INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
423/975-2716

Bid Name / Number	***PLAYGROUND MULCH CONTRACT* / #5653**
Due Day / Date / Time	***Monday* / October 29, 2012 / 2:30 PM**
Bid Location / Mail Address	Johnson City Purchasing Department, Debbie Dillon-Director, 209 Water Street (37601), P O Box 2150 (37605), Johnson City, TN
Bid Contact / Telephone	John Grindstaff (423) 975-2760 ; jcturf@embarqmail.com ;or vharless@johnsoncitytn.org
Bid Issue Date	October 15, 2012
Delivery/Install Locations	JC Parks as needed
FOB	Destination, Johnson City, TN
Payment Terms	Net 30

Bidder is responsible for completing the remaining portion of this bid document

ITEM NO.	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
		Term contract to furnish Certified Playground Mulch as per attached which is an integral part of this bid.		
1.		Delivered in 100 yard loads	$ _____/load	
2.		Delivered in 10 yard loads	$_____/load	
3.		Installed per yard	$_____/yd	

SPECIFY DELIVERY TIMEFRAME:

Bidder's Check List Place a check mark ✓by all areas to signify compliance.

_____Bid signed in ink by authorized company representative
_____Addenda initialed and returned with bid, if applicable
_____Bid prices, extensions and total verified as correct
_____Completed insurance forms (if installation proposed)

By signing this document, the undersigned hereby agrees to the prices and all other terms and conditions, including the attached Bid/RFP General Terms & Conditions and the City's Requirements for Bids, Requests for Proposals, and Contracts Between the City of Johnson City and Other Parties contained in this bid and associated documents relating to this bid and will furnish items as specified if this bid is accepted.

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:
Place signed bid response in a sealed envelope plainly identified on the outside in the lower left corner with the Bid Name and Number. Vendor responsible for delivery to Johnson City Purchasing Dept., Debbie Dillon-Director, P. O. Box 2150 (37605), 209 Water Street (37601) Johnson City, TN on or before the bid opening date and time.

ELECTRONIC RESPONSES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AT THIS TIME

Firm Name_____

By_____
TYPED & SIGNED

Address_____

_____

Telephone_____

Fax_____

E-Mail_____

BID MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID

Cerified Playground Mulch Contract
Bidders Instructions
October 2012

1. SCOPE

1.1 The purpose of this bid is to establish an annual contract to furnish and/or install certified playground mulch for the City of Johnson City Parks & Recreation Department. Mulch shall be in accordance with Playground Safety Standards.

1.2 The specifications contained in this bid document outline the minimum quality standards acceptable for this contract.

2. BID AWARD

The City reserves the right to choose the bid or bids that will be in the City's best interest. Delivery/installation timeframes shall be an award consideration.

3. DELIVERIES

Delivery shall be to multiple City locations, with each load going to ONE location only. Vendor shall specify timeframe for deliveries after order placement.

CONTRACT PERIOD

4.1 This contract is for a three (3) year period subject to annual renewals provided all terms, conditions and prices remain unchanged and the vendor is in agreement. Costs shall remain firm for the contract period

4.2 The City reserves the right to re-bid at the end of any one year period.

5. QUANTITY

Quantities are unknown as this has not been contracted previously.

6. INSURANCE

The attached Insurance Checklist (which includes a section for the Insurance agent to fill-out) and General Contract Form must be completed and returned with the bid package. Successful vendor shall provide certificate of insurance, as specified, prior to contract award.

The Contractor shall be considered in default at any time this insurance is cancelled, terminated, or allowed to expire prior to completion of the contract.

