REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

LAWN CARE – CLAREMONT AND/OR KEENE

River Valley Community College
One College Drive, Claremont, NH 03743 (Main Campus)
438 Washington Street, Keene, NH 03431 (Academic Center)
www.rivervalley.edu

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to provide the River Valley Community College’s Claremont Campus in Claremont and/or Academic Center in Keene weekly LAWN CARE for the mowing seasons in 2013, 2014 & 2015.

VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:
The vendor who is awarded the contract must either be duly registered as a vendor authorized to conduct business in the State of New Hampshire or if not will need to submit a completed Alternate W-9 form (no fee) with the contract and must be willing to comply with all terms and conditions of the State of New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION:
A person or persons conducting business under any name other than his/her own legal name must register with the NH Secretary of State. Businesses are classified as 'Domestic' (in-state) or 'foreign' (out-of-state). See the following website to find out more about the requirements and filing fees for both classifications: http://www.sos.nh.gov/corporate.

CONTRACT TERM:
The term of any resulting contract shall commence on May 1st, of the 2013, 2014, 2015; and end on or before the end of day October 15, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

River Valley Community College shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time by giving the Contractor a thirty (30) day written notice.

PAYMENT AND COMPENSATION:
Payment terms: 100% due within 30 days after satisfactory completion of work invoiced, receipt of the monthly invoice, approval, and acceptance by River Valley Community College.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
Work within this request for proposal (RFP) shall include the following:

- Grass areas around the main academic buildings, out buildings, and other college-owned structures mowed weekly during the growing season to maintain an average height of 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches. Direction of mowing pattern to be altered on a regular basis to avoid worn spots.
- Trimming and edging around all landscaping, flag poles, driveway signs, and other structures, and paved surfaces.
- Clippings to be blown off flat surfaces including drive and walkways; clippings collected and removed/disposed by Contractor.
- Contractor to collect and dispose of clippings to avoid the appearance of clumped dried grass.
- Litter and debris to be removed from lawn prior to mowing and removal of all trash and debris from the property before departure.
- Tree and shrubbery trimming upon request; trimmings collected and removed
- The bidder must be able to respond to requests placed by authorized College contacts within a limited time frame, as needed.
- Consideration given to weather conditions so that lawn and plantings are not damaged.

**SITE VISITATION:**

Bidders are required to participate in a mandatory site visit(s):

- **Thursday, April 11th**, 9 a.m. Claremont – 1 College Drive, Claremont, NH
- **Friday, April 12th**, 9 a.m. Keene – 438 Washington Street, Keene, NH

Bidders are responsible for having ascertained pertinent local conditions, such as equipment, conditions, locations, accessibility, and general character of the site, knowledge of conditions affecting the work. The act of submitting a bid is to be considered as full acknowledgment that the bidder inspected the site and is familiar with the conditions and requirements of these specifications.

Any questions regarding the contents of this request will be discussed at the site visit. If there are any questions, please contact Paul Matteau at 603-542-7744 x5355, pmatteau@ccsnh.edu or Valerie Mahar, 603-542-7744 x5320 vmahar@ccsnh.edu.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

River Valley Community College reserves the right to make a written request for additional information from a Contractor/Vendor to assist in understanding or clarifying a Bid Proposal. The responses are to be provided in writing.

Required Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for material brought on site by the successful bidder must be available on site at all times.

All unused material brought on site by the successful bidder must be removed by the bidder.

All local, state and federal regulations are to be followed. Any fines assessed to River Valley Community College due to the lack of these regulations being followed will be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

If applicable, vendor is responsible for calling Dig Safe System, Inc., a private locating service. A private locating service is needed as with the exception of natural gas, all utilities on the campus of River Valley Community College are privately owned. Any fines, damages, etc. assessed to River Valley Community College due to failure to obtain a Dig Safe permit and to have utilities located by a private company will be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

Shirts are required to be worn at all times on the work site, smoking is allowed only in designated smoking areas, no radios or headsets are allowed, food is available for purchase at vending machines located at the College and parking for vehicles and equipment must be cleared through the Maintenance Department. Use of cell phones and radios are prohibited while vehicles are in motion. Posted speed limits are to be obeyed. Infractions of rules can result in the offender being asked to leave the campus.
The Contractor who is awarded the contract will need to complete a P-37 contract (sample available upon request) and provide the required Corporate Resolution (corporations/LLC) or Partnership Certificate of Authority or Sole Proprietor Certification of Authority, whichever applies, to show the individual signing the contract is authorized to do so. The Contractor will also need to supply a current Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State dated after April 1, 2013.

