



Request for Proposal

Lawn Care Services

AUGUST 2021

ISSUED BY

CROSWELL LEXINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE

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Introduction & Background

The Croswell-Lexington Community School District is accepting proposals in response to this Request for Proposal (this “RFP,” or this “Request for Proposal”) in order to find a qualified source to provide Lawn Care Services.

The objective of this Request for Proposal is to locate a source that will provide the best overall value to the Croswell-Lexington School District’s Property. While price is a significant factor, other criteria will form the basis of our award decision, as more fully described in the Evaluation Factors section of this Request for Proposal below.

Any bidder submitting a proposal is assumed to have visited the premises and to have taken into consideration all conditions which might affect the work. No consideration will be given to any claim based on lack of knowledge of existing conditions.

All site visits will require pre-approval from Rachel Saunders, Director of Facilities and Operations, at least 24 hours in advance. All visitors on Croswell Lexington Community School District campus must check in at the front office and be issued visitors badges prior to proceeding with any other activity.

Submission Guidelines & Requirements

The following submission guidelines & requirements apply to this Request for Proposal:

1. First and foremost, only qualified individuals or companies with prior experience on projects such as this should submit proposals in response to this Request for Proposal.

2. Bidders intent on submitting a proposal should notify the representative identified on the cover page no later than August 20th , 2021.
3. Bidders must list at least two projects that are substantially similar to this project as part of their response, including references for each.
4. A price proposal must be provided that is not more than two pages. This price proposal should indicate the overall fixed price for the project.
5. Proposals must be signed by a representative that is authorized to commit to the bidder's company.
6. If you have a standard set of terms and conditions, please submit them with your proposal. All terms and conditions will be subject to negotiation.
7. Proposals must be received prior to August 27th, 2021 at 2pm to be considered.
8. Proposals must remain valid for a period of 45 days.
9. Proposal shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the vendor's name, address, and "#1-RFP-FCL-2021 Lawn Maintenance", Please submit one original and one copy of the proposal to:

Croswell Lexington Community School District
Attn: Rachel Saunders- Director Facilities and Operations
15 S. Howard Avenue
Croswell, MI 48422
Telephone 810-679-1025

10. Croswell-Lexington Community School District anticipates selecting at least two individuals or firms to have more in-depth discussions with, and will make an award to one of these "down-selected" individuals or firms.

Services Solicited

The description of the project is as follows:

1. Lawn Care Services for the grass and grounds at **Meyer Elementary School and The Community Building** located at:

Meyer Elementary School

7201 Lake St.

Lexington, MI 48450

[Meyer Map](#)

And:

7178 Boynton St.

Lexington, MI 48450

2. Lawn Care Services for the grass and grounds at **Frostick Elementary School** located at :

Frostick Elementary School

57 S. Howard Ave.

Croswell, MI 48422

[Frostick and Geiger Map](#)

3. Lawn Care Services for the grass and grounds at **Geiger Elementary School** located at:

Geiger Elementary School

15 S. Howard Ave.

Croswell, MI 48422

[Frostick and Geiger Map](#)

4. Lawn Care Services are described as follows:

Mowing and Edging/ Trimming Grass

- a. Service will be performed weekly between (March-October) on all grassy areas.
- b. All walkways and curbs shall be cleaned of any grass and plant cuttings.

Project Scope

The scope of the project entails lawn care maintenance for one year with a possible one year extension upon mutual agreement of Croswell Lexington Community School District and the vendor.

