# **BID DOCUMENTS**

# FOR

# 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM



CITY OF OWOSSO 301 W. MAIN STREET OWOSSO, MICHIGAN 48867

April 13, 2017

### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

#### 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the city of Owosso for the **2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM** bid and should be addressed to:

Bid Coordinator City of Owosso 301 W. Main Street Owosso, Michigan 48867

Major items include: The mowing and trimming of approximately (28) city owned properties in Osburn Lakes subdivision to be mowed weekly through June 30, 2017, then on a bi-weekly basis, mow and trim (2) other property city properties weekly through June 30, 2017, then on a bi-weekly basis and the mowing and trimming of privately owned properties with grass/weeds taller than the ordinance maximum of (8) inches, approximately (75) times.

Bids will be accepted until **3:00 p.m. TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017** for the **2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be in writing and must contain an <u>original</u> signature by an authorized officer of the firm. Electronic bids (i.e., telephonic, fax, email, etc.) are **NOT** acceptable.

All bids shall clearly contain on the outside of the **sealed** envelope in which they are submitted:

### 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM

Hard copies of the proposal, contract forms and specifications are on file and may be obtained for a fee in accordance with the city's FOIA Policy at the office of the Bid Coordinator, City Hall, 301 West Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867. Bid documents are available at no charge on our website at <u>www.ci.owosso.mi.us</u> or on the MITN website at <u>www.mitn.info.</u>

The city reserves the right to accept any proposal; or to reject any proposal; to waive irregularities in a proposal; or to negotiate if it appears to be in the best interest of the city of Owosso.

No work can begin before May 15, 2017 and all work is to be completed by October 15, 2017.

#### INQUIRIES/ADDENDUMS

Addendums will be available on the city's website at <u>www.ci.owosso.mi.us</u> and on the MITN website at <u>www.mitn.info</u>.

All inquiries regarding this bid request must be received at least five (5) calendar days prior to the submission and shall be received in, and responded to, in writing, via FAX at 989-723-8854 or by e-mail to jane.hunt@ci.owosso.mi.us,

# **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

- Each proposal must be signed by the bidder with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships should be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and title of the person signing. Proposals by corporations must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the president, vice-president or person authorized to bind it in the matter. Any paperwork not filled out properly or signed will cause the bid to be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the city.
- 2. Proposals, to receive consideration, must be received prior to the specified time of opening and reading as designated in the invitation.
- 3. Bidders are requested to use the proposal form furnished by the city when submitting their proposals. Envelopes must be **sealed** when submitted and clearly marked on the outside indicating the name of the bid.
- 4. Proposals having and erasures or corrections thereon may be rejected unless explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.
- 5. References in the specifications or description of materials, supplies, equipment, or services to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalog, or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the type of materials or supplies, equipment, or nature of the work desired. They should not be construed as excluding proposals on equivalent types of materials, supplies, and equipment or for performing the work in a manner other than specified. However, the bidders' attention is called to General Condition seven (7).
- 6. Proposals should be mailed or delivered to the Bid Coordinator's Office, City Hall, 301 W. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867.
- 7. Special conditions included in this inquiry shall take precedence over any conditions listed under General Conditions or Instructions to Bidders.
- 8. Insurance coverage –The winning bidder, prior to execution of the contract, shall file with the city copies of completed certificates of insurance naming the city of Owosso as an additional insured party, as evidence that the contractor carries adequate insurance satisfactory to the city.
- 9. The city of Owosso has a local preference policy for the purchase of goods and services. The policy in part states: A business located within the city limits and paying real or personal property taxes to the city of Owosso will be granted a six percent (6%) bid advantage or \$2,500, whichever is less, over a business located outside Shiawassee County. A business located outside the city limits but within Shiawassee County and paying property taxes to the county will be granted a three percent (3%) bid advantage or \$2,500, whichever is less, over a business located outside Shiawassee County. The preference also applies to subcontractors performing twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the work of a general contract.
- 10. The following items must be included with the bid response:
  - a. Vendor Proposal
  - b. Local Preference Affidavit
  - c. W-9 Request for Taxpayer ID No. and Certification
  - d. Signature Page & Legal Status/ Acknowledgement of Addendum(s)
  - e. Insurance Endorsement
  - f. Bid Bond if required

# **BID Proposal**

# 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM

# TO: THE CITY OF OWOSSO (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "CITY")

Bidder must provide pricing for each item listed. If additional pricing elements are being offered by the bidder, list under "other services/items offered."

