

**OFFICIAL**

**MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS**

Separate, sealed proposals will be received by the Commission of Mt. Lebanon, PA until 11:00 a.m., prevailing time on December 19, 2024, at the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228, for the following:

- PARK MOWING – AREA 1 MAIN PARK, TENNIS CENTER, BIRD PARK, BEADLING AT CEDAR
- PARK MOWING – AREA 2 PARK AREAS
- PARK MOWING – AREA 3 TRAFFIC ISLANDS
- PARK MOWING – AREA 4 ATHLETIC FIELDS
- FLOWER BED PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE
- COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
- LIBRARY, PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, SWIM CENTER, & CLEARVIEW COMMONS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check made payable to the Treasurer of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1,000.

Specifications, proposals and all necessary information may be obtained at the office of the Director of Public Works, 710 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228, or online at [www.mtlebanon.org/publicdocuments](http://www.mtlebanon.org/publicdocuments).

All proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to Rudy Sukal, Director, 710 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228 and marked:

- "Bid for Park Mowing – Area 1 Main Park, Tennis Center, Bird Park, Beadling at Cedar"
- "Bid for Park Mowing – Area 2 Park Areas"
- "Bid for Park Mowing – Area 3 Traffic Islands"
- "Bid for Park Mowing – Area 4 Athletic Fields"
- "Bid for Flower Bed Planting and Maintenance"
- "Bid for Commercial District Landscape Maintenance"
- "Bid for Library, Public Safety Center, Swim Center, & Clearview Commons Turf & Grounds Maintenance"

and delivered to the Customer Service Center 2nd floor, 710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15228. Bids must be delivered before the time specified, only to this location. Check in at the virtual kiosk at the main entrance.

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Keith McGill  
Mt. Lebanon Manager

**MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**CONTRACTUAL SPECIFICATIONS  
AREA 4 – MOWING AND TRIMMING**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

Sealed bids will be opened at the time and date specified in the Official Notice in the Mt. Lebanon Commission Chambers, 710 Washington Road, for **Area 4 Mowing and Trimming**.

1. OFFICIAL BID BLANKS MUST BE USED. All spaces must be completed, using typewriter or ink, and no other marks are to be made thereon. The bidder shall mark "No Bid" in any space where he does not propose to bid the work. All bids must be signed and must be accompanied by the Official Notice and a set of Official Contractual Specifications as set forth hereinafter.
2. A copy of the contract document (agreement) is attached to and shall be made a part of these specifications. Do not sign the contract copy attached.
3. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check in the amount of \$1000, made payable to "Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania".
4. The Mt. Lebanon Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
5. Proposals must be received no later than the time stipulated in the Official Bid Notice. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, his address and the words "**Bid for Area 4 Mowing & Trimming**".
6. The successful bidder, upon failure or refusal to execute and deliver the contract within ten (10) days after he has received notice of the acceptance of his bid, shall forfeit to Mt. Lebanon the security deposited with his bid. All bid deposits of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them upon either the tender by the successful bidder of the required contract, or the expiration of sixty (60) days after the time for the opening of bids, whichever shall be first to occur. Upon execution of the contract, the bid deposit of the bidder with whom the contract is executed shall be returned.
7. No bid received after the time specified in the Official Notice will be considered, except when a bid arrived by mail after the time fixed for opening, but before the reading of all other bids is completed, and it is shown to the satisfaction of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania that the non-arrival on time was due solely to delay in the mail for which the bidder was not responsible.

8. It is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Mt. Lebanon Director or Superintendent of Public Works to acquire a clear understanding of all conditions under which the work is to be performed. Upon request, the Director of Public Works or his authorized representative will accompany the bidder to the various planting areas.
9. Basis of Award: The bid must include costs for a one year contract period. The Commission will award a contract for a one year base bid.
10. Bids will be accepted for **Area 4 Mowing and Trimming** work to take place from the first week in April through the completion of the leaf removal portion of the agreement.
11. The Commission of Mt. Lebanon reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bids submitted.
12. Non-Collusion Affidavit: Each bid must be accompanied by a notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit on the form attached to the proposal. Any bid which does not include the affidavit will not be accepted.

## AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, a municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter designated as the "Municipality," and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter designated as the "Contractor" for Mowing and **Trimming Park Area #4 Athletic Fields** (Dixon Field, Wildcat & Middle Field Perimeter, Batting Cage and Parking Lot Perimeters, Bird Park Soccer Field and Brafferton Field).

WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreement and undertakings of the parties hereto, the Contractor agrees to complete a program of park mowing and trimming as designated by the Municipality, and the Municipality agrees to pay for the same, all subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Provision of Labor, Tools and Equipment.** The Contractor agrees to furnish and pay all necessary expenses for all labor, tools and equipment in connection with the program of park mowing and trimming as designated by the Municipality.
2. **Observance of Laws and Ordinances.** The Contractor shall secure all permits and licenses imposed by law and ordinance, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the work provided in this Agreement. The Contractor will observe all ordinances regarding the obstruction of streets and driveways, maintaining signals and open passageways, and protecting the same where exposed.
3. **Payment of Other Parties.** The Contractor shall not obligate the Municipality to make any payments to another party, nor make any promises or representations to another party for, or on behalf of, the Municipality without prior written approval of the Municipal Manager or authorized representative. No work shall be done on any grass or brush involved in such payments, promises or representations until such approval of the Municipal Manager or authorized representative has been obtained.
4. **Description of Work.** The Contractor agrees to trim, maintain and mow the grass on certain park areas in the manner specified in this Agreement. The specific park areas involved are listed in the Appendix which is incorporated herein and shall be construed as part of this Agreement. All the work specified shall be included in the cost shown on the proposal form and there shall be no additional payments for said work. Specifications for the work to be performed by the Contractor will be as follows:
  - a. **Mowing (Mulched/Blown).** Regardless of height, all areas will be mowed once each week. To avoid damaging the grass, the Contractor will not mow to a height of less than one and one-half (1½) inches. Weekly mowing heights will be determined by the Municipality.
  - b. **Mowing (Bagged).** The contractor shall agree to use a bagging system to collect clippings during mowing in the designated areas presented by the Municipality. This will be in areas where natural grass surfaces directly border the synthetic playing surface. This bagged mowing is essential to protect the condition and warranty of the synthetic playing surface. To avoid damaging the grass and synthetic playing surface, the Contractor will mow at a reasonable height, as not to allow contact of the mower blades with the synthetic surface. This height shall be no less than one and one-half (1½) inches. Weekly mowing heights will be determined by the Municipality.

- c. Trimming. The Contractor will hand trim the grass around curbs, trees, bushes, planting beds, utility poles, signposts, playground equipment, fencing, and other objects as required to provide a uniform appearance. Riding machine mowing shall not come closer to a tree than a distance of four feet, except that once a month the contractor will be allowed to use a riding mower to cut as close to a tree as elected. The trimming must be done on the same day as the mowing. The destruction of grass near the tree trunks will not be tolerated. Avoid trimming too close to the trunks of trees that would cause scaring and damage to the bark. This will be inspected regularly.
  - d. Litter and Debris. It is the Contractor's responsibility to maintain the park areas in a neat and attractive condition. Litter and debris must be collected and removed prior to mowing. The Contractor may dispose of such items in the dumpster located at the Public Works Building. When finished mowing, the Contractor will sweep and remove any grass clippings, litter and debris from curbs, sidewalks or streets adjoining the areas. Any debris or clippings will be collected and removed from the worksite. The contractor must adjust mowing patterns so as not to allow grass clippings to be blown into any mulched ornamental bed. The Contractor will be responsible for cleaning clippings out of mulched beds. Mulching of litter and debris while mowing and trimming will not be tolerated.
  - e. Reporting of Damage. Any vandalism or storm damage to the park areas or to any of the trees, bushes or objects located in the park area will be reported to the Municipality as soon as possible by the Contractor. Any damage to the synthetic surface caused by the contractor is to be reported to the Municipality as soon as possible.
  - f. Restricted Travel: The contractor's equipment is not permitted at any time to travel across the synthetic turf playing surface for any reason. Keeping fluid leaks, engine exhaust, and dirt from equipment wheels off the field, are all essential measures to protect the condition and warranty of the synthetic playing surface.
  - g. Spring Preparation. The Contractor shall inspect all turf areas specified in this agreement one week prior to the first yearly mowing of any grass and remove all debris, such as leaves, limbs and other litter.
  - h. Fall Cleaning of Leaves. The contractor shall be responsible for leaf removal from all turf areas specified in this agreement. The leaves shall be gathered and removed from turf areas or mulched with mowings, so grass will not be covered and killed during the winter months. Leaf cleanup shall take place during the first two weeks of November each year but may be extended to the third and fourth weeks, due to some species of trees dropping their leaves later. Final approval must be given to the Contractor by the Director of Public Works, or designee, stating that the turf areas in the agreement have been removed of leaves to the satisfaction of the Municipality before the Contractor can complete the fall cleaning of leaves portion of the agreement.
5. Work Schedule. The work performed by the Contractor as described in this Agreement will normally take place from the spring growing season through the completion of the leaf removal portion of the agreement.
  6. Hours of Work. The Contractor may perform the work on any day(s) of the week, with the exception of Sunday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

