

Event Summary - As-Needed Landscaping Services in the Des Moines Metro Area

Type	RFB - Request for Bids	Number	005-RFB-2796-2026
Organization	DASlowa	Currency	US Dollar
Event Status	Pending	Department	Administrative Services - DAS
Exported on	5/29/2026	Exported by	Katelyn Howells
Estimated Value	-	Payment Terms	0% 0, Net 60

Bid and Evaluation

Respond by Proxy	Allow	Use Panel Questionnaire	No
Sealed Bid	Yes	Auto Score	No
		Cost Analysis	No
Alternate Items	No		

Visibility and Communication

Visible to Public Yes

Enter a short description for this public event

The State of Iowa is seeking bids for as-needed landscaping services in the Des Moines, Iowa, metro area.

Commodity Codes

Commodity Code	Description
98852	Landscaping, Including Design, Fertilizing, Planting, etc., Not Grounds Maintenance or Tree Trimming Services
59575	Trees, Ornamental and Shade
91873	Landscaping Consulting
96888	Tree and Shrub Removal Services
98872	Pest Control, Other Than Buildings, Including Spraying Trees and Shrubs
98888	Tree Trimming and Pruning Services
98889	Weed and Vegetation Control, Including Trees, Shrubs and Aquatic Weed Control

Event Dates

Time Zone	CDT/CST - Central Standard Time (US/Central)
Released	-
Open	6/1/2026 12:00 PM CDT
Close	6/19/2026 2:00 PM CDT
Sealed Until	6/19/2026 2:00 PM
	Show Sealed Bid Open Date to Vendor
Q&A Close	6/10/2026 3:00 PM CDT

Description
The purpose of this Request for Bids (RFB) is to solicit bids from qualified providers to provide the goods and/or services described further in this RFB to the Lead Agency and any Participating Agencies. The Lead Agency intends to award a contract(s) beginning and ending on the dates listed in the solicitation, and the Lead Agency may extend the contract(s) for up to the number of annual extensions identified in the solicitation at the sole discretion of the Lead Agency. Any contract(s) resulting from the RFB shall not be an exclusive contract.

This RFB is designed to provide Bidders with the information necessary for the preparation of competitive Bids. The RFB process is for the Lead Agency's and Participating Agencies' benefit and is intended to provide the Lead Agency with competitive information to assist in the selection process. It is not intended to be comprehensive. Each Bidder is responsible for determining all factors necessary for the submission of a comprehensive Bid.

Background information:

The State of Iowa is seeking Bidders to provide various landscaping services, to include but not limited to, site prep, planting, mulching, weeding, edging, and cleanup on the Capitol Complex and State facilities in the Des Moines Metro area.

The goal is to maintain an attractive and weed-free appearance in landscaped areas.

This is a new contract. There is no sales history to share.

The resulting contract(s) is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract for landscaping goods and services. The Bidder shall furnish labor, materials, equipment, supervision, and incidentals for task orders issued under this Agreement. Individual task orders will define specific work locations, drawings (if any), quantities, schedules, and deliverables.

The State reserves the right to award multiple contracts following this Request for Bids.

Contract Term:

The term of the contract will begin July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2027.

The Contract may be renewed by mutual agreement of both parties for up to five (5) annual extensions for a total contract term not to exceed six (6) years.

This Contract will be available to all State Agencies.

It is advised to "Save Progress" often and especially after uploading documents.

NOTE: Anytime the Bidder opens their bid after the initial submission, they MUST certify and resubmit. No information will be lost from the initial submission.

NOTE: Bidder must approve and resubmit their bid after an amendment has been posted by the Issuing Officer. If the bid was submitted before the amendment, all information will be saved. The Bidder only needs to read and acknowledge the amendment.

Instructions for Amendments: Answer the newly posted question in the Questions Section, and CERTIFY and SUBMIT your bid again (if previously submitted).

1 ★ **Instructions To Vendor :**

Bidder shall read and make certifications of the their Bid.

Certification

Bidder certifies that they have read and agree to the terms.

Vendor Must Also Upload a File:

No

Prerequisite Content:

Bidder certifies that the contents of this Bid submitted are true and accurate. Bidder also certifies that Bidder has not knowingly made any false statements in its Bid.