The city may award segments of this bid to more than one contractor.

The undersigned, having examined the bid proposal forms and specifications, does hereby offer to 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM from May 15, 2017 through October 15, 2017 listed below at the following prices to wit:

ltem	Description	Approx. Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Mow and trim privately owned single residential lot 66' x 132' or smaller (8,712 square feet or less) May 15 through October 15, 2017	50	EA		
2	Mow and trim privately owned double size residential lot (8,713 to 17,424 square feet) May 15 through October 15, 2017	15	EA		
3	Mow and trim privately owned over double size residential lot (17,425 or more square feet) May 15 through October 15, 2017	10	EA		
4	Mow and trim (28) city owned lots in Osburn Lakes Subdivision weekly from May 15 through June 30, 2017 and bi- weekly July 1 through October 15, 2017	15 times	GROUP		
5	Mow and trim Rain street property (1410) weekly from May 15 through June 30, 2017 and bi-weekly July 1 through October 15, 2017	15 times	EA		
6	Mow and trim Gould street property (SW corner Gould & Corunna Ave) weekly from May 15 through June 30, 2017 and bi-weekly July 1 through October 15, 2017	15 times	EA		
				TOTAL	
				Bidder's Initia	

VARIANCE FROM SPECIFICATIONS: If the bidder is unable to comply with the specifications as outlined, the bidder shall clearly note these variations from the specifications. The bidder may also propose additions to these specifications for the city to consider, but the costs associated with these additions shall be stated separately.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_, I hereby submit this proposal for the 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM for your consideration. The undersigned acknowledges that this proposal is subject to the General Conditions and the General Specifications included in the contract documents. In submitting this proposal, it is understood that the right is reserved by the CITY to reject any and all proposals, and waive any irregularities in the bidding process. The CITY may award this contract based on any combination of the total bid and/or alternates.

Dated and signed at		_ State of
This	_ day of	, 20
		Bidder
Witness:	By/s/	
		Business Address
		Signature
		Printed Name
		Title
		Telephone Number
		E-Mail Address

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

## 1. LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY

The city of Owosso has a local preference policy for the purchase of goods and services. The policy in part states: A business located within the city limits and paying real or personal property taxes to the city of Owosso will be granted a 6% bid advantage or \$2,500, whichever is less, over a business located outside Shiawassee County. A business located outside the city limits but within Shiawassee County and paying property taxes to the county will be granted a 3% bid advantage or \$2,500, whichever is less, over a business located outside Shiawassee County will be granted a 3% bid advantage or \$2,500, whichever is less, over a business located outside Shiawassee County. The preference also applies to subcontractors performing 25% or more of the work of a general contract.

### 2. BID ACCEPTANCE

The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Unless otherwise specified, the city reserves the right to accept any item in the proposal. In case of error in extending the total amount of the bid, the unit prices shall govern.

### 3. PAYMENT

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, time, concerning discount offered, will be computed from date of delivery and acceptance at destination or from date correct bill or claim voucher properly certified by the contractor is received. When so stated herein, partial payments, based on a certified approved estimate by the city of materials, supplies or equipment delivered or work done, may be made upon presentation of a properly-executed claim voucher. The final payment will be made by the city when materials, supplies, equipment or the work done have been fully delivered or completed to the full satisfaction of the city.

### 4. BID DEFAULT

In case of default by the bidder or contractor, the city of Owosso may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the bidder or contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

### 5. UNIT PRICES

Prices should be stated in units of quantity specified.

### 6. QUOTED PRICES

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, prices quoted will be considered as being based on delivery to a designated destination and to include all charges for packing, crating, containers, shipping, etc., and being in strict accordance with specifications and standards as shown.

