



State of West Virginia
 Department of Administration
 Purchasing Division
 2019 Washington Street East
 Post Office Box 50130
 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

Solicitation

NUMBER
FOR140050

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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO ATTENTION OF:
LAURA HOOPER
304-558-2306

VENDOR

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 ASTECH CORPORATION, INC.
 3400 FALCON DRIVE
 CHARLESTON, W.V. 25312

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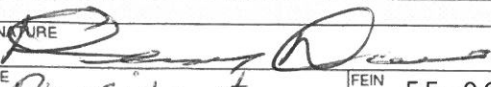
DIVISION OF FORESTRY
 VARIOUS LOCALES AS INDICATED
 BY ORDER

DATE PRINTED
12/26/2013

BID OPENING DATE: 01/16/2014 BID OPENING TIME 1:30PM

LINE	QUANTITY	UOP	CAT. NO.	ITEM NUMBER	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
0001	1	EA		988-88		\$82,320.00
TREE PLANTING SERVICES						
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)						
THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PURCHASING DIVISION, ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF FORESTRY, IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY TREE PLANTING SERVICES PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS.						
***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ FOR140050 ***** TOTAL:						\$82,320.00

01/16/14 01:05:09PM
 West Virginia Purchasing Division

SIGNATURE 	TELEPHONE 304-342-0545	DATE 01-15-2014
TITLE President	FEIN 55-0685025	ADDRESS CHANGES TO BE NOTED ABOVE

WHEN RESPONDING TO SOLICITATION, INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS IN SPACE ABOVE LABELED 'VENDOR'

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS

1. **REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY:** The attached documents contain a solicitation for bids. Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked could lead to disqualification of a Vendor's bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.
2. **MANDATORY TERMS:** The Solicitation may contain mandatory provisions identified by the use of the words "must," "will," and "shall." Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.
3. **PREBID MEETING:** The item identified below shall apply to this Solicitation.
 - A pre-bid meeting will not be held prior to bid opening.
 - A **NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID** meeting will be held at the following place and time:

 - A **MANDATORY PRE-BID** meeting will be held at the following place and time:

All Vendors submitting a bid must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting shall result in disqualification of the Vendor's bid. No one person attending the pre-bid meeting may represent more than one Vendor.

An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document verifying attendance. The State will not accept any other form of proof or documentation to verify attendance. Any person attending the pre-bid meeting on behalf of a Vendor must list on the attendance sheet his or her name and the name of the Vendor he or she is representing. Additionally, the person attending the pre-bid meeting should include the Vendor's E-Mail address, phone number, and Fax number on the attendance sheet. It is the Vendor's responsibility to locate the attendance sheet and provide the required information. Failure to complete the attendance sheet as required may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

All Vendors should arrive prior to the starting time for the pre-bid. Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in, but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid.

Questions submitted at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid will be discussed at the pre-bid meeting if possible. Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

4. **VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE:** Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the Purchasing Division. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below in order to be considered. A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Non-written discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are non-binding.

Question Submission Deadline: January 8, 2014 at 5:00 PM EST

Submit Questions to: Laura Hooper, File 53

2019 Washington Street, East

Charleston, WV 25305

Fax: 304-558-4115

Email: laura.e.hooper@wv.gov

5. **VERBAL COMMUNICATION:** Any verbal communication between the Vendor and any State personnel is not binding, including that made at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Only information issued in writing and added to the Solicitation by an official written addendum by the Purchasing Division is binding.
6. **BID SUBMISSION:** All bids must be signed and delivered by the Vendor to the Purchasing Division at the address listed below on or before the date and time of the bid opening. Any bid received by the Purchasing Division staff is considered to be in the possession of the Purchasing Division and will not be returned for any reason. The bid delivery address is:

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division

2019 Washington Street East

Charleston, WV 25305-0130

The bid should contain the information listed below on the face of the envelope or the bid may not be considered:

SEALED BID

BUYER: _____
 SOLICITATION NO.: _____
 BID OPENING DATE: _____
 BID OPENING TIME: _____
 FAX NUMBER: _____

In the event that Vendor is responding to a request for proposal, the Vendor shall submit one original technical and one original cost proposal plus N/A convenience copies of each to the Purchasing Division at the address shown above. Additionally, the Vendor should identify the bid type as either a technical or cost proposal on the face of each bid envelope submitted in response to a request for proposal as follows:

BID TYPE: Technical
 Cost

7. **BID OPENING:** Bids submitted in response to this Solicitation will be opened at the location identified below on the date and time listed below. Delivery of a bid after the bid opening date and time will result in bid disqualification. For purposes of this Solicitation, a bid is considered delivered when time stamped by the official Purchasing Division time clock.

Bid Opening Date and Time: January 16, 2014 at 1:30 PM EST

Bid Opening Location: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
 2019 Washington Street East
 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

8. **ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official written addendum issued by the Purchasing Division. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
9. **BID FORMATTING:** Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:** Issuance of a Purchase Order signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

2. **DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.
 - 2.1 **"Agency" or "Agencies"** means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.
 - 2.2 **"Contract"** means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods and services requested in the Solicitation.
 - 2.3 **"Director"** means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.
 - 2.4 **"Purchasing Division"** means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.
 - 2.5 **"Purchase Order"** means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the successful bidder and Contract holder.
 - 2.6 **"Solicitation"** means the official solicitation published by the Purchasing Division and identified by number on the first page thereof.
 - 2.7 **"State"** means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.
 - 2.8 **"Vendor" or "Vendors"** means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

3. **CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION:** The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:

Term Contract

Initial Contract Term: This Contract becomes effective on _____ and extends for a period of _____ year(s).

Renewal Term: This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any request for renewal must be submitted to the Purchasing Division Director thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Renewal of this Contract is limited to _____ successive one (1) year periods. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval is not required on agency delegated or exempt purchases. Attorney General approval may be required for vendor terms and conditions.

Reasonable Time Extension: At the sole discretion of the Purchasing Division Director, and with approval from the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only), this Contract may be extended for a reasonable time after the initial Contract term or after any renewal term as may be necessary to obtain a new contract or renew this Contract. Any reasonable time extension shall not exceed twelve (12) months. Vendor may avoid a reasonable time extension by providing the Purchasing Division Director with written notice of Vendor's desire to terminate this Contract 30 days prior to the expiration of the then current term. During any reasonable time extension period, the Vendor may terminate this Contract for any reason upon giving the Purchasing Division Director 30 days written notice. Automatic extension of this Contract is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval is not required on agency delegated or exempt purchases, but Attorney General approval may be required.

Release Order Limitations: In the event that this contract permits release orders, a release order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any release order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the release order is issued. No release order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired.

Fixed Period Contract: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed _____ by March 31, 2014

One Time Purchase: The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Purchase Order until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event shall this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

Other: See attached.

4. **NOTICE TO PROCEED:** Vendor shall begin performance of this Contract immediately upon receiving notice to proceed unless otherwise instructed by the Agency. Unless otherwise specified, the fully executed Purchase Order will be considered notice to proceed

5. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.

Open End Contract: Quantities listed in this Solicitation are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

Service: The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

Combined Service and Goods: The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

One Time Purchase: This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.

6. **PRICING:** The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification.

7. **EMERGENCY PURCHASES:** The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute of breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One Time Purchase contract.

8. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** All of the items checked below must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified below.

BID BOND: All Vendors shall furnish a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. The bid bond must be submitted with the bid.

PERFORMANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of . The performance bond must be issued and received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. On construction contracts, the performance bond must be 100% of the Contract value.

LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

In lieu of the Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Labor/Material Payment Bond, the Vendor may provide certified checks, cashier's checks, or irrevocable letters of credit. Any certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit provided in lieu of a bond must be of the same amount and delivered on the same schedule as the bond it replaces. A letter of credit submitted in lieu of a performance and labor/material payment bond will only be allowed for projects under \$100,000. Personal or business checks are not acceptable.

MAINTENANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system. The maintenance bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall have appropriate workers' compensation insurance and shall provide proof thereof upon request.

INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following insurance prior to Contract award and shall list the state as a certificate holder:

Commercial General Liability Insurance: or more.

Builders Risk Insurance: builders risk – all risk insurance in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that insurance requirement is listed above.

- LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS:** In addition to anything required under the Section entitled Licensing, of the General Terms and Conditions, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits prior to Contract award, in a form acceptable to the Purchasing Division.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

- 9. LITIGATION BOND:** The Director reserves the right to require any Vendor that files a protest of an award to submit a litigation bond in the amount equal to one percent of the lowest bid submitted or \$5,000, whichever is greater. The entire amount of the bond shall be forfeited if the hearing officer determines that the protest was filed for frivolous or improper purpose, including but not limited to, the purpose of harassing, causing unnecessary delay, or needless expense for the Agency. All litigation bonds shall be made payable to the Purchasing Division. In lieu of a bond, the protester may submit a cashier's check or certified check payable to the Purchasing Division. Cashier's or certified checks will be deposited with and held by the State Treasurer's office. If it is determined that the protest has not been filed for frivolous or improper purpose, the bond or deposit shall be returned in its entirety.

- 10. ALTERNATES:** Any model, brand, or specification listed herein establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the State at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.

- 11. EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or

other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

12. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount
for

This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other available remedy.

13. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION: The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation and Vendor agrees to be bound by the terms of the Contract, as reflected in the Purchase Order, upon receipt.

14. REGISTRATION: Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee if applicable.

15. COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.6, communication with the State of West Virginia or any of its employees regarding this Solicitation during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited without prior Purchasing Division approval. Purchasing Division approval for such communication is implied for all agency delegated and exempt purchases.

16. FUNDING: This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available.

17. PAYMENT: Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Agency at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To."

18. UNIT PRICE: Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

19. DELIVERY: All quotations are considered freight on board destination ("F.O.B. destination") unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the bid. Vendor's listing of shipping terms that contradict the shipping terms expressly required by this Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

20. INTEREST: Interest attributable to late payment will only be permitted if authorized by the West Virginia Code. Presently, there is no provision in the law for interest on late payments.

21. PREFERENCE: Vendor Preference may only be granted upon written request and only in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37 and the West Virginia Code of State Rules. A Resident Vendor Certification form has been attached hereto to allow Vendor to apply for the preference. Vendor's

failure to submit the Resident Vendor Certification form with its bid will result in denial of Vendor Preference. Vendor Preference does not apply to construction projects.

- 22. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2012, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37(a)(7) and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to submission of its bid to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.
- 23. TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
- 24. CANCELLATION:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-7.16.2.
- 25. WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6.
- 26. TIME:** Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in this Contract.
- 27. APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.
- 28. COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendors acknowledge that they have reviewed, understand, and will comply with all applicable law.
- 29. PREVAILING WAGE:** On any contract for the construction of a public improvement, Vendor and any subcontractors utilized by Vendor shall pay a rate or rates of wages which shall not be less than the fair minimum rate or rates of wages (prevailing wage), as established by the West Virginia Division of Labor under West Virginia Code §§ 21-5A-1 et seq. and available at <http://www.sos.wv.gov/administrative-law/wagerates/Pages/default.aspx>. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with prevailing wage requirements and determining when prevailing wage

requirements are applicable. The required contract provisions contained in West Virginia Code of State Rules § 42-7-3 are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

30. **ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.
31. **MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary, no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). **No Change shall be implemented by the Vendor until such time as the Vendor receives an approved written change order from the Purchasing Division.**
32. **WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.
33. **SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.
34. **ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases.
35. **WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.
36. **STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.
37. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection, the State of West Virginia may deem this Contract null and void, and terminate this Contract without notice.

38. [RESERVED]

39. CONFIDENTIALITY: The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/default.html>.

40. DISCLOSURE: Vendor's response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are considered public documents and will be disclosed to the public in accordance with the laws, rules, and policies governing the West Virginia Purchasing Division. Those laws include, but are not limited to, the Freedom of Information Act found in West Virginia Code § 29B-1-1 et seq.

If a Vendor considers any part of its bid to be exempt from public disclosure, Vendor must so indicate by specifically identifying the exempt information, identifying the exemption that applies, providing a detailed justification for the exemption, segregating the exempt information from the general bid information, and submitting the exempt information as part of its bid but in a segregated and clearly identifiable format. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements will result in public disclosure of the Vendor's bid without further notice. A Vendor's act of marking all or nearly all of its bid as exempt is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor's act of marking a bid or any part thereof as "confidential" or "proprietary" is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. In addition, a legend or other statement indicating that all or substantially all of the bid is exempt from disclosure is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor will be required to defend any claimed exemption for nondisclosure in the event of an administrative or judicial challenge to the State's nondisclosure. Vendor must indemnify the State for any costs incurred related to any exemptions claimed by Vendor. Any questions regarding the applicability of the various public records laws should be addressed to your own legal counsel prior to bid submission.

41. LICENSING: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.1.7, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

42. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Purchase Order from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired

by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

- 43. VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:** By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed this RFQ in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein. Vendor's signature on its bid also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

The individual signing this bid on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

- 44. PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE:** The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, to process payment for goods and services. The Vendor must accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card for payment of all orders under this Contract unless the box below is checked.

Vendor is not required to accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card as payment for all goods and services.

- 45. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, *etc.* and the filing of all necessary documents, forms and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

- 46. INDEMNIFICATION:** The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered

by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

- 47. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a, all Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit stating that neither the Vendor nor a related party owe a debt to the State in excess of \$1,000. The affidavit must be submitted prior to award, but should be submitted with the Vendor's bid. A copy of the Purchasing Affidavit is included herewith.
- 48. ADDITIONAL AGENCY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE:** This Contract may be utilized by and extends to other agencies, spending units, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia; county, municipal, and other local government bodies; and school districts ("Other Government Entities"). This Contract shall be extended to the aforementioned Other Government Entities on the same prices, terms, and conditions as those offered and agreed to in this Contract. If the Vendor does not wish to extend the prices, terms, and conditions of its bid and subsequent contract to the Other Government Entities, the Vendor must clearly indicate such refusal in its bid. A refusal to extend this Contract to the Other Government Entities shall not impact or influence the award of this Contract in any manner.
- 49. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.
- 50. REPORTS:** Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:
- Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.
 - Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at purchasing.requisitions@wv.gov.
- 51. BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information

to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry.

After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision.

The State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check.

Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304)558-9911 for more information.

52. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS: Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.
- b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heath, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.

The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:

- a. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or
- b. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

53. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL: In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a “substantial labor surplus area”, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products.

This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

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SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of West Virginia Department of Commerce – Division of Forestry to establish contracts for the services of labor for planting a total of 224 trees at five sites along Route 9 in Jefferson and Berkeley counties and along Corridor H in Hardy and Grant counties.
2. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.
 - 2.1. **“Contract Services”** means the services described in Section 4 (four).
 - 2.2. **“Pricing Pages”** means the pages upon which Vendor should list its proposed price for the Contract Services. The Pricing Page is either included on the last page of this RFQ or attached hereto as Exhibit A.
 - 2.3. **“Maps”** Maps of planting locations attached hereto as Exhibit B.
 - 2.4. **“RFQ”** means the official request for quotation published by the Purchasing Division and identified as FOR140050
 - 2.5. **“WVDOF”** means the West Virginia Division of Forestry.
 - 2.6. **“Container Tree”** means a tree growing in a plastic container. For the purpose of this contract, containers will either be in the 3-5 gallon range or 5-7 gallon range.
 - 2.7. **“Bare-Root Tree”** means a tree shipped without soil surrounding the root system. Special care is needed with bare-root trees to prevent roots from drying during planting.
 - 2.8. **“Burlaped Tree”** means a tree with the root system contained by burlap material. Burlaped trees are not anticipated to be used for this contract. Should it become necessary to utilize burlaped trees, they will be approximately 1 inch to 1 ½ inches in caliper.
 - 2.9. **“Planting Hole”** means the hole dug to plant the tree. Holes can either be dug by hand, tree spade or augur. . The top diameter of the planting hole shall be two times that of the root ball. The bottom of the hole shall be flat and deep enough to have the tree at its original planting depth or slightly higher.
 - 2.10. **“Planting Depth”** means the depth which the trees are planted in relationship to the soil surface. Trees will be planted at the same depth that they were growing in the nursery or up to two inches higher than that level.

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- 2.11. **“Root Collar”** means the zone where the upper roots join the trunk. The root collar must be exposed and slightly above ground line.
- 2.12. **“Packing Material”** means all containers and burlap used to secure the root system of a tree. All packing material shall be completely removed from the site and properly disposed of by Vendor.
- 2.13. **“Backfilling”** means placing excavated soil back into the planting hole during the process of planting a tree. Planting is only to be done when soil is not frozen and temperatures are above 30 degrees. Backfilling shall occur with quality topsoil. Soil will be tamped as to eliminate air pockets during backfilling.
- 2.14. **“Surplus Excavation”** means any surplus soil remaining after tree is planted. All surplus soil will be removed and disposed of by the Vendor. Surplus soil shall not be mounded around trunk above ground level.
- 2.15. **“Staking and Guying”** means the supporting material used to keep trees upright. Only trees prone to leaning or in areas exposed to high wind should be staked and guyed. If staking is necessary for support, two stakes on opposite sides on the trunk shall be used with a wide, belt-like, tie material to hold the tree upright. Wire in a garden hose or any other rigid material shall not be used to guy trees. Staking and guying materials will be provided to the Vendor.
- 2.16. **“Mulching”** means placing wood or bark chips around the base of a tree. All trees will be mulched at the time of planting. Mulch shall be 2" to 3" deep and at least 18" in diameter or cover the entire planting hole. Mulch should not be in direct contact with the trunk and a mulch-free area on 3" around the trunk should be maintained. Mulch will be provided to the Vendor.
- 2.17. **“Watering”** means adding water to the planting hole after a tree has been planted. Trees will be thoroughly watered to settle backfill after tree has been planted to the correct depth.
- 2.18. **“Fertilizing”** means adding any supplemental nutrients to the planting hole. Trees shall not be fertilized at the time of planting, unless previously specified.
- 2.19. **“Pruning”** means removing branches from the main stem of the tree. All dead, broken, or damaged branches and sprouts should be removed at the time of planting. All pruning will be done with a clean cut outside the branch collar. Excessive pruning and heading (rounding-over) is not acceptable.
- 2.20. **“Planting Oversight”** means inspecting trees to ensure proper planting techniques are being utilized during and after the planting process. Robert Hannah, Urban Forestry Coordinator, WV DOF, will designate a representative to observe the first planting to ensure that all specifications are properly followed. No planting shall take place until the Vendor is fully aware of and capable of maintaining the planting specifications as described in this contract. Vendor shall provide a planting schedule, and inform WVDOF of any changes to that plan immediately.

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3. QUALIFICATIONS: Vendor shall have the following minimum qualifications:

3.1. It is expected the Vendor should have prior experience planting bare-root and container trees. Verifiable proof of prior planting experience may be requested by the WVDOF at the discretion of Robert Hannah, Urban Forestry Coordinator.

4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 Mandatory Contract Services Requirements and Deliverables: Contract Services must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements listed below.

4.1 Trees, mulch and staking materials will be provided to the Vendor by the WVDOF.

4.2 Vendor will be responsible for notifying the appropriate utility authority prior to digging and be responsible for any damage to utilities.

4.3 The Vendor will be responsible for picking up trees, mulch and staking materials from WV Division of Forestry office at 46 Pilgrim Street, Inwood, WV 25428 and transporting them safely and in good condition to the planting sites.

4.4 The Vendor will be responsible for planting all trees at each contracted site. Sites are located in two geographical locations: three sites along Route 9 in Jefferson and Berkeley counties and two sites along Corridor-H in Hardy and Grant counties. The number and size of the trees per site is described below and individual tree planting sites will be marked for the Vendor with either stakes, flagging or paint. Planting maps are included only to assist the Vendor with locating the sites.

4.4.1 Plant trees along Route 9 at Site 6.

4.4.1.1 Plant 30, 5-7 gallon container trees.

4.4.2 Plant trees along Route 9 at Site 9.

4.4.2.1 Plant 28, 5-7 gallon container trees.

4.4.2.2 Plant 12, 3-5 gallon container trees.

4.4.3 Plant trees along Route 9 at Site 10.

4.4.3.1 Plant 8, 5-7 gallon container trees.

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4.4.3.2 Plant 16, 3-5 gallon container trees.

4.4.4 Plant trees along Corridor H at Site 8.

4.4.4.1 Plant 30, 3-5 gallon container trees.

4.4.4.2 Plant 50, bare-root trees.

4.4.5 Plant trees along Corridor H at Site 11.

4.4.5.1 Plant 25, 5-7 gallon container trees.

4.4.5.2 Plant 10, 3-5 gallon container trees.

4.4.5.3 Plant 15, bare-root trees.

4.5 All work must be performed in accordance with the following Planting Specifications:

4.5.1 Planting Holes - Planting holes may be dug by hand, tree spade or augur. The top diameter of the planting hole shall be two times that of root ball. The bottom of the hole shall be flat and deep enough to have the tree at its original planting depth or slightly higher. Holes should be dug on the day tree is planted.

4.5.2 Planting Depth - Trees will be planted at the same depth they were growing in the containers or up to two inches higher than that level. The root collar must be exposed and slightly above ground line.

4.5.3 Backfilling - Planting is only to be done when soil is not frozen and temperatures are above 30 degrees. Backfilling shall occur with quality topsoil. Soil will be adequately tamped as to eliminate air pockets during backfilling. All trees will be planted as straight as possible.