INSURANCE CHECKLIST

(Landscaping/Mulch Application)

REQUIRED COVERAGE (marked by "x") **MINIMUM LIMITS**

__X__1. Worker's Compensation **(proprietor/partners/executive officers exclusion not allowed)** . . . . . Statutory limits of Tennessee and Employer's Liability . . . . . $100,000/accident, $100,000/disease, $500,000/disease policy limit
__X__2. Commercial General Liability **(including Premises/Operations)** . . . . . .$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate
__X__3. Automobile Liability & Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles **. . . . . .** $500,000 BI/PD each accident, Uninsured Motorist
__X__4. Independent Contractors . . . . . $1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate
__X__5. Products/Completed Operations . . . . . $1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate
__X__6. Contractual Liability . . . . . $1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate
__X__7. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability . . . . . $1,000,000 each offense, $1 Million annual aggregate
_____8. Umbrella Liability . . . . . $1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury
_____9. Per Project Aggregate
10. Professional Liability
_____ a. Architects and Engineers . . . . . $1 Million per occurrence/claim
_____ b. Asbestos Removal Liability . . . . . .$2 Million per occurrence/claim
_____ c. Medical Malpractice . . . . . $1 Million per occurrence/claim
_____ d. Medical Professional Liability . . . . . $1 Million per occurrence/claim
_____11. Miscellaneous E & O . . . . . $1 Million per occurrence/claim
_____12. Motor Carrier Act End. (MCS-90) . . . . . $1 Million BI/PD each accident, Uninsured Motorist
_____13. Motor Cargo Insurance
_____14. Garage Liability . . . . . $1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage per occurrence
_____15. Garagekeepers Liability . . . . . .$500,000 Comprehensive, $500,000 Collision
_____16. Inland Marine-Bailee's Insurance . . . . . $_____
_____17. Moving and Rigging Floater . . . . . Endorsement to CGL
_____18. Dishonesty Bond . . . . . $_____
_____19. Builder's Risk/Installation Floater . . . . . .Provide coverage in the full amount of contract
_____20. XCU Coverage . . . . . Endorsement to CGL
__X__21. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of B++V or better or its equivalent
__X__22. Notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least **30 days** prior to action. Worker's Compensation and/or non-payment of premium - notification may be **10 days** prior to action.
__X__23. The City of Johnson City shall be named as Additional Insured on all policies except Worker's Compensation, Auto and Professional Liability. ***Per Acord 25 (2009/01), policies must be endorsed; please submit copy of endorsement.*** (Cert. Holder: City of Johnson City, Attn: Purchasing, P.O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605.)
__X__24. Certificate of Insurance shall show project number or other contract identifier used by the City.
_____25. OTHER INSURANCE REQUIRED: _____

INSURANCE AGENT'S STATEMENT:

I have reviewed the above requirements with the bidder named below. The bidder has coverage with this agency for all of the areas marked with the exception of the following numbers:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ **Comments:** _____

Is Professional Liability excluded under General Liability? Yes_____ No_____
Is Contractual Liability excluded under Comm. General Liability? Yes_____ No_____
Is Independent Contractors excluded under Comm. General Liability? Yes_____ No_____

Carrier ratings: Insurer A_____; Insurer B_____; Insurer C_____; Insurer D_____

AGENCY NAME: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT:

I have reviewed the above requirements with my insurance agent(s) and, if awarded a contract, will provide all coverage marked.

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

Bid Number: #5653

Bid or Project Name: **CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND MULCH INSTALLATION**

This form and the General Contract Form must be signed and returned with the bid package. The Certificate of Insurance must be provided to Purchasing prior to contract award.

GENERAL CONTRACT FORM

The General Contract Form is included in every solicitation requiring insurance. The general requirements of the contract form are supplemented by items checked on the Insurance Checklist that identify specific requirements for the bid or project.

INSURANCE

Review this section carefully with your insurance agent or broker prior to submitting a bid or proposal. See Insurance Checklist (part of the Bid Forms) for specific coverage applicable to this contract. The term "Contract" as used in this section shall mean the Agreement covering the work that is entered into between the City of Johnson City, Tennessee and the Contractor.

1. General Insurance Requirements:

1.1 The Contractor shall not start work under this contract until the Contractor has obtained at its own expense all of the insurance called for hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the City; nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to start work on any subcontract until all insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Contractor will be granted only after submission to the Director of Purchasing of original, signed Certificate(s) of Insurance, General Contract Form, and Insurance Checklist or, alternately, at the City's request, certified copies of the required insurance policies.

1.2 No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the City shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor, or the surety, or its bond, from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by the provisions of the Contract Documents.