### 7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Wherever a reference is made in the specifications or description of the materials, supplies, equipment, or services required, to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalog, or model number, the bidder, if awarded a contract or order, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in strict accordance with the specifications or description unless a departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the proposal.

### 8. HOLD CITY HARMLESS

The bidder, if awarded an order or contract, agrees to protect, defend, and save the city harmless against any demand for payment for the use of any patented material, process, article, or device that may enter into the manufacture, construction, or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract. Bidder further agrees to indemnify and save the city harmless from suits or action of every nature and description brought against it, for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties, by or from any of the acts of the contractor, his employees, subcontractors, or agents.

### 9. COMPETITIVE BIDDING STATUTES

The laws of the state of Michigan, the charter and ordinances of the city of Owosso, as far as they apply to the laws of competitive bidding, contracts and purchases, are made a part hereof.

### 10. SAMPLES

Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the city and, if not destroyed, will upon request be returned at the bidder' expense.

### 11. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND OTHER CLAUSES

The contractor shall agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined by Michigan Complied Statutes, or national origin. This provision shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provision of the non-discrimination clause.

## LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY

The following affidavit should be completed if a bidder is located within Shiawassee County or intends to subcontract more than twenty-five percent (25%) to a Shiawassee County based business: The city of Owosso has a local preference policy for the purchase of goods and services as recorded in the city ordinance in section 2-348. "Lowest qualified bidder" defined.

- The term "lowest qualified bidder," as used in this division, shall mean the lowest bidder having qualifications to perform the work which are satisfactory to the council. The lowest bidder shall be determined based on an adjusted bid tabulation which shall be prepared in the following manner: To the bid of any bidder which is neither a city-based business nor a county-based business shall be added an amount equal to six (6) percent of the bid or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is less.
- 2. To the bid of any bidder which is a county-based business shall be added an amount equal to three (3) percent of the bid or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is less; provided, however, that if no bid is received from a city-based business, no additional amount shall be added to the bid of a county-based business.
- 3. "Owosso-based business" shall be interpreted to mean a business registered with the county clerk or a corporation registered with the state having a business address within the city limits which pays real and/or personal property taxes levied by the city.

The term "county-based business" shall be interpreted to mean a business other than a city-based business registered with the county clerk or a corporation registered with the state having a business address within the county which pays real and/or personal property taxes levied by the county.

4. If twenty-five (25) percent or more of a contract for construction or other services is to be subcontracted by a city-based business bidder to a non-city-based business or businesses, or by a county-based business bidder to a non-county-based business or businesses, the adjusted bid shall be calculated by applying the provisions of this section separately to each portion of the contract based on the status of the contractor or subcontractor performing that portion of the contract as a city-based or county-based business.

### AFFIDAVIT

In accordance with Section 2-348 of the Owosso city code, the bid from a business located in Shiawassee County shall be adjusted to reflect a preference. In order for the city to calculate the adjustment, the bidder hereby deposes and states that their business address is registered, and is currently paying real and/or personal property taxes in Shiawassee County at the following address:

Registered business address

The affiant further deposes and states that a sub-contract with a business registered, and paying real and/or personal property taxes in Shiawassee County will be executed for a percentage equal to or greater than twenty-five percent (25%) as stated below:

Business name and address of sub-contractor

Percentage of contract

Authorized signature

Date

Title

Company name

# SIGNATURE PAGE AND LEGAL STATUS

The undersigned certifies that he is an official legally authorized to bind his firm and to enter into a contract should the city accept this proposal.

Bid proposal by		(Name of Firm	)	
Legal status of bidder. F	Please check the appro	priate box and <b>U</b>	SE CORRE	ECT LEGAL NAME.
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B. Partnership	_;List of names  _			
C. DBA	_ ; State full name _ -			DBA
D. Other	; Explain _			
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Bidder acknowledges re	ceipt of the following Ac	ldenda:		
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### **W-9 INFORMATION FOR LEGAL STATUS**

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Disregarded entity.** Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Please see attached W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form for a detailed explanation on filling out the W-9 form.

