

Solicitation VA786-17-R-0176

Grounds Maintenance Services for Georgia National Cemetery

FY17 Base plus 4 Option Years

Solicitation Questions:

1. How many acres are there to mow each week?

See contract and map

2. Is all turf to be treated for weeds and fertilized?

Yes – see contract

3. If more than 4 fertilizations of turf are required, how will the contractor be reimbursed?

If more than 4 fertilizations of turf are required, the SE District Agronomist will be consulted.

CLIN 0012 – pine straw – should the unit pricing be per bale?

Yes –see contract

4. Does the contractor prepare the burial areas (i.e. dig holes)?

No

5. Does the contractor need to set out any type of chairs, tents, etc. at the gravesite?

No – committal shelters are used

6. Does the contractor place the casket into the ground? If so, who places the vault and who is responsible for the purchase of the vault?

No, cemetery is responsible

7. Does the contractor have to cover and/or protect open graves?

No, cemetery staff

8. Does the contractor perform the duties of ‘pall bearer’?

No, unless cemetery is short of field staff and/or an exceptionally heavy casket

9. Does the contractor transport the cremated remains from the shelter to the niche? Who removes and replaces the niche wall covers?

No, cemetery staff

Contractors transport caskets to the burial site

10. How many exterior trash cans are there?

See map/contract

11. Is the contractor responsible for spraying of weeds in hard surfaces (i.e. sidewalks, roadways, gravel at columbarium shelters)?

Yes, as needed

12. How many exterior trash cans are there to empty and replace liners?

See map/contract

13. How will the contractor be reimbursed for fire ant control and any other pest control needed per IPM inspections?

See contract

14. Does the contractor need to provide any type of equipment for setup at the ~~internet~~ **committal** shelters (ie. Chairs, holders for flowers, etc)?

No

15. When someone is interned, is their headstone already at the site for immediate placement? If not, how are the graves marked to ensure headstones are place properly after the fact? Who is responsible for marking the graves?

No, temporary marker is placed by cemetery staff until the headstone is received

16. CLIN 0004 – headstone replacements – who actually purchases the headstones? If the contractor, who is the current supplier of the headstones?

Cemetery purchases headstones, contractor installs headstones at gravesite

17. How many linear miles of roadway is there for snow removal? How many SF of sidewalks and parking lots?

See contract and map

18. Irrigation management – can historical data be provided on how often and how many acres of turf will need to be hand irrigated?

Irrigation system in place

19. Are trees in the buffer areas included as part of CLIN 0006? Is stump grinding in the buffer areas required if a tree needs to be removed?

Yes

20. Confirm how many estimated graves need resodding annually (400 or 1000)?

See contract – sod placement of casketed sites

21. Are any annual flowering plants installed? If so where and how is the contractor reimbursed for the purchase/installation?

No

22. We are respectfully requesting an extension of the due date for the RFP so that we can properly price and prepare our response.

RFP Response due date is being extended to February 20, 2017 at 2 PM.

23. What is the price of the current contract? What is the current contract number?

Current Contract – VA786-12-C-0139 – Award Amount \$3,340,260.18.

24. In past experience, how many vehicles are required to carry caskets to the gravesite each day?

See contract

25. What is required to perform the daily internet shelter setup? Is there equipment the contractor needs to be provide that is not provided by the government? If so, what?

Committal shelters are cleaned – no equipment provided by the government

26. Is the contractor required to transport casketed remains or cremated remains to the committal shelters? If so, from where?

No

27. Once the contractor transports casketed remains to the gravesite, do the families hold services there before the remains are committed? If so, does the contractor need to setup any type of equipment at the burial site? If yes, what and is the equipment provided by the government?

Services are held at the committal shelters

28. Is list bump and runs under the Headstone Raise and Realign, however, there is no CLIN for this service.

Clin 0006 Grounds Maintenance

29. Page 17 says this is a Firm Fixed Price, however, in the PRS is states that this is Performance Based. Which one is it?

This is a Firm Fixed Price, Requirements Contract.

30. On the PRS, the deduction for CLINs do not correspond to the description.

This item will be clarified on the post award meeting.

31. CLINs 0001, 1001, 2001, 3001 and 4001 are for headstone cleaning but have a quantity listed. The PRS says 90% are to be free of debris and objectionable accumulations, with weekly inspections. Are the headstones to be maintained clean at all times?

Yes

32. Attachment A has janitorial services, not Headstone Cleaning. There is not an attachment for headstone cleaning.

Updated Attached has been supplied in Amendment 2.

33. On the PRS, Turf Maintenance-Burial. Turf burial areas shall be weed free, 100% performance with weekly inspection. Please clarify weed free. Are you saying that if a weed appears the CLIN will be deducted 20%

This item will be clarified on the post award meeting.

34. The PRS has items that are not listed on the schedule of supplies and services

This item will be clarified on the post award meeting.

35. CLIN 0009, 1009, 2009, 3009, 4009 Turf Maintenance is for 4 applications each for total of 8 application. This does not seem to have enough for desired results. It does not account for the Fire Ant Control and Pest Control, as required. How does the contractor get paid for this service?

Part of Clin 0009 job

36. Attachment C - Turf Maintenance included aeration or dethatching services annually, however, this no CLIN for this service?

Clin 0006