

Tracking No. 17090063

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

**CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY  
NEBRASKA**

**Annual Supply  
Grader Blades  
Bid No. 17-212**

**Midwest Service and Sales Co.  
602 Road 5  
Schuyler, NE 68661  
(800) 642-8302**

**CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
CONTRACT TERMS**

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into by and between **Midwest Service and Sales Co., 602 Road 5, Schuyler, NE 68661**, hereinafter called "Contractor", and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter called the "Owners".

WHEREAS, the Owner has caused to be prepared, in accordance with law, Specifications, Plans, and other Contract Documents for the Work herein described, and has approved and adopted said documents and has caused to be published an advertisement for and in connection with said Work, to-wit:

**Grader Blades, Bid No. 17-212**

and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor, in response to such advertisement, has submitted to the Owners, in the manner and at the time specified, a sealed Proposal/Supplier Response in accordance with the terms of said advertisement; and,

WHEREAS, the Owners, in the manner prescribed by law has publicly opened, read aloud, examined, and canvassed the Proposals/Supplier Responses submitted in response to such advertisement, and as a result of such canvass has determined and declared the Contractor to be the lowest responsible bidder for the said Work for the sum or sums named in the Contractor's Proposal/Supplier Responses, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sums to be paid to the Contractor and the mutual covenants herein contained, the Contractor and the Owners have agreed and hereby agree as follows:

1. The Contractor agrees to (a) furnish all tools, equipment, supplies, superintendence, transportation, and other accessories, services, and facilities; (b) furnish all materials, supplies, and equipment specified to be incorporated into and form a permanent part of the complete work; (c) provide and perform all necessary labor in a substantial and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents; and (d) execute and complete all Work included in and covered by the Owners' award of this Contract to the Contractor, such award being based on the acceptance by the Owner of the Contractor's Proposal, or part thereof, as follows:

**Agreement to Line Items 1-7, 14-16, 18 and 19 of Contractor's Proposal**

2. The Owners agree to pay to the Contractor for the performance of the Work embraced in this Contract, the Contractor agrees to accept as full compensation therefore, the following sums and prices for all Work covered by and included in the Contract award and designated above, payment thereof to be made in the manner provided by the Owners:

**The Owners will pay for products/service, according to the Line Item pricing as listed in Contractors Proposal/Supplier Response, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this Contract. The Owners shall order on an as- needed basis for the duration of the contract. The cost of products or services for County agencies shall not exceed \$34,483.68 during the contract term without approval by the Board of Commissioners. The cost of products or services for City Departments shall not exceed \$42,782.79 during the contract term without approval.**

3. Equal Employment Opportunity. In connection with the carrying out of this project, the contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or marital status. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
4. E-Verify. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 through 4-114, the contractor agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the state of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324 a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C.A 1324b. The contractor shall require any subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this section.
5. Termination. This Contract may be terminated by the following:
  - 5.1) Termination for Convenience. Either party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party for any reason without penalty.
  - 5.2) Termination for Cause. The Owners may terminate the Contract for cause if the Contractor:
    - 5.2.1) Refuses or fails to supply the proper labor, materials and equipment necessary to provide services and/or commodities.
    - 5.2.2) Disregards Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions or orders.
    - 5.2.3) Otherwise commits a substantial breach or default of any provision of the Contract Document. In the event of a substantial breach or default the Owners will provide the Contractor written notice of said breach or default and allow the Contractor ten (10) days from the date of the written notice to cure such breach or default. If said breach or default is not cured within ten (10) days from the date of notice, then the contract shall terminate.
6. Independent Contractor. It is the express intent of the parties that this contract shall not create an employer-employee relationship. Employees of the Contractor shall not be deemed to be employees of the Owners and employees of the Owners shall not be deemed to be employees of the Contractor. The Contractor and the Owners shall be responsible to their respective employees for all salary and benefits. Neither the Contractor's employees nor the Owners' employees shall be entitled to any salary, wages, or benefits from the other party, including but not limited to overtime, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation, sick leave or injury leave. Contractor shall also be responsible for maintaining workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance for its employees, and for payment of all federal, state, local and any other payroll taxes with respect to its employees' compensation.
7. Owner Inclusion. It is understood and agreed by all parties that "Owner/s" shall include the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska. Whenever in the Contract documents, including the instructions to bidders, specifications, insurance requirements, bonds, and terms and conditions or any other documents which are a part of the Contract, a singular entity is referenced (i.e., "the City" or "the County") it shall mean the "Owners" encompassing the City of Lincoln, and Lancaster County.

8. Period of Performance. This Contract shall be effective upon execution by both parties. The term of the Contract shall be a one (1) year term with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year terms.
9. The Contract Documents comprise the Contract, and consist of the following:
  1. Contract Terms
  2. Accepted Proposal/Supplier Response
  3. Special Provisions
  4. Specifications
  5. Instructions to Bidders
  6. Notice to Bidders
  7. Sales Tax Exemption Form 13

The herein above mentioned Contract Documents form this Contract and are a part of the Contract as if hereto attached. Said documents which are not attached to this document may be viewed at: [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) - Keyword: Bid - Awarded or Closed bids.

The Contractor and the Owners hereby agree that all the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be binding upon themselves, and their heirs, administrators, executors, legal and personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor and the Owners do hereby execute this contract upon completion of signatures on:

Vendor Signature Page  
City of Lincoln Signature Page  
Lancaster County Signature Page

**Vendor Signature Page**

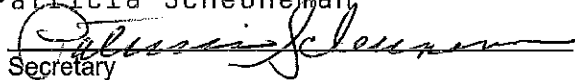
**CONTRACT  
Annual Supply  
Grader Blades  
Bid No. 17-212  
City of Lincoln and Lancaster County  
Midwest Service and Sales Co.**

**EXECUTION BY CONTRACTOR**

**IF A CORPORATION:**

Attest:

Patricia Scheuneman

 Seal  
Secretary

Midwest Service and Sales Co.

