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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR

**ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL TREE TRIMMING AND
REMOVAL SERVICES**

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
1931 SECOND ST. SW
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102
(505) 247-0234**

**PROPOSALS DUE:
JULY 12, 2019 @ 1:00 P.M. MST**

NOTICE

**THE NEW MEXICO PROCUREMENT CODE,
SECTIONS 13-1-28 THROUGH 13-1-199 NMSA 1978
IMPOSES CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION.
IN ADDITION, THE NEW MEXICO CRIMINAL STATUTES
IMPOSE FELONY PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL BRIBES,
GRATUITIES AND KICK-BACKS**

SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy (MRGCD) is a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico and is governed by New Mexico State Statutes NMSA 1978, Chapter 73. The NM Legislators created MRGCD by Conservancy Act of 1923. The MRGCD extends from Cochiti Dam to the north boundary of Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and, we employ approximately 200 employees and operate five (5) offices with the General office located at 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) encompasses approximately 150 river miles from Cochiti Dam to the north boundary of Bosque Del Apache. It varies approximately 1 to 5 miles in width. The total area is 277,760 acres with 28,500 acres of Indian land and 128,787 acres of irrigable lands. Presently, there are approximately 60,000 irrigated acres.

The District serves the six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos including Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia and Isleta as well as 10,000 private land owners with the counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro. The major functions of the MRGCD are to divert, transport and deliver irrigation water efficiently to the water users, provide flood protection from the Rio Grande via properly maintained levees and provide subsurface drainage benefits to the valley by operating and maintaining the drains resulting in a lowering of the water table. In addition, the District is party to the 2016 Biological Opinion that requires actions to advance the recovery and protect the habitat of the Rio Grande silvery minnow, the southwestern willow flycatcher and the yellow billed cuckoo. The District also manages 30,000 acre of the Rio Grande Bosque and recreational and wildlife management activities within a multi-agency approach.

There are seven elected Board of Directors for a four year term which are as follows: 1-member, Sandoval County; 3-members, Bernalillo County; 1-member, Valencia County; 1-member, Socorro County; and 1-member, At-Large.

The MRGCD maintains contracts with Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Corps of Engineers, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. The MRGCD also works very closely with the State of NM, cities, counties and other agencies within the state.

B. SCOPE OF PROCUREMENT

The MRGCD is requesting qualification based competitive sealed proposals for On-Call Professional Tree Trimming and Removal Services

It is the intent of the MRGCD to select a pool of up to four (4) individual Professional Tree Removal Contractors who can be called upon to perform Tree Removal or Trimming services on a task or project basis. MRGCD reserves the right to select a Contractor for each task or project from the qualified pool based upon such factors as the expertise, availability, experience, and performance record. **Offerors should refer to Section III for the Scope of Work/Specifications.**

MRGCD makes no guarantee as to the amount of work to be requested. All work, unless otherwise specified, shall be by task order on an “as needed” basis, and completed to the satisfaction of the MRGCD within the time periods allocated, or as mutually agreed to at the beginning of the task or project.

C. TERM:

This price agreement is applicable and available for use by the MRGCD, and New Mexico Local Public Bodies

The term of shall be for one (1) year from date of award with option to extend for a period of three (3) additional years, on a year –by-year basis, by mutual agreement of all parties. This price agreement shall not exceed four (4) years.

D. PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

This RFP represents the conditions for an open and competitive process as required by the State of New Mexico and the MRGCD. Proposals will be accepted until **1:00 p.m. MST July 12, 2019**. Any proposals received after this date and time will be rejected. All proposals must be endorsed by an official representative submitting the proposal.

All Contract terms and conditions will be subject to review by MRGCD legal counsel and shall be pursuant to the RFP scope of services.

E. POINT OF CONTACT

The District Procurement Manager is responsible for the conduct of this procurement is listed below with complete contact information. All questions or requests during this procurement shall be submitted to the following point of contact:

Ms. Jeanette Bustamante, Procurement Manager
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
PO Box 581
1931 Second Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87103
505 247-0235 Ext. 1329
jeanette@mrgcd.com

All inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted to the Procurement Manager in writing.

F. Definition of Terminology

This paragraph contains definitions that are used throughout this Request for Proposal (RFP) including appropriate abbreviations.

“Amendment/Addendum” shall mean a change, addition or supplement to the information provided in this RFP document.

“Agreement” shall mean a duly executed and legally binding contract.

“Contractor/Consultant” is an independent contractor/consultant and not an agent or employee of the MRGCD. Contractor/Consultant shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of the MRGCD and shall have no power to bind the MRGCD in contract or otherwise

“Desirable” means the terms “may”, “can”, “should”, “preferably”, or “prefers” identifies a desirable or a discretionary item or factor for the Department to determine.