4.5.4 Surplus Excavation - Any surplus soil will be removed and disposed of by the Vendor. Surplus soil shall not be mounded around trunk above ground level.

4.5.5 Staking and Guying - Only trees prone to leaning or in areas exposed to high wind should be staked and guyed. If staking is necessary for support, two stakes on opposite sides on the trunk shall be used with a wide, belt-like, tie material to hold the tree upright. Wire in a garden hose or any other rigid material shall not be used to guy trees. All trunk wrap, twine and other material shall be removed at the time planting.

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4.5.6 Mulching - All trees will be mulched at the time of planting with wood or bark chips. Mulch shall be 2" to 3" deep and at least 18" in diameter or cover the entire planting hole. Mulch should not be in direct contact with the trunk and a mulch-free area on 3" around the trunk should be maintained.

4.5.7 Watering - Trees will be watered with a sufficient quantity of water to firmly settle backfill after tree has been planted to the correct depth.

4.5.8 Fertilization - Trees shall not be fertilized at the time of planting, unless previously specified.

4.5.9 Pruning - All dead, broken, or damaged branches and sprouts should be removed at the time of planting. All pruning will be done with a clean cut outside the branch collar. Excessive pruning and heading (rounding-over) is not acceptable. The Vendor will ensure that only individuals knowledgeable of proper pruning techniques shall prune trees. Improperly pruned trees will be replaced at the expense of the Vendor.

4.6 Vendor shall not begin work without providing the WVDOF advance notice to allow a WVDOF representative or designee to be present on the first day of planting.

4.7 All planting materials and debris shall be completely removed and disposed of in a proper manner by the Vendor.

4.8 Vendor will be required to replant any trees, at Vendor's expense, that are planted incorrectly. Payment shall not be made until all trees are planted correctly.

4.9 All work must be completed no later than March 31, 2014.

5. CONTRACT AWARD:

5.1 Contract Award: The Contract is intended to provide Agency with a purchase price for the Contract Services. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor(s) that provides the Contract Services meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchasing Division reserves the right to award this Contract to multiple Vendors if it deems such action necessary and to disqualify a Vendor if that Vendor's bid fails to bid sufficient items to meet the State's needs.

5.2 Pricing Page: Vendor should complete the Pricing Page by providing a lump sum bid for the services required. Vendor should complete the Pricing Page in full as failure to complete the Pricing Page in its entirety may result in Vendor's bid being disqualified.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchasing Division may correct errors as it deems appropriate. Vendor should type or electronically enter the information into the Pricing Page to prevent errors in the evaluation.

6. **PERFORMANCE:** Vendor and Agency shall agree upon a schedule for performance of Contract Services and Contract Services Deliverables, unless such a schedule is already included herein by Agency. In the event that this Contract is designated as an open-end contract, Vendor shall perform in accordance with the release orders that may be issued against this Contract.
7. **PAYMENT:** Agency shall pay a lump sum upon completion of entire planting project and satisfactory inspection as described herein, for all Contract Services performed and accepted under this Contract. Final inspection will occur within 10 business days from the date the Vendor notifies the WVDOF of contract completion. A designee to conduct the final inspection will be selected by Robert Hannah, Urban Forestry Coordinator, WVDOF. Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.
8. **TRAVEL:** Vendor shall be responsible for all mileage and travel costs, including travel time, associated with performance of this Contract. Any anticipated mileage or travel costs may be included in the flat fee or hourly rate listed on Vendor bid, but such costs will not be paid by the Agency separately.
9. **FACILITIES ACCESS:** Performance of Contract Services may require access cards and/or keys to gain entrance to Agency's facilities. In the event that access cards and/or keys are required:
 - 9.1. Vendor must identify principal service personnel which will be issued access cards and/or keys to perform service.

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- 9.2. Vendor will be responsible for controlling cards and keys and will pay replacement fee, if the cards or keys become lost or stolen.
- 9.3. Vendor shall notify Agency immediately of any lost, stolen, or missing card or key.
- 9.4. Anyone performing under this Contract will be subject to Agency's security protocol and procedures.
- 9.5. Vendor shall inform all staff of Agency's security protocol and procedures.

10. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 10.1. **Contract Manager:** During its performance of this Contract, Vendor must designate and maintain a primary contract manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under this Contract. The Contract manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to this Contract. Vendor should list its Contract manager and his or her contact information below.

Contract Manager: JIMMY LUCAS
Telephone Number: 1-304-813-7308
Fax Number: _____
Email Address: ASTech50@Hotmail.com

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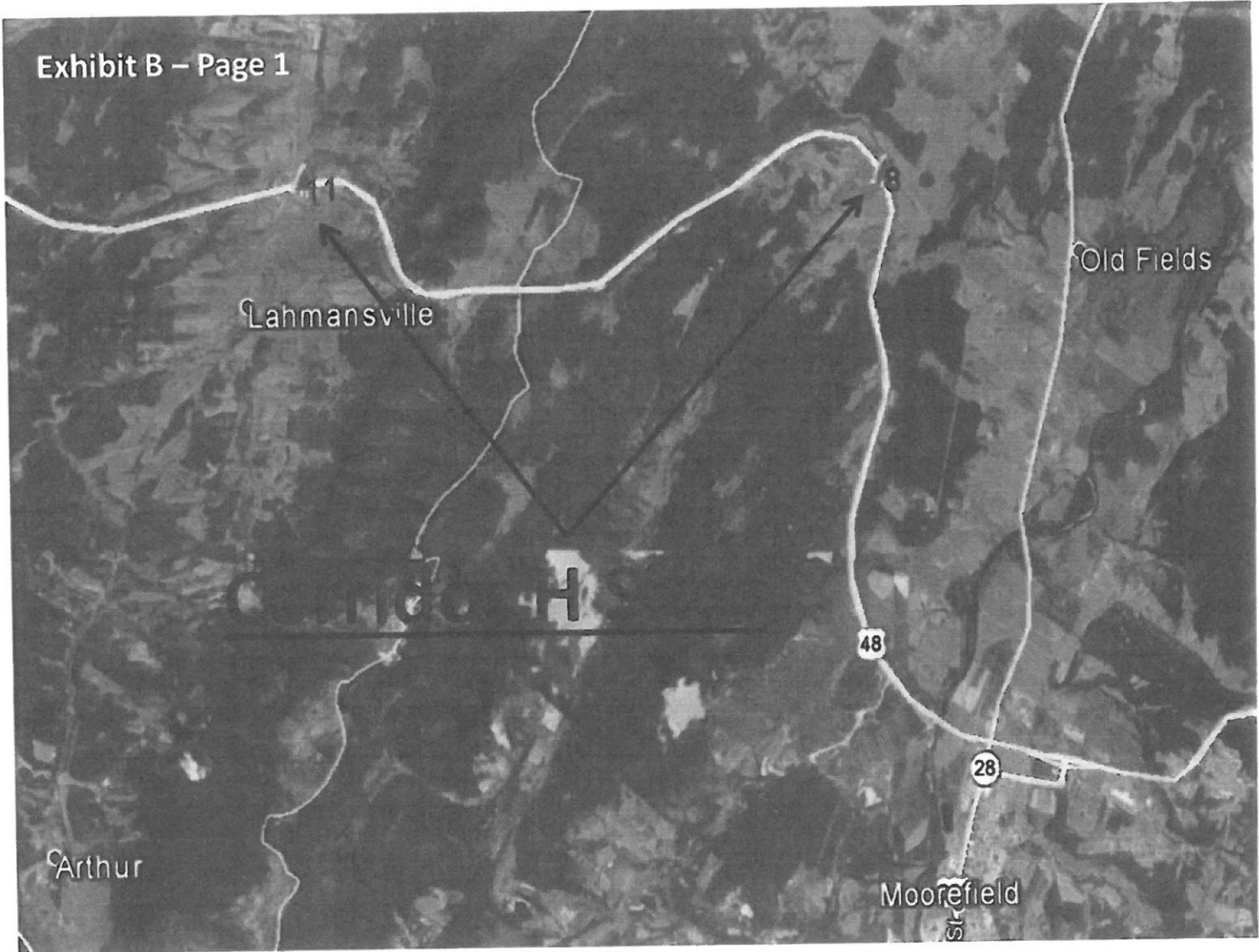


