

### **Question 1.**

How mulch historically do you get and what color or type again, per mulching. Either in Cubic yards or feet?

### **Answer 1.**

Government estimated 11,500-1200 cubic feet of mulch; **however, offeror is required to verify this amount.**

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### **Question 2.**

Will the contractor be responsible to purchase the mulch?

### **Answer 2**

Yes. See PWS.

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### **Question 3.**

When the plants die the contractor is responsible to purchase the plants correct?

### **Answer 3**

Only if contractor is negligent by failing to provide adequate care. Cold freeze damages are not the responsibility of the contractor.

### **Question 4.**

For clarity in the PWS it states that services are to performed during business but then it states the contractor should be required to work on weekends for blocked areas? Can all services be done on the weekend?

**Answer 4.**

**Hours of Operation.** The contractor shall perform the services required under this contract during the base hours of operation: **7:00A.M. - 5:30P.M.**, Monday through Friday. The Contractor may find it necessary to deviate from the normal MEDVAMC hours of operation (i.e. working on Saturday or Sunday) due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances, to ensure timely completion of work under this PWS at no additional cost to the government.

Contractor shall be required to work after hours and/or weekends to access areas blocked by vehicles during VA's normal business hours. Contractor is responsible for determining which areas are affected during the site visit.

**Question 5.**

Is there a previous contract number on this solicitation?

**Answer 5.**

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