



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

Solicitation

NUMBER
6612C026

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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO ATTENTION OF:
ALAN CUMMINGS B04-558-2402

VENDOR	RFQ COPY
	TYPE NAME/ADDRESS HERE
	Asplundh Tree Expert Co. (Highway Div.)
	708 Blair Mill Road Willow Grove, PA 19090

SHIP TO	DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
	VARIOUS LOCALES AS INDICATED BY ORDER

DATE PRINTED
07/06/2012

BID OPENING DATE: 08/01/2012 BID OPENING TIME 1:30PM

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TRIMMING						
OPEN-END CONTRACT						
<p>THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PURCHASING DIVISION FOR THE AGENCY, THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, IS SOLICITING BIDS TO PROVIDE THE AGENCY WITH AN OPEN-END CONTRACT FOR LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR TRIMMING THE SIDES AND TOPS OF TREES OVERHANGING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND BRUSH ENCROACHING ALONG THE ROADSIDE AND OR SHOULDERS FOR ALL TEN DISTRICTS PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.</p>						
***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ 6612C026 ***** TOTAL:						

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SIGNATURE <i>Sam Payne</i>	TELEPHONE 215 784 4285	DATE 8/7/12
TITLE Vice President	FAX 23-1277550	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: 07/30/2012

Submit Questions to: Alan Cummings
2019 Washington Street, East
P.O. Box 50130
Charleston, WV 25305
Fax: 304-558-3970
Email: Alan.W.Cummings@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
P.O. Box 50130,
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: Alan Cummings

SOLICITATION NO.: 6612C026

BID OPENING DATE: 8/8/12

BID OPENING TIME: 1:30 P.M.

FAX NUMBER: 215 784 1366

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 _____ 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: 08/01/2012 - 1:30 P.M.

Bid Opening Location: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
 2019 Washington Street East
 P.O. Box 50130,
 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
award
and extends for a period of 1 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 2 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.

- Fixed Period Contract:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within days.
- One Time Purchase:** The term of this Contract shall run for one year from the date the Purchase Order is issued or from the date the Purchase Order is issued until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, whichever is shorter.
- 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 a 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:

| **Commercial General Liability Insurance:**
\$250,000.00 or more.

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

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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.

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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, WOMAN-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, woman-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. **HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM:** The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, is available online at <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.html> and is hereby made part of the agreement provided that the Agency meets the definition of a Covered entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the Vendor.
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 may 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.

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Construction Contracts Only)

1. **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE:** West Virginia Code § 21-11-2 requires that all persons desiring to perform contracting work in this state be licensed. The West Virginia Contractors Licensing Board is empowered to issue the contractor's license. Applications for a contractor's license may be made by contacting the West Virginia Division of Labor.

West Virginia Code § 21-11-11 requires any prospective Vendor to include the contractor's license number on its bid. Failure to include a contractor's license number on the bid shall result in Vendor's bid being disqualified. Vendors should include a contractor's license number in the space provided below.

Contractor's Name: Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Highway Div.

Contractor's License No. WV004458

The apparent successful Vendor must furnish a copy of its contractor's license prior to the issuance of a purchase order/contract.

2. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** W. Va. Code § 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement contract requires each Vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit that the Vendor has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy. To comply with this law, Vendor must either complete the enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit and submit the same with its bid or complete a similar affidavit that fulfills all of the requirements of the applicable code. Failure to submit the signed and notarized drug-free workplace affidavit, or a similar affidavit that fully complies with the requirements of the applicable code, with the bid shall result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.
3. **AIA DOCUMENTS:** All construction contracts will be governed by the AIA A101-2007 and A201-2007 documents, as amended by the Supplementary Conditions for the State of West Virginia, in addition to the terms and conditions contained herein.
4. **SUBCONTRACTOR LIST SUBMISSION:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-22-1, The apparent low bidder on a contract for the construction, alteration, decoration, painting or improvement of a new or existing building or structure valued at more than \$500,000.00 shall submit a list of all subcontractors who will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work on the project including labor and materials. This provision shall not apply to any other construction projects, such as highway, mine reclamation, water or sewer projects.

c. **Required Information.** The subcontractor list shall contain the following information:

- i. Bidder's name
- ii. Name of each subcontractor

- iii. License numbers as required by W. Va. Code § 21-11-1 et. seq.
 - iv. Notation that no subcontractors will be used if the bidder will perform the work.
- d. **Submission.** The completed subcontractor list shall be provided to the Purchasing Division within one business day of the opening of bids for review. Failure to submit the subcontractor list within one business day after the deadline for submitting bids shall result in disqualification of the bid.
- e. **Substitution of Subcontractor.** Written approval must be obtained from the Purchasing Division before any subcontractor substitution is permitted. Substitutions are not permitted unless:
- i. The subcontractor listed in the original bid has filed for bankruptcy;
 - ii. The subcontractor in the original bid has been debarred or suspended; or
 - iii. The contractor certifies in writing that the subcontractor listed in the original bill fails, is unable, or refuses to perform his subcontract.
5. **GREEN BUILDINGS MINIMUM ENERGY STANDARDS:** In accordance with § 22-29-4, all new building construction projects of public agencies that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, or any building construction project receiving state grant funds and appropriations, including public schools, that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, shall be designed and constructed complying with the ICC International Energy Conservation Code, adopted by the State Fire Commission, and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007: *Provided*, That if any construction project has a commitment of federal funds to pay for a portion of such project, this provision shall only apply to the extent such standards are consistent with the federal standards.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Architectural and Engineering Contracts Only)

1. **PLAN AND DRAWING DISTRIBUTION:** All plans and drawings must be completed and available for distribution at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid meeting for the construction or other work related to the plans and drawings.
2. **PROJECT ADDENDA REQUIREMENTS:** The Architect/Engineer and/or Agency shall be required to abide by the following schedule in issuing construction project addenda:
 - a. The Architect/Engineer shall prepare any addendum materials for which it is responsible, and a list of all vendors that have obtained drawings and specifications for the project. The Architect/Engineer shall then send a copy of the addendum materials and the list of vendors to the State Agency for which the contract is issued to allow the Agency to make any necessary modifications. The addendum and list shall then be forwarded to the Purchasing Division buyer by the Agency. The Purchasing Division buyer shall send the addendum to all interested vendors and, if necessary, extend the bid opening date. Any addendum should be received by the Purchasing Division at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.
3. **PRE-BID MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Architect/Engineer shall be available to attend any pre-bid meeting for the construction or other work resulting from the plans, drawings, or specifications prepared by the Architect/Engineer.
4. **AIA DOCUMENTS:** Contracts for architectural and engineering services will be governed by the AIA document B101-2007, as amended by the Supplementary Conditions for the State of West Virginia, in addition to the terms and conditions contained herein when procured under Chapter 5G of the West Virginia Code.
5. **GREEN BUILDINGS MINIMUM ENERGY STANDARDS:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § 22-29-4, all new building construction projects of public agencies that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, or any building construction project receiving state grant funds and appropriations, including public schools, that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, shall be designed and constructed complying with the ICC International Energy Conservation Code, adopted by the State Fire Commission, and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007: *Provided*, That if any construction project has a commitment of federal funds to pay for a portion of such project, this provision shall only apply to the extent such standards are consistent with the federal standards.

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.

Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Highway Div.

(Company)

Tom Prager, V. Pres.

(Representative Name, Title)

(215) 784-4285; FAX: 215 784 1366

(Contact Phone/Fax Number)

8/7/12

(Date)

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: 6612C026

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)

- Addendum No. 1 Addendum No. 6
- Addendum No. 2 Addendum No. 7
- Addendum No. 3 Addendum No. 8
- Addendum No. 4 Addendum No. 9
- Addendum No. 5 Addendum No. 10

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.

Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Highway Div.

Company:

Authorized Signature

8/7/12

Date

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

1. SPECIFICATIONS

The following sections of the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways Standard Specifications Roads and Bridges, adopted 2010, as modified by the January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 Supplemental Specifications shall apply to the administration contract: 101, 102.4, 102.5, 105.1, 105.3, 105.4, 105.10, 105.11, 105.12, 105.13, 106.3, 106.4, 106.5, 106.6, 106.7, 106.9, 107.1, 107.2, 107.3, 107.14, 107.19, 107.20, 108.8, 109.1, 109.2 and 109.20.

The terms "Contractor" and "Vendor" used in the above specifications and this Contract are interchangeable. Contractor shall mean Vendor and Vendor shall mean Contractor.