Exhibit B – Page 2

Corridor H – Site 8

Lat 39.142703

Lon -78.979756

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- (50) Willow Cuttings
- (30) 3-5 gallon container shade trees

Corridor H - Site 8

80 trees

SIGN



Exhibit B – Page 4

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Corridor H – Site 11

Lat 39.142109

Lon -79.071693

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- (15) Willow Cuttings
- (20) 5-7 gallon container shade trees
- (10) 3-5 gallon container shade trees
- (5) 5-7 gallon container flowering trees

Corridor H – Site 11

50 trees

NEEDS MOWED AND AUGURED

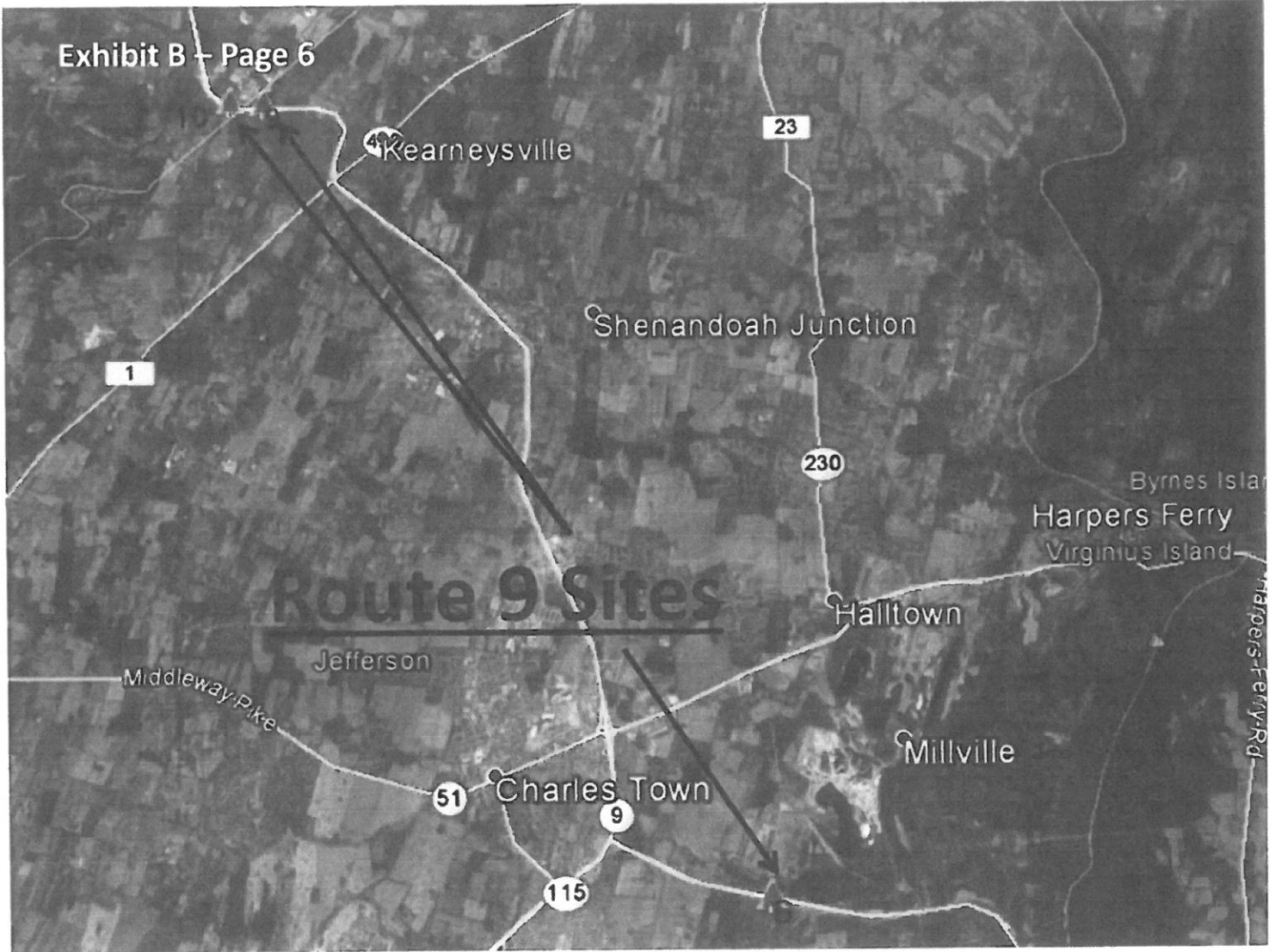


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Route 9 – Site 6

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Lon -77.810031

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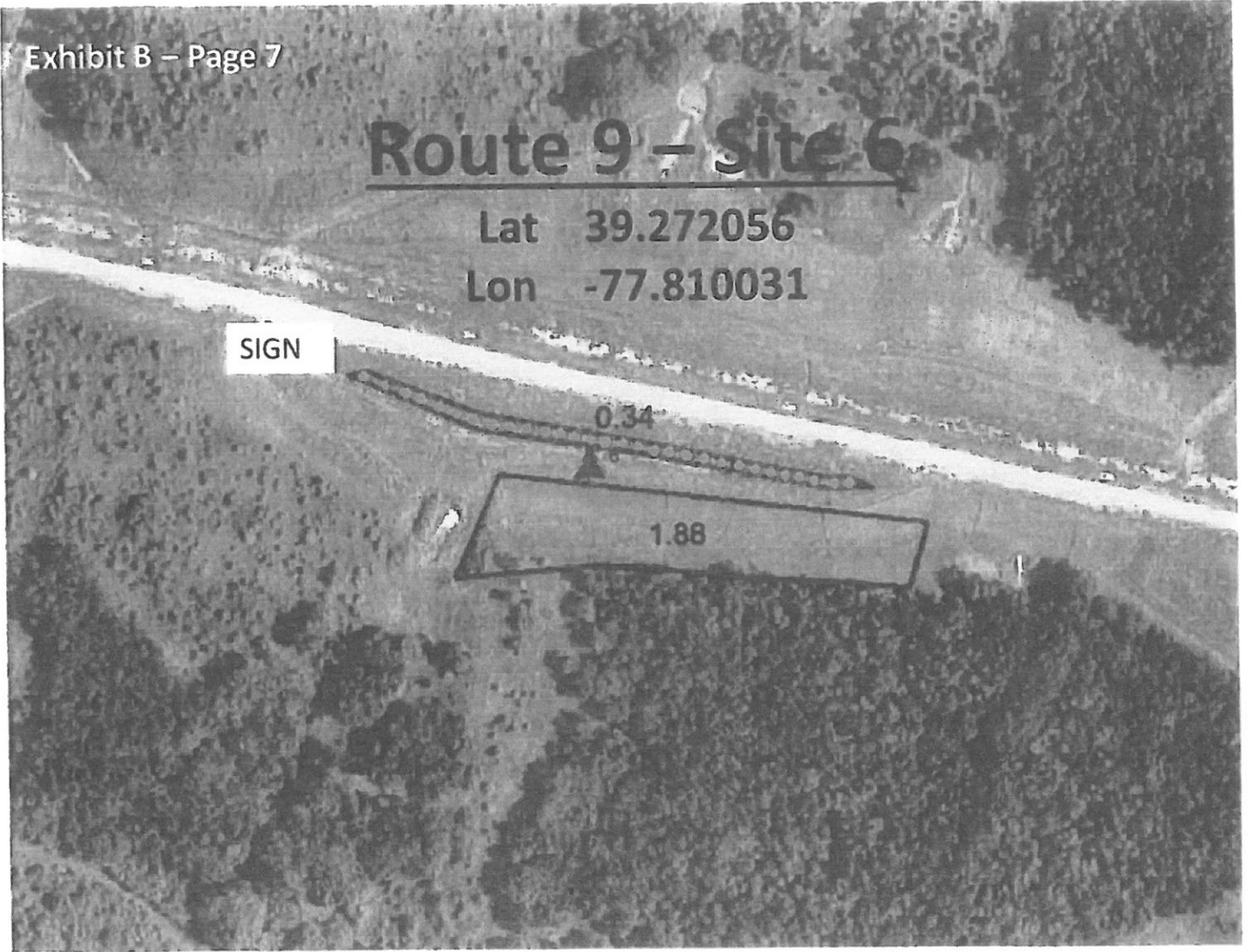