Certification of Independence

I certify that I am a representative of Bidder expressly authorized to make the following certifications on behalf of Bidder. By submitting a Bid in response to the RFB, I certify on behalf of the Bidder the following:

1. The Bid has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement with any employee or consultant to the Agency or with any person serving as a member of the evaluation committee.
2. The Bid has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement with any other Bidder or parties for the purpose of restricting competition.
3. Unless otherwise required by law, the information found in the Bid has not been and will not be knowingly disclosed, directly or indirectly prior to Agency's issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award the contract.
4. No attempt has been made or will be made by Bidder to induce any other Bidder to submit or not to submit a Bid for the purpose of restricting competition.
5. No relationship exists or will exist during the contract period between Bidder and the Agency or any other State agency that interferes with fair competition or constitutes a conflict of interest.

Certification Regarding Debarment

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, neither Bidder nor any of its principals: (a) are presently or have been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a Federal Agency or State Agency; (b) have within a five year period preceding this Bid been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud, 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 antitrust statutes; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; (c) are presently indicted for or criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in (b) of this certification; and (d) have not within a three year period preceding this Bid had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which the Agency has relied upon when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that Bidder knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available, the Agency may pursue available remedies including suspension, debarment, or termination of the contract.

Certification Regarding Registration, Collection, and Remission of Sales and Use Tax

Pursuant to *Iowa Code sections 423.2(10) and 423.5(8) (2013)* a retailer in Iowa or a retailer maintaining a business in Iowa that enters into a contract with a state agency must register, collect, and remit Iowa sales tax and Iowa use tax levied under *Iowa Code chapter 423* on all sales of tangible personal property and enumerated services. The Act also requires Bidders to certify their compliance with sales tax registration, collection, and remission requirements and provides potential consequences if the certification is false or fraudulent.

By submitting a Bid in response to the (RFB), the Bidder certifies the following:

- Bidder is registered with the Iowa Department of Revenue, collects, and remits Iowa sales and use taxes as required by *Iowa Code chapter 423*; **OR**
- Bidder is not a "retailer" or a "retailer maintaining a place of business in this state" as those terms are defined in *Iowa Code subsections 423.1(47) and (48)*.

Bidder also acknowledges that the Agency may declare the Bidder's Bid or resulting contract void if the above certification is false. The Bidder also understands that fraudulent certification may result in the Agency or its representative filing for damages for breach of contract in addition to other remedies available to Agency.

2 ★ **Instructions To Vendor :**

Bidder shall read and authorize to release information for their Bid.

Certification

Bidder certifies that they have read and agree to the Authorization to Release Information.

Vendor Must Also Upload a File:

No

Prerequisite Content:

Bidder hereby authorizes the Iowa Department of Administrative Services ("Agency") or a member of the Evaluation Committee to obtain information regarding its performance on other contracts, agreements or other business arrangements, its business reputation, and any other matter pertinent to evaluation and the selection of a successful Bidder in response to this Request for Bids (RFB).

The Bidder acknowledges that it may not agree with the information and opinions given by such person or entity in response to a reference request. The Bidder acknowledges that the information and opinions given by such person or entity may hurt its chances to receive contract awards from the State or may otherwise hurt its reputation or operations. The Bidder is willing to take that risk.

The Bidder hereby releases, acquits and forever discharges the State of Iowa, the Agency, their officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever, including all claims, demands and causes of action of every nature and kind affecting the undersigned that it may have or ever claim to have relating to information, data, opinions, and references obtained by the Agency or the Evaluation Committee in the evaluation and selection of a successful Bidder in response to the RFB.

The Bidder authorizes representatives of the Agency to contact any and all of the persons, entities, and references which are, directly or indirectly, listed, submitted, or referenced in the Respondent's Bid submitted in response to RFB.

The Bidder further authorizes any and all persons, and entities to provide information, data, and opinions with regard to its performance under any contract, agreement, or other business arrangement, its ability to perform, business reputation, and any other matter pertinent to the evaluation of the Bidder's Bid. The Bidder hereby releases, acquits and forever discharges any such person or entity and their officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever, including all claims, demands and causes of action of every nature and kind affecting the Bidder that it may have or ever claim to have relating to information, data, opinions, and references supplied to the Agency in the evaluation and selection of a successful Bidder in response to RFB.