“Determination” means the written documentation of a decision of a procurement manager including findings of fact required supporting a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.

“District” means the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)

“Evaluation Committee” means a team established to evaluate proposals, conduct interviews, and assist with negotiation during proposal evaluation for a specific product or services. The procurement Manager shall provide technical assistance requested by the committee.

“Finalist” is defined as an Offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of the RFP and whose evaluation is sufficiently high to qualify that Offeror for further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“Local Public Body” means every political subdivision of the state and the agencies instrumentalities and institutions thereof, including two-year post-secondary educational institutions, school districts and local school boards and municipalities, except as exempted pursuant to the Procurement Code.

“Mandatory” means the terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required” identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor may result in the rejection of the Offerors proposal without exception.

“MRGCD” shall refer to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

“Multiple Source Award” means an award of an indefinite quantity contract for one or more similar services, items of tangible personal property or construction to more than one Offeror.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a proposal.

“Notice of Award” shall mean a formal written notice by the Procurement Manager.

“Owner” is synonymous with the MRGCD.

“Procuring Agency” means, MRGCD, a political subdivision of the state, and local public bodies allowed by law to entertain procurements.

“Procurement Manager” means the person or designee authorized to manage or administer procurements requiring the evaluation of competitive sealed proposals.

“Project” means a temporary process undertaken to solve a well-defined goal or objective with clearly defined start and end times, a set of clearly defined tasks, and a budget. The project terminates once the project scope is achieved and project acceptance is given by the project executive sponsor.

“Project Manager” has the responsibility of the planning, and execution of a project, in any undertaking that has a defined scope of work and a defined finish.

“Request for Proposals” or “RFP” means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an Offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required information and data to prove that his financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.

“Responsive Offer” or “Responsive Proposal” means an offer or proposal which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals, including all mandatory requirements. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to, price quality, quantity, or delivery requirements.

“Statement of Compliance” and “Statement of Concurrence” means an express, affirmative statement by the offeror in their proposal, which they agree with or agree to the stated requirements.

“Task Order” Supplementary contractual and obligating document that will include Scope of Work, Fees, Schedule and Points of Contact.

SECTION II CONDITIONS GOVERNING THIS PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule for the procurement, describes the major procurement events and the conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
Issue of Proposal	MRGCD	June 24, 2019
Submit Acknowledgement of Receipt Form	Offeror	July 2, 2019
Deadline to Submit Written Questions	Offeror	June 28, 2019
Pre-Proposal Meeting	MRGCD/Offeror	July 2, 2019 2:00 p.m.
Responses to Questions	MRGCD	July 8, 2019
Submission of Proposal	Offeror	July 12, 2019 1:00 p.m.
Proposal Evaluation	MRGCD	July 15 & 16, 2019
Notice to Finalist(s) & Non-Finalists	MRGCD	July 17, 2019
Recommendation/Approval	MRGCD	July 22, 2019
Notice of Award	MRGCD	July 23, 2019
Protest	Offeror	15 Days After Award

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events.

Distribution of RFP Document

This RFP is issued by the MRGCD in accordance with the provisions of Sections 13-1-120 and 13-1-121 NMSA 1978. The MRGCD Purchasing Department is the only organization who is authorized to make copies and/or distribute this RFP in any format. A distribution list of those who receive the RFP will be maintained throughout the procurement process and will become part of the procurement file.

1. **Acknowledgement of Receipt Form**

Potential Offerors should hand deliver, return by facsimile, e-mail, or registered or certified mail the “Acknowledgement of Receipt Form” that accompanies this document as Appendix 6 to have their organization placed on the procurement distribution list. . The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the organization, dated, and returned by close of business June 26, 2019. The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions. Failure to return the “Acknowledgment of Receipt Form” shall constitute

a presumption of receipt and rejection of the RFP, and the potential Offeror's organization name shall not appear on the distribution list.

1. Deadline to Submit Written Questions

Potential Offerors may submit written questions to the Procurement Manager as to the intent or clarity of this RFP until close of business Friday, June 28, 2018. All written questions must be submitted to the Procurement Manager as described in Section I-E. Questions shall be clearly labeled and shall cite the Section(s) and Item(s) in the RFP. All responses to written questions will be distributed via e-mail or facsimile to the Offeror distribution list. Include the e-mail address for the individual appointed to receive responses to the questions. The identity of the organization submitting the question(s) will not be revealed.

2. Pre-Proposal Meeting

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time at the MRGCD General Office, 1931 Second street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. Potential Offeror's are encouraged to submit written question in advance of the conference to Ms. Bustamante. The identity of the organization submitting the question(s) will not be revealed. Additional written questions may be submitted at the meeting. All written question will be addressed at the meeting. A public log will be kept of the names of potential offeror's that attended the pre-proposal meeting. Attendance at this meeting is not a pre-requisite but highly recommended.

