

CITY OF DULUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

Existing Conditions Survey for Duluth Lakewalk and Tree Survey for Brighton Beach

RFP NUMBER 20-AA06

ISSUED January 15, 2021

PROPOSALS DUE Friday, February 5, 2021 at 4:30 pm

SUBMIT TO

CITY OF DULUTH
ATTN: PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY HALL, ROOM 120
411 WEST 1ST STREET
DULUTH, MN 55802

PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

I-1. Project Overview. The City of Duluth is looking for a licensed Land Surveyor to provide survey services for the Lakewalk from Corner of the Lake Park to 21st Avenue East, and for a licensed Arborist, Forester, or Landscape Architect to perform a tree survey consistent with the City of Duluth Unified Development Code for Brighton Beach Park. For location reference only, please see to the attached maps. Description of project boundaries is identified in Part IV.

Additional detail is provided in **Part IV** of this RFP.

I-2. Calendar of Events. The City will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

Activity	Date
Deadline to submit Questions via email to purchasing@duluthmn.gov by 4:30 pm on this date.	Fri., Jan. 22, 2021
Answers to questions will be posted to the City website no later than this date.	Wed., Jan 27, 2021
Proposals must be received in the Purchasing Office by 4:30 PM on this date.	Fri. , Feb. 5, 2021

- **I-3. Rejection of Proposals.** The City reserves the right, in its sole and complete discretion, to reject any and all proposals or cancel the request for proposals, at any time prior to the time a contract is fully executed, when it is in its best interests. The City is not liable for any costs the Bidder incurs in preparation and submission of its proposal, in participating in the RFP process or in anticipation of award of the contract.
- **I-4. Pre-proposal Conference.** No pre-proposal conference will be held.
- **I-5. Questions & Answers.** Any questions regarding this RFP must be submitted by e-mail to the Purchasing Office at purchasing@duluthmn.gov **no later than** the date indicated on the Calendar of Events. Answers to the questions will be posted as an Addendum to the RFP.
- **I-6.** Addenda to the RFP. If the City deems it necessary to revise any part of this RFP before the proposal response date, the City will post an addendum to its website http://www.duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bids-request-for-proposals/. Although an e-mail notification will be sent, it is the Bidder's responsibility to periodically check the website for any new information
- **I-7. Proposals.** To be considered, hard copies of proposals must arrive at the City on or before the time and date specified in the RFP Calendar of Events. The City will not accept proposals via email or facsimile transmission. The City reserves the right to reject or to deduct evaluation points for late proposals. **Due to the closure of City Hall**

as a result of the pandemic, proposals cannot be dropped off in the Purchasing office. There is a drop box on the 1st Street side of City Hall with an opening that is 11in x 3in. If your proposal is larger than the opening, you must submit it via a delivery or carrier service such as USPS, FedEx or UPS. It is recommended that you have proposals delivered the day before the deadline to ensure they are delivered on time.

Proposals must be signed by an authorized official. If the official signs the Proposal Cover Sheet attached as Appendix A, this requirement will be met. Proposals must remain valid for 60 days or until a contract is fully executed.

Please submit one (1) paper copy of the Technical Submittal and one (1) paper copy of the Cost Submittal. The Cost Submittal should be in a separate sealed envelope. In addition, Bidders shall submit one copy of the entire proposal (Technical and Cost submittals, along with all requested documents) on flash drive in Microsoft Office-compatible or pdf format.

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of the City and will become public record after the evaluation process is completed and an award decision made.

- **I-8. Small Diverse Business Information.** The City encourages participation by minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses as prime contractors, and encourages all prime contractors to make a significant commitment to use minority, women, veteran-owned and other disadvantaged business entities as subcontractors and suppliers. A list of certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises is maintained by the Minnesota Unified Certification Program at http://mnucp.metc.state.mn.us/.
- **I-9. Term of Contract.** The term of the contract will begin once the contract is fully executed and is anticipated to end by June 1, 2021. If the alternate is awarded, that portion of the work identified in the alternate is anticipated to end by November 1, 2021. The selected Bidder shall not start the performance of any work nor shall the City be liable to pay the selected Bidder for any service or work performed or expenses incurred before the contract is executed.
- **I-10. Payment.** All compensation will be based on percentage of project completed and will not exceed the amount identified in the agreement. Weekly progress reports will be provided to the City and will include tracking of estimated percentage of each task and overall project scope completed to date. Hourly task breakdown by employee is for evaluation purposes only.
- **I-11. Mandatory Disclosures.** By submitting a proposal, each Bidder understands, represents, and acknowledges that:
 - A. Their proposal has been developed by the Bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion with and without agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor

or suppliers of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the Request for Proposals, designed to limit independent bidding or competition, and that the contents of the proposal have not been communicated by the Bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the Bidder.

