



Request for Bid (RFB)

Boone County Purchasing
601 E. Walnut, Room 209
Columbia, MO 65201

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Bid Data

Bid Number: **50-08JUL03**

Commodity Title: **Tree/Brush Cutting**

DIRECT BID FORMAT OR SUBMISSION QUESTIONS TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Bid Submission Address and Deadline

Day / Date: TUESDAY – JULY 8, 2003
Time: 1:25 P.M. (Bids received after this time will be returned unopened)
Location / Mail Address: **Boone County Purchasing Department
Boone County Johnson Building
601 E. Walnut, Room 209
Columbia, MO 65201**
Directions: The Johnson Building is located on the Northeast corner at 6th Street and Walnut Street. Enter the building from the East Side. Wheel chair accessible entrance is available on the West side of the building.

Bid Opening

Day / Date: TUESDAY – JULY 8, 2003
Time: 1:30 P.M. C.S.T.
Location / Address: **Boone County Johnson Building Conference Room
601 E. Walnut, Room 213
Columbia, MO 65201**

Bid Contents

- 1.0: **Introduction and General Conditions of Bidding**
- 2.0: **Primary Specifications**
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“No Bid” Response Form
Attachment – Project Plans**

1. **Introduction and General Conditions of Bidding**
- 1.1. **INVITATION** - The County of Boone, through its Purchasing Department, invites responses, which offer to provide the goods and/or services identified on the title page, and described in greater detail in Section 2.
- 1.2. **DEFINITIONS**
- 1.2.1. **County** - This term refers to the County of Boone, a duly organized public entity. It may also be used as a pronoun for various subsets of the County organization, including, as the context will indicate:
Purchasing - The Purchasing Department, including its Purchasing Director and staff.
Department(s) or Office(s) - The County Department(s) or Office(s) for which this Bid is prepared, and which will be the end user(s) of the goods and/or services sought.
Designee - The County employee(s) assigned as your primary contact(s) for interaction regarding Contract performance.
- 1.2.2. **Bidder / Contractor / Supplier** - These terms refer generally to businesses having some sort of relationship to or with Boone County. The term may apply differently to different classes of entities, as the context will indicate.
Bidder - Any business entity submitting a response to this Bid. Suppliers, which may be invited to respond, or which express interest in this bid, but which do not submit a response, have no obligations with respect to the bid requirements.
Contractor - The Bidder whose response to this bid is found by Purchasing to meet the best interests of the County. The Contractor will be selected for award, and will enter into a Contract for provision of the goods and/or services described in the Bid.
Supplier - All business(s) entities which may provide the subject goods and/or services.
- 1.2.3. **Bid** - This entire document, including attachments. A Bid may be used to solicit various kinds of information. The kind of information this Bid seeks is indicated by the title appearing at the top of the first page. A "Request for Bid" is used when the need is well defined. A "Request for Proposal" is used when the County will consider solutions, which may vary significantly from each other or from the County's initial expectations.
- 1.2.4. **Response** - The written, sealed document submitted according to the Bid instructions.
- 1.3. **BID CLARIFICATION** - Questions regarding this Bid should be directed in writing, preferably by fax or e-mail, to the Purchasing Department. Answers, citing the question asked but not identifying the questioner, will be distributed simultaneously to all known prospective Bidders. Note: Written requirements in the Bid or its Amendments are binding, but any oral communications between County and Bidder are not.
- 1.3.1. **Bidder Responsibility** - The Bidder is expected to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this Bid. Bidders' failure or omission to examine any relevant form, article, site or document will not relieve them from any obligation regarding this Bid. By submitting a Response, Bidder is presumed to concur with all terms, conditions and specifications of this Bid.
- 1.3.2. **Bid Amendment** - If it becomes evident that this Bid must be amended, the Purchasing Department will issue a formal written Amendment to all known prospective Bidders. If necessary, a new due date will be established.
- 1.4. **AWARD** - Award will be made to the Bidder(s) whose offer(s) provide the greatest value to the County from the standpoint of suitability to purpose, quality, service, previous experience, price, lifecycle cost, ability to deliver, or for any other reason deemed by Purchasing to be in the best interest of the County. Thus, the result will not be determined by price alone. The County will be seeking the least costly outcome that meets the County needs as interpreted by the County.
- 1.5. **CONTRACT EXECUTION** - This Bid and the Contractor's Response will be made part of any resultant Contract and will be incorporated in the Contract as set forth, verbatim.
- 1.5.1. **Precedence** - In the event of contradictions or conflicts between the provisions of the documents comprising this Contract, they will be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:
 - 1) the provisions of the Contract (as it may be amended);
 - 2) the provisions of the Bid;
 - 3) the provisions of the Bidder's Response.
- 1.6. **CONTRACT PERIOD** - Any Term and Supply Contract resulting from this Bid will have an initial term from date of award through one year with an additional two (2) one-year renewals unless canceled by either party commencing with execution of Contract (or on another mutually agreeable start date.)
- 1.7. **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - Bidder agrees to be bound by the County's standard "boilerplate" terms and conditions for Contracts, a sample of which is attached to this Bid.