Name of Corporation

602 Rd 5

Schuyler, NE 68661  
Address

By: Terry Scheuneman

Duly Authorized Official

President

Legal Title of Official

**IF OTHER TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:**

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Name of Organization

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Type of Organization

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Address

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member

**IF AN INDIVIDUAL:**

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Name

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Address

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Signature

## City of Lincoln Signature Page

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### EXECUTION BY THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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City Clerk

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Chris Beutler, Mayor

Approved by Executive Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

dated \_\_\_\_\_

**Lancaster County Signature Page**

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**CONTRACT  
Annual Supply  
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Midwest Service and Sales Co.**

**EXECUTION BY LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

Contract Approved as to Form:

The Board of County Commissioners of Lancaster,  
Nebraska

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Deputy Lancaster County Attorney

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dated \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Lincoln/Lancaster County (Lincoln Purchasing) Supplier Response

Bid Information		Contact Information		Ship to Information
Bid Creator	Sharon Mulder Asst Purchasing Agent	Address	Purchasing 440 S. 8th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	Address
Email	smulder@lincoln.ne.gov	Contact	Sharon R. Mulder Asst Purchasing Agent	Contact
Phone	(402) 441-7428			
Fax	(402) 441-6513			
Bid Number	17-212	Department	Purchasing	Department
Title	Annual Supply - Grader Blades	Building	Suite 200	Building
Bid Type	Bid	Floor/Room		Floor/Room
Issue Date	8/4/2017 03:00 PM (CT)	Telephone	(402) 441-7428	Telephone
Close Date	8/18/2017 12:00:00 PM (CT)	Fax	(402) 441-6513	Fax
		Email	smulder@lincoln.ne.gov	Email

## Supplier Information

Company	MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO.
Address	602 Road 5  Schuyler, NE 68661
Contact	Terry Scheuneman
Department	
Building	
Floor/Room	
Telephone	(800) 642-8302
Fax	(402) 352-5142
Email	sales@midwestserviceandsales.com
Submitted	8/9/2017 04:37:37 PM (CT)
Total	\$130,078.51

By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Signature Terry C Scheuneman

Email sales@midwestserviceandsales.com

## Supplier Notes

Minimum order for bid pricing, \$10,000.

## Bid Notes

## Bid Activities

## Bid Messages

## Bid Attributes



Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Instructions to Bidders	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Instructions to Bidders.	Yes
2	Sample Contract	I acknowledge reading and understanding the sample contract.	Yes
3	Specifications	I acknowledge reading and understanding the specifications.	Yes
4	Delivery	State number of delivery days ARO. FOB to the City/County at the location specified with all transportation charges paid.	Approximately 5-6 Weeks ARO, \$10,000 minimum order
5	Contact	Name of person submitting this bid:	Terry Scheuneman
6	Warranty	I acknowledge that the manufacturers warranty has been attached to the Vendors Response Attachment Section of the E-bid.	Yes
7	Literature	I acknowledge that the manufacturers literature for products being bid has been attached to the Vendors Response Attachment Section of the E-bid.	Yes
8	Renewal is an Option	Contract Extension Renewal is an option.	Yes
9	Special Provision Term Contract Provisions	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Special Provision Term Contract Provisions.	Yes
10	Term Clause of Contract	I acknowledge that the term of the contract is for a one (1) year term with the option for three (3) additional one (1) year renewals from the date of the executed contract. . ((a) Are your bid prices firm for the first one (1) year contract period. YES or NO (b) Are your bid prices subject to escalation/de-escalation YES or NO (c) If (b), state period for which prices will remain firm: through _____	a) no, b) yes, c) 30 days
11	Quantities	I acknowledge that the quantities listed for each line item are an estimated yearly amount. The City does not guarantee any dollar amount or order quantities for the term of the contract.	Y
12	Bid award	I acknowledge and understand that the City, County and/or Public Building Commission reserves the right to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates/options, by groups, or "lump sum" such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the City, County and/or Public Building Commission.  If your pricing is based on an all-or-nothing basis, please indicate so in the Supplier Notes section of your E-Bid response.	Yes
13	Tax Exempt Certification Forms	Materials being purchased in this bid are tax exempt and unit prices are reflected as such. A Purchasing Agent Appointment form and a Exempt Sales Certificate form shall be issued with contract documents. (Note: State Tax Law does not provide for sales tax exemption for proprietary functions for government, thereby excluding the purchases of pipes to be installed in water lines and purchase of water meters.)	Yes

14 U.S. Citizenship Attestation

Is your company legally considered an Individual or Sole Proprietor: YES or NO No

As a Vendor who is legally considered an Individual or a Sole Proprietor I hereby understand and agree to comply with the requirements of the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available at:  
<http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/notary/citizenforminfo.html>

All awarded Vendors who are legally considered an Individual or a Sole Proprietor must complete the form and submit it with contract documents at time of execution.

If a Vendor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Vendor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Vendor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.

Vendor further understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Vendor may be disqualified or the Contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108.

