



CONTRACT # _____
ITB 21-33: Tree Pruning and Removal – Re-Bid

THIS CONTRACT is entered into by and between the City of Vancouver, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as "City," and Arborscape LTD, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "Contractor," whose address is 11113 NE 95th St, Vancouver, WA 98662, hereinafter referred to "Parties."

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage the Contractor to provide public work and other related services for Tree Pruning and Removal – Re-Bid. Contractor has agreed to offer its services to perform said work per the City issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 21-33 and all addenda thereto, Contractor's bid to said ITB, the Project Plans and Special Provisions, and City Council's approval on _____ per Staff Report No. _____ and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has represented by entering into this Contract that it is fully qualified to perform the work to which it will be assigned in a competent and professional manner, and to the standards required by the City.

- 1. STATEMENT OF WORK:** The Contractor hereby agrees to furnish all materials, labor, tools, machinery and implements of every description necessary to complete the work in a professional manner within the time limits stated in this Contract for the construction and installation of the following improvements and will make all necessary arrangements for the obtaining of permits from the United States, State of Washington, and/or any of its agencies as may be necessary to do the work required and covered by this Contract.

The Contractor shall perform professional tree pruning and/or removal of trees designated by the City on an as needed basis and providing all equipment, labor, cleanup, disposal of debris all in accordance with the attached Special Provisions, these Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications, hereafter referred to as "Work."

The City intends to award this contract for an initial period of one (1) year with an option to extend three (3) additional years.

This is a Unit Priced Contract in accordance with RCW 35.22, the City reserves the right to perform work using this Contract, or using City staff, or other contractors, or through any mechanism available to the City. This Contract is for the convenience of the City and does not carry any estimates as to how much could be spent.

Each individual project shall be performed upon Contractor's receipt of a City issued Purchase Order. Contractor shall commence work on the date specified on the Purchase Order and within the allowable Working Days specified on the Purchase Order.

The period of the Bid's prices shall be for one (1) year, commencing on the effective date of the Contract. This Contract shall have prevailing wage rates updated annually. An Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages must be filed at the beginning of this Contract and an Affidavit of Wages Paid

for prevailing wages paid must be submitted annually for all work completed within the previous twelve (12) month period of this Contract.

2. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Contract is effective as of the last signature dated below.
3. **E-VERIFY PROGRAM:** Contractor shall register and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify program within sixty (60) days after execution of this Agreement. Contractor shall ensure all Contractor employees and any sub-contractor(s) assigned to perform work under this Agreement are eligible to work in the United States. Contractor shall provide verification of compliance upon City request. Failure by Contractor to comply with this subsection shall be considered a material breach.
4. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SUBCONTRACTORS:** The Contractor shall include the language of this section in all tier subcontracts, and shall require each of its subcontractors to include the same language of this section in each of their subcontracts, adjusting only as necessary the terms used for the contracting parties. The requirements of this section apply to all subcontractors regardless of tier. The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to comply with all relevant federal, state and municipal laws, rules and regulations whatsoever. At the time of subcontract execution, the Contractor shall verify that all tier subcontractors meet the following bidder responsibility criteria:
 1. Have a current certificate of registration in compliance with chapter 18.27 RCW, which must have been in effect at the time of subcontract bid submittal;
 2. Have a current Washington Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number;
 3. Have received training on the requirements related to public works and prevailing wage as required by RCW 39.04.350;
 4. Within the three-year period immediately preceding the date of the bid solicitation, not have been determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the department of labor and industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction to have willfully violated, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, any provision of chapter 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52 RCW.
 5. If applicable, have:
 - i. Have Industrial Insurance (workers' compensation) coverage for the subcontractor's employees working in Washington, as required in Title 51 RCW;
 - ii. A Washington Employment Security Department reference number, as required in Title 50 RCW;
 - iii. A Washington Department of Revenue state excise tax registration number, as required in Title 82 RCW;
 - iv. An electrical contractor license, if required by Chapter 19.28 RCW;
 - v. An elevator contractor license, if required by Chapter 70.87 RCW.
 6. Not be disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065 (3).
5. **DELINQUENT STATE TAXES:** The Contractor shall not owe delinquent taxes to the Washington State Department of Revenue without a payment plan approved by the Department of Revenue.
6. **COMPENSATION AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS:** In consideration of the promises and agreements of the Contractor as set forth herein, and in consideration of the faithful performance and furnishing of the work and materials required by this Contract to the satisfaction of the City, the City agrees to pay to the Contractor in the manner and at the times provided hereinafter and in the Contract Documents, and in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Vancouver and

the laws of the State of Washington, the following sum as indicated, which amount does includes 8.5% Washington State Sales Tax (if applicable) \$600,000.