1.3 The City of Johnson City (including its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees) is to be named as an additional insured under all coverage except Worker's Compensation and Automobile Liability, and the Certificate of Insurance or the certified policy, if requested, must so state. Coverage afforded under this paragraph shall be primary as respects the City, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees. The following definition of the term "City" applies to all policies issued under the contract:

> "The City of Johnson City, Tennessee together with all of its various departments, bureaus, and agencies, as well as any affiliated or subsidiary board, committee, or authority, including but not limited to the Johnson City Public School System."

1.4 The contractor shall provide insurance as specified in the Insurance Checklist contained in this document.

1.5 The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the City of Johnson City, Tennessee together with its various departments, elected or appointed

officials, employees, officers, counsel, agents, and any and all other persons or entities acting on behalf of the same (collectively the City) from and against any and all claims of any sort based upon any theory of liability whatsoever, for any and all harm, loss, damage, injury, cost (including court cost and attorney fees) charges, or other liability of any nature whatsoever, however caused, resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected with the contractors performance or non-performance of the terms of the contract documents or its obligations under the contract based upon any theory of liability whatsoever, including claims brought by third persons, and further covenants to discharge all of the aforesaid persons and entities and forever hold them harmless from the same. The foregoing obligation to indemnify and defend shall continue in full force and effect after the aforesaid contractor completes all of the work required under the contract, until such time as the applicable statues of limitation or repose have expired.

1.6 The Contractor shall be responsible for the work performed under the Contract Documents and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any description used in connection with the work. The Contractor assumes all risks for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work, until final acceptance of the work by the City.

1.7 Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the Contract Term. If the Contractor fails to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within ten days of written notice at any time during the Contract Term, the City shall have absolute right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to the Contractor and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for the entire additional cost of procuring performance by another vendor and the cost of performing the incomplete portion of the Contract at time of termination. Contractor is required to provide the City with notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage at least thirty (30) days prior to cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage."

1.8 Contractual and other liability insurance provided under this Contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the City from supervising or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Contractor shall assume all on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons directly employed by it and of the subcontractors and any persons employed by the subcontractor.

1.9 Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the City. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the City for acts and omissions of the subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor.

1.10 Precaution shall be exercised by the Contractor at all times for the protection of persons (including employees) and property. All existing structures, utilities, roads, services, trees and shrubbery shall be protected against damage or interruption of service at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors during the term of the Contract, and the Contractor shall be held responsible for any damage to property occurring by reason of its operation on the property.

1.11 If a Contractor can not meet the insurance requirements contained in a bid, proposal, or project description, alternate insurance coverage may be considered. Written requests for consideration of alternate coverage must be received by the Director of Purchasing at least ten working days prior to the date set for receipt of bids or proposals. If the City denies the request for alternate coverage, the specified coverage will be required to be submitted. If the City permits alternate coverage, an amendment to the Insurance Requirement will be prepared and distributed prior to the time and date set for receipt of bids or proposals.

1.12 All required insurance coverage must be acquired from insurers authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, and acceptable to the City. The insurers must also have policyholders' rating of "B++" or better, and a financial size of "Class V" or better in the latest edition of Best's Insurance Reports, unless the City grants specific approval for an exception in the same manner as described in 1.11 above.

1.13 The City may consider deductible amounts as part of its review of financial stability. The Contractor shall assume all deductibles.

2. <u>Contractor's Insurance – Occurrence Basis</u>:

2.1 The Contractor shall purchase the following insurance coverage, including the terms, provisions and limits shown in the Checklist:

- **Commercial General Liability** – The Commercial General Liability policy shall include any or all of the following as indicated on the Checklist:

  i. General aggregate limit is to apply per project;

  ii. Premises/Operations;

  iii. Action of Independent Contractors;

  iv. Contractual Liability including protection for the Contractor from claims arising out of liability assumed under this contract;

  v. Personal Injury Liability including coverage for offenses related to employment;

  vi. Explosion, Collapse, or Underground (XCU) hazards.

- **Business Automobile Liability** including coverage for any owned, hired, or non-owned motor vehicles, Uninsured Motorists insurance, and Automobile Contractual Liability.

- **Worker's Compensation** – statutory benefits as required by the State of Tennessee, or other laws as required by labor union agreements, including standard Other States coverage; Employers' Liability coverage.