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Route 9 – Site 6

30 trees

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● 30 5-7 gallon container
Flowering trees

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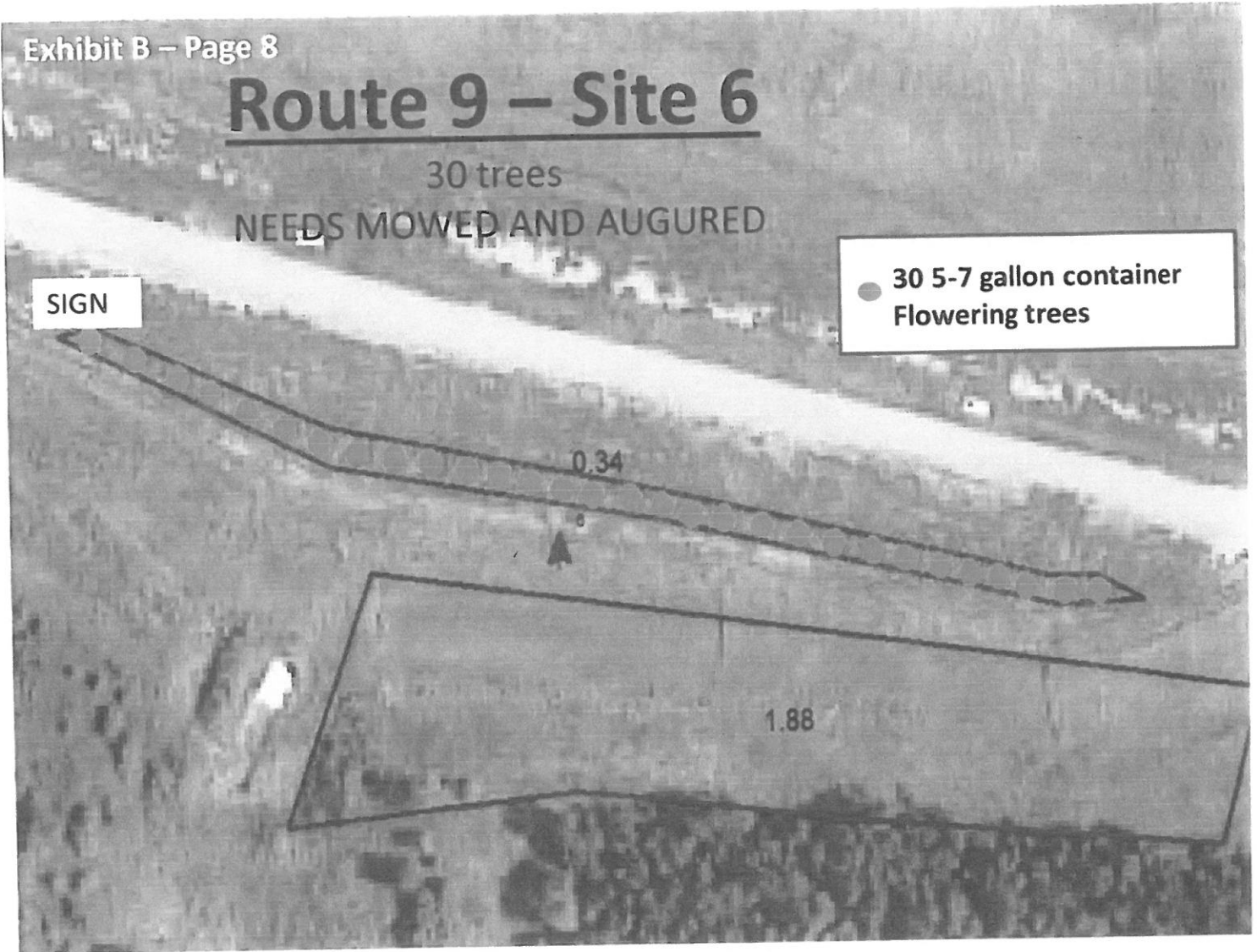




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- (28) 5-7 gallon container shade trees
- (12) 3-5 gallon container shade trees

Route 9 – Site 9

40 trees

NEEDS MOWED AND AUGURED

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Route 9 – Site 10

Lat 39.394564

Lon -77.916444

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Exhibit B – Page 12

Route 9 – Site 10

24 trees

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- (8) 5-7 gallon container shade trees
- (16) 3-5 gallon container shade trees