4. Response to Written Questions/RFP Amendments

Written Responses to written questions will be distributed July 8, 2019 to all potential Offerors whose organization name appears on the procurement distribution list. An e-mail copy will be sent to all Offeror's that provide their Acknowledgement of Receipt Form, and responses will also be posted on MRGCD website.

5. Submission of Proposal

ALL OFFEROR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE, NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, July 12, 2019. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal. Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate response to the "**On-Call Tree Trimming and Removal RFP**". PLEASE NOTE: Proposals submitted via facsimile or any other electronic method will not be accepted.

A public log will be kept of the names of all Offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to Section 13-1-116 NMSA 1978, the contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed to competing potential Offerors during the negotiation process. The negotiation process is deemed to be in effect until the contract is awarded pursuant to this RFP.

6. Proposal Evaluation/Short listing

The Evaluating Committee will evaluate all proposals on July 15 & 16, 2019. The Procurement Manager may initiate discussions with Offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposal. However, proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Offerors. Each responsive Offeror will be notified in writing as to their status following the short listing. A public log will be kept of the names shortlisted.

7. Notice of Finalists/Non-Finalists

Each responsive Offeror will be notified in writing on July 17, 2019 whether their proposal has been shortlisted. A public log will be kept of the names and rankings of all Offerors shortlisted for interviews.

8. Recommendation and Approval

Recommendation will be submitted for approval and award of contract for **“ON-CALL TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES” ON JULY 22, 2019**. This contract shall be awarded to the offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the district, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points.

9. Notice of Award

The contract shall be awarded to the Offeror (or Offerors) whose proposal are most advantageous to the MRGCD, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points. The award is subject of the MRGCD Board of Directors Approval.

The Procurement Manager will notify all finalists in writing of the final award on **JULY 23, 2019**

13. Protest Deadline

Any protest by an offeror must be timely and in conformance with Section 13-1 172 NMSA 1978 and applicable procurement regulations. The fifteen (15) day protest period for responsive offeror’s shall begin on the day following the contract award and will end as of 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time on **August 7, 2019**. Protests must be written and must contain the name and address of the protestant, the name of this solicitation, and a statement of grounds for protest, including appropriate supporting exhibits.

The protest must be addressed and delivered to as follows:

Ms. Jeanette Bustamante, Procurement Manager/CPO
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
PO Box 581
Albuquerque, NM 87103-0581
505 247-0235 ext. 1329
Jeanette@MRGCD.com

Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

This procurement is being conducted in accordance with District and State procurement regulations.

1. Offerors shall carefully read the information contained in this RFP and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed. Incomplete proposals may be considered non-responsive and subject to rejection.

2. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement:

Offeror must indicate their acceptance of the RFP Requirements and Conditions Governing this procurement and all amendments to this RFP (if any) in their letter of transmittal of the proposal. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors found directly after each proposal's Detailed Scope of Services.

3. Incurring Cost:

Any cost incurred by the Offeror in preparation, transmittal, presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Offeror. Any cost incurred by the Offeror for set up and demonstration of the proposed equipment and/or system if applicable shall be borne solely by the Offeror.

4. Prime Contractor Responsibility:

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with the District. The District will make contract payments to only the prime contractor.

5. Subcontractors:

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and ALL subcontractors must be identified by name and have current résumé included in the proposal. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance whether or not subcontractors are used.

6. Amended Proposals:

An Offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in a transmittal letter that accompanies the amended proposal. District personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

7. Offerors' Rights to Withdraw Proposal:

Offeror will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The Offeror must submit a written withdrawal request signed by the Offeror and addressed to the Procurement Manager. The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is at the discretion of the Procurement Manager.

8. Proposal Offer Firm:

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices, will be considered firm for ninety (90) days after the due date for receipt of proposals or sixty (60) days after receipt of a best and final offer if one is submitted.

9. Disclosure of Proposal Contents:

The proposals will be kept confidential until a contract is awarded. At that time, all proposals and documents pertaining to the proposals will be open to the public, except for the material that is labeled as proprietary or confidential. The Procurement Manager will not disclose or make public any pages of a proposal on which the Offeror has stamped or imprinted "proprietary" or "confidential" subject to the following requirements. Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the Offeror's organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7 NMSA 1978. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information. If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an Offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the District shall examine the Offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the Offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

10. No Obligation:

This procurement in no manner obligates the District to the use of any proposed professional services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by the appropriate authorities.

11. Termination:

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the District determines such action to be in the best interest of the District.