The amount finally to be paid is, however, variable upon the work actually performed and final payment will be made upon the basis of the amount of work performed and the materials furnished, and at the lump sum or unit prices fixed in the Contractor's Proposal and as modified by any and all approved Change Orders.

7. **CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE:** The Contractor agrees to procure insurance coverage as required below:

| COVERAGE | LIMITS OF LIABILITY |
|---|---------------------|
| I. Commercial General Liability: | |
| Policy shall include Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Personal Injury and Broad Form Contractual Liability | |
| Each Occurrence | \$1,000,000 |
| General Aggregate Per Occurrence | \$2,000,000 |
| Products & Completed Operations Aggregate | \$2,000,000 |
| Personal and Advertising Injury | \$1,000,000 |
| Blanket Contractual Liability | \$1,000,000 |
| II. Commercial Automobile Liability | |
| Policy shall include Bodily Injury and Property Damage, for any owned, Hired, and/or Non-owned vehicles used in the operation, installation and maintenance of facilities under this agreement. | |
| Combined Single Limit | \$1,000,000 |
| III. Workers' Compensation (applicable to the State of Washington) | |
| Per Occurrence | Statutory |
| Employer's Liability | \$1,000,000 |
| Disease Each Employee | \$1,000,000 |
| Disease Policy Limit | \$1,000,000 |
| Each Claim | \$1,000,000 |
| Annual Aggregate | \$2,000,000 |

8. **CONTRACTOR'S BOND:** The Contractor agrees that before it undertakes performance of this Contract, it will file with the City of Vancouver a Performance Bond and Payment Bond for Work Orders greater than \$35,000, in the forms prescribed by the City of Vancouver, in the full amount of the Work Order price with a company authorized to do business in the State of Washington as a surety. The bonds shall comply with the laws of the State of Washington, and especially with the provisions of Chapter 39.08 RCW.

9. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** In the event of a dispute between the Parties which cannot be resolved by the contract managers, the Contractor and the City shall review such dispute and may attempt to resolve the dispute. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract or the alleged breach of this Contract that cannot be resolved by the Parties within 30 days of receipt of written notice may be submitted to mediation. If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, it shall be submitted to binding arbitration in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in Chapter 7.04A RCW. The Parties agree to pay their own attorneys' fees and expenses.

10. EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR: The Contractor agrees that all persons employed by Contractor and by any of its subcontractors and any of their lower tier contractors in work performed pursuant to this Contract shall not be employed in excess of eight (8) hours in any one day, except as provided or allowed by Chapter 49.28 RCW and WAC 296-127 and any amendment thereto.

11. PAYMENT OF LABOR: The Contractor agrees that all laborers, workers, or mechanics employed by it or by any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract will be paid not less than the prevailing rate of wage for an hours work, in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter 39.12 RCW, and all rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. The State of Washington prevailing wage rates applicable for this public works project, which is located in Clark County, may be found at the following website address of the Department of Labor and Industries: <https://fortress.wa.gov/lni/wagelookup/prvWagelookup.aspx>. The prevailing wage rates in effect at the time of the bid submittal deadline shall apply for the duration of one contract year and shall be updated annually. However, if the Contract is awarded more than six months after the bids were due, the prevailing wage rates in effect on the award date shall apply.

In case any dispute arises as to what the prevailing rates of wages for work of a similar nature are and such dispute cannot be adjusted by the parties involved, the matter shall be referred to the director of the Department of Labor and Industries of the State of Washington for arbitration, and the director's decision shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties involved in the dispute.

12. PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR: Progress payments to the Contractor shall be made within 30 days of a fully executed Pay Estimate and are in compliance with all contractual requirements. A sum equal to 5% may be reserved and retained from monies earned by the Contractor in accordance with Chapter 60.28 RCW for Work Orders greater than \$35,000. The City reserves the right to require Contractor to correct any submitted or paid erroneous invoices according to the rates set forth herein. City and Contractor agree that any amount paid in error by City does not constitute a change in the agreed upon amount; Contractor agrees to issue a refund of any overages paid in error by the City.

