



CAPITOL REGION PURCHASING COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR BID #699 GRASS SEED AND FERTILIZER

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Response Deadline: January 30th, 2020 (3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time)

Response Location: crcog.bonfirehub.com

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**GRASS SEED AND FERTILIZER
BID SPECIFICATION**

I. MODIFICATIONS TO GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INTENT

The intent of these specifications is to furnish grass seed, fertilizer and other related products as required by the various towns in the Capitol Region during the contract period commencing February 1st, 2020 and ending January 31st, 2021.

REBATES/DISCOUNT OFFERS

Respondents are asked to specify on the bid information sheet (attached on Bonfire) any and all special discount or rebate offers that shall be made available to the cooperating municipalities. Specific ordering deadlines for these offers, if applicable, should also be clearly noted.

DELIVERIES

Deliveries shall be made to such locations and in such quantities as shall be designated by various town departments. In some cases, limited storage facilities may require deliveries of small lots.

II. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

GRASS SEED

Grass seed is to be labeled in accordance with the Connecticut Seed Law and Regulations (Chapter 424 Section 22-61a of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended).

All seed is to be delivered in suitable bags and must be properly identified as to mixture or blend.

For each variety in a blend or sold separately, backup data must be included for assessing quality. This data should include ratings from independent field-testing services by NTEP, University field trials or some other independent testing laboratory.

Vendors are asked to include data on the other varieties in the same test plots. It is expected that all blends will contain compatible varieties relative to color, climate, soil types and response to cultural inputs.

Bids on each blend of grass seed shall be accompanied by a *bid information sheet (attached) which is properly filled out*. It is understood that the information shown consists of minimum percentages regarding germination and purity, and maximum percentages regarding noxious weed and inert matter.

FERTILIZER

All fertilizers are to be delivered in suitable moisture-proof bags and shall be labeled in accordance with the Connecticut Fertilizer Law (General Statutes, Chapter 427a, as amended). Unless otherwise specified, fertilizers should be furnished in 50 lb. bags.

ORGANICS

All organics shall adhere to OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) standards and be free of sewage sludge and biosolids. All materials shall be from natural sources (plant, animal and rock).

Note: Manufacturer spec sheets shall be furnished upon request to any participating CRPC community.

SAMPLING (for Grass Seed and Fertilizer)

Representative samples to determine chemical guarantees may be taken by an authorized representative of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, Connecticut.

In the event that these samples do not conform to the guarantee, a penalty, in proportion to the discrepancy between guarantee and delivered material, will be applied to the unit price at which the award was made.

MARKING LIME

Marking lime must be bright white only. The lime must not be so fine that it packs and clogs spreaders.

Note: All fertilizers should be in coarse, granular form. Wherever organic nitrogen is requested, it shall be from natural or synthetic sources. Urea is not to be used as an organic source of nitrogen. However, urea may be used along with other inorganic sources of nitrogen, to furnish the balance of nitrogen classed as organic.

RESTRICTED USE PRODUCTS

Vendors shall identify all restricted use pesticides included herein, pursuant to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's most recent list.

LICENSURE

Responding vendors shall include a copy of a current and valid Connecticut Pesticide Dealer's License to sell restricted use pesticides with their bid submission.