15 Electronic Signature

Please check here for your electronic signature. Yes

## Line Items

#	Qty	UOM	Description	Response
1	200	EA	Thru-Hardened (Flat Plow Blade), 1" W x 8" H x 5' L	\$84.96

Manufacturer: Caterpillar      Manufacturer #: 7T3497

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CAT 7T3497

2	10	EA	Thru-Hardened (Flat Plow Blade), 1" W x 8" H x 4' L	\$67.97
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Manufacturer: Caterpillar      Manufacturer #: 1359692

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CAT 1359692

3	74	EA	Carbide Insert (Underbody Plow Blade), 7/8" W x 5" H x 4' L	\$157.50
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Manufacturer: Caterpillar      Manufacturer #: 3565242

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CICT754844

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4 68 EA Carbide Insert (Underbody Plow Blade), 7/8" W x 5" H x 3' L \$118.13

Manufacturer: Caterpillar Manufacturer #: 3565241

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CICT753644

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5 50 EA Thru-Hardened (DBC Grader Blade), 3/4" W x 8" H x 7' L \$75.93

Manufacturer: Caterpillar Manufacturer #: 5D9559

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CAT 5D9559

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6 25 EA Thru-Hardened (DBC Grader Blade), 3/4" W x 8" H x 6' L \$65.07

Manufacturer: Caterpillar Manufacturer #: 5D9558

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CAT 5D9558

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7 4 EA High-Carbon (DBC Grader Blade), 1/2" W x 8" H x 7' L \$41.52

Manufacturer: Caterpillar Manufacturer #: 9W2315

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CAT 9W2315

8 100 EA Carbide Insert (Right Curb Guard), 1" W x 8" H x 21' L \$190.08

Manufacturer: Winter Equipment Manufacturer #: PC8312XR

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CURB D35105

9 100 EA Carbide Insert (Left Curb Guard), 1" W x 8" H x 21' L \$190.08

Manufacturer: Winter Equipment Manufacturer #: PC8312XL

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CURB D35106

10 50 EA Carbide Insert (Right Curb Guard), 1" W x 6" H x 21' L \$142.33

Manufacturer: Winter Equipment Manufacturer #: PC6312ER

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CURB D36681

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11 50 EA Carbide Insert (Left Curb Guard), 1" W x 6" H x 21' L \$142.33

Manufacturer: Winter Equipment Manufacturer #: PC6312EL

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CURB D36682

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12 20 EA Carbide Reinforced (Left/Right Curb Runner), 3/4" W x 4" H x 22' L No Bid

Manufacturer: Winter Equipment Manufacturer #: CR463U

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	

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13 20 EA Carbide Reinforced (Left/Right Plow Guard Kit) No Bid

Manufacturer: Winter Equipment Manufacturer #: KT-Xtendor 13-5/8

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	

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14 50 EA Flat Square Edge (Standard High-Carbon Blade), 1/2" W x 6" H x 5' L \$26.16

Item Notes: Used as wiper blade

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts

2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	PBA4606044
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15 100 EA Flat Square Edge (Standard High-Carbon Blade), 1/2" W x 6" H x 6' L \$31.38

Item Notes: Used as wiper blade

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts

2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	PBA4607244
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16 15 EA Plow Edge, 1/2" x 6" x 90" \$39.24

Manufacturer: Western Manufacturer #: 1301294

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts

2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	WES49008
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17 9 EA Plow Edge, 1/2" x 6" x 96" \$62.56

Manufacturer: Western Manufacturer #: 63980

Item Notes: Annual estimated quantity.

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts

2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	WES63980
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18 100 EA Tungsten Curved Carbide Insert Blades, 15/16" Thick x 7" Tall x 3' Length \$125.50

Manufacturer: Caterpillar

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CIJT873675

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19 100 EA Tungsten Curved Carbide Insert Blades, 15/16" Thick x 7" Tall x 4' Length \$167.33

Manufacturer: Caterpillar

Item Notes:

Supplier Notes:

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Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer	Please provide Manufacturer of item you are bidding.	Black Cat Wear Parts
2	Model	Please provide the Model Number of the item you are bidding.	CIJT874875

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Response Total: \$130,078.51

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# SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TERM CONTRACTS

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

### **1. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

- 1.1 The quantities set forth in the line items and specification document are approximate and represent the estimated requirements for the contract period.
- 1.2 Items listed may or may not be an inclusive requirements for this category.
- 1.3 Category items not listed, but distributed by bidder are to be referred to as kindred items. Kindred items shall receive the same percentage of discount or pricing structure as items listed in the specification document.
- 1.4 The unit prices and the extended total prices shall be used as a basis for the evaluation of bids. The actual quantity of materials necessary may be more or less than the estimates listed in the specification document, but the City/County shall be neither obligated nor limited to any specified amount. If possible, the Owners will restrict increases/decreases to 20% of the estimated quantities listed in the specification document.

### **2. CONTRACT PERIOD**

- 2.1 The material shall be delivered as ordered during the contract period, beginning from the date of contract execution and ending as indicated in the specifications or in the Attribute Section of the bid.
- 2.2 Bidder must indicate in the Bid, if extension renewals are an option.
- 2.3 By mutual consent of both parties it is understood and agreed that the contract may be renewed at the same prices and/or under the same conditions governing the original contract.

### **3. BID PRICES**

- 3.1 Bidders must state in the Attribute Section if the bid prices will remain firm for the full contract period; or if the bid prices will be subject to escalation/de-escalation.
- 3.2 Escalation/De-escalation Clause: In the event that prevailing market conditions warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract, the following escalation/de-escalation clause shall be the only clause applicable or acceptable:
  1. Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of any proposed changes from contract prices not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of said price changes.
  2. Such notice must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the contractor of price changes.
  3. No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to on the supplier's notice.
  4. Purchasing shall issue a contract Addendum with revised pricing upon receipt and approval. The Addendum will be executed by both parties for the remaining term of the contract.
  5. The approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the contractor after the effective date of such price change.
  6. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.