12. Sufficient Appropriation:

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such termination will be effected by sending written notice to the contractor. The District's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

13. Legal Review:

The District requires that all Offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any Offeror concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

14. Governing Law:

This procurement and any agreement that may result of this RFP process shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

15. Basis for Proposal:

Only information supplied by the Procurement Manager or her designee should be used as the basis for the preparation of Offeror proposals.

16. Contract Terms and Conditions:

The contract between District and a Contractor will follow the format specified by District and the terms and conditions set forth in the New Mexico State Procurement Code, (Section 13-1-28 through Section 13-1-199 NMSA 1978). However, District reserves the right to negotiate with a successful Offeror for provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP. The contents of this RFP, as revised and/or supplemented, and the successful Offeror's proposal will be incorporated into and become part of the contract. Should an Offeror object to any of the District's terms and conditions as contained in this Section, that Offeror must provide in written detail his/her objection and proposed alternate language. District may or may not accept the alternative language. General references to the Offeror's terms and conditions or attempts at complete substitutions are not acceptable to District and will result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal. Offeror must provide a brief discussion of the purpose and impact, if any, of each proposed change followed by the specific proposed alternate wording.

All contracts for professional services may be subject to the review and approval of the MRGCD Board of Directors.

17. Offeror's Terms and Conditions:

In the event an Offeror has any additional terms or conditions, which they expect to be included in a contract, these terms and conditions must be submitted with their proposal.

18. Contract Deviations:

Any terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation, will be discussed only between District and the selected Offeror.

19. Offeror Qualifications:

District may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the Offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. District will reject the proposal of any Offeror who is not a responsible Offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined by the conditions of this RFP.

20. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities:

District reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. District also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements provided that all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirements and/or doing so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of District.

21. Contractor Representative:

- a. Change in Representatives and key staff:
District reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representatives are not, in the opinion of the District, meeting its needs adequately.
- b. Change in Subcontractor (if applicable):
District reserves the right to disqualify a subcontractor at the District's sole discretion.

22. Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act

The Consultant warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement. The Consultant certifies requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, Section 10-16-1 through 10-16-18, NMSA 1978, regarding contracting are in compliance. A formal affidavit must be submitted in the proposal.

23. Notice:

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

24. Agency Rights:

District reserves the right to accept or reject all or a portion of an Offeror's proposal.

25. Right to Publish:

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, contractor must secure from District written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement or the subsequent contract.

26. Ownership of Proposals:

All documents developed and submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the District.

27. Electronic mail address required:

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Offeror must have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence.

28. Use of Electronic Versions of this RFP:

This RFP is available by electronic means. If accepted by such means, the Offeror acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to insure that no changes are made to the RFP. In the event of conflict between a version of the RFP in the Offeror's possession and the version maintained by District, the version maintained by District shall govern.

29. Per Diem and Mileage:

All Travel and Per Diem shall be in conformance with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration regulations governing the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

D. MANDATORY RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

This section describes the format and organization of the Offeror's response. Failure to conform to these specifications may result in the disqualification of the proposal.

1. Number of Responses

Offerors shall submit only one proposal.

2. Number of Copies

Offeror must submit one **(1)** original and three **(3)** copies of their proposal to the Procurement Manager.

3. Proposal Organization

The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, as a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

- a. Letter of Transmittal
- b. Table of Contents
- c. Proposal
- d. Response to MRGCD Terms and Conditions
- e. Offeror's Additional Terms and Conditions
- f. Signed Campaign Contribution Form
- g. Signed Suspension and Debarment Form
- h. Resident Business or Resident Veteran Certificate, Appendix 3
- i. Resident Veterans Preference Certification, Appendix 3
- j. Conflict of Interest Affidavit, Appendix 4
- k. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage, Appendix 5
- l. Other Supporting Material

Offerors may attach other materials that they feel may improve the quality of their responses.

2. Letter of Transmittal

Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal. The letter of transmittal MUST:

- a) identify the submitting organization, and include detailed resume(s) containing qualifications and work experience;
- b) identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization;

- c) identify the name, title and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization;
- d) identify the names, titles and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted for clarification;
- e) a statement that the Offeror will comply with all terms and conditions as stated in this RFP, or identification of any exceptions taken to any of the RFP terms.
- f) explicitly indicate acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section II, Paragraph C.1;
- g) be signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization;
- h) acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments/addendums to this RFP.

E. BRIBERY AND KICKBACK

The Procurement Code, § 13-1-28 through § 13-1-199 NMSA, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

SECTION III SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall provide the following services for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) and must be a certified Arborist. This contract shall be for one (1) year with option to renew for an additional 3 years. Tree trimming and removal services shall conform to the American National Standards Institute ANSI A300-(Parts 1-10) and Standard Z-133.1-2006 as currently amended.

Work to be done consists of on-call trimming and/or removal of various trees in various locations within the MRGCD upon request by the Districts appointed project manager.