3. **Commercial General or other Liability Insurance – Claims-made Basis:**

If Commercial General or other liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a claims-made basis, the Contractor must comply with the following additional conditions. The limits of liability and the extensions to be included as described in the Checklist remain the same. The Contractor must either:

i. Agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a period of two years after final payment for the contract. Such certificates shall evidence a retroactive date, no later than the beginning of the Contractors or subcontractors' work under this contract, or

ii. Purchase an extended (minimum two years) reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.

4. Alternative Coverage (Self Insurance)

Notwithstanding any of the above, the Contractor may satisfy its obligations under this section by means of self insurance for all or any part of the insurance required, provided that the alternative coverage is acceptable to the City.

5. Limits of Liability Coverage

Specific limits of liability coverage on the Insurance Checklist may be adjusted according to project risk if the adjustment is deemed appropriate and the amended amount is approved by the City Manager.

6. Verification of Compliance

I have read this General Contract Form and agree to all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Contractor's Name: _____

EIN or SSN: _____

Signed by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

This form and the Insurance Checklist must be completed and returned with Certificate of Insurance, as specified, prior to contract award.

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

BID/PROPOSAL
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
(Read Carefully)

1. PREPARATION OF BIDS/RFP'S
Only bids submitted on forms furnished by the city will be considered. Bids on company letterhead or quotation sheets will be judged non-responsive. TELEPHONE OR FACSIMILE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Electronic receipt of bids/proposals is acceptable for those posted at: ***https://purchasing.johnsoncitytn.org/bso***. **Paper bids shall be sealed in an envelope.** No bid received after closing time shall be considered. The official time for paper bids will be that of the date and time clock in the Purchasing Department. For electronic bids the official time is that posted on the website. Late bids will not be accepted. The City of Johnson City shall not be responsible for technical difficulties experienced by vendors trying to register or submit their bid/rfp response electronically less than one hour prior to the bid/rfp opening time. If not offering a bid/proposal response, the vendor is encouraged to complete the "Statement of Decline" form and return prior to solicitation opening.

2. SIGNATURE ON BIDS
When submitting a bid, other than electronically, the bid form must contain the full name and address of the company and be signed in Ink by a person authorized to bind that company to a contract. Submission of an electronic solicitation constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions. Unsigned paper bids will not be considered, read or tabulated. They may not be signed during or after the bid opening, even if a representative is present.

3. PRICING
All pricing must appear in the spaces provided on the city's form (if applicable) and be in ink or typed. Changes or corrections by the bidder/proposer must be initialed in ink by the person signing. No corrections may be made in pencil. Unit prices will prevail in case of an extension error. The City will correct math computation errors (unit price & totals). No bid may be altered or amended after bid opening time. Obvious mistakes will be given special consideration upon receipt of written request and full disclosure or evidence regarding pricing error.

4. BID/RFP OPENINGS
Bids/RFP's (paper & electronic) will be read aloud at the specified date and time as stated in the document. All openings are public meetings. All bidders/proposers and interested persons are invited to attend. The City reserves the right to postpone any bid/rfp opening under circumstances warranting such action, including but not limited to instances when the City receives fewer than two responses.

5. EXAMINATION OF BIDS/RFP'S
Bids/RFP's and associated documents may be examined at the opening. They are closed for review and inspection during the evaluation period prior to award.

6. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:
Bidders/Proposers are to indicate whether it is permissible for other governments in Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges can be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs.

7. BID TABULATIONS/RFP RESPONSES
Bid tabulations and RFP respondent's lists will be posted and available the next business day on our website: http://www.johnsoncitytn.org then select Purchasing Department, Current Bid/Notices.

8. MULTIPLE ITEM BIDS
The City will determine the successful bidder(s) either on the basis of the individual line items or the total of all items. ALL OR NONE bids must be clearly identified on the bid form and will be considered only if in the City's best interest.

9. BID/RFP EVALUATION
Bids/RFP's will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the document with the degree of importance determined by the City.

10. ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AND POSTPONEMENT
Issuance of a bid/rfp does not commit the City to make an award. The City reserves the right to postpone or reject any or all bids/rfp's, to waive informalities and to accept the bid/rfp judged to be in the best interest of the City.