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Group 1: Form of Bid

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| 1.1 | <p>Enter the Bidder's contact name, telephone number, email address, and shipping address for questions regarding this solicitation. ★</p> <p>Text (Multi-Line)</p> |
| 1.2 | <p>Enter the Bidder's State or Foreign Country of Residence. ★</p> <p>Text (Single Line)</p> |
| 1.3 | <p>Bidder shall enter the Resident Preference given by the State or Foreign Country of the Bidder's residence. Enter the resident preference in the text box or indicate "no preference". ★</p> <p>Text (Single Line)</p> |
| 1.4 | <p>Enter the number of years the Bidder has been in business in the text box. ★</p> <p>Numeric Text Box</p> |
| 1.5 | <p>Enter the number of years of experience the Bidder has with providing the types of goods and/or services sought by the solicitation. ★</p> <p>Text (Single Line)</p> |
| 1.6 | <p>Describe the level of technical experience in providing the types of goods and/or services sought by the solicitation. Enter the information in the the text box or upload a document to the Vendor Attachments Section and enter "see attached" in the text box. ★</p> <p>Text (Multi-Line)</p> |
| 1.7 | <p>List all goods and/or services similar to those sought by this solicitation that the Bidder has provided to business or government entities. Fill out the text box or upload a document to the Vendor Attachments Section and enter "see attached" in the text box. ★</p> <p>Text (Multi-Line)</p> |
| 1.8 | <p>The Bidder shall provide references from three (3) previous customers or clients knowledgeable of the Bidder's performance in providing goods and/or services similar to the goods and/or services described in this solicitation. Enter a contact person, telephone number and email address for each reference. Fill out the text box. If the Bidder wants to upload reference letters to the Vendor Attachments Section, enter "see attached" in the text box. ★</p> <p>Text (Multi-Line)</p> |
| 1.9 | <p>Bidder shall read, fill-out and upload the Terminations, Litigation and Debarment document. ★</p> <p>File Upload</p> |
| 1.10 | <p>The Bidder shall provide resumes for all key personnel who will be involved in providing the goods and/or services requested by this solicitation. The following information shall be included in the resumes: ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full Name ● Education and/or Certification ● Years of experience and employment history particularly as it relates to the requirements of the solicitation. <p>Upload resumes as one document.</p> <p>File Upload</p> |
| 1.11 | <p>Is the Bidder requesting confidential treatment of specific information? ★</p> <p>Yes/No</p> |
| 1.12 | <p>A Bidder requesting confidential treatment of specific information shall fully complete the form attached. In the Items Section, mark each good or service upon which the Bidder believes confidential information appears. ★</p> <p>File Upload</p> |

Group 2: Terms and Conditions

- 2.1** Bidder shall read the RFB Definitions and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT agree to the Definitions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.2** Bidder shall read the Administrative Terms and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit Exceptions question)
- 2.3** Bidder shall read the Contract Terms & Conditions and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.4** Bidder shall read the Specification Terms and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.5** Bidder shall read the Terms and Conditions for GOODS and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.6** Bidder shall read the Terms and Conditions for SERVICES and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.7** Bidder shall read the Insurance Requirements and enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Insurance Requirements (submit exceptions question)
- 2.8** The Bidder hereby explicitly authorizes the Agency to conduct criminal history and/or other background investigation(s) of the Bidder, its officers, directors, shareholders, or partners and managerial and supervisory personnel retained by the Bidder for the performance of the resulting Contract. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.9** Public Entities (Political Subdivisions) - The resulting Contract will be made available to Political Entities, i.e. cities, counties, and schools. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.10** Nonprofit Entities - The resulting Contract will be made available to nonprofit entities that qualify under I.R.S. § 501 (c) provisions. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
Dropdown List (Pick One)
Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)
- 2.11** Quarterly Sales Report - The Bidder shall provide a detailed quarterly report in Microsoft Excel on ALL sales made under the resulting Contract via e-mail to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Bidder shall enter a response. ★

Dropdown List (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)

- 2.12 Administrative Fee - In addition to the approved discounts or prices specified in the solicitation herein, the Bidder shall pay to the Agency a 1.00% Administrative Fee on all sales made against the resulting Contract. The fee shall be paid quarterly to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Bidder shall enter a response. ★

Dropdown List (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)