7. Purchasing reserves the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

8. The Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interests of the City/County.

9. If in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent any proposed increase is found unacceptable, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to cancel the contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice.

10. Contractors must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Contractor will put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publication so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership will be no cost to the Owners.

### **4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

- 4.1 The Purchasing Division will issue a Contract to all successful bidders. Such contract will incorporate the specifications and all other forms used during the bid process.
- 4.2 Orders for materials will be made as needed by the various Agencies following execution by all parties.
- 4.3 Contractor may be asked to assist the Purchasing Agent with the development of a list of repetitively purchased commodities, to periodically update such list, and to assist in the development of a list of suitable substitutions.
- 4.4 Contractor shall provide technical advice upon request, and assist in the evaluation of new products.
- 4.5 Contractor shall monitor orders to ensure the highest possible fill rate and minimize back-orders.

### **5. QUARTERLY REPORT**

- 5.1 Upon request, the contractor shall provide to the Purchasing Agent a quarterly report, showing all purchases made under the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 5.2 Such quarterly report shall itemize the following information:
  1. Each ordering department.
  2. Items and quantities purchased by department.
  3. Total dollar amount of purchases by department.

## ANNUAL SUPPLY - GRADER BLADES

### 1. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

- 1.1 It is the intent of this specification to describe the minimum acceptable requirements for GRADER BLADES.
- 1.2 Contractor shall submit bid documents and supporting material via e-bid.
- 1.3 All inquiries regarding these specifications shall be directed via e-mail or faxed to written request to Sharon Mulder, Asst. Purchasing Agent ([smulder@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:smulder@lincoln.ne.gov)) or fax: (402) 441-6513.
  - 1.3.1 These inquiries and/or responses shall be distributed to prospective bidders electronically as an addenda.
  - 1.3.2 The Purchasing Office shall only reply to written inquiries received within five (5) calendar days of bid opening.
  - 1.3.3 No direct contact is allowed between Vendor and other City/County staff throughout the bid process.
    - 1.3.3.1 Failure to comply with this directive may result in Vendor bid being rejected.
- 1.4 The City/County reserves the right to award contracts on a lump sum bases or by item # and to include single or multiple awards, as determined to be in the best interest of the City/County.
- 1.5 The contract term shall be for one (1) year with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual consent of both parties.

### 2. DELIVERY

- 2.1 Unit bid price will include all delivery costs, including shipping and handling to the following delivery points:
  - 2.1.1 City of Lincoln, Fleet Services  
901 West Bond Street  
Lincoln, NE
  - 2.1.2 Lancaster County Shop, Bldg. B  
444 Cherrycreek Road  
Lincoln, NE
  - 2.1.3 Solid Waste Operations  
6001 Bluff Road  
Lincoln NE
- 2.2 Deliveries shall be made between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on normal City/County work days.
  - 2.2.1 A 24-hour advance notice with estimated time of arrival is required.
- 2.3 Deliveries shall be made utilizing a flatbed or open type delivery vehicle.
  - 2.3.1 Enclosed vehicle deliveries will not be accepted.
- 2.4 Maximum 30 day delivery "after receipt of order" is required for large seasonal orders.
  - 2.4.1 Please state your estimated delivery time days ARO.; which is in the attribute Section of the E-bid.
- 2.5 Invoicing will be directly to the department requesting and/or releasing an order.

### 3. PACKAGING

- 3.1 All blades, guards and runners shall be packaged in bundles of ten (10), securely banded together.
  - 3.1.1 Orders with less than ten (10) units shall also be banded for ease of handling.

### 4. WARRANTY

- 4.1 Thru-hardened and high-carbon blades shall be unconditionally guaranteed against cracks or breakage from any cause for the useful life of the blade.
  - 4.2 Replacement blades and guards shall be provided, to include hardware and freight, for any and all blades and guards which break or crack, at no cost to the City/County.
  - 4.3 Manufacturers standard warranty for carbide insert blades, guards and runners shall apply.
  - 4.4 Please include the manufacturers warranty information with your bid proposal.
5. **BLADES AND GUARDS DESIGN AND DIMENSION**
- 5.1 Blades and guards design and dimensions will be as indicated on the Bid Schedule.
  - 5.2 Specific information will be provided in the technical specifications.
  - 5.3 Exceptions to any part of these specifications will be clearly noted on bidders company letter head, by item number and description of product being offered.
  - 5.4 Blades and guards that deviate in some specific areas of the material specification but are equal in performance and durability may be considered.
    - 5.4.1 The city reserves the right to determine if a product is equal in performance and durability.

**SECTION I**  
**THRU-HARDENED SNOW PLOW BLADES**

6. **BLADES**
- 6.1 Blades shall be (SAE 1074) steel, flat sections having standard AASHTO highway punching.
  - 6.2 Punching shall be 1 1/16" square holes countersink to receive a 5/8" #3 head plow bolt.
  - 6.3 Blades shall be top-punched 1.5" from top of blade to center line of bolt holes, with the first two holes on each end of blade being 3" apart; the remaining holes shall be 2" apart. EXAMPLE (3-3-12-3-3).
    - 6.3.1 Blades with 6" spacings in lieu of 12" are acceptable.
  - 6.4 Tolerance for spacings shall be (+/-) 1/16", non-accumulative, from center to center, across the full length of the blade.
  - 6.5 The blades shall be considered straight based industry standards, with a maximum allowable deviation of .06" within any 12" section.
  - 6.6 Bevel, angle or square surface contact edge design is acceptable.
  - 6.7 Blades shall accurately fit moldboards.
  - 6.8 Blades shall be coated with a quality paint to prevent corrosion while in outside storage.
  - 6.9 Each blade shall be legibly marked with an identifying part number.
  - 6.10 The weight of the blades shall be computed from the dimensions specified on the Bid Schedule.
    - 6.10.1 A unit weight of 489.6 pounds per cubic foot shall be used in computing the weight with a maximum variation below the theoretical net weight for any single blade of five (5) %.