11. AWARD
An award, if made, shall be to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder(s) or best proposal meeting quality and performance standards as described in the solicitation documents and whose bid/rfp is determined to be in the best interest of the City.

12. AWARD PERIOD
The City shall have 60 days to issue a contract. Any contract past that period must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

13. FOB POINT
All prices quoted shall be FOB delivered to the using department, City of Johnson City, TN unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. Risk of loss and/or damage shall be upon the Seller until such time as the goods have been physically delivered and accepted by the City.

14. DISCOUNT AND PAYMENT
Payment terms are Net 30 following receipt of the material or service and a correct invoice unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the bid evaluation for award. Partial payment will be allowed only if addressed in the solicitation.

15. TAXES
The City is exempt from Federal excise tax, State, and city sales tax. Contractors are not exempt from the use tax on materials and supplies used in the production of an item or in the performance of a repair or construction contract. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

16. TERM OF CONTRACT
Unless otherwise stated, the City reserves the right to purchase like items at the same contract price for a period of one year from the award date subject to agreement of both parties. The City may cancel any contract for cause following written notification of intent.

17. ORAL INSTRUCTIONS
No oral interpretations or instructions given by any city employee or any other person shall apply. Changes relative to any solicitation will be in writing to all known interested parties and posted on the City's website. These addendums will originate either from the Purchasing Department or the issuing Architect.

18. DELIVERY
Delivery/completion schedule must be clearly identified and realistically stated, as this may be a determining factor in the award.

19. SAFETY STANDARDS
All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of OSHA and any related standards thereto.

20. BRAND NAMES

By referencing a brand name or equal, the City intends to establish a minimum level of quality by which alternate offers can be judged. If an alternate is offered, the vendor must include complete descriptive literature and specifications that clearly describe the item and how it differs from the referenced item. Vendor reference to literature previously submitted will not satisfy this provision. Unless specified otherwise, it is understood that the referenced product will be furnished. The City alone will determine whether an alternate is equivalent and meets the standards of quality and performance for the City's use. A sample or demonstration may be required at the expense of the vendor.

21. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of the City of Johnson City to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21; related statutes and regulations to that end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or any other funding source on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry. By virtue of submitting a response to this solicitation, vendors agree to comply with the same non-discrimination policy.

22. SAMPLES

Samples will be furnished at no charge to the City. They will remain in the Purchasing Department for testing and evaluation until an award is made. Vendors are responsible for picking up their samples within two (2) weeks after the award. Samples not collected after that time shall become the property of the City. Samples from the successful vendor will be held until delivery is received and accepted as being equal to the sample.

23. CONDITION STANDARDS

It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this solicitation shall be new and unused and the manufacturer's latest model unless otherwise called for in the solicitation.

24. INSPECTION

All supplies or materials purchased as a result of this solicitation are subject to inspection and rejection by the City. Rejected materials will be returned at the vendor's expense.

25. PARTS AND SERVICE

The successful vendor must be able to provide adequate parts and service for all items awarded. Service location and ability to perform may be a consideration in the award.

26. WARRANTY

Unless otherwise specified by the City, all items shall be guaranteed for a minimum period of one (1) year against defects in material and workmanship.

27. LICENSES, FEES, PERMITS

The contractor is responsible for furnishing the proper licenses, fees, and permits required by law to do business with the City of Johnson City in completion of the project. All work shall be done in accordance with the latest building codes, state and federal laws relative to public works contracts.

28. INSURANCE

The contractor shall maintain, at his expense, such insurance as will protect him from claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from claims of damages because of bodily injury, including death and damage to the property of others and claims for damages which may arise during operations under this contract whether such operations be by himself or by any subcontractor of anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Any required insurances shall be maintained for the term of the contract.

29. INDEMNIFICATION

The vendor shall guarantee and certify by submitting a response to this solicitation that if successful, they shall indemnify and defend the City against any and all claims or legal actions arising as a result of their performance of the contract, whether or not such claims relate to damages or alleged damages sustained by physical injury to contractors personnel, subcontractors, city employees or other persons, or against any lawsuits arising from alleged or actual patent infringements, and shall hold the City, its various departments, employees, and any and all persons or entities acting on its behalf harmless from the same.