7. **Equipment.** The Contractor is responsible for providing, maintaining and transporting all necessary equipment, and fuel for its use, in connection with the program of park mowing and trimming described in this Agreement. All lawn and grass mower blades must be kept sufficiently sharp to provide a clean and even cut. All other tools and supplies necessary for performing the work required by this Agreement will be provided by the Contractor.
8. **Specifications and Bid Proposal.** The specifications and bid proposal submitted by the Contractor shall be incorporated herein and are to be construed as part of this Agreement. If the Municipality requests and accepts bids or quotations for additional park mowing and trimming work which the Contractor agrees to provide, such bids or quotations shall be incorporated herein and are to be construed as part of this Agreement.
9. **Personnel.** The Contractor's personnel shall at all times, present a neat appearance, and all work shall be performed and all complaints handled with due regard to the Municipality's public relations. The Municipality and the Contractor will each be promptly notified by the other of any complaints received from the property owners. The Contractor shall utilize competent employees in performing the work specified in this Agreement. At the request of the Municipal Manager, the Contractor will replace any incompetent, unfaithful, abusive or disorderly person in their employ.
10. **Supervision, Consultation and Reporting.** It is agreed that the Municipal Manager or authorized representative and the Contractor must mutually understand work priorities, maintenance methods and management techniques. Upon request and/or necessity, an authorized municipal representative will accompany the Contractor to work areas to further clarify or describe maintenance methods and procedures. All work described in this Agreement shall be performed under the guidance of the Municipal Manager or authorized representative and subject to the manager's approval. The Contractor will consult with the Municipal Manager or authorized representative regarding the details, scheduling and performance of the park mowing and trimming work, and will provide, upon the Municipality's request, weekly or monthly reports of work performed.
11. **Obstruction of Streets and Rights of Way.** The Contractor will arrange to keep sidewalks open for traffic whenever possible and will block portions of streets only when deemed necessary to protect private property. Warning signs and barricades shall be furnished and erected by the Contractor when warranted. It is the Contractor's responsibility to remove all surplus material and debris from streets as work progresses in order that the public will have adequate use of the affected streets.
12. **Accident Prevention.** The Contractor shall exercise precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property. Safety provisions of all applicable laws and ordinances shall be strictly observed. The Municipal Manager or authorized representative may require the Contractor to discontinue hazardous work practices upon written notice. It is required that the Contractor keep the necessary guards and protective devices at locations where work is being performed, to prevent injury to the public or damage to public or private property.
13. **Payment for Services.** In return for work performed by the Contractor, the Municipality agrees to pay the Contractor the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month from April through the last Friday in October in the calendar year 2025. Provided that the Municipality exercises its two (2) irrevocable options to renew this Agreement as hereinafter set forth, the Municipality

agrees to pay the Contractor the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for work performed from April through the last Friday in October in the calendar year 2026, and the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for work performed from April through last Friday in October in the calendar year 2027.

The Contractor will submit monthly invoices beginning in April and shall be paid according to the following:

- a. The monthly sum billed to the Municipality – in equal amounts based on the annual bid– will be paid within fifteen (15) days following the end of the month in which the Contractor has satisfactorily completed the park mowing and trimming work.
  - b. Ten percent (10%) of the monthly sum billed will be retained by the Municipality and shall be paid to the Contractor after the last week of work is satisfactorily completed in November.
14. **Insurance.** The Contractor agrees to furnish and maintain during the period of this Agreement, at its own cost, policies of insurance as follows:
- a. Covering the legal liability of the Contractor, and/or its subcontractors who may be engaged in the work, to pay claims for personal injuries to the Contractor’s employees and for death resulting therefrom under applicable Workmen’s Compensation Law.
  - b. Covering the legal liability of the Contractor to pay claims or damages for personal injuries including wrongful death, in an amount not less than \$500,000.00 for any one person and subject to the same limit for each person, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 on account of one accident, and to pay property damages arising from operations under this Agreement in an amount not less than \$200,000.00 for each accident and \$500,000.00 aggregate.
  - c. The Contractor shall provide the Municipality with a certificate issued by the insurance carrier or broker which evidences the coverage described above to the satisfaction of Mt. Lebanon.
  - d. The Contractor and all employees or agents of the Contractor assume all risk and danger incidental to the Contractor’s obligations and operations provided in this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that neither the Municipality nor any of its officials, employees, agents or representatives shall be liable for injuries (including death) arising out of the Contractor’s obligations and operations provided in this Agreement. The Contractor and all employees or agents of the Contractor do hereby forever release, remise, indemnify, and discharge the Municipality of and from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, claims and demands whatsoever and howsoever occurring for reason of injuries (including death) to person or property, arising out of the Contractor’s obligations and operations provided in this Agreement.
15. **Liquidated Damages.** If the Contractor fails to perform the work in the manner specified by this Agreement, the Municipality may, at its option, assess the Contractor for each day that the work is not performed. Before assessing liquidated damages, the Municipality will notify the Contractor of the problem and allow the Contractor twenty-four (24) hours to take