7. **HARDNESS**

- 7.1 Blades shall be heat treated, thru-hardened.
- 7.2 Blades shall have a Brinell hardness number of 400 to 500, with a minimum core hardness of 400.
- 7.3 Rockwell hardness C-scale from 43 to 53.
- 7.4 The blade manufacturer shall furnish (upon request by the City/County) a

certificate or test report showing the actual Brinell hardness of the blades being provided.

8. **FINISHED PRODUCT**

- 8.1 Full moldboard shall generally consist of two blade sections.
- 8.2 The finished blades shall comply with standard blade manufacturing practices and tolerances.
- 8.3 Manufacturer's literature for products being offered shall be included with the bid proposal.
- 8.4 Blades will be subject to inspection by the City/County for compliance with these specifications at the time of delivery.

**SECTION II**  
**CARBIDE INSERT UNDERBODY PLOW BLADES**

9. **BLADES**

- 9.1 Blades shall be (SAE 1020) steel, top beveled flat sections having standard AASHTO highway punching.
- 9.2 Punching shall be 11/16" square holes countersink to receive a 5/8" #3 head plow bolt.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise stated blades shall be top-punched 1.5" from top of blade to center line of bolt holes, with the first two holes on each end of blade being 3" apart; the remaining holes shall be 12" apart. EXAMPLE (3-3-12-3-3)
  - 9.3.1 Blades with 6" spacing in lieu of 12" are acceptable.
- 9.4 Tolerance for spacing shall be (+/-) 1/16", non-accumulative, from center to center, across the full length of the blade.
- 9.5 The blades shall be considered straight based on industry standards, with a maximum allowable deviation of .06" within any 12" section.
- 9.6 Blades shall accurately fit moldboards.
- 9.7 Blades shall be coated with a quality paint to prevent corrosion while in outside storage.
- 9.8 Each blade shall be legibly marked with an identifying part number.
- 9.9 The groove for the carbide inserts shall be milled in the center of the blade edge.

10. **CARBIDE INSERTS**

- 10.1 The tungsten carbide insert shall be of trapezoidal design, with the following dimensions:
  - 10.1.1 Length: 1" nominal
  - 10.1.2 Width: .365" (+/-) .005"
  - 10.1.3 Height .635" (+/-) .005"
  - 10.1.4 Bottom Angle: 25 degrees (+/-) 1 degree with nose radius of 1/16" minimum.
- 10.2 The insert shall be high shock WC grade of tungsten carbide with (11 to 12-1/2) percent cobalt content with properties as follows:
  - 10.2.1 Density: 14.1 minimum to 14.6 maximum
  - 10.2.2 Hardness: 87.5 minimum to 89.0 maximum
  - 10.2.3 Transverse Rupture Strength (P.S.I.): 350,000 minimum
  - 10.2.4 Porosity: A06 - B00 - C00 (Based on testing in accordance with ASTM designation B276-79)
- 10.3 The carbide insert manufacturer shall furnish (upon request) certification, to the City/County, that the inserts meet the specifications as set forth in Item #11.2.

11. **BRAZING**

- 11.1 The carbide inserts will be brazed on all sides with sound brazing practice, having

- no evidence of voids, with a minimum shear strength of 30,000 PSI.
- 11.2 The carbide inserts will be placed in-line within the milled groove with spacing no more than .010" between inserts the entire length of the cutting edge.
  - 11.3 Each blade will contain a 1" length of carbide insert for each 1" length of blade.

12. **FINISHED PRODUCT**

- 12.1 Full moldboard will generally consist of three blade sections.
- 12.2 The finished blades will comply with standard blade manufacturing practices and tolerances.
- 12.3 Manufacturer's literature for products being offered will be included with the bid proposal.
- 12.4 Blades will be subject to inspection by the City/County for compliance with these specifications at the time of delivery.

**SECTION III**  
**THRU-HARDENED GRADER BLADES**

13. **BLADES**

- 13.1 Blades shall be (SAE 1074) steel.
- 13.2 Punching shall be 11/16" square holes countersink to receive a 5/8" #3 head plow bolt.
- 13.3 Blades shall be top-punched, with first two holes on each end of blade being 3" apart; the remaining holes will be 6" apart. EXAMPLE (3-3-6-3-3)
- 13.4 Tolerance for spacings shall be (+/-) 1/16", non-accumulative, from center to center, across the full length of the blade.
- 13.5 The blades shall be considered straight based on industry standards, with a maximum allowable deviation of .06" within any 12" section.
- 13.6 Curved, double bevel blade design.
- 13.7 Blades shall accurately fit moldboards.
- 13.8 Blades shall be coated with a quality paint to prevent corrosion while in outside storage.
- 13.9 Each blade shall be legibly marked with identifying part number.
- 13.10 The weight of the blades shall be computed from the dimensions specified on the Bid Schedule.
  - 13.10.1 A unit weight of 489.6 pounds per cubic foot shall be used in computing the weight with a maximum variation below the theoretical net weight for any single blade of five (5) %.