Work shall be done on an as needed basis for specific tasks that will be set forth in the MRGCD Task Order.

The work is to be performed by a professional tree service contractor, licensed, insured and bonded to do business in New Mexico specifically in the Sandoval, Bernalillo, and Valencia Counties.

All chemical applications to be performed by a licensed New Mexico Pesticide Applicator.

The work to be done will include but will not be limited to removal of trees, and/or stumps, trimming of trees, hauling and disposal of debris, and if requested or where necessary, contractor shall repair to original condition of any damaged public or private property.

Contractor shall be aware of and shall comply with any City or County Ordinances governing tree trimming work and traffic control regulation during work.

Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform the work described, and provide all necessary transportation, supervision, labor, licenses, tools, equipment, services and expertise that apply to trimming and removal of evergreen and deciduous species as directed.

Unless specifically directed all trimming shall address structural issues above aesthetics, within long-term health of the plant as the primary objective.

Contractor shall ensure that no regrowth occurs within one year of this work. In the case of regrowth within one year of the work, the contractor shall be required to cut and retreat the tree stump and/or new growth.

If necessary precut branches that are too heavy to handle to prevent splitting or peeling the bark. Where necessary to prevent tree or property damage, branches shall be lower to the ground by proper ropes and equipment.

On trees known to be diseased, tools are to be disinfected with methyl alcohol at 70% (denatured wood alcohol diluted appropriately with water) or bleach solution after each cut and between tree where there is known to be a danger of transmitting the disease on tools. Equipment that will damage the bark and cambium layer should not be used on or in the tree. For example, the use of climbing spurs is not an acceptable work practice for tree trimming operations on live trees.

Unless otherwise instructed the contractor shall clean up the site and remove and dispose of all debris at the end of each day's operation. Site cleanup shall include removal of sawdust, small twigs, chips, leaves, trunks and limbs from the street and parkway with appropriate tools for the job. Stumps shall not be left higher than three (3) inches above ground level. Aside from the stump left, the site shall be returned to the same state it existed in prior to the removal. Disposal of all logs, limbs, chips and debris generated by work described within this contract will be the responsibility of the contractor unless there arrangements have been determined to be in the MRGCD best interest.

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to eliminate damage to adjacent trees, real or personal property.

Removal /trimming operations may be conducted in areas where overhead electric, telephone, and cable television facilities exist. The Contractor shall coordinate all activities with the relevant utility. The Contractor shall make arrangement with the utility company for removal of all necessary limbs and branches which may conflict with or create a hazard in conducting the operations of this contract. The contractor shall be responsible for all claims for damage due to operations.

The contractor shall refrain from the practice of "free falling" the tree. All trees shall be limbed out prior to the final cutting of the trunk. Lights, streets and other manmade structures shall always be protected from the impact of falling wood by use of the tree or limb ground supports. Ropes or other mechanical devices shall be used to lower all limbs of sufficient size that may cause damage to other trees or surroundings public or private property.

All work zones will be properly established, identified and maintained during any active tree operation.

All infectious disease or parts of dead trees possibly harboring a vector of infectious diseases or pest shall be removed from the area and shall become the Contractor's responsibility to ensure destruction of the diseased or dead wood in accordance with the State statues and local ordinances.

The MRGCD shall have the responsibility of notifying the Police and Fire Departments of lane closures and receive all clearances, post proper signage and supply qualified persons to direct traffic. The Contractor shall be required to contact the appropriate State or County agency's when engaged in removal work on their right-of- ways.

The District anticipates majority of the work performed under this contract will be of a non-emergency or scheduled nature, however the Offeror's price sheet shall reflect costs for both emergency and scheduled work. Emergency work shall require immediate response, with mobilization and commencement of work within twenty-four (24) hours' notice. All emergency work shall be designated as such by the Project Manager

Inspection of Work

All work must be completed to the satisfaction of the MRGCD Project Manager, or his/her representative and any questions as to proper procedures or quality of workmanship will be resolved by same. All work must be in compliance with American National Standards Institute ANSI A300 standards.

Damage to Property

Any damage to property as a result of the Contractor's operation shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Should the damage not be rectified within the time agreed upon or to the satisfaction, the MRGCD shall reserve the right to repair or replace that was area damaged, and assess the Contractor, such cost as may be reasonable and related to damage caused by the contractor, and deduct these costs from any payment due the Contractor. The Contractor shall inform, in writing the MRGCD of any damages caused by the contractor's operations within twenty-four hours after such damage occurs.

Discontinuance of Work

The MRGCD shall have the authority to suspend the work, wholly or in part by written order as the MRGCD may deem necessary due to unsuitable weather, special events, unforeseen circumstances, or due to failure on the part of the contractor to comply with any provisions of the contract documents. Any practice obviously hazardous, as determined by MRGCD, shall be immediately discontinued by the contractor upon receipt of written or oral notice to discontinue such practice.