Workers’ Compensation requirements as outlined in the P37 (15) and as required by NH law must be followed, and includes, in part, providing proof by the Contractor of workers’ compensation insurance coverage for all of its employees on this site. The Contractor awarded the work is also to submit information as required under RSA 21-I:81 B. This law requires, among other things, the Contractor to provide timely information on employee and subcontractor identity, including all CFOs and principals on a log for this purpose, and for the College to potentially post this information on a publicly accessible website. (Note: Any exemptions demonstrated by the Contractor can be noted in the contract at Exhibit C.)

After the Award of Bid, the Contractor shall submit a list of all employees, all subcontractors’ employees, and other related personnel who will be physically required to work at River Valley Community College, providing the following information for each person:

Name
Employer’s Company Name

River Valley Community College reserves the right to request a criminal background check on any employee of Contractor. River Valley Community College also in its discretion may decide that anyone with a criminal history, other than traffic violations that have not been annulled, will not be allowed to work at the project site.

COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws. During the term of any contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination. If the contract is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 (“Equal Employment Opportunity”), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States shall issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor’s books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of a proposed contract.

INSURANCE:

Insurance will be more fully addressed at the time a P37 is submitted after the bidding process. The Contractor awarded the contract will need to furnish an insurance certificate which includes the following:

The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State and River Valley Community College, the following insurance: Comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than $250,000 per claim and $2,000,000 per incident, or the current
statutory cap on the State’s liability, and fire and extended coverage insurance covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 (P-37) of these general provisions, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

This insurance is in addition to the workers’ compensation insurance requirements outlined above in this document. The policies shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire.

The certificates shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellations or modifications of the policy earlier than 10 days after written notice thereof has been received by River Valley Community College. **The certificates are required to name River Valley Community College as additional insured.**

**BOND/SECURITY AND POWER OF ATTORNEY:**

NH RSA 447:16 requires contracts for construction, repair or rebuilding of public buildings or other public works (not including design work) over $35,000 to include a payment bond or other security in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price. Other types of contracts may also have bond/security requirements for payment and/or performance. In such contracts, the bond and power of attorney of the person executing the bond must be included in the contract.

**ADDENDUM:**

In the event it becomes necessary to add to or revise any part of this RFP prior to the scheduled submittal date, River Valley Community College will fax addenda to all who have already submitted bids and post any changes to its website. **Before your submission, always check for any addenda or other materials that may have been issued, which would affect the RFP.**

Any change, correction or deviation to this RFP must be addressed in a written addendum. Verbal changes will not be allowed.

**SUBMISSION OF RFP RESPONSE:**

Bids are due by noon on Friday, April 19, 2013. If any Addenda to the RFP are issued, please acknowledge in the bid. **Responses must include the Project Total. River Valley Community College is a tax exempt organization.**

Bids should be mailed to River Valley Community College, Attention Paul Matteau, Director of Facilities, One College Place, Claremont, NH, 03743; or fax 603-543-1844; or hand carry to River Valley Community College, Attention Paul Matteau, Director of Facilities, One College Place, Claremont, NH, 03743. River Valley Community College is not responsible for proposals not received due to equipment failure, mail delays, etc. If you want to ensure your proposal was received please verify by calling Paul Matteau, 603-542-7744 x5355.

**AWARD, AS APPLICABLE**

The contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder who meets the criteria listed in the Scope of Services on pages 1 and 2 of this RFP.

River Valley Community College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the proposals.

River Valley Community College reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in its best interest.
EXHIBIT A: RVC13-06

LAWN CARE AT RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – CLAREMONT
One College Drive, Claremont, NH

RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ONE COLLEGE DRIVE
CLAREMONT NH 03743
www.rivervalley.edu

BID FORM

Company Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: _______________________________________________________________________

Fax Number: _____________________________________________________________________________

Bid total for weekly lawn and grounds maintenance to include:

- Mowing Grass
- Edging and/or weed-whacking around walkways, flag poles and other structures
- Blowing clear all hard surface areas
- Collecting and removal of all lawn/shrub trimmings

Weekly total during 2013 mowing season $ _____________
Weekly total during 2014 mowing season $ _____________
Weekly total during 2015 mowing season $ _____________

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Printed Name: __________________ ______________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Acknowledging Inclusion of Addendum:

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Printed Name: __________________ ______________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________________________________________________________________________

This bid must be signed by a person authorized to legally bind the bidder.
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Company Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: _______________________________________________________________________

Fax Number: _____________________________________________________________________________

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Weekly total during 2013 mowing season       $ _____________

Weekly total during 2014 mowing season       $ _____________

Weekly total during 2015 mowing season       $ _____________

Signature: _______________________________________________________________________________

Printed Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________

Acknowledging Inclusion of Addendum:

Signature: _______________________________________________________________________________

Printed Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________

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