30. DEFAULT

In case of contractor default or failure to provide material or service according to the solicitations, the City may cancel this contract and acquire from another source and may recover any excess cost by (1) invoice; (2) deduction from an unpaid balance due; (3) collection against the bid and/or performance bond; or (4) a combination of the aforementioned remedies or other remedies provided by law. All costs associated with default will be borne by the contractor. The City reserves the right to remove a company in default from the active vendor list for a time period to be determined by the Director of Purchasing.

31. PENALTIES

Vendors may be removed from our active vendor system for any of the following:

- Failure to respond to three consecutive solicitations
- Failure to meet delivery requirements
- Failure to furnish items as a result of a solicitation
- Failure to provide service or material as a result of the award
- Offers of gratuities or favors to any City employee

32. NON-COLLUSION AGREEMENT

By submitting this solicitation, the agent representing all officers, partners, owners, representatives, employees or interested parties of the vendor's firm certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief this bid/proposal to the City of Johnson City, Tennessee has not been prepared in collusion with any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services. The agent also certifies that the prices, terms and conditions of said bid/proposal have been arrived at independently and have not been communicated by the submitter, nor by any of the aforementioned firm associate to any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services and will not be communicated prior to the official opening of said solicitation. The agent further states that no official or employee of the City of Johnson City has promised any personal, financial or other beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in order to influence award of this solicitation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, AND CONTRACTS
BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY
AND OTHER PARTIES

The City of Johnson City has established the following requirements for use in all bids and contracts between the City and any other person or entity. The following list is mandatory and modifies any bid, contract, or request for proposal, or conditions applicable to, signed by, or let by the City, notwithstanding anything contained in any particular conditions, contract, request for proposal, or bid to the contrary.

In general, the following provisions apply to all such contracts, bids, requests for proposals, contracts requiring bids, and bids containing contracts:

1. The City of Johnson City shall not answer to any contracting party for the furnishing of public records to a person requesting such in accordance with Tennessee law.
2. The City, while it may designate in writing a representative on a particular project, shall only be bound by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners or by the limited authority delegated to the City Manager pursuant to City Ordinance. No personal representative of the City assigned to a particular project may bind it in excess of the dollar amounts granted to the City Manager by Ordinance, and no personal representative assigned to a particular project may bind the City for an amount equal to or less than the dollar amounts granted to the City Manager by Ordinance without the City Manager's approval.
3. The City shall not in any event waive any claims for damages including but not limited to consequential damages in any contract for any reason or purpose.
4. No decision of an architect, engineer, or personal representative of the City shall be final and binding on the City, unless the City so agrees in any dispute with any party including but not limited to an architect, a contractor, a subcontractor, an engineer, etc. If the City agrees to be bound pertaining to a dispute, then the monetary limits contained in the City's ordinances regarding the authority of the City Manager shall prevail, and any amounts exceeding the authority of the City Manager shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.
5. The City shall not participate in any mediation or arbitration regarding any agreement to which it is a party, and all matters left unresolved between the City and any other party, person, or entity shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction in either Washington County, Tennessee, or in Federal District Court in Greeneville, Tennessee.
6. No party or other entity shall file a lien of any nature whatsoever against City property, real, personal, or mixed, no matter where that property is located. Should a party or entity contracting with the City or acting as a subcontractor or subsubcontractor file a lien against any property, real, personal, or mixed, owned by the City, then that party or entity shall take immediate steps at its own cost and expense to remove said lien, or the City shall take such steps as it deems necessary and hold the other party or entity liable for any costs and attorneys' fees associated with the lifting of said lien.
7. The City shall exercise its sole discretion before agreeing to any assignments of any contracts or subcontracts regarding any project in which the City is involved. No contract with the City shall be assignable without the City's sole, discretionary, absolute consent.
8. The City shall not be required to supply any information regarding its title to any property in which it has an interest for any purposes regarding the filing of liens.
9. The City shall not waive any claims it has in the making of final payment in any project in which it is involved. The City shall have the right to terminate any agreement to which this document is attached at any time in its sole discretion without cause. In the event the City terminates without cause any agreement to which this document is attached, then in such event the City shall be liable only for the actual work and costs that have accrued at or before the date of the City's termination. In no event shall the City be liable for lost profits, consequential damages or incidental damages in the event it terminates a contract without cause.
10. Except to the extent allowed by law, the City shall not indemnify and hold harmless any other party, entity, person, their agents, employees, or anyone else in the world for any reason whatsoever.
11. The City shall not waive the rights of subrogation of its insurers or itself for any purpose whatsoever, and the City shall not cause any such endorsements to be placed on any policies to which it is a party.
12. Unless the City elects otherwise, the City shall not provide any "builders' risk" or an "all-risk" or equivalent policy for any reason whatsoever for any project in which the City has an interest, and the contractor or other such party shall assume this responsibility. That builder's risk policy provided by the contractor or other such interested party shall name the City as an additional insured. The City shall not provide boiler and machinery insurance, but shall require such insurance as applicable, depending on the parameters of whatever project is involved. The cost of boiler and machinery insurance shall be borne by the appropriate contractor, subcontractor, or other interested party. The City shall not insure the interests of any other person or entity, nor shall the City add any other person or entity as an additional insured to any of its policies.