Tree Location

Trees to be trimmed or removed will be those as designated in the MRGCD Task Order; tagging or any other form of identification may be made prior to work being performed. Marking, tagging or any other form of identification will be in such form as to be agreeable to Contractor and MRGCD. Contractor shall coordinate an on-site meeting with MRGCD Project Manager or his/her representative.

A statement of concurrence is required for the above Standards of Compliance.

SECTION IV MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

1. Knowledge

Provide in detail your understanding of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy, and local conditions i.e., neighborhoods, state, city, county, and federal agency awareness; historic sensitivity, etc.

2. Experience

Offerors must submit a description of relevant experience with local, state, tribal and federal government, and water irrigation districts. Provide in detail your experience and expertise for similar contracts. Detail your approach on how you will provide services, also detail areas of interest that could be of importance to support the MRGCD.

3. Statement of Qualifications

(Firm data, work load, experience including past experiences on similar projects, project team description and organizational chart.

4. Resumes

Of all key members of the project team, including sub-contractors, for Tree care Service, Project Management, etc.

5. Indemnification

Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless MRGCD and any and all boards, officers, agents, or employees from and against all claims, charges, demands, costs, expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, etc.

6. Insurance

In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed, Consultant shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense and keep in force at all times during the term of this Agreement the following insurance; and name Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds. Company shall be rated A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide.

- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance
\$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate
- b. Automobile Liability Insurance,
\$1,000,000 combined single limit; \$5,000 medical \$500,000 uninsured motorist
- c. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability
Shall not be less than statutory limits
- d. Professional Liability Insurance
\$1,000,000 each wrongful act / \$2,000,000 Aggregate

7. References

Proposals must include five (5) client references clients who have received services from the offeror within the last three (3) years and has been receiving continuous services from the offeror for more than 2 years. The following information that must be provided about each reference:

- a. Name of Government entity or private company(s);
- b. Address of each entity or company
- c. Name of contact person (must be available for contact)
- d. Current telephone number of contact person
- e. Dates services were provided (start and end date are required)

8. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, Appendix 1

The Offeror must complete unaltered Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form and submit a signed copy with their proposal.

9. Debarment and Suspension, Appendix 2

The Offeror must complete unaltered Debarment and Suspension Form and submit a signed copy with their proposal.

10. Conflict of Interest Affidavit, Appendix 4

A disclosure of clients represented and a formal statement of whether there is any real or perceived conflict of interest in representing the issues and advocacy for the MRGCD, addressing whether or not any conflict of interest exists between this project and other past or on-going projects, including any projects currently being conducted.

11. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage, Appendix 5

12. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form(s), Appendix 6

SECTION V

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

ITEM	EVALUATION CRITERIA	EVALUATION POINTS
1.	Experience and Expertise	30
3.	Knowledge of MRGCD and Local Conditions	20
4.	Related Experience	20
5.	Project Understanding	20
6.	Experience, Training, Education and Certifications	20
7.	Quality Assurance	20
8.	References	10
9.	Mandatory Requirements and Mandatory Documents	20
MAXIMUM EVALUATION POINTS		160

1. Experience and Expertise

- a. Provide qualification of key team members, including the certified Arborist.
- b. Provide a description of methods that will be used, and any special techniques for the scope of work.

2. Describe your knowledge of MRGCD

- a. Provide a summary of your knowledge of MRGCD and describe knowledge of MRGCD intergovernmental relationship with state, city, county and federal agencies, and how it may relate to projects.

3. Related Experience

- a. List at least three (3) projects under which the proposer has performed tree removal and trimming services for a public entity during the past five (5) years. The list must identify the following information for each project:
 - Description of Services
 - Contract amount(s) and length of contract term
 - Public entity's name, telephone number and contact person

4. Projects Understanding

- a. Does the company have a sufficient comprehension of project assignments and a flexible approach to project constraints in reference to staffing availability, scheduling and safety.

5. Technical Approach/ Experience, Training, Education and Certifications:

- a. Describe Offeror's understanding of the various project types identified in Section III of the RFP.
- b. Describe how the Offeror will manage specific task orders to ensure timely completion.
- c. Describe Offeror's quality assurance/quality control practices to minimize errors and omissions.
- d. What type of training, education and certification does key staff and field staff maintain, and do the qualification of the team relate with specific technical needs of the RFP

6. Quality Assurance

- a. Consider the proponent's knowledge and ability for providing services clearly and concisely conveyed, and is all the information readily available and present.

7. References

- a. Proposals must include five (5) client references clients who have received services from the offeror within the last three (3) years and has been receiving continuous services from the offeror for more than 2 years.