14. **HARDNESS**

- 14.1 Blades shall be heat treated, thru-hardened.
- 14.2 Blades shall have a Brinell hardness number of 400 to 500, with a minimum core hardness of 400.
- 14.3 Rockwell hardness C-scale from 43 to 53.
- 14.4 The blade manufacturer shall furnish (upon request by the City/County) a certificate or test report showing the actual Brinell hardness of the blades being provided.

15. **FINISHED PRODUCT**

- 15.1 Full moldboard shall generally consist of a two blade sections.
- 15.2 The finished blades shall comply with standard blade manufacturing practices and tolerances.
- 15.3 Blades will be subject to inspection by the City/County for compliance with these specifications at the time of delivery.

**SECTION IV**  
**HIGH-CARBON STEEL GRADER BLADES**

16. **BLADES**

- 16.1 Blades shall be (SAE 1084) steel.
- 16.2 Punching shall be 11/16" square holes countersink to receive a 5/8" #3 head plow bolt.
- 16.3 Blades shall be top-punched, with first two holes on each end of blade being 3" apart; the remaining holes shall be 6" apart. EXAMPLE (3-3-6-3-3)
- 16.4 Tolerance for spacings shall be (+/-) 1/16", non-accumulative, from center to center, across the full length of the blade.
- 16.5 The blade shall be considered straight based on industry standards, with a maximum allowable deviation of .06" within any 12" section.
- 16.6 Curved, double bevel blade design.
- 16.7 Blades shall accurately fit moldboard.
- 16.8 Blades shall be coated with a quality paint to prevent corrosion while in outside storage.
- 16.9 Each blade shall be legibly marked with identifying part number.
- 16.10 The weight of the blades shall be computed from the dimensions specified on the Bid Schedule.
  - 16.10.1 A unit weight of 489.6 pounds per cubic foot will be used in computing the weight with a maximum variation below the theoretical net weight for any single blade of five (5) %.

17. **HARDNESS**

- 17.1 Blades shall be high-carbon.
- 17.2 Brinell hardness of 255 to 325.
- 17.3 Rockwell hardness C-scale 25.4 to 34.7.
- 17.4 The blade manufacturer shall furnish (upon request by the City/County) a certificate or test report showing the actual Brinell hardness of the blades being provided.

18. **FINISHED PRODUCT**

- 18.1 Full moldboard will generally consist of two blade sections.
- 18.2 The finished blades shall comply with standard blade manufacturing practices and tolerances.
- 18.3 Blades shall be subject to inspection by the City/County for compliance with these specifications at the time of delivery.

**SECTION V**  
**CARBIDE REINFORCED CURB GUARDS**

19. **CURB GUARDS**

- 19.1 Curb guards shall be (A36) steel, curved on the outside end to a radius of approximately 105° and having standard AASHTO highway punching.
- 19.2 Punching shall be 11/16" square hole countersink to receive 5/8" #3 head plow bolt.
- 19.3 Guards shall be top-punched, with the first two holes on the end of guard being 3" apart and the third 12" on center. EXAMPLE (3-3-12)
- 19.4 High impact, carbon steel bar running the full length of the front carbide cutting edge with the bar welded to the top front surface of the guard.
- 19.5 Carbide cutting edge matrix shall be 7/8" minimum in height for the full length of minimum 1" thick steel base.
  - 19.5.1 Carbide matrix profile shall be parallel and flush (plus/minus 1/32") to

- the blade side of the guard and be fused to the front impact bar.
- 19.6 Carbide matrix on curb contact corner shall be a minimum 7 square inches x 3/8" thick (1.0 minimum carbide weight).
  - 19.7 Carbide wear edge must demonstrate vertical stress relief checks with one relief check minimum per inch of longitudinal carbide matrix.
  - 19.8 Minimum 6.2 lbs. minimum total carbide weight.
  - 19.9 Longitudinal cracks at fusion zone of carbide weld to base is not acceptable.
  - 19.10 Curb guards shall be coated with a quality paint to prevent corrosion while in outside storage.
  - 19.11 Guards will be subject to inspection by the City/County for compliance with these specifications at the time of delivery.

**SECTION VI**  
**CARBIDE REINFORCED CURB RUNNERS**

20. **CURB RUNNERS**

- 20.1 Curb runner shall be (A36) steel, bar stock 3/4" thick
- 20.2 Punching shall be 11/16" square hole countersink to receive 5/8" #3 head plow bolt.
- 20.3 Runner shall be punched 3-3-3-3-3 for universal mounting.
- 20.4 A-22 cast steel casting with 0.8 lbs. minimum carbide matrix at curb contact corner.
- 20.5 Curb runners shall be coated with a quality paint to prevent corrosion while in outside storage.
- 20.6 Runners will be subject to inspection by the City/County for compliance with these specifications at the time of delivery.

**LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**MOTOR GRADER BLADE - CARBIDE SPECIFICATIONS**

21. **MATERIAL**

- 21.1 The cutting edges shall be formed from high carbon, heat treated or hot rolled steel.
- 21.2 Requirements for Tungsten Carbide blades:
  - 21.2.1 Curved – Single Tungsten Carbide insert grader blades.
  - 21.2.2 The blade shall be curved hot rolled finished steel that measures no less than 15/16 inch thick and 7 inches tall.
  - 21.2.3 The groove for the carbide insert shall be milled in the center of the blade edge.
  - 21.2.4 Single bevel, USS Standard punching with 11/16" square holes with countersink to receive 5/8" diameter #3 plow bolts.
  - 21.2.5 Holes are to be located in a straight line parallel to the wearing edge of the blade 1.5 inches from top of bevel for mounting on standard, beveled, underbody moldboard.
  - 21.2.6 Tungsten Carbide inserts must be a width of not less than 0.36 inches.
  - 21.2.7 Preferred design would use a Trapezoid insert not less than 0.6 inches high.
  - 21.2.8 The inserts shall be positioned in the milled groove along the entire length of each blade.
  - 21.2.9 Each blade shall contain one carbide insert of 1" nominal length for each 1" of blade section.