West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways' Standard Specifications Roads and Bridges, adopted 2010, and the January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 Supplemental Specifications may be obtained from:

West Virginia Division of Highways
Contract Administration
Building 5, Room 722
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
(Phone) 304-558-2885

<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/highways/contractadmin/specifications/2010StandSpec/Pages/default.aspx>

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Work to be done consists of trimming the sides and tops of trees overhanging the right-of-way and brush encroaching along the roadside and or shoulders. The work may include proper disposal of the resulting debris. Determination of location of the work will be provided to the awarded vendor on the Agency Release.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SHEARING AND TRIMMING

Items 1 and 2 on the Bid Schedule:

Equipment shall be capable of saw cutting trees and brush vertically from ground level to a minimum of 25' above ground and have a horizontal reach of at least 10' beyond the edge of the tire. The ability to work over a 36" vertical obstruction such as a guardrail is required.

Equipment shall be capable of making smooth saw cut on trees and limbs of at least 10" in diameter.

Sufficient labor and equipment shall be provided to adequately dispose of the debris in a timely manner for Item 1 on the Bid Schedule. All disposals shall be done in accordance with State, Federal and local environmental and waste disposal laws and regulations. Reference: www.epa.gov.

4. DESCRIPTION OF HIGH REACH TRIMMER

Items 4 and 5 on the Bid Schedule:

Work shall consist of saw cutting trees and brush from ground level to a minimum of 70' above ground. All cuts shall be smooth saw cuts. The maximum diameter of tree or limb to be cut shall not be greater than 10".

Sufficient labor and equipment shall be provided to adequately dispose of the debris in a timely manner for Item 4 on the bid Schedule. All disposals shall be done in accordance with State, Federal and local environmental and waste disposal laws and regulations. Reference: www.epa.gov.

5. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The equipment and personnel used to perform the work shall conform to meet the standard as required by OSHA 29 C.F.R. Parts 1910.269 and 1910.333 Job Skills required by OSHA 1910.269 are listed in annex B of ANSI-Z133.1, 1994. Reference: www.osha.gov.

The boom supporting the saw blade shall have a fiberglass isolator that meets OSHA requirements for insulation; tested to 100,000 volts. A copy of the certification shall be made available on request. Reference: www.osha.gov.

No equipment shall be operated that damages the pavement and may only cause nominal rutting to turf areas.

All work shall be accomplished within the Division of Highways' Right-of-Way.

The Division of Highways shall perform all maintenance of traffic.

6. MEASUREMENT

Items 1, 2, 4 and 5 on the Bid Schedule:

The Unit of Measure shall be per shoulder mile. A shoulder mile is defined as one mile measured on the right hand side or travel direction of the roadway. The Division of Highways shall mark the beginning and ending points of work for each site. Payment to the awarded vendor shall be per shoulder mile or portion there-of for actual work performed.

Vendors are strongly cautioned that the estimated number of shoulder miles on the bid schedule are approximations only and are only used in the bid evaluation process. Actual shoulder miles will be requested on an Agency Release at the time of need.

7. MOBILIZATION

Mobilization shall include all equipment, labor and materials necessary to perform the work in a satisfactory and efficient manner including right-of-way trimmer, high reach trimmer, debris cleanup equipment and service vehicles, if needed.

Mobilization is into the jobsite of a given district to begin operations. This shall be a one time, one way mobilization that will be paid per job. Mobilization from one district to another district may be paid per each or per miles at the Division of Highways' discretion.

Mobilization per site will be to move from one area of operations to the next. This will be paid on a per mile basis measured from the end of work at one site to the beginning of work at the next site within a district or a different district. Mobilization from one district to another district may be paid per each or per miles at the Division of Highways' discretion.

8. PRODUCTION DELAYS

Items 3 and 6 on the Bid Schedule:

Full compensation will be made to the vendor for delays in production of greater than 15 minutes when the Division of Highways stops the vendor from working in order to re-establish traffic control, clear debris from the roadway or similar events not caused by the vendor.

9. AWARD

Vendors may bid on any or all items on the Bid Schedule. Qualified vendors who submit a valid low bid will be awarded a contract for those items for which their bid is lowest per district. The State of West Virginia reserves the right to make multiple awards on this contract when it is in the best interest of the State.