2. Primary Specifications

- 2.1. **ITEMS TO BE PROVIDED** - Labor, Materials, Equipment, Coordinating and Scheduling, and related items required to remove brush and trees on road listed in the following specifications.
- 2.2. **QUANTITY** - Approximately 4,000 linear feet of removal. The length given (ft) in the schedule of quantity is the total amount removed by contractor. The amount includes both sides of the roadway. Attached are detailed plans describing proposed location.
- 2.3. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
 - 2.3.1. All brush and trees shall be removed within 15' from the centerline of the roadway. The corridor will be marked by the Public Works Department for the contractor. All tree and brush removal shall be to grade level and limbs cleared to 20 feet vertically.
 - 2.3.2. All traffic control shall comply to MUTCD and be the Contractor's responsibility. Temporary road closures are permitted for no longer than 15 minutes at a time to allow for ingress and egress. The proposed project is a dead end roadway.
 - 2.3.3. All material is to be removed from the site and disposed of by the Contractor.
 - 2.3.4. It is the bidder's responsibility to inspect the proposed area to determine the full extent of the work necessary to complete as indicated in the bid documents. If the bidder is in doubt of the extent of the work, questions should be raised at least 5 days prior to the bid opening.
 - 2.3.5. No sub-contracting will be allowed in this project. All work must be done exclusively by bidder.
 - 2.3.6. Project will be inspected by department personnel.
- 2.4. **BIDDERS EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS** - The bidder shall include in the response, written documentation on their qualifications to perform brush cutting and tree removal work and the equipment proposed for use on this project. Included shall be a summary of the bidders experience along with information and references regarding contracts, if any, which have been awarded the bidder by other agencies in the State of Missouri during the last 2 years. This information will be included in the evaluation process.
- 2.5. **SCHEDULING** - The Contractor shall indicate in their response the date they propose to commence and complete the project which shall be no more than **24 WORKING DAYS**.
 - 2.5.1. Contractor shall supply the dates and duration of proposed work to the County at the time of bid award. The County will issue a press release and contact property owners to notify them of the work.
- 2.6. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS** -
 - 2.6.1. **Contractor's Insurance** - The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until they have obtained all insurance required under this section and such insurance has been approved by the County. All policies shall be in amounts, form, and companies satisfactory to the County which must carry an A-6 or better rating as listed in the A.M. Best or Equivalent Rating Code.
 - 2.6.2. **Compensation Insurance** - Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract, Employee's Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of their employees employed at the site of work. In case any class of employee engaged in hazardous work under this contract at the site of work is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide Employee's Liability Insurance for the protections of their employees not otherwise protected.
 - 2.6.3. **Comprehensive General Liability Insurance** - Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract such comprehensive general liability insurance as shall protect them from claims for damages for personal injury including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damages, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by themselves or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by them. The amounts of insurance shall be not less than \$2,000,000.00 combined single limit for any one occurrence covering both bodily injury and property damage, including accidental death.