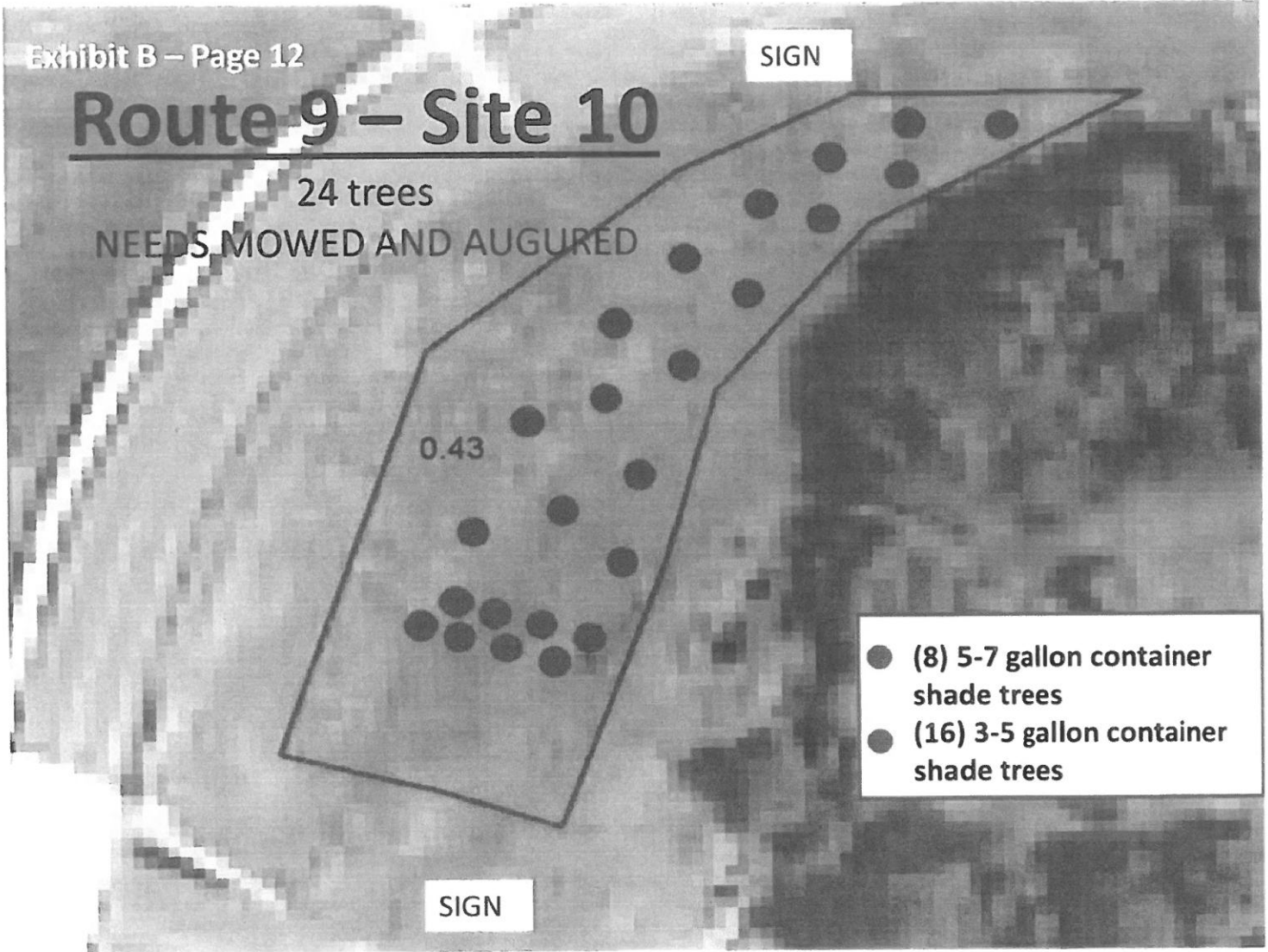


EXHIBIT A
FOR140050 PRICING SHEET
TREE PLANTING

FOR140050 Exhibit A

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL LUMP SUM AMOUNT
1	LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED TO PLANT TREES ALONG WV DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS RIGHT OF WAYS LOCATED IN JEFFERSON AND BERKELEY COUNTIES	39,660 ⁰⁰
2	LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED TO PLANT TREES ALONG WV DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS RIGHT OF WAYS LOCATED ON CORRIDOR H IN HARDY AND GRANT COUNTIES.	42,660 ⁰⁰
	TOTAL	82,320 ⁰⁰

Please note: These are only estimated quantities and do not reflect any guarantee of purchase. The Agency may purchase more or less as needed.

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Bid Bond

Bond # 031842

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we **Astech Corporation**
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Contractor)

3400 Falcon Drive
Charleston, WV 25311

as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and **American Southern Insurance Company**
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Surety)

7512 Slate Ridge Blvd.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of **Kansas**
as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **State of W.V. Purchasing Div.**
on Behalf of Div. of Forestry
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Owner)

2019 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305

as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of **Five Percent of Amount Bid Not to Exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred and No/100**

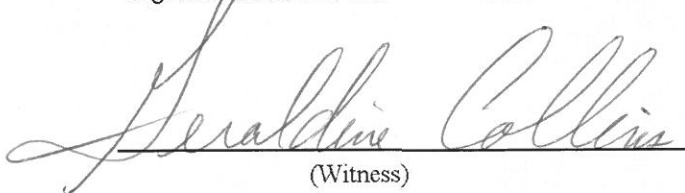
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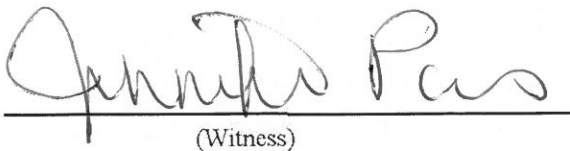
for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for **Tree Planting**
(Here insert full name, address and description of project)

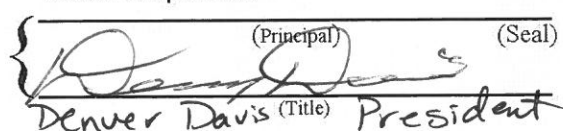
NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this **16th** day of **January** **2014**

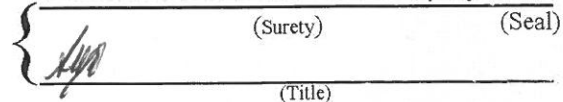

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Astech Corporation


(Principal) (Seal)
Denver Davis (Title) President

American Southern Insurance Company


(Surety) (Seal)
(Title)

Andrew C. Heaner, Attorney-in-Fact

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Atlanta, Georgia 30327

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Atlanta, GA 31139-0030

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, that the American Southern Insurance Company had made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint Stefan E. Tauger of Parker, Colorado; Brian A. O'Neal of Parker, Colorado; Scott E. Stoltzner of Hoover, Alabama; Arthur S. Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia; Andrew C. Heaner of Atlanta, Georgia; Richard L. Shanahan of Atlanta, Georgia; Jeffery L. Booth of Parma, Ohio; James E. Feldner of West Lake, Ohio; Stephen E. Lallier of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Patricia E. Martin of Lutz, Florida; Garry W. Black of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Martha G. Ross of Charlotte, North Carolina; Dale E. Clark of Charlotte, North Carolina; David R. Brett of Columbia, South Carolina; Melanie J. Stokes of Atlanta, Georgia; Jason S. Centrella of Jacksonville, Florida; Brian Clark of Matthews, North Carolina; Michael K. Thompson of Atlanta, Georgia; Kelley E.M. Nys of Decatur, Georgia; or Diane L. McLain of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, EACH as its true and lawful attorney for it and its name, place and stead to execute on behalf of the said company, as surety, bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to all obligees provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount of the sum of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars), including but not limited to consents of surety for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on construction contracts or similar authority requested by the Department of Transportation, State of Florida; and the execution of such undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of the presents, shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Company in their own proper persons.