Group 3: Payment Terms

- 3.1 Payment Terms - Per Iowa Code § 8A.514 the State of Iowa is allowed sixty (60) days to pay an invoice submitted by a Bidder. Does the Bidder agree to the terms? ★

Dropdown List (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)

- 3.2 What discount will the Bidder give for payment in 30 days? Enter the discount in the text box. If none, enter zero. ★

Numeric Text Box

- 3.3 Terms of Pcard Acceptance - The State of Iowa prefers to pay Bidders using its Purchasing Card Program (Pcard) whenever possible. Bidders accepting Pcard payments shall comply with the Terms of Pcard Acceptance. ★

Dropdown List (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder does NOT accept the Terms & Conditions (submit exceptions question)

Group 4: Specifications

- 4.1 All work performed by the Bidder must comply with the current Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Standards. Bidders are required to inform the Lead Agency of any and all OSHA violations during the term of the contract. ★

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder does NOT agree

- 4.2 Bidder must be a licensed contractor with the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) at the time of bid submission. ★

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder Agrees

Bidder does NOT Agree

- 4.3 Bidder must maintain appropriate Commercial Pesticide Applicator License(s) from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for pesticide/fertilizers used to complete services included in this contract. ★

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder will not be providing pesticide application

- 4.4 Please enter your Pesticide Applicator License number ★

Text (Single Line)

- 4.5 Bidder will have to report to work site with all tools and equipment required for the work to be performed. ★

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees

Bidder does NOT agree

- 4.6 Bidder will be required to obtain and maintain all required permits. ★

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT agree

- 4.7** Bidder must follow the Capitol Complex Ground Penetration Process as specified at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetSwEZqmTpD65Fdp8fBAIhtJ5bngvMRw3l8lpmz-gZaeYuEg/viewform>

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT agree

- 4.8** Bidder must respond timely to service requests. Bidder is expected to respond and schedule work within 24 hours of Agency request.

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT agree

- 4.9** The Bidder shall have sufficient inventory of materials to meet usual and customary commercial contract needs. State Agencies reserve the right to furnish materials required in the completion of work under this contract. ★

Multiple Choice (Pick One)

Bidder agrees
Bidder does NOT agree

- 4.10** Bidder must possess sufficient resources and be capable of handling more than one State job at a time. Bidder must have all the necessary personnel and equipment to safely work on systems and have the required certifications and licenses. ★

Dropdown List (Pick One)

Bidder Agrees
Bidder does NOT Agree

Product Line Items

Group P1: Products - percentage off retail list price

#	Item Name, Commodity Code, Description	Qty.	UOM	Target Price	Allow Alternates	Requested Delivery
P1.1	Mulch Mulch to be provided per Cubic Yard. Bid pricing is for percentage off retail list price.	1	P1 - Percent	-		-
P1.2	Sod Sod to be provided per Square Foot. Bid pricing is for percentage off retail list price.	1	P1 - Percent	-		-
P1.3	Fertilizer Fertilizer to be provided per Cubic Yard. Bid pricing is for percentage off retail list price.	1	P1 - Percent	-		-
P1.4	Lime Lime to be provided per Square Foot. Bid pricing is for percentage off retail list price.	1	P1 - Percent	-		-
P1.5	Compost Compost to be provided per Cubic Yard. Bid pricing is for percentage off retail list price.	1	EA - Each	-		-
P1.6	Trees & Plants Trees & Plants to be provided per Each. Bid pricing is for percentage off retail list price.	1	P1 - Percent	-		-
P1.7	Other Catalog Items	1	P1 - Percent	-		-

Service Line Items

Group S1: Hourly Services

#	Item Name, Commodity Code, Description	Qty.	UOM	Target Price	Allow Alternates	Requested Service Delivery
S1.1	Pruning - Trees	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.2	Pruning - Shrubs	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.3	Bed Maintenance	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.4	Tree Removal	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.5	Annual Color Planting	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.6	Plant Replacement	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.7	Site Inspection	1	HR - Hour	-		-
S1.8	Other Landscaping Services	1	HR - Hour	-		-

Group S2: Individual Services

#	Item Name, Commodity Code, Description	Qty.	UOM	Target Price	Allow Alternates	Requested Service Delivery
S2.1	Soil Testing Per sample	1	EA - Each	-		-

Price Components

There are no Price Components added to this event.