2. Primary Specifications (cont.)

- 2.6.4. **Automobile Public Liability and Property** - Contractor shall maintain during the life of this contract, automobile public liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$2,000,000.00 combined single limit for any one occurrence and not less than \$250,000.00 per individual, covering both bodily injury, including accidental death, and property damage, to protect themselves from any and all claims arising from the use of the Contractor's own automobiles, teams and trucks; hired automobiles, teams and trucks; and both on and off the site of work.
- 2.6.5. **Owner's Contingent or Protective Liability and Property Damage** - The Contractor shall provide the County with proof of Owner's Protective Liability and Property Damage Insurance, which shall protect the County against any and all claims which might arise as a result of the operations of the Contractor in fulfilling the terms of this contract during the life of the Contract. It is preferred that this policy include a provision for alleged assault and battery. The minimum amounts of such insurance will be \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence, combined single limits. Should any work be subcontracted, these limits will also apply.
- 2.6.6. **Insurance Certification** - Contractor shall furnish the County with Certificate(s) of Insurance which name the County as additional insured and requiring a thirty (30) day mandatory cancellation notice. In addition, such insurance shall be on an occurrence basis and shall remain in effect until such time as the County has made final acceptance of the work required in the contract.
- 2.7. **LIEN WAIVERS** - Prior to the release of contract amount, contractor shall file with the County the following:
- a) an affidavit, to the effect that all payments have been made and all claims have been released for all materials, labor and other items covered by the contract;
 - b) lien waivers signed by each supplier furnishing materials to the project releasing all claims to said materials;
 - c) lien waivers signed by each sub-contractor furnishing labor to the project releasing all claims against Boone County for said labor.
- 2.8. **DESIGNEE** - Boone County Public Works Department, 5551 Highway 63 South, Columbia, Missouri 65201.
- 2.9. **BID CLARIFICATION** - Any questions or clarifications concerning bid documents should be addressed to Marlene Ridgway, Buyer, 601 E. Walnut, Room 209, Columbia, Missouri 65201. Phone: 573-886-4392 Fax: (573) 886-4390 or email: mrldgway@boonecountymmo.org
- 2.10. **DELIVERY** - Each site specified in Section four of this request.
- 2.10.1. **Delivery Terms** - FOB Destination. The seller pays and bears all freight charges.
- 2.11. **PAYMENT** - Contractor will bill the County upon acceptance by Boone County for each project listed in Section Four of this request. Contractor must submit an invoice and charges must only include prices listed in the Contractor's bid response. No additional fees or taxes shall be included as additional charges. The County agrees to pay the invoice within thirty (30) days from receipt of a correct invoice and all other required documents.

3. Response Presentation and Review

- 3.1 **RESPONSE CONTENT** - In order to enable direct comparison of competing Responses, Bidder must submit Response in strict conformity to the requirements stated here. Failure to adhere to all requirements may result in Response being disqualified as non-responsive. All Responses must be submitted using the provided Response Sheet. Every question must be answered and if not applicable, the section must contain "N/A."
- 3.2 **SUBMITTAL OF RESPONSES** - Responses MUST be received by the date and time noted on the title page under "Bid Submission Information and Deadline". NO EXCEPTIONS. The County is not responsible for late or incorrect deliveries from the US Postal Service or any other mail carrier.
- 3.2.1. **Submittal Package** - Submit, to the location specified on the title page, **three (3) complete copies** of your Response in a single sealed envelope, clearly marked on the outside with your company name and return address, the bid number and the due date and time.
- 3.2.2. **Advice of Award** - If you wish to be advised of the outcome of this Bid, enclose with your Response a self-addressed stamped return envelope (size 10, first-class one-ounce postage) for our use in mailing a copy of the summary recap of the award. Notification will be by mail only, except to awarded Bidder.
- 3.2.3. The County's Bids, Bid Tabulations, and Bid Awards may be viewed on our web page at www.showmeboone.com. View information under *Purchasing Department*.
- 3.2.4. If you have obtained this bid document from our Web Page or from a source other than the Boone County Purchasing Department, please check with our office or web page prior to submitting your bid to ensure that you have a complete package. The Purchasing Department cannot be responsible for providing addenda if we do not have you on our vendor list for this bid.
- 3.3. **BID OPENING** - On the date and time and at the location specified on the title page under "Bid Opening", all Responses will be opened in public. Brief summary information from each will be read aloud.
- 3.3.1. **Removal from Vendor Database** - If any prospective Bidder currently in our Vendor Database to whom the Bid was sent elects not to submit a Response and fails to reply in writing stating reasons for not bidding, that Bidder's name may be removed from our database. Other reasons for removal include unwillingness or inability to show financial responsibility, reported poor performance, unsatisfactory service, or repeated inability to meet delivery requirements.
- 3.4. **RESPONSE CLARIFICATION** – The County reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from Bidders in order to obtain clarification of their Responses.
- 3.4.1. **Rejection or Correction of Responses** – The County reserves the right to reject any or all Responses. Minor irregularities or informalities in any Response which are immaterial or inconsequential in nature, and are neither affected by law nor at substantial variance with Bid conditions, may be waived at our discretion whenever it is determined to be in the County's best interest.
- 3.5. **EVALUATION PROCESS** – The County's sole purpose in the evaluation process is to determine from among the Responses received which one is best suited to meet the County's needs at the lowest possible cost. Any final analysis or weighted point score does not imply that one Bidder is superior to another, but simply that in our judgment the Contractor selected appears to offer the best overall solution for our current and anticipated needs at the lowest possible cost.
- 3.5.1. **Method of Evaluation** – The County will evaluate submitted Responses in relation to all aspects of this Bid.
- 3.5.2. **Acceptability** – The County reserves the sole right to determine whether goods and/or services offered are acceptable for our use.
- 3.5.3. **Endurance of Pricing** - Bidder's pricing must be held until award or 60 days, whichever comes first.
- 3.5.4. **Award**: Award will be made to the lowest, responsible bidder meeting specifications, who presents the product or service that is in the best interest of Boone County. Boone County reserves the right to award this bid on an item by item basis, or an "all or none" basis, whichever is in the best interest of the County.
- 3.5.5. Boone County reserves the right to reject all bids. Boone County reserves the right to waive informalities in bids.