	1 Name (as shown on your income	tax return). Name is require	ed on this line; do not le	ave this line blank.		
page 2.	2 Business name/disregarded entity	/ name, if different from ab	ove			
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<b>s</b> on	Individual/sole proprietor or	C Corporation	S Corporation	Partnership	Trust/estate	certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
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for guidelines on whose number to enter.

# Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and

4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign	Signature of
Here	U.S. person ►

# **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at *www.irs.gov/fw9*.

#### **Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
  Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions
- by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

Date •

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest),
- 1098-T (tuition) • Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2. By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See What is FATCA reporting? on page 2 for further information.

**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

• An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;

• A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;

An estate (other than a foreign estate); or

• A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership to enturbe the subsciences in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

• In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;

 In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and

• In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

### **Backup Withholding**

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

#### Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,

2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt* payee code on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships above.

#### What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

#### **Updating Your Information**

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

#### Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

# **Specific Instructions**

#### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note. ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is also a disregarded entity or W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

#### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

#### Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

#### Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.

• Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.

• Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

 Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)

2-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

4---A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5-A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7---A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company  $\mbox{Act}$  of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a) 11— A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup>See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

 $E-\!\!\!A$  corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G-A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a) J—

A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note.** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

#### Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

#### Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

#### Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at *www.ssa.gov*. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an TIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at *www.irs.gov/businesses* and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

#### Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

#### What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual 2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account
<ol> <li>Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)</li> </ol>	The minor <sup>2</sup>
<ol> <li>a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)</li> <li>b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law</li> </ol>	The grantor-trustee
<ol> <li>Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual</li> </ol>	The owner <sup>3</sup>
<ol> <li>Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (A))</li> </ol>	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
<ol> <li>7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual</li> <li>8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust</li> </ol>	The owner
<ol> <li>Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553</li> </ol>	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax- exempt organization	The organization
<ol> <li>Partnership or multi-member LLC</li> <li>A broker or registered nominee</li> </ol>	The partnership The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
<ol> <li>Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (B))</li> </ol>	The trust

(B))

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

\*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

#### Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to minic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing* @irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: *spam@uce.gov* or contact them at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

#### **Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information

## PROOF OF INSURANCE

This is to certify that the following endorsement is part of	the policy(ies) described below:
NAMED INSURED (CONTRACTOR)	COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE
	A.
	В.
ADDRESS	C.

ADDRESS

It is hereby understood and agreed that the city of Owosso, its city council and each member thereof and every officer and employee of the city shall be named as joint and several assureds with respect to claims arising out of the following project:

#### 2017 GRASS MOWING PROGRAM

It is further agreed that the following indemnity agreement between the city of Owosso and the named insured is covered under this policy: Contractor agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend city, its city council and each member thereof and every officer and employee of city from any and all liability or financial loss resulting from any suits, claims, losses or actions brought against and from all costs and expenses of litigation brought against city, its city council and each member thereof and any officer or employee of city which results directly or indirectly from the wrongful or negligent actions of contractor's officers, employees, agents or others employed by Contractor while engaged by contractor in the (performance of this agreement) construction of this project.

It is further agreed that the inclusion of more than one assured shall not operate to increase the limit of the company's liability and that insurer waives any right on contribution with insurance which may be available to the city of Owosso.

The contractor, or any of their subcontractors, shall not commence work under this contract until they have attained the insurance required below, and shall keep such insurance in force during the entire life of this contract. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the city of Owosso. The requirements below should not be interpreted to limit the liability of the Contractor. All deductibles and SIR's are the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall procure and maintain the following insurance coverage:

Worker's Compensation Insurance including Employers' Liability Coverage, in accordance with all 1. applicable statutes of the State of Michigan.

Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence Basis" with limits of liability not less than 2. \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate. Coverage shall include the following extensions: (A) Contractual Liability; (B) Products and Completed Operations; (C) Independent Contractors Coverage; (D) Broad Form General Liability Extensions or equivalent, if not already included.

3. Automobile Liability including Michigan No-Fault Coverages, with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury, and Property Damage. Coverage shall include all owned vehicles, all non-owned vehicles, and all hired vehicles.

Additional Insured: Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability, as described above, shall 4. include an endorsement stating the following shall be Additional Insureds: City of Owosso, all elected and appointed officials, all employees and volunteers, all boards, commissions, and/or authorities and board members, including employees and volunteers thereof. It is understood and agreed by naming City of Owosso as additional insured, coverage afforded is considered to be primary and any other insurance the city of Owosso may have in effect shall be considered secondary and/or excess.

**5. Cancellation Notice:** All policies, as described above, shall include an endorsement stating that it is understood and agreed that a Ten (10) days notice for non-payment of premium is required and a Thirty (30) days notice is required for Non-Renewal, Reduction, and/or Material Change, shall be sent to: City of Owosso, Bid Coordinator, 301 W. Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

6. **Proof of Insurance Coverage**: The Contractor shall provide the city of Owosso, at the time that the contracts are returned by him/her for execution, a Certificate of Insurance as well as the required endorsements. In lieu of required endorsements, if applicable, a copy of the policy sections where coverage is provided for additional insured and cancellation notice would be acceptable. Copies or certified copies of all policies mentioned above shall be furnished, if so requested.

If any of the above coverages expire during the term of this contract, the Contractor shall deliver renewal certificates and endorsements to the city of Owosso at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

Please include a copy of insurance declaration verifying amounts of coverage. The verification of insurance is not an insurance policy and does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policies listed herein. Notwithstanding any requirement, term, or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate or verification of insurance may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions and conditions of such policies.

DATE	BY Authorized Insurance Agent
AGENCY	TITLE
ADDRESS	

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

### PRIVATELY OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

Approximately every week, no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, and not earlier than May 8<sup>th</sup> with prior approval, the contractor will receive a list of privately-owned properties that they will be assigned to mow. The list will have the property address and the relative size of lot. The contractor is required to take a digital photograph of the property before mowing, with the house address in the picture and the date of the picture on the photo. After the lot is mowed, a similar picture is to be taken with the date on the photo. The grass is to be mowed to a height of 3" or less. The tall grass is to be trimmed where it is not mowed, which includes any noxious vegetation at fence lines and building foundations, and the cut grass removed from the property. Payment will be made based on the lots mowed and only on those where the pictures have been properly taken. The pictures should be emailed to jane.hunt@ci.owosso.mi.us</u>. The invoice and completed list of properties, with dates mowed, may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed, or brought to city hall when completed.

Care should be taken to move relatively small items, toys, chairs, tables out of the mowing area so they are not damaged while mowing. Please note in the Comments Section any large amounts of brush, rubbish or garbage that is evident on the lot.

The normal (single) city residential lot is 66' x 132' (8,712 square feet). A double lot is considered to be from 8,713 to 17,424 square feet in size. A large lot is over 17,425 square feet.

Bidders will provide a list of equipment currently owned or leased.

Bidders will provide a list of personnel expected to be available to perform the mowing and trimming services.

## **CITY PROPERTIES IN OSBURN LAKES SUBDIVISION**

City of Owosso will provide a list of the (28) city-owned properties in Osburn Lakes Subdivision that will need to be mowed as directed by the Director of Public Works. These city owned lots typically will be mowed weekly May 15 through June 30, 2017 and bi-weekly thereafter, but may be more or less frequent, as directed by the Director of Public Works. The grass in the lots is to be mowed to a height of 3" or less, the tall grass/weeds trimmed where it is not mowed and the cut grass removed from the property. Pictures are not required.

### **RAIN STREET & GOULD STREET PROPERTY**

These city owned lots typically will be mowed weekly May 15 through June 30, 2017 and bi-weekly thereafter, but may be more or less frequent, as directed by the Director of Public Works. The grass in the lots is to be mowed to a height of 3" or less, the tall grass/weeds trimmed where it is not mowed, including at fence lines and building foundations and the cut grass is to be removed from the property. Pictures are not required.