Release of the retained percentage or the retainage bond shall be in accordance with Chapter 60.28 RCW. Every person performing labor or furnishing supplies toward the completion of said improvement of work shall have a lien upon said monies so reserved; provided, that such notice of the lien of such claimant shall be given in the manner provided in RCW 39.08.030 and within the time provided in Chapter 60.28 RCW as now existing and in accordance with any amendments that may hereafter be made thereto.

No payment shall be made to the Contractor, however, until the Contractor and all subcontractors who have performed work shall have filed and received approval of a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wage as required by RCW 39.12.040 from the Washington State Department a Labor and Industries. Said Contractor and all subcontractors shall also keep accurate payroll records for three years from the date of acceptance as described in RCW 39.12.120. A Contractor and all subcontractors shall, file a copy of its certified payroll records using the Department of Labor and Industries online system on a monthly basis. A Contractor's noncompliance with this section shall constitute a violation of RCW 39.12.050.

13. INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees and agents from any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, causes of action, suits or judgments, claims of copyright or patent infringement, including

costs, attorney fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith, or whatsoever kind or nature, arising out of, or in connection with, or incident to, the performance of services by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

In the event that any suit based on such a claim, demand, loss, damage, cost, or cause of action is brought against the Contractor, the City retains the right to participate in said suit.

This indemnity and hold harmless shall include any claim made against the City by an employee of Contractor or subcontractor or agent of the Contractor, even if Contractor is thus otherwise immune from liability pursuant to the workers' compensation statute, Title 51 RCW. To the extent that such liability arises from the concurrent negligence of both the City and the Contractor, such cost, fees and expenses shall be shared between the City and the Contractor in proportion to their relative degrees of negligence. This indemnity and hold harmless shall NOT apply in the case where liability arises from the sole negligence of the City. Contractor specifically acknowledges that the provisions contained herein have been mutually negotiated by the Parties and it is the intent of the Parties that Contractor provide the broadest scope of indemnity permitted by RCW 4.24.115.

- 14. OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS:** Any and all work product prepared by the Contractor in the course of performing this Contract shall immediately become the property of the City. In consideration of the compensation provided for by this Contract, the Contractor hereby further assigns all copyright interests in such work product to the City. A copy may be retained by the Contractor. Previously owned intellectual property of Contractor or any third party, and any know-how, methodologies or processes used by Contractor to provide the services or project deliverables under this Contract shall remain property of the original City.
- 15. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE:** The parties acknowledge that the City is an "agency" within the meaning of the Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, and that materials submitted by the Contractor to the City become public record. Such records may be subject to public disclosure, in whole or part and may be required to be released by the City in the event of a request for disclosure. In the event the City receives a public record request for any data or deliverable that is provided to the City and that is licensed from the Contractor, the City shall notify the Contractor of such request and withhold disclosure of such information for not less than five (5) business days, to permit the Contractor to seek judicial protection of such information, provided that the Contractor shall be responsible for attorney fees and costs in such action and shall save and hold harmless the City from any costs, attorney fees or penalty assessment under Chapter 42.17 RCW for withholding or delaying public disclosure of such information.
- 16. AMENDMENTS:** All changes to this Contract, including changes to the statement of work and compensation, must be made by written Change Order and/or Amendment and signed by all parties to this Contract.
- 17. AUTHORIZATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW:** The Contractor certifies that the person signing the Contract is legally authorized to enter into this binding Contract and that the Contractor shall fully comply with all relevant, federal, state and municipal laws, rules, regulations and policies.
- 18. RELATION OF PARTIES:** The Contractor, its subcontractors, agents and employees are independent contractors performing services for The City and are not employees of City; shall not,

as a result of this Contract, accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding or any other benefits afforded to City employees; and, shall not have the authority to bind the City in any way except as may be specifically provided in the Statement of Work.

- 19. JURISDICTION/VENUE:** In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of the terms and/or conditions of this Contract, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for the County of Clark. This Contract shall be governed by the law of the State of Washington.
- 20. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:** The Washington State Inter-local Cooperation Act, Chapter 39.34 RCW, authorizes public agencies to cooperatively purchase goods and services if all parties agree. By having executed this Contract, the Contractor agrees that other public agencies may purchase goods and services under this solicitation or contract at their own cost and without the City of Vancouver incurring any financial or legal liability for such purchases. The City of Vancouver agrees to allow other public agencies to purchase goods and services under this solicitation or contract, provided that the City of Vancouver is not held financially or legally liable for purchases and that any public agency purchasing under such solicitation or contract file a copy of this invitation and such contract in accordance with RCW 39.34.040.
- 21. ASSIGNMENT:** This Contract is binding on each party, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives and may not, under any circumstances, be assigned or transferred by either party without the other party's express written authorization.
- 22. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City, at its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract for convenience at any time for any reason deemed appropriate. Termination is effective immediately upon notice of termination given by the City.