4. Response Form - Submit three (3) complete copies of your Response in a single sealed envelope, clearly marked on the outside, left corner with your company name and return address, the proposal number and the due date and time.

4.1. Company Name: _____

4.2. Address: _____

4.3. City/Zip: _____

4.4. Phone Number: _____

4.5. Fax Number: _____

4.6. Federal Tax ID: _____

4.7. PRICING

	Road Name	Description	Lineal Feet	Bid Price
4.7.1.	Missouri River View	From Claysville Road to South	2 x 2000 (LS)	\$ _____
4.7.2.		Price per hour for additional work		\$ _____

4.8. Please indicate anticipated project start date: _____

4.9. Please indicate project duration (in days): _____

4.10. Bidders must also respond with the following information to be considered responsive:

4.10.1. Experience and Qualification Information required in section 2.5 of this request.

4.11. The undersigned offers to furnish and deliver the articles or services as specified at the prices and terms stated and in strict accordance with all requirements contained in the Request for Bid which have been read and understood, and all of which are made part of this order.

4.11.1. Authorized Representative (Sign By Hand):

_____ Date: _____

4.11.2. Type or Print Signed Name:



Standard Terms and Conditions

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1. Responses shall include all charges for packing, delivery, installation, etc., (unless otherwise specified) to the Boone County Department identified in the Request for Quotation and/or Proposal.
2. The Boone County Commission has the right to accept or reject any part or parts of all bids, to waive technicalities, and to accept the offer the County Commission considers the most advantageous to the County. Boone County reserves the right to award this bid on an item-by-item basis, or an "all or none" basis, whichever is in the best interest of the County.
3. Bidders must use the bid forms provided for the purpose of submitting bids, must return the quotation and bid sheets comprised in this bid, give the unit price, extended totals, and sign the bid.
4. When products or materials of any particular producer or manufacturer are mentioned in our specifications, such products or materials are intended to be descriptive of type or quality and not restricted to those mentioned.
5. Do not include Federal Excise Tax or Sales and Use Taxes in bid process, as law exempts the County from them.
6. The delivery date shall be stated in definite terms, as it will be taken into consideration in awarding the bid.
7. The County Commission reserves the right to cancel all or any part of orders if delivery is not made or work is not started as guaranteed. In case of delay, the Contractor must notify the Purchasing Department.
8. In case of default by the Contractor, the County of Boone will procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
9. Failure to deliver as guaranteed shall disqualify Bidder from future bidding.
10. Prices must be as stated in units of quantity specified, and must be firm. Bids qualified by escalator clauses may not be considered unless specified in the bid specifications.
11. No bid transmitted by fax machine will be accepted.
12. The County of Boone, Missouri expressly denies responsibility for, or ownership of any item purchased until same is delivered to the County and is accepted by the County.
13. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple respondents. The County also reserves the right to not award any item or group of items if the services can be obtained from a state or other governmental entities contract under more favorable terms.



"No Bid" Response Form

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"NO BID RESPONSE FORM"

**NOTE: COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO
SUBMIT A BID**

If you do not wish to respond to this bid request, but would like to remain on the Boone County vendor list **for this service/commodity**, please remove form and return to the Purchasing Department by mail or fax.

If you would like to FAX this "No Bid" Response Form to our office, the FAX number is (573) 886-4390.

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Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact: _____

Date: _____

Missouri River View Road



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