- B. There is no conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists if a Bidder has any interest that would actually conflict, or has the appearance of conflicting, in any manner or degree with the performance of work on the project. If there are potential conflicts, identify the municipalities, developers, and other public or private entities with whom your company is currently, or have been, employed and which may be affected.
- C. It is not currently under suspension or debarment by the State of Minnesota, any other state or the federal government.
- D. The company is either organized under Minnesota law or has a Certificate of Authority from the Minnesota Secretary of State to do business in Minnesota, in accordance with the requirements in M.S. 303.03.

I-12. Notification of Selection. Bidders whose proposals are not selected will be notified in writing.

PART II - PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposal are to include cover letter, background of the company, resumes, references, along with a work schedule. Proposal to be limited to 12 pages, not including front or back cover pages.

PART III - CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The proposals will be reviewed by City Staff. The intent of the selection process is to review proposals and make an award based upon qualifications as described therein. A 100-point scale will be used to create the final evaluation recommendations. The factors and weighting on which proposals will be judged are:

Qualifications of the Bidder and Personnel	40%
Prior experience with similar work	30%
Work Plan	10%
Cost	20%

PART IV - PROJECT DETAIL

Lakewalk

All work to be performed shall be done from the center line of the North Shore Scenic Railroad to the Ordinary High Water Level of Lake Superior and from where the Lakewalk begins a parallel alignment to the railroad, approximately at 2nd Avenue East

in Corner of the Lake Park, to the point at which the Lakewalk intersects Water Street at approximately 21st Avenue East.

The Base Bid for this project is to perform a full existing conditions survey. Work shall include locating all natural and constructed features including all above ground and buried utilities. Topographic information is to be provided at 1-foot intervals. A tree survey consistent with the City of Duluth Unified Development Code (UDC) shall also be included.

Alternate 1 will be to provide a Property and Boundary survey of the public lands included within these limits. It shall include corners, property lines, easements, and right-of-ways. Costs for title work shall be identified separate from field and office time.

Deliverables - The surveyor shall furnish a certified, signed digital PDF copy of the survey as well as an AutoCAD file by June 1, 2021 for the Base Bid; and November 1, 2021 for Alternate 1, if Alternate 1 is awarded.

Brighton Beach

All work to be performed shall be done from the center line of the under-construction Lakewalk Trail extension to the tree line at the beach of Lake Superior and from where the current Lakewalk pavement ends at the eastern entrance of the park to where Brighton Beach Road turns uphill at the western exit. A topographical survey for Brighton Beach area has been completed and is attached for reference.

Deliverables - The consultant shall furnish a digital point file and an accompanying tree survey memo summarizing the findings of the tree survey in Excel format.

STATE AND FEDERAL PROVISIONS

This project is funded in part by state and/or federal funds. The City of Duluth Supplementary Provisions – State & Federal Funding attached shall apply.

APPENDIX A - PROPOSAL COVER SHEET CITY OF DULUTH RFP# 20-AA06

Bidder Information:		
Bidder Name		
Mailing Address		
Contact Person		
Contact Person's Phone Number		
Contact Person's E-Mail Address		
Federal ID Number		
Authorized Signature		
Title		

City of Duluth Supplementary Provisions – State & Federal Funding 21-A A 06 RFP for Lakewalk & Brighton Surveys

1. <u>Disbursements</u>

- a. No money under this Contract shall be disbursed by the City to any Contractor unless the Contractor is in compliance with the Federal Agency requirements with regard to accounting and fiscal matters to the extent they are applicable.
- b. Unearned payments under this Contract may be suspended or terminated upon the Contractor's refusal to accept any additional conditions that may be imposed by the Federal Agency at any time; or if the grant, if applicable, to the City under which this Contract is made is suspended or terminated.

2. Subcontracting Requirements

- a. The Contractor shall include in any subcontract the clauses set forth in these City of Duluth Supplementary Provisions in their entirety and shall also include a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts which they may enter into, together with a clause requiring this insertion in any further subcontracts that may in turn be made.
- b. The Contractor shall not subcontract any part of the work covered by this Contract or permit subcontracted work to be further subcontracted without the City's prior written approval of the subcontractors. The City will not approve any subcontractor for work covered by this Contract who is at the time ineligible under the provisions of any applicable regulations is sued by a Federal Agency or the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, to receive an award of such subcontract.