- 21.2.10 The inserts shall be brazed on all sides consistent with sound brazing practices having no evidence of voids, shims or fillers.
  - 21.2.11 The brazing material shall be a high strength alloy type.
  - 21.2.12 The finished blade section will be given a coat of rust resistant paint and shall be free of warpage and longitudinal deviation not to exceed 1/8" in a four foot blade section.
- 21.3 Carbide Embedded - Tungsten Carbide insert grader blades.
- 21.3.1 In addition to all of the specifications listed in section "21.2" above, a protective layer of crushed tungsten carbide particles shall be embedded to the front bottom edge of the blade in a weld deposit into which the crushed carbide will penetrate and compact to a depth of 3/16" (+/- .060).
  - 21.3.2 Each blade section shall contain 1.2 – 1.8 pounds of carbide particles (standard No. 8-14 size granular carbide chips) and be evenly distributed along a 1" minimum high strip and shall be applied to the full length of the blade and will be flush with the bottom edge.



**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**  
**City of Lincoln, Nebraska, County of Lancaster**  
E-Bid

**1. BIDDING PROCEDURE**

- 1.1 Sealed bid, formal and informal, subject to Instructions and General Conditions and any special conditions set forth herein, will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division, 440 So. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68508, until the bid closing date and time indicated for furnishing the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, hereafter referred to as "Owners" the materials, supplies, equipment or services shown in the electronic bid request.
- 1.2 Bidders shall use the electronic bid system for submitting bids and must complete all required fields. If you do not care to bid, please respond to the bid request and note your reason.
- 1.3 Identify the item you will furnish by brand or manufacturer's name and catalog numbers. Also furnish specifications and descriptive literature if not bidding the specific manufacturer or model as listed in the specifications.
- 1.4 Any person submitting a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.5 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.
- 1.6 The Bidders and public are invited, but not required, to attend the formal opening of bids. At the opening, prices will be displayed electronically and/or read aloud to the public. The pricing is also available for immediate viewing on-line. No decisions related to an award of a contract or purchase order will be made at the opening.
- 1.7 If bidding on a construction contract, the City's Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction 2011 shall apply.
  - 1.7.1 Bidders may obtain this document from the City's Design Engineering Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department for a small fee.
  - 1.7.2 Said document can be reviewed at Design Engineering or the office of the Purchasing Division.
  - 1.7.3 Said document is available on the web site.  
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/dconst/standard/stnds-spec/index.htm>

**2. BID SECURITY**

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the bid.
  - 2.1.1 Bid security, if required, shall be in the amount specified on the bid. The bid security must be scanned and attached to the "Response Attachments" section of your response or it can be faxed to the Purchasing Office at 402-441-6513. The original bid security should then be sent or delivered to the office of the Purchasing Division, 440 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68508 to be received within three (3) days of bid closing.
  - 2.1.2 If bid security is not received in the Office of the Purchasing Division as stated above, the vendor may be determined to be non-responsive.
- 2.2 If alternates are submitted, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful Bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful Bidder(s) as follows:
  - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the Owners.
  - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the Owners of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 Owners shall have the right to retain the bid security of Bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
  - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
  - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
  - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.
- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the Owners as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:
  - 2.6.1 If the Bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the Owners, and/or if the Bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

**3. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION**

- 3.1 Each Bidder by electronic signature and submitting a bid, represents that the Bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 3.2 Each Bidder for services further represents that the Bidder has examined and is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

**4. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

- 4.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.
- 4.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents for formal bids shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of formal bids.
- 4.3 Changes made to the specification documents will be issued electronically. All vendors registered for that bid will be notified of the addendum. Subsequent Bidders will only receive the bid with the addendum included.
- 4.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the bidding documents made in any manner other than written form will not be binding on the Owners; and Bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

**5. ADDENDA**

- 5.1 Addenda are instruments issued by the Owners prior to the date for receipt of bids which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.
- 5.2 Addenda notification will be made available to all registered vendors immediately via e-mail for inspection on-line.
- 5.3 No formal bid addendums will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of formal bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.

**6. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION**

- 6.1 By signing and submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies that the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Bidder or with any competitor; unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder prior to bid opening directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made, or will be made, by the Bidder to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

**7. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION**

- 7.1 During the period between the bid advertisement date and the contract award, Bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not lobby or promote their bid with any member of the City or County staff or officers except in the course of Owner sponsored inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations, unless requested by the Owners.

**8. BRAND NAMES**

- 8.1 Wherever in the specifications or bid that brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 8.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the Owners that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 8.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate space on the e-bid form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, Bidder MUST attach to its bid document on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation.
- 8.4 The Bidder must indicate any variances by item number from the specification document no matter how slight.
- 8.5 If variations are not stated in the bid, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the Owners' bidding documents.

**9. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES**

- 9.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the Owners.
- 9.2 Such demonstration can be at the Owners delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 9.3 If items are small and malleable, the Bidder is proposing an alternate product, the Bidder shall supply a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at Bidder's expense after receipt by the Owners of acceptable goods. The Bidder must indicate how samples are to be returned.