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted pursuant to due authorization by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Southern Insurance Company on the 26th day of May, 1998:

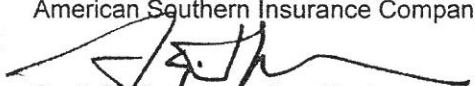
RESOLVED, that the Chairman, President or any Vice President of the Company be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the American Southern Insurance Company bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future, with respect to any bond undertaking or contract of suretyship to which it is attached.

In Witness Whereof, the American Southern Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereto affixed, and these presents to be signed by its President and attested by its Secretary this 20th day of March, 2013.

Attest:

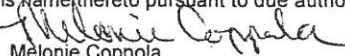
Gail A. Lee, Secretary

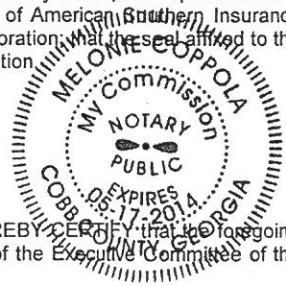
American Southern Insurance Company
By: 
Scott G. Thompson, President

STATE OF GEORGIA
SS:
COUNTY OF FULTON

On this 20th day of March, 2013, before me personally came Scott G. Thompson to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in Atlanta, in the County of Fulton, State of Georgia, at 421 Hollydale Court; that he is the President of American Southern Insurance Company, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to due authorization.

STATE OF GEORGIA
SS:
COUNTY OF FULTON

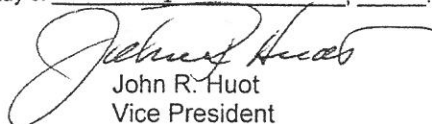

Melonie Coppola
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Qualified in Cobb County
Commission Expires May 17, 2014



I, the undersigned, a Vice President of American Southern Insurance Company, a Kansas Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and, furthermore, that the Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Atlanta, Dated the 16th day of January, 2014

Power No. **031842**


John R. Huot
Vice President

American Southern Insurance Company
NAIC Company Code 10235
NAIC Group Code 587

Statutory Financial Statement

As of December 31, 2012

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Bonds	\$65,341,592	Reserve for Losses and Loss Expense	\$34,112,144
Stocks	22,258,857	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	18,073,122
Cash and Short-Term Investments	2,368,726	Reserve for Expenses, Taxes, Licenses and Fees	3,351,718
Agents Balances	3,288,723	Payable to Parents, Subsidiaries and Affiliates	273,203
Other Assets	2,507,066	Other Liabilities	3,007,290
		Total Liabilities	58,817,477
		POLICYHOLDERS' SURPLUS	
		Capital Stock	3,000,000
		Surplus	33,947,487
		Total Policyholders' Surplus	36,947,487
Total Assets	\$95,764,964	Total Liabilities and Policyholders' Surplus	\$95,764,964


Bonds and stocks are valued in accordance with the basis adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

CERTIFICATE

The officers of this reporting entity being duly sworn, each depose and say that they are the described officers of said reporting entity, and that on the reporting period stated above, all of the herein described assets were the absolute property of the said reporting entity, free and clear from any liens or claims thereon, except as herein stated, and that this statement, together with related exhibits, schedules and explanations therein contained, annexed or referred to, is a full and true statement of all the assets and liabilities and of the condition and affairs of the said reporting entity as of the reporting period stated above, and of its income and deductions therefrom for the period ended, and have been completed in accordance with the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions and Accounting Practices and Procedures manual except to the extent that: (1) state law may differ; or, (2) that state rules or regulations require differences in reporting not related to accounting practices and procedures, according to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, respectively.



 President

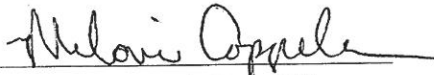


 Chief Financial Officer

State of Georgia
 County of Fulton

On the 1st day of March 2013, before me came the above named officers of the American Southern Insurance Company to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described herein, and acknowledge that they executed the foregoing instrument and affixed the seal of said company thereto by authority of their office.





 Melonie Coppola, Notary Public
 My Commission Expires, May 17, 2014



State of West Virginia
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CONFORMANCE AFFIDAVIT
West Virginia Code §21-1D-5

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF KANAWHA, TO-WIT:

I, DENVER DAVIS, after being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am an employee of ASTECH CORPORATION, INC.; and,
(Company Name)
- 2. I do hereby attest that ASTECH CORPORATION, INC.
(Company Name)

maintains a valid written drug free workplace policy and that such policy is in compliance with **West Virginia Code** §21-1D-5.

The above statements are sworn to under the penalty of perjury.

ASTECH CORPORATION, INC.
(Company Name)

By: *Denver Davis*
DENVER DAVIS
Title: PRESIDENT

Date: 1-15-14

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of January 2014

By Commission expires 02-16-2014

(Seal) OFFICIAL SEAL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
GERALDINE COLLINS
3950 Indian Creek Road
Elkview, WV 25071
My Commission Expires Feb. 16, 2014

Geraldine Collins
(Notary Public)

THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH WV CODE PROVISIONS. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE AFFIDAVIT WITH THE BID SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BID.

VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Certification and application* is hereby made for Preference in accordance with **West Virginia Code**, §5A-3-37. (Does not apply to construction contracts). **West Virginia Code**, §5A-3-37, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the **West Virginia Code**. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Resident Vendor Preference, if applicable.

- 1. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
 Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
- 2. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,
- 3. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,
- 4. **Application is made for 5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; **or**,
- 5. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; **or**,
- 6. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.
- 7. **Application is made for preference as a non-resident small, women- and minority-owned business, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-59 and West Virginia Code of State Rules.**
 Bidder has been or expects to be approved prior to contract award by the Purchasing Division as a certified small, women- and minority-owned business.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) reject the bid; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.

Bidder: Astach Corp
Date: JAN 15-2014

Signed: [Signature]
Title: President

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division

PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

MANDATE: Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

DEFINITIONS:

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Employer default" means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

"Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceeds five percent of the total contract amount.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code §61-5-3) that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

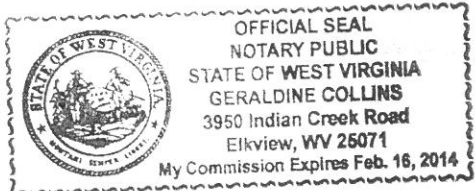
Vendor's Name: AStock Corp
Authorized Signature: [Signature] Date: JAN 15 - 2014

State of West Virginia
County of Kanawha, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 15th day of January, 2014.
My Commission expires February 16, 2014.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC Geraldine Collins
Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 07/01/2012)



CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE PAGE

By signing below, I certify that I have reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety, understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that I am submitting this bid or proposal for review and consideration; that I am authorized by the bidder to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on bidder's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the bidder in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the bidder has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

Astech Corp
(Company)

[Signature]
(Authorized Signature)

Denver Davis President
(Representative Name, Title)

304-342-0545 342-3972
(Phone Number) (Fax Number)

JAN 15 - 2014
(Date)

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: FOR140050

Instructions: Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

Acknowledgment: I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specification, etc.

Addendum Numbers Received:

(Check the box next to each addendum received)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 6 |
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I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any state personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

A. Stech CORP
Company

[Signature]
Authorized Signature

JAN 15 - 2014
Date

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
Revised 6/8/2012