micron filter system. Total hydraulic system capacity to be a minimum of sixteen (16) gallons.

6.1.6 Each Hydraulic drive system is to be independently controlled through hand-activated directional control levers for direct drive wheel steering.

6.1.7 The hand levers to be individually advanced to rotate the wheels forward or retarded from the neutral position to reverse the wheels. One set of wheels must be capable of being rotated forward while the other set of wheels is reversed to turn the machine on slopes and in less than its length (0 turn radius).

6.1.8 Operational braking must be accomplished by returning the hand controls toward the neutral position.

6.1.9 When in neutral the machines motion must be braked whether or not the engine is running.

6.1.10 When released the spring-loaded handles should return automatically to the neutral position, braking the machine.

6.1.11 Mower to be equipped with tilting seat with restraining arms.

6.1.12 The seat must tilt automatically without the use of any sensing devices or mercury switches.

6.1.13 The chassis must remain fixed stationary and not articulate or tilt.

6.1.14 Mower to be equipped with two drive wheels per-side (dual wheels).
6.1.15 Drive wheels minimum size 26” X 12.00” X 12” 4 ply rating and be a tractor tread.

6.1.16 The cutter assembly is to be supported by two front-mounted caster type solid segment tires.

6.1.17 The cutter deck is to be driven hydraulically with the pump driven directly by the engine. Belt drive not permitted.

6.1.18 The deck drive motor is to be a heavy duty unit, which incorporates extra heavy bearings and housing.

6.1.19 All controls are to be located within easy reach of the operator.

6.1.20 Controls and indicators to be included are as follows: throttle, engine warning lights, ignition switch, cutter engagement lever, propulsion control levers, operator safety switch, parking switch, light switches.

6.1.21 Cutter assembly to be extra heavy duty, 72 inch cut with rear discharge that will perform in refined and rough applications.

6.1.22 The cutter assembly must support the chassis from the front while pivoting to the sides to cut the contour of the turf.

6.1.23 The cutter assembly is to be equipped with three (3) heat treated heavy duty steel blades.

6.1.24 The blades are to be mounted on heavy duty, ball bearing housings.

6.1.25 The deck sides are to be skidded with solid steel skids.

6.1.26 The deck cutting height is to be adjustable and be able to range between 1-1/2” through 6-1/2”.

6.1.27 Mower must be able to perform normal rough and refined general purpose mowing as well as steep slope mowing to 40 degrees. Straight up and down hill operation not acceptable.

6.1.28 The mower must be designed not to start with the blades engaged or the propulsion system engaged.

6.1.29 Mower must be equipped with roll bar and retracting seat belts.

6.1.30 Mower must be delivered fully assembled and ready to operate.

6.1.31 Mower must meet ANSI B 71.4 safety specifications for commercial turf care equipment.
6.1.32 Mower to be equipped with a deluxe engine package including; oil pressure gauge, voltmeter gauge, water temperature gauge and hour meter.

6.1.33 Mower to have a shade canopy over top of operator.

6.1.34 Mower to have a light kit and a rotary beacon, or strobe light on top.
MANUFACTURER _____________________

YEAR __________

MODEL NAME AND NUMBER ____________

COST EACH ____________ X 2 = TOTAL COST __________________

*All freight charges are to be included in cost of unit. FOB delivered, Beckley WV 25801

SUBMITTED BY:

COMPANY NAME ______________________________________________

ADDRESS ______________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER _______________________________________________

FAX NUMBER __________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS _______________________________________________

COMPANY CONTACT _____________________________________________

SIGNATURE ___________________________________________________

VENDOR REGISTRATION NUMBER __________________________________

(See http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/wv1.pdf)
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
2. The Authority may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
3. All quotations are governed by the West Virginia Code and the Legislative Rules of the Purchasing Division.
4. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required $125.00 registration fee.
5. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
6. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
7. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
8. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
9. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
10. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the Legislative Rules shall govern all rights and duties under the Contract, including without limitation the validity of this Purchase Order/Contract.
11. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
12. BANKRUPTCY: In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, this Contract may be deemed null and void, and terminated without further order.
13. HIPAA Business Associate Addendum - The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, and available online at the Purchasing Division's web site (http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm) is hereby made part of the agreement. Provided that, the Agency meets the definition of a Covered Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Authority.
2. SPECIFICATIONS: Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as EQUAL to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Director may waive minor deviations to specifications.
3. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
4. Unit prices shall prevail in cases of discrepancy.
5. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
6. BID SUBMISSION: All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications.

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WV PARKWAYS AUTHORITY
Purchasing Department
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division

PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

MANDATE: Under W. Va. Code §6A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers’ compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

DEFINITIONS:

“Debt” means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers’ compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

“Employer default” means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers’ fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers’ compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers’ compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

“Related party” means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form of business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor’s authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code §615-3) that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

Vendor’s Name: __________________________________________________________

Authorized Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________________

State of ___________________________, __________

County of ________________________, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this ___ day of _______________________, 20__.

My Commission expires _______________________, 20__.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC

Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 06/01/2010)
State of West Virginia

VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Certification and application is hereby made for Preference in accordance with West Virginia Code, §5A-3-37. (Does not apply to construction contracts). West Virginia Code, §5A-3-37, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the West Virginia Code. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Vendor Preference, if applicable.

1. Application is made for 2.5% vendor preference for the reason checked:
   ___ Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or,
   ___ Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or,
   ___ Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or,

2. Application is made for 2.5% vendor preference for the reason checked:
   ___ Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; or,

3. Application is made for 2.5% vendor preference for the reason checked:
   ___ Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder’s affiliate’s or subsidiary’s employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; or,

4. Application is made for 5% vendor preference for the reason checked:
   ___ Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; or,

5. Application is made for 3.5% vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:
   ___ Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; or,

6. Application is made for 3.5% vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:
   ___ Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor’s bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor’s employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding years.

7. Application is made for preference as a non-resident small, women- and minority-owned business, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-59 and West Virginia Code of State Rules.
   ___ Bidder has been or expects to be approved prior to contract award by the Purchasing Division as a certified small, women- and minority-owned business.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) reject the bid; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.

Bidder: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________  Title: ___________________________