13. The City shall not waive any rights regarding the loss of use of the City's property.
14. As to acts or failures to act or any causes of action by any party to a contract, whether that party be the architect, owner, contractor, City, etc., a cause of action shall accrue according to Tennessee law. No contract provision shall shorten the statutes of limitations, statutes of repose, or the accrual of any causes of action which the City might have against another party or entity. No contract provision shall waive any warranties, express or implied, nor shall any contract limit the standard of care for any particular service or undertaking to that of the locality where those services or undertakings are performed.
15. Any interest to be paid by the City of Johnson City for late payments shall be at the rate of interest at which the City pays on its most recently issued bonds.
16. The City reserves to itself the right to approve the use of any tests, including but not limited to any borings, test pits, geotechnical work, environmental tests, and the like in its own sole discretion. All design professionals, consultants, subcontractors, or the like shall be duly licensed in the State of Tennessee, if licensure in the State of Tennessee is required for the work to be performed by such design professional, consultants, or subcontractors.
17. Notwithstanding any applicable choice of law or conflict of law provisions or decisions, the law of the State of Tennessee shall govern all contracts to which this document is attached.
18. The City of Johnson City shall not provide any legal advice, legal services, surveys, or procure the same for any other party.
19. Upon payment for services as rendered, all design documents and all instruments of service created by design professionals, including but not limited to architects, landscape architects, engineers, etc., shall become the property of the City of Johnson City, Tennessee. The City of Johnson City shall be allowed to use all design documents and instruments of service, including but not limited to bid drawings, shop drawings, reports, specifications, cost estimates, schematic designs, construction designs, and the like for future additions or alterations to the current project or for use in other projects. Any use of the aforementioned designs and construction documents shall be at the City's sole risk and without liability to the design professional. The design professional's name and seal will be removed from all such design documents prior to the City's use thereof.
20. No person or entity shall respond to a request for bid or request for proposal with any terms or conditions that might change, alter, amend, or differ with the specifications, terms, or conditions originally provided by the City in its initial request for bids or proposals.

October 5, 2009

STATEMENT OF BID/RFP DECLINE
City of Johnson City, Tennessee

NOTE: **If you do not intend to respond to this solicitation, complete and return this form on or before the stated deadline to Purchasing Department, P. O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605 or via facsimile 423/975-2712.**

We value your feedback and ask that you complete the following:

Bid/RFP No. **# _____**
Bid/RFP Name **_____**

We, the undersigned, decline to submit on the above bid/proposal for the following reason(s):

_____ **Insufficient time to adequately prepare a response**

_____ **Our company does not offer this product or service. Remove us from the vendor list**

_____ **Our schedule will not permit us to perform in a timely manner**

_____ **We are unable to meet bond requirements**

_____ **We are unable to meet insurance requirements**

_____ **We are unable to offer comparable product or service**

_____ **We are unable to meet specifications (explain below)**

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We understand that if this statement is not completed and returned, our company may be deleted from the City's solicitation list for this commodity or service.

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Signature: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____
Date: _____