Vendors are strongly cautioned that the estimated number of shoulder miles on the bid schedule are approximations only and are only used in the bid evaluation process. Actual shoulder miles will be requested on an Agency Release at the time of need.

10. HOURS OF WORK

Daylight and traffic conditions permitting, work days shall be five (5) days a week with ten (10) hours per day. The vendor shall begin work within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the Agency Release.

The vendor and the Division of Highways shall agree at the end of each day of the amount of work performed and each shall sign a document attesting to the amount. A copy of this document shall be provided with the invoice. Work to be invoiced monthly in arrears.

11. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

All work shall be done with minimal damage to trees and brush that are intended to remain.

All disposal of debris shall be done in accordance with state, federal and local environmental and waste disposal laws and regulations. Reference: www.epa.gov.

12. LIABILITY INSURANCE

The awarded vendor(s) shall maintain coverage of liability insurance for loss, damage or injury (including death) of third parties arising from acts and omission on the part of the vendor, its agents or employees. For bodily injury (including death), the vendor shall provide \$500,000 per person up to one million dollars per occurrence. For property damage, the vendor shall provide up to \$250,000 per occurrence.

Proof of insurance must be provided by the awarded vendor prior to award of the contract.

13. WORKER'S COMPENSATION

The awarded vendor is required to provide a certificate from Worker's Compensation.

14. PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE

The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a VISA Purchasing Card Program which is issued through a bank. The successful vendors must accept the State of West Virginia VISA Purchasing Card for payment of all orders placed by any State agency as a condition of award.

District 1 - Boone County, Clay County, Kanawha County, Mason County and Putnam County

Tree and Brush Shearing

			Estimated Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
Item 1	a.	Shearing and Trimming including debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	8	4,020.50	32,164.00
	b.	Mobilization cost per each	1	2,814.45	2,814.45
	c.	Site Mobilization cost per shoulder mile	8	201.00	1,608.00
Item 2	a.	Shearing and Trimming WITHOUT debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	8	1,439.70	11,517.60
	b.	Mobilization cost per each	1	1,407.00	1,407.00
	c.	Site Mobilization cost per shoulder mile	8	102.83	822.64
Item 3		Production delay for Shearing and Trimming, cost per quarter hour (15 minutes)	X	201.00	201.00
Item 4	a.	High Reach Trimmer including debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	8	13,134.75	105,078.00
	b.	Mobilization cost per each	1	2,814.45	2,814.45
	c.	Site Mobilization cost per shoulder mile	8	201.00	1,608.00
Item 5	a.	High Reach Trimmer WITHOUT debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	8	2,620.00	20,960.00
	b.	Mobilization cost per each	1	1,407.00	1,407.00
	c.	Site Mobilization cost per shoulder mile	8	102.83	822.64
Item 6		Production delay for High Reach Trimmer, cost per quarter hour (15 minutes)	X	201.00	201.00

NOTE: Vendors are strongly cautioned that the quantities listed on the bid schedule are estimates. When delivery is needed, the actual quantity, more or less, will be specified on the Agency Release.

The "Bid Schedule" is available for download on Purchasing's Web site at www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase

District 2 - Cabell County, Lincoln County, Logan County, Mingo County and Wayne County

Tree and Brush Shearing

			Estimated Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
Item 1	a.	Shearing and Trimming including debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	5	4,020.50	32,164.00
	b.	Mobilization cost per each	1	2,814.45	2,814.45
	c.	Site Mobilization cost per shoulder mile	5	201.00	1,608.00
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District 3 - Calhoun County, Jackson County, Pleasants County,
Ritchie County, Roane County, Wood County and Wirt County

Tree and Brush Shearing

			Estimated Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
Item 1	a.	Shearing and Trimming including debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	10	4,020.50	32,164.00
	b.	Mobilization cost per each	1	2,814.45	2,814.45
	c.	Site Mobilization cost per shoulder mile	10	201.00	1,608.00
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Item 6		Production delay for High Reach Trimmer, cost per quarter hour (15 minutes)	X	201.00	201.00

NOTE: Vendors are strongly cautioned that the quantities listed on the bid schedule are estimates. When delivery is needed, the actual quantity, more or less, will be specified on the Agency Release.