In the event this Contract is terminated prior to the completion of Work, Contractor will only be paid for the Work completed at the time of termination of the Contract.

- 23. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** In the event the Contractor is, or has been, in violation of the terms of this Contract, including the solicitation, the City reserves the right, upon written notice to the Contractor, to cancel, terminate, or suspend this contract in whole or in part for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the Contract.

If it is later determined by the City that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, or events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the City after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

- 24. OPPORTUNITY TO CURE:** The City at its sole discretion may in lieu of a termination allow the Contractor to cure the defect(s), by providing a "Notice to Cure" to Contractor setting forth the remedies sought by City and the deadline to accomplish the remedies. If the Contractor fails to remedy to the City's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within the time stated time, the City shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to the Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude the City from also pursuing all available remedies against

the Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default, including but not limited to termination of this Contract for convenience.

- 25. WAIVER AND REMEDIES:** City's failure to enforce the terms or conditions herein or to exercise any right or privilege, or the City's waiver of any breach hereunder shall not thereafter waive any other term, condition, or privilege, whether of the same or similar type. Remedies under this Contract are cumulative; the use of one remedy shall not be taken to exclude or waive the right to use another.
- 26. ENTIRETY OF CONTRACT:** This Contract incorporates all the agreements, covenants and understanding between the parties hereto and are merged into this written Contract. No prior agreement or prior understanding, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless set forth in this Contract.
- 27. USE OF CITY'S NAME:** Contractor may not use any of City's name, trademark, service marks, or logo in connection with the services contemplated by this Contract or otherwise without the prior written permission of City, which permission may be withheld for any or no reason and may be subject to certain conditions.
- 28. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** During the term of this Contract, Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in accordance with RCW Chapter 49.60, including, but not limited to creed, religion, race, color, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, pregnancy, military status, political ideology, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants and employees are treated fairly, without regard to their creed, religion, race, color, sex, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability. Such action shall include all terms and conditions of employment, compensation, and benefits, including apprenticeship.
- 29. BINDING EFFECT:** The provisions, covenants and conditions in this Contract bind the parties, their legal heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns.
- 30. RATIFICATION:** Acts taken pursuant to this Contract but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified and confirmed.
- 31. INCORPORATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** The complete Contract includes these parts listed in this section below, which are incorporated by this reference as if fully as set forth herein. Any inconsistency in the parts of the contract shall be resolved by following this order of precedence (e.g., 1 presiding over 2, 2 over 3, 3 over 4, and so forth):
1. Amendments to the Contract,
 2. This Contract,
 3. Addenda to the Solicitation,
 4. The Solicitation,
 5. Contractor's Proposal,
 6. Special Provisions,
 7. Contract Plan Set,
 8. City of Vancouver Amendments to the specified WSDOT Standard Specifications,
 9. General Conditions for Facility Construction,

- 10. City of Vancouver Standard Plans,
- 11. WSDOT Amendments to the WSDOT Standard Specifications,
- 12. WSDOT Standard Specifications,
- 13. WSDOT Standard Plans.

32. NOTICES: Whenever in this written Contract written notices are to be given or made, they may be sent by certified mail to the following people at the addresses as shown herein unless a different address is designated in writing or delivered to the respective party hereto.

Anna Vogel
 City of Vancouver
 415 W 6th St.
 PO Box 1995
 Vancouver WA 98668-1995

Kathleen Buttrell
 Arborscape LTD, Inc.
 11113 NE 95th St.
 Vancouver, WA 98662

By signing below, Contractor accepts the terms and conditions of this Contract and specifically acknowledges and agrees that the provisions contained herein have been mutually negotiated by the Parties.

CITY OF VANCOUVER, A municipal corporation

CONTRACTOR:
Arborscape LTD, Inc.

 Eric Holmes, City Manager

 By: (Proprietor, partner, or corporate president must sign)

Attest:

 Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

 Printed Name

 Title

Approved as to form:

 Jonathan Young, City Attorney