3. Breach of Contract.

The City may, subject to the Force Majeure provisions below and in addition to its other rights under the Contract, declare the Contractor in breach of the Contract by written notice thereof to the Contractor, and terminate the Contract in whole or in part, in accordance with Section 4, Termination, for reasons including but not limited to any of the following:

- a. Failure to begin the Work within the time specified in the Contract;
- b. Failure to perform the Work with sufficient labor, equipment, or material to insure the completion of the specified Work in accordance with the Contract terms;
- c. Unsatisfactory performance of the Work;
- d. Failure or refusal to remove material, or remove and replace any Work rejected as defective or unsatisfactory;
- e. Discontinuance of the Work without approval;
- f. Failure to resume the Work, which has been discontinued, within a reasonable time after notice to do so:
- g. Insolvency or bankruptcy;
- h. Failure to protect, to repair, or to make good any damage or injury to property;
- i. Breach of any provision of the Contract;
- j. Misrepresentations made in the Contractor's bid/proposal; or
- k. Failure to comply with applicable industry standards, customs, and practice.

4. Termination

If the Contractor is in breach of the Contract, the City, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the Work. Upon such termination, the City may take over the Work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor and its sureties shall be liable to the City for any additional cost incurred by the City in its completion of the Work and they shall also be liable to the City for liquidated damages for any delay in the completion of the Work as provided below. If the Contractor's right to proceed is terminated, the City may take possession of and utilize in completing the Work such materials, tools, equipment, and plant as may be on the site of the Work and necessary therefore.

City shall have the right to terminate this contract immediately without other cause in the event that all or a portion of the funds that the City intends to use to fund its obligations under the contract have their source with the State or Federal government or any agency thereof and said source reduces or eliminates their obligation to provide some or all of the funds previously committed by it to fund City's payment obligations under the Contract. The City

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agrees that termination hereunder will not relieve the City of its obligation to pay Contractor for Work satisfactorily performed and reasonable costs incurred prior to the effective date.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the City may terminate this Contract at any time upon written notice given by the City (for any reason, including the convenience of the City) to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination of this Contract. The City agrees that termination hereunder will not relieve the City of its obligation to pay Contractor for Work satisfactorily performed and reasonable costs incurred prior to the effective date of the termination provided that Contractor has not committed a breach of this Contract. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent either party from pursuing or collecting any damages to which it may be entitled by law.

5. Force Majeure.

The right of the Contractor to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with liquidated damages for any delays in the completion of the Work due to any acts of the Government, including controls or restrictions upon or requisitioning of materials, equipment, tools, or labor by reason of war, National Defense, or any other national emergency; any acts of the City; causes not reasonably foreseeable by the parties to this Contract at the time of the execution of the Contract which are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of another Contractor in their performance of some other contract with the City, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and weather of unusual severity such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones, and other extreme weather conditions; nor to any delay of any Subcontractor occasioned by any of the causes specified above. The Contractor shall promptly notify the City in writing within ten (10) days of the delay. Upon receipt of such notification, the City shall ascertain the facts and the cause of the delay. If, upon the basis of facts and the terms of the Contract, the delay is properly excusable, the City shall extend the time for completing the Work for a period of time commensurate with the period of excusable delay.

- 6. Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms. Per 2 CFR 200.321, prime contractor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms (collectively referred to as socioeconomic firms) are used when possible. The affirmative steps must include:
 - a. Placing qualified socioeconomic firms on solicitation lists;
 - b. Assuring that socioeconomic firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - c. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by socioeconomic firms;
 - d. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, which encourage participation by socioeconomic firms; and
 - e. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

7. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

Contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Contractor shall ensure that no laborer or mechanic involved in the Work is required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or trans mission of intelligence. In addition, state or local funding sources may impose more strict requirements or higher rates for wages, benefits, and overtime rates. Contractors must review the labor cost bidding data formincluded with the bid package and compensate workers accordingly.

8. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contractor Agreement.

For any contracts involving the "substitution of parties, as signment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work", Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations is sued by the awarding agency.

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9. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations is sued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Contractor agrees to include this provision in any subcontract exceeding \$150,000 that is financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

10. Energy Standards.

Contractor shall comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan is sued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

11. Suspension and Debarment.

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

12. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)

Contractors must certify that that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

13. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. This shall include making maximum use of products containing recovered materials as designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unless (i) the materials cannot be acquired competitively and within the timeframe required by the contract performance schedule; (ii) the materials designated by the EPA do not meet contract performance requirements; or (iii) the materials cannot be acquired for a reasonable price. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program.

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