District 4 - Doddridge County, Harrison County, Marion County,
Monongalia County, Preston County and Taylor County

Tree and Brush Shearing

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Item 1	a.	Shearing and Trimming including debris cleanup, cost per shoulder mile	10	4,020.50	32,164.00
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District 5 - Berkeley County, Grant County, Hampshire County, Hardy County, Jefferson County, Mineral County and Morgan County

Tree and Brush Shearing

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Tree and Brush Shearing

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Randolph County and Tucker County

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Raleigh County and Wyoming County

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 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

Solicitation

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6612C026

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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO ATTENTION OF:
ALAN CUMMINGS 304-558-2402

VENDOR

RFQ COPY
 TYPE NAME/ADDRESS HERE
 Asplundh Tree Expert Co. (Highway Div.)
 708 Blair Mill Road
 Willow Grove, PA 19090

SHIP TO

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 VARIOUS LOCALES AS INDICATED
 BY ORDER

DATE PRINTED
07/31/2012

BID OPENING DATE: 08/08/2012 BID OPENING TIME 1:30PM

LINE	QUANTITY	UOP	CAT NO.	ITEM NUMBER	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
				ADDENDUM NO. 1		
				ISSUED TO ADDRESS VENDOR QUESTIONS AND CHANGE		
				BID OPENING DATE AND TIME PER THE ATTACHED.		
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				TRIMMING		
***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ 6612C026 ***** TOTAL:						

SIGNATURE 	TELEPHONE 215 784 4285	DATE 8/7/12
TITLE Vice President	FEIN 23-1277550	ADDRESS CHANGES TO BE NOTED ABOVE

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

SOLICITATION NUMBER: 6612C026
Addendum Number: Addendum No. 1

The purpose of this addendum is to modify the solicitation identified as 6612C026 ("Solicitation") to reflect the change(s) identified and described below.

Applicable Addendum Category:

- Modify bid opening date and time
- Modify specifications of product or service being sought
- Attachment of vendor questions and responses
- Attachment of pre-bid sign-in sheet
- Correction of error
- Other

Description of Modification to Solicitation: Issued to address vendor questions (see attachment A) and to change bid opening date and time.

From: 08/01/2012 – 1:30 P.M.

To: 08/08/2012 – 1:30 P.M.

Additional Documentation: Documentation related to this Addendum (if any) has been included herewith as Attachment A and is specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Terms and Conditions:

1. All provisions of the Solicitation and other addenda not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued for this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment, 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.

ATTACHMENT A

Tree and Brush Shearing Addendum #1 6612C026

To answer questions posed by vendor:

Question #1: What number of crew members are you looking for? I know in most contracts they generally want a 5 man crew just wanted to confirm this is what you are indeed looking for also.

Response #1: Per Section 11 of the contract specifications, as long as the vendor abides by all state, federal and local environmental laws and regulations, the Division of Highways does not dictate the number of men on a crew, only that the work that is requested shall be completed in a timely fashion according to the directions stated on the Agency Release at the time of need.

Question #2: Are you going to want separate crews for each item or are you anticipating that this will be one crew to handle all of it in all the areas? As long as they have the equipment needed to accomplish the assignment?

Response #2: Per Section 6 and Section 9 of the contract specifications, "Vendors are strongly cautioned that the estimated number of shoulder miles on the bid schedule are approximations only and are only used in the bid evaluation process. Actual shoulder miles will be requested on an Agency Release at the time of need." The estimated number of miles per District on the bid schedules are in no way indicating scheduled assignments in a District.
There are four possible award items, Item 1, 2, 4 and 5. Per Section 9 of the contract specifications, "Qualified vendors who submit a valid low bid will be awarded a contract for those items for which their bid is lowest per district. The State of West Virginia reserves the right to make multiple awards on this contract when it is in the best interest of the State."

Current Bid Opening Date: August 1, 2012 at 1:30 pm

Changed Bid Opening Date: August 8, 2012 at 1:30 pm

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: 6612C026

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 10 |

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that 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.

Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Highway Div.

Company

 Authorized Signature

8/7/12

Date

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

ASPLUNDH
HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY TRIMMER AND CLEAN-UP CREW



ASPLUNDH'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TRIMMER AT WORK!