8. Mandatory Forms

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form Appendix 1; Debarment and Suspension Form, Appendix 2; Conflict of Interest Appendix 4; NM Employee Health Coverage Appendix 5; and Acknowledgement of Receipt Form, Appendix 6

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
COMPLIANCE

IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS AND SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICES, IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU STATE ANY EXCEPTIONS.

IF PROPOSAL DOES NOT MEET OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OR ANY DEVIATIONS EXIST, OFFEROR MUST DETAIL EXCEPTIONS BELOW. (USE A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY):

I MEET REQUIREMENTS _____ **DON'T MEET REQUIREMENTS** _____

MUST CHECK (✓) ONE

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

**NOTICE
TO ALL OFFERORS**

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIPT OF UNTIMELY BIDS OR PROPOSALS, WHETHER THE DELAYS ARE DUE TO UNTIMELY DELIVERY BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE (POSTAL OR PERSONAL) DELIVERY SERVICE. THEREFORE, WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE YOUR BIDS OR PROPOSALS IN BY THE DEADLINE DATE AND TIME AS DESIGNATED ON THE BID OR PROPOSAL.

APPENDIX 1

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), any person seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body **for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body shall void an executed contract or cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, which has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official’s behalf for the purpose of electing the official to either statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Person” means any corporation, partnership, individual, joint venture, association or any other private legal entity.

“Prospective contractor” means a person who is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

“Name(s) of Applicable MRGCD Public Official(s)”

Karen Dunning, Chair
1004 Ortega NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

Joaquin Baca, Vice-Chair,
100 Gold Ave. #408
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Barbara Baca, Director At-Large
636 Atrisco Dr. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87105

John Kelly, Bernalillo County Director
713 Camino Espanol NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Stephanie Russo Baca, Valencia County Director
1005 Miller Rd.
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Valerie Moore, Socorro County Director
P.O. Box 1497
Socorro, NM 87801

Michael T. Sandoval, Sandoval County Director
15 Rabbit Hill
San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87001

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Name of Applicable MRGCD Public Official: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s): _____

Nature of Contribution(s): _____

Purpose of Contribution(s): _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE TO AN APPLICABLE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BY ME, A FAMILY MEMBER OR REPRESENTATIVE.

Signature

Date

Title (position)

APPENDIX 2

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT REQUIREMENT

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

The entering of a contract between Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) and the successful Offeror pursuant to this RFP is a “covered transaction,” as defined by 45 C.F.R. Part 76. MRGCD’s contract with the successor Offeror shall contain a provision relating to debarment, suspension, and responsibility substantially in the form contained in Article 39 of Attachment D. All Offeror must provide as a part of their bids a certification to MRGCD in the form provided below. Failure of an Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Procurement Manager for this RFP will render the Offeror non-responsible. Furthermore, the Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Manager for this RFP if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Although MRGCD may review the veracity of the certification through the use of the federal Excluded Parties Listing System or by other means, the certification provided by the Offeror in paragraph (a), below, is a material representation of fact upon which MRGCD will rely when making a contract award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to MRGCD, and MRGCD may terminate the contract resulting from this request for bids/proposals for default.

The certification provided by the Offeror in paragraph (a), below, will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a), below, exists may result in rejection of the Offeror’s bid for nonresponsibility and the withholding of an award under this RFP. If the Offeror’s certification indicates that that any of the items in paragraph (a), below, exists, the Offeror shall provide with its bid a full written explanation of the specific basis for, and circumstances connected to, the item; the Offeror’s failure to provide such explanation will result in rejection of the Offeror’s bid. If the Offeror’s certification indicates that that any of the items in paragraph (a), below, exists, MRGCD, in its sole discretion, may request, that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant an exception under 45 C.F.R. §§ 76.120 and 76.305 if MRGCD believes that the procurement schedule so permits and an exception is applicable and warranted under the circumstances. In no event will MRGCD award a contract to an Offeror if the requested exception is not granted for the Offeror.

(a)(1) By signing and submitting a bid, the Offeror certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

- (A) Are are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal department or agency; (B) Have have not , within a three-year period preceding the date of the Offeror's bid, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property;
- (C) Are are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this certification;
- (D) Have have not within a three-year period preceding the date of Offeror's bid, had one or more public agreements or transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- (E) Have have not been excluded from participation from Medicare, Medicaid or other federal health care programs pursuant to Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1320a-7.

(ii) "Principal," for the purposes of this certification, shall have the meaning set forth in 45 C.F.R. §76.995 and shall include an officer, director; owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person having management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction. "Principal" also includes a consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with Federal funds, who: is in a position to handle Federal funds; is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds; or occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.