**10. DELIVERY (Non-Construction)**

- 10.1 Each Bidder shall state on the bid the date upon which it can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise.
- 10.2 The Owners reserve the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the bid.
- 10.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment/ merchandise F.O.B. the Owners at the location specified by the Owners, with all transportation charges paid.
- 10.4 At the time of delivery, a designated Owner employee will sign the invoice/packing slip. The signature will only indicate that the order has been received and the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items met specifications, were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage or shortages.

**11. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE**

- 11.1 Copies of the following documents, if requested, shall accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid::
- 11.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
  - 11.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 11.2 As a minimum requirement of the Owners, the Bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the Owners. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the Owners. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the Bidder shall be paid by the Bidder.

**12. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL**

- 12.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 12.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the Bidder until:
- 12.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of the material is made and found to be acceptable to the Owners; and
  - 12.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the bidding documents and accepted proposal.
- 12.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, the Owners reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the Bidder and return materials to the Bidder at Bidder's expense.
- 12.4 Awarded Bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the Owner, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 12.5 Awarded Bidder's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

**13. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD**

- 13.1 The electronic signature shall be considered an offer on the part of the Bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the Owners of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 13.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each Bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 13.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 13.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder whose bid will be most advantageous to the Owners, and as the Owners deem will best serve the requirements and interests of the Owners.
- 13.5 The Owners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive minor irregularities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the Owners.
- 13.6 In order to determine if the Bidder has the experience, qualifications, resources and necessary attributes to provide the quality workmanship, materials and management required by the plans and specifications, the Bidder may be required to complete and submit additional information as deemed necessary by the Owners. Failure to provide the information requested to make this determination may be grounds for a declaration of non-responsive with respect to the Bidder.
- 13.7 The Owners reserves the right to reject irregular bids that contain unauthorized additions, conditions, alternate bids, or irregularities that make the Bid Proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous.
- 13.8 Any governmental agency may piggyback on any contract entered into from this bid.

**14. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 14.1 The Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owners from and against all losses, claims, damages, and expenses, including, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract that results in bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom and is caused in whole or in part by the Bidder, any subcontractor, any directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. This section will not require the Bidder to indemnify or hold harmless the Owners for any losses, claims damages, and expenses arising out of or resulting from the sole negligence of the Owners.
- 14.2 In any and all claims against the Owners or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the Bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 14.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Bidder or any subcontractor under worker's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

**15. TERMS OF PAYMENT**

- 15.1 Unless stated otherwise, the Owners will begin processing payment within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

**16. LAWS**

- 16.1 The laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the parties under this proposal and any contract reached as a result of this process.
- 16.2 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.

**17. EQUIPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT**

- 17.1 Any bid for public improvement shall comply with Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 77-1323 and 77-1324. Indicating; every person, partnership, limited liability company, association or corporation furnishing labor or material in the repair, alteration, improvement, erection, or construction of any public improvement shall sign a certified statement which will accompany the contract. The certified statement shall state that all equipment to be used on the project, except that acquired since the assessment date, has been assessed for taxation for the current year, giving the county where assessed.

**18. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

- 18.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County provides equal opportunity for all Bidders and encourages minority businesses, women's businesses and locally owned business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

**19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1 All Bidders shall take special notice of the insurance provisions required for all City/County contracts (see *Insurance Requirements*).

**20. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

- 20.1 Depending on the type of service or commodity provided, one of the following methods will be employed. The method applicable to this contract will be checked below:

- a. **PURCHASE ORDER**, unless otherwise noted.
  - 1. The contract shall consist of a City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Purchase Order.
  - 2. A copy of the Bidder's bid response (or referenced bid number) attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the contract between the parties hereto: that both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents.
- b. **CONTRACT**, unless otherwise noted.
  - 1. City and County will furnish copies of the Contract to the successful Bidder who shall prepare attachments as required. Insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance (as required), surety bonds properly executed (as required), and Contract signed with the dated.
  - 2. The prepared documents shall be returned to the Purchasing Office within 10 days (unless otherwise noted).
  - 3. The City and County will sign and date the Contract.
  - 4. Upon approval and signature, the City and County, will return one copy to the successful Bidder.

**21. TAXES AND TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

- 21.1 The Owners are generally exempt from any taxes imposed by the state or federal government. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be provided as applicable.

**22. CITY AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD**

- 22.1 All parties of any City agreement shall be subject to audit pursuant to Chapter 4.66 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and shall make available to a contract auditor, as defined therein, copies of all financial and performance related records and materials germane to the contract/order, as allowed by law.
- 22.2 The Water Division of the City of Lincoln is taxable per Reg. 066.14A and no exemption certificate will be issued.

**23. E-VERIFY**

- 23.1 In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 through 4-114, the contractor agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the state of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324 a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C.A 1324b. The contractor shall require any subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this section. For information on the E-Verify Program, go to [www.uscis.gov/everify](http://www.uscis.gov/everify).

**Advertise 2 times  
Friday, August 4, 2017  
Friday, August 11, 2017**

**City of Lincoln/Lancaster County  
Purchasing Division  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska  
BY ELECTRONIC BID PROCESS until: **12:00 pm, Friday, August 18, 2017** for providing the following:

**Annual Supply of Grader Blades  
Bid No. 17-212**

Bidders must be registered on the City/County's E-Bid site in order to respond to the above Bid. To register go to: [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (type: e-bid - in search box, then click "Supplier Registration").

*Questions concerning this bid process may be directed to City/County Purchasing at (402) 441-8103 or [purchasing@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:purchasing@lincoln.ne.gov)*