(July 10, 2002 – Route 1, Langhorne, PA)



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AND ASK HOW ASPLUNDH CAN HELP WITH THE SOLUTIONS:



ASPLUNDH'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TRIMMER

IMPROVING LINE OF SIGHT

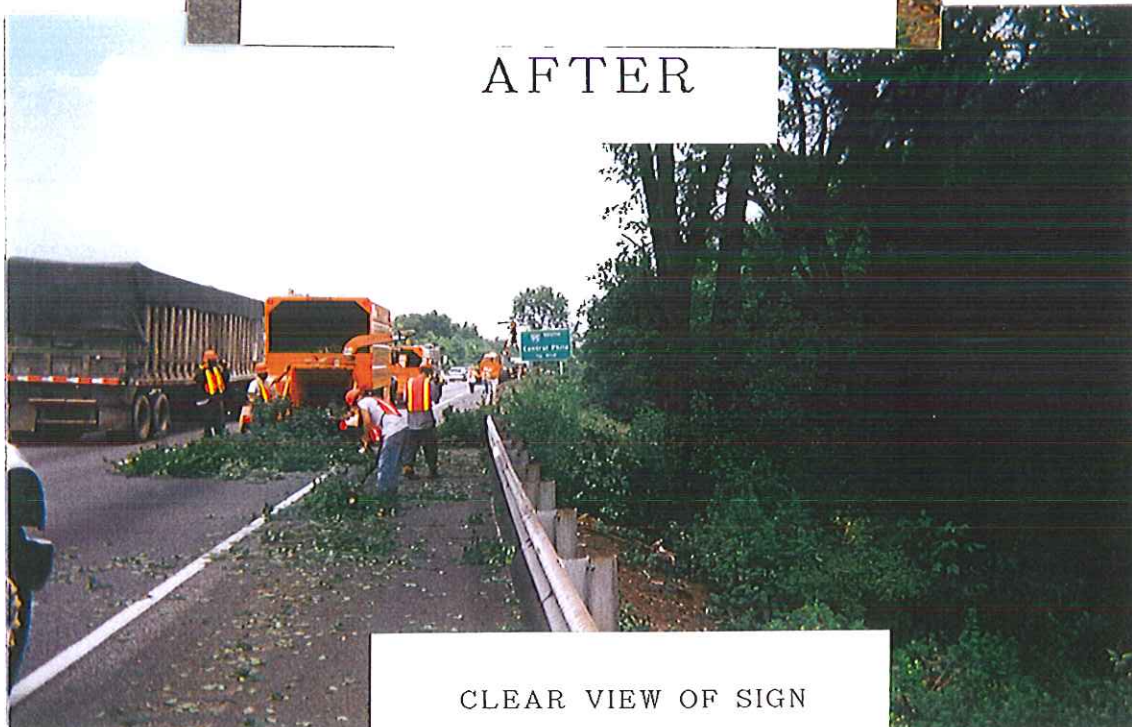
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BEFORE



SIGN OBSTRUCTED BY BRUSH

AFTER



CLEAR VIEW OF SIGN

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 1-800-248-8733, EXT. 4206

Side Trimmers

Telescopic Boom With Rubber Tires



- Telescoping composite boom with 75-foot reach from ground. Insulated and tested to ANSI A92.2-2001, Category C
- Cab equipped with 1-1/4-inch tinted Lexgard top for operator protection
- Powered by a 4.4 liter diesel engine rated at 127 hp
- All wheel drive with logger's tires for severe conditions

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Highway-DOT / Mechanical

Skid-Steer Grapple



- Used to move logs and brush and “wind-row” debris
- Reduces manpower needs
- Safer and more efficient than manual crew

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Split Dumps

30-Yard Split Dump



- 30 cubic yard chip box capacity
- 33,000 lb. GVW rating
- Three-person seating capacity
- Ideal for a dedicated chipping crew following a group of lift crews

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division

PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states: 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 the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

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.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentally established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentally established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "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.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this 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.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (*West Virginia Code §61-5-3*), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE

Vendor's Name: Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Highway Div.

Authorized Signature: *Sean Phayer* Date: 8/7/12

State of PA

County of MONTGOMERY, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 7th day of Aug, 2012.

My Commission expires COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA 20 .

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARIAL SEAL
WILLIAM B. ARTMAN JR., Notary Public
Upper Southampton Twp., Bucks County
My Commission Expires February 17, 2015

NOTARY PUBLIC *William B. Artman Jr.*