

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ A.D., 2002 by and between the CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation ("CITY"), and ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY ("CONTRACTOR").

WHEREAS, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) is a public agency; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR and GRU have contracted for the provision of ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE CLEARANCE, TREE-TRIMMING, RIGHTS-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE, WEED CONTROL AND RELATED WORK based on GRU's Bid No. _____ And CONTRACTOR'S Bid Response dated _____, and

WHEREAS, City Purchasing policy 6.3(c) allows the City to contract with providers to other public agencies under the same terms and conditions if the provider is willing to do so; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to provide ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE CLEARANCE, TREE-TRIMMING, RIGHTS-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE, WEED CONTROL AND RELATED WORK to the CITY under the same terms and conditions as it does GRU,

The parties hereto in consideration of the mutual covenants herein recited, do hereby agree as follows:

1. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish the labor, materials, and equipment to perform the contract as provided by the following enumerated Specifications and Documents, which are attached hereto and made part hereof as if contained herein:

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Invitation to Bid dated _____
Instruction to Bidders
General Conditions
Special Provisions
Technical Specifications
Bid Form of ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY
DATED _____

2. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the same services to the CITY as it does to GRU based on GRU's Bid No. _____ CONTRACTORS' Bid Response dated _____ with the following amendments:

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 2.2 The City Representatives are as follows:
Meg Niederhofer (352) 334-2171
Russell Williams (352) 334-2171

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Work week: "The normal work week shall consist of 40 productive hours at the work site between and 1730 hours...." (Sec. Five—Technical Specifications—Page 8)

4.0 MUNICIPAL TREE TRIMMING REQUIREMENTS (Sec. Five—Technical Specifications—Page 6-8)

- 4.1 "All tree trimming shall be done according to American National Standard for Tree Care Operations--ANSI 133.1-1994 "Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush—Safety Requirements" and ANSI A300-1995 "Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance—Standard Practices" to provide for aesthetically pleasing, structural soundness, and canopy clearance over sidewalks of between 9' and 14', and over streets at between 16' and 21'. All Contractor tree trimming shall also conform to the following specifications.

- a. All final cuts shall be made at the branch bark collar. No topping, shearing or round-overs will be allowed.
- b. Remove all limbs that are a hazard to the public due to death, decay, weak configuration, and split crotches as identified by the Parks Division staff.

Delete points c, d, and e.

Delete 4.2 Recommended primary tree/wire clearances are as follows:

Delete 4.3 Recommended secondary tree/wire clearances are as follows:

3. The CITY shall pay to the CONTRACTOR for the faithful performance of this Contract the sums due upon verified invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt.

4. The CONTRACTOR and the CITY further agree that time is of the essence of the CONTRACT and that work under the CONTRACT is required to be completed within the time specified in the Bid Documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Contract on the day first above written in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall without proof or accounting for the other counterparts be deemed an original contract.

(SEAL) (If Corporation)

ATTEST OR WITNESS:

ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY

Title: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST OR WITNESS:

CITY OF GAINESVILLE:

Title: _____

City Manager



City of Gainesville Text File Report

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Gainesville, Florida 32601

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..Title

Approval of Contract for Electric Distribution Line Clearance, Tree Right-of-Way Maintenance, Weed Control and Related Work (B)

..Explanation

Utilities Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid to five companies capable of providing these services. Four responses and one no bid were received. The responses were evaluated based on prices quoted and a typical year of work. Asplundh Tree Expert Company was determined to be the lowest evaluated, responsive and responsible bidder. A tabulation of the bids is attached for your reference.

This contract provides tree trimming for the electric transmission and distribution systems. The primary objective of this type of maintenance work is to use recommended arboricultural standards for the trimming and removal of vegetation around power lines. Approximately 775 pole miles of overhead service facilities need maintaining. Results to date of both staff studies and industry experience have concluded that using this type of planning approach to line clearance will continue to significantly reduce tree related electrical outages and increase safety, while promoting more control and minimizing annual costs. The ultimate goal is to optimize system reliability, customer service and safety while maintaining the aesthetic qualities of tree cover in the city's landscape in a cost-effective manner. In addition, electric system outages related to trees (preventable) have been reduced from over 12% of all outages in 1995 to 1.8% in 2001.

..Recommendations

The City Commission 1) Authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute a contract for electric distribution line clearance, tree-trimming, right-of-way maintenance, weed control and related work with Asplundh Tree Expert Company for the period commencing December 1, 2001 and ending March 31, 2005, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) Approve the issuance of a purchase order to Asplundh Tree Expert Company for these services in FY 2002 in an amount not to exceed \$1,108,000.

..Fiscal Note

Funding for this request is included in the proposed Operations and Maintenance and Capital Budgets for FY 2002 and will be requested in future fiscal years covered under the contract.

..Drafter

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Submitted by: Michael L. Kurtz, General Manager