corrective action. The assessment will be not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per day. If, after further written notice, the Contractor fails to take corrective action the Municipality may terminate this Agreement and enter into an agreement with another Contractor or may perform the work itself. The cost of performing the work will be deducted from any amount due under the Payment of Services schedule.

16. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between the Municipality and the Contractor and is entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. This Agreement shall become effective April 1, 2025, and shall remain in effect up to and including midnight, December 31, 2025; with the Municipality, subject to the provisions hereinafter stated, having two (2) successive, irrevocable options to renew for the period January 1, 2026, to and including December 31, 2026, (hereinafter designated as “First Renewal Period”), and for the period January 1, 2027, to and including December 31, 2027, (hereinafter designated as “Second Renewal Period”).

The Municipality shall have the option of renewing this Agreement for the First Renewal Period on the basis of the bid price submitted by the Contractor for such first renewal period, and upon all of the other terms and conditions stated in this Agreement, by notifying the Contractor in writing on or before October 31, 2025. If the Municipality fails to provide such notification to the Contractor to renew this Agreement for the first renewal period, then this Agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2025.

If the Municipality exercises its option to renew for the first renewal period as set forth above, the Municipality shall have the option of renewing this Agreement for the second renewal period, and upon all of the other terms and conditions stated in this Agreement, by notifying the Contractor in writing on or before October 31, 2026. If the Municipality fails to provide such notification to the Contractor to renew this Agreement for the second renewal period, then this Agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2026.



WITNESS (ATTEST IF CORPORATION):

CONTRACTOR:

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Public Works

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

Municipal Manager

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

1. This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this bid. According to the Pennsylvania Antibid-Rigging Act, 73 P.S. § § 1611 et seq., governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with bids.
2. This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer or employee of the bidder who makes the final decision on prices and the amount quoted in the bid.
3. Bid rigging and other efforts to restrain competition, and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of bids are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the Affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that each statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the bidder with responsibilities for the preparation, approval or submission of the bid.
4. In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the bid documents, and an Affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.
5. The term “complementary bid” as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process, and includes the knowing submission of bids higher than the bid of another firm, any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid, and any other form of bid submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.
6. Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions will result in disqualification of the bid.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Contract/Bid No. \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ :

:s.s.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ :

I state that I am \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (Name of my firm)

and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm, and its owners, directors, and officers. I am the person responsible in my firm for the price(s) and the amount of this bid.

I state that:

(1) The price(s) and amount of this bid have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, bidder or potential bidder.

(2) Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this bid, and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount of this bid, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will not be disclosed before bid opening.

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or other form of complementary bid.

(4) The bid of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive bid.

(5) \_\_\_\_\_, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and  
(Name of my firm)

employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

I state that \_\_\_\_\_ understands and acknowledges that the above representations are  
(Name of my firm)

material and important, and will be relied on by \_\_\_\_\_ in awarding the contract(s) for which this bid is  
(Name of public entity)

submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from \_\_\_\_\_ of the true facts relating to the submission of bids for this contract.  
(Name of public entity)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Company Position)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED  
BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

### DEFINITION OF CONTRACTUAL MOWING AREAS

#### AREA 4 ATHLETIC FIELDS

The following are the areas covered by contractual mowing in Mt. Lebanon. The general description of these areas as well as the number of mowings per season is included. If a more precise definition of the boundaries of any area is required, they can be clarified by the Facilities & Parks Coordinator. The general schedule for mowing of these areas will be two cuts per week throughout the growing season. During slow growth periods, the fields will only be cut once per week.

**Area 4:** 44 Mowings per Season & Fall