General Conditions and Provisions

GENERAL INDEMNITY: The Contractor shall save and hold harmless, pay on behalf of, protect, defend, indemnify the Croswell Lexington Community School System, assume entire responsibility and liability for losses, expenses, demands and claims in connection with or arising out of any injury, or alleged injury (including death) to any person, or damage, or alleged damage, to property of the System or others sustained or alleged to have been sustained in connection with or to have arisen out of or resulting from the performance or the intended performance of any work/service, outlined or resulting from this agreement, by the Contractor or their employees, including losses, expenses or damages sustained by the System or System officials (including administrators, agents, and employees) from any and all such losses, expenses, damages, demands and claims. The

Contractor further agrees to defend any suit or action brought against the System or System officials (as outlined above) based on any such alleged injury or damage and to pay all damages, cost and expenses in connection therewith or resulting there from. As an integral part of this agreement, the Contractor agrees to purchase and maintain, during the life of this contract, contractual liability insurance in the amounts listed in the insurance coverage requirements below. The obligations of the Contractor pursuant to this paragraph shall not be limited in any way by any limitation in the amount or type of proceeds, damages, compensation, or benefits payable under any policy of insurance or self-insurance maintained by or for the use and benefit of the Contractor.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: All Contractors must disclose in writing with their proposal the name of any owner, officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the Croswell Lexington Community School District (including any member of the Croswell Lexington Community Schools Board of Education). All Contractors must also disclose in writing with their proposal the name of any employee of System who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Contractor's firm or any of its branches or subsidiaries. By submitting a proposal, the Contractor certifies that there is no relationship between the Contractor and any person or entity which is or gives the appearance of a conflict of interest related to this RFP.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS: The Contractor shall not take advantage of any errors or omissions in this RFP. The Contractor shall promptly notify the school district of any omissions or errors found in this document.

INSURANCE COVERAGE: During the term of the contract, the Contractor at their sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the contract. At a minimum, the Contractor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits:

Worker's Compensation - The Contractor shall provide and maintain Workers Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of Michigan, as well as employer's liability coverage for bodily injury per accident. This insurance must include and cover all of the Contractor's employees who are engaged in any work under this contract.

General Liability – The Contractor shall provide and maintain General Liability Coverage per person and per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of Michigan. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in Michigan. The Contractor shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing Michigan laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the contract.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS: The policy or policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- A. Contractor's insurance is to be considered primary for losses that occur as a direct result of the Contractor's actions.
- B. Coverage shall state that the Contractor's insurance shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage, or in limits except after 30 days written notice. The Contractor must include a copy of their insurance certificate with their proposal package.

AWARD OF BID: The System, at its sole discretion, following an objective evaluation, will award this contract to the most responsible, responsive Contractor(s). Price will be a major consideration but will not be the determining factor in our selection. The award of this contract will be based on "BEST VALUE." "BEST VALUE" will allow the System to consider factors beyond pricing such as whether the responsible Contractor is able to meet and/or exceed the required specifications. "BEST VALUE" will permit and reflect prudent stewardship of public funds and trust. Award of the contract(s) to one Contractor does not mean that the other proposals lacked merit. Award of the contract(s) signifies that after all factors have been considered, the selected proposal was deemed most advantageous to the System.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD: After all prerequisites and specifications have been met by the Contractor(s) and the award for Professional Lawn Care Maintenance Services has been made, the successful Contractor(s) will be notified by the System verbally and by a letter of award.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The System may terminate their participation in this contract in whole or in part with thirty (30) days' notice, for their convenience, or because of failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations in any respect. This termination notice will be issued via a written letter sent by certified U.S. mail. Immediate dismissals may be executed if deemed necessary by the System.

RFP & Project Timelines

The Request for Proposal timeline is as follows:

Request for Proposal Issuance	08/06/2021
Bidder Intent Submission	08/20/2021
RFP Bid Submission	08/27/2021
RFP Opening	09/06/2021

Evaluation Factors

Croswell Lexington Community School will rate proposals based on the following factors, with cost being the most important factor:

1. Responsiveness to the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposal
2. Relevant past performance/experience
3. Samples of work
4. Cost, including an assessment of total cost of ownership.
5. Technical expertise/experience of bidder and bidder's staff

Croswell Lexington Community School reserves the right to award to the bidder that presents the best value to the District as determined solely by Croswell Lexington Community School in its absolute discretion.