(iii) For the purposes of this certification, the terms used in the certification, such as *covered transaction*, *debarred*, *excluded*, *exclusion*, *ineligible*, *ineligibility*, *participant*, and *person* have the meanings set forth in the definitions and coverage rules of 45 C.F.R. Part 76.

(iv) Nothing contained in the foregoing certification shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

OFFEROR: _____

SIGNED BY: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

APPENDIX 3

RESIDENT BUSINESS AND/OR RESIDENT VETERANS BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

To ensure adequate consideration and application of 13-1-21 NMSA (as amended), Consultant must include a copy of their preference certificate in this section. In addition, for resident Veterans Preference, the attached certification form in this appendix must accompany any offer and any business wishing to receive the preference must complete and sign the form.

Resident Business Certificate

Resident Veterans Certificate

RESIDENT BUSINESS CERTIFICATION
(Copy of Certificate to be included)

Consultant's Company Name: _____

Resident Business Certificate Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

RESIDENT VETERAN'S BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

Consultant's Company Name: _____

Resident Veteran's Business Certificate Number: _____

Consultant must include copy of Resident Veteran's Business Certificate with their proposal.

Consultant's submitting a Resident Veteran's Business Certificate must also complete the following certification of prior year's revenue.

RESIDENT VETERANS PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION

_____ (NAME OF CONSULTANT) hereby certifies the following in regard to application of the resident veterans' preference to this procurement.

Please check one box only

- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is less than \$1M allowing me the 10% preference discount on this solicitation. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is more than \$1M, but less than \$5M allowing me the 8% preference discount on this bid or proposal. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is more than \$5M allowing me the 7% preference discount on this bid or proposal. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.

"I agree to submit a report, or reports, to the State Purchasing Division of the NM General Services Department declaring under penalty of perjury that during the last calendar year starting January 1 and ending on December 31 the following to be a true and accurate."

"In conjunction with this procurement and the requirements of this business application for a Resident Veteran Business Preference/Resident Veteran Consultant Preference under Section 13-1-21 or 13-1-22 NMSA 1978, when awarded a contract which was on the basis of having such veterans' preference, I agree to report to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department the awarded amount involved. I will indicate in the report the award as a purchase from a public body or as a public works contract from a public body as the case may be."

"I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information on this report constitutes a crime."

I declare under penalty of perjury that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false or misleading statement about material fact regarding this matter constitutes a crime.

(Signature of Business Representative)*

DATE: _____

*** Must be an authorized signatory for the Business.**

The representations made in checking the boxes constitutes a material representation by the business that is subject to protest and may result in denial of an award or termination of award of the procurement involved if the statements are proven to be incorrect.

APPENDIX 4

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE

A. "Conflict of Interest Disclosure" A disclosure of clients represented and a formal statement of whether there is any real or perceived conflict of interest in representing the issues and advocacy for the MRGCD, addressing whether or not any conflict of interest exists between this project and other past or on-going projects, including any projects currently being conducted with another client..

B. "Person" includes a bidder, offeror, contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub-consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.

C. The Consultant or Sub consultant warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.

D. The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain in detail):

E. The Consultant or Sub consultant agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the consultant or sub consultant shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the chief procurement officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the consultant or sub consultant has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest.

The undersigned further states that the firm or individual submitting a proposal is not in violation of any applicable Conflict of Interest laws or regulations, etc.

Date: _____

By: _____

(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

APPENDIX 5

NEW MEXICO EMPLOYEES HEALTH COVERAGE

- A. If Contractor has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Contractor certifies, by signing this agreement, to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$250,000 dollars.
- B. Contractor agrees to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) declined health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) declined health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.
- C. Contractor agrees to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information: <http://insurenemexico.state.nm.us/>.
- D. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (state price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed against it); Contractor agrees these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the Contractor reports combined sales (from state and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a state price agreement) of \$250,000.

By signing below, Bidder agrees to be bound by the terms stated in this form:

Signature of Bidder: _____ Date: _____



APPENDIX 6



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM
for
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ON-CALL
PROFESSIONAL TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL
SERVICES**

- 1. Complete RFP copy beginning with Title Page and ending with Appendix 6
- 2. Addendum/Amendment No. _____

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal the undersigned agrees that s/he has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and ending with Appendix 6.

The Acknowledgement of Receipt should be signed and returned to the Procurement Manager no later than close of business July 2, 2019. Only potential Offerors who elect to return this form completed indicating intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of Offeror questions and responses as well as RFP addendum/amendments, if any are issued.

FIRM: _____

REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TITLE: _____ **PHONE NO.:** _____

E-MAIL: _____ **FAX NO.:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

MRGCD: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP**
CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Bid/Proposal.

Firm Does / Does Not (circle One) intend to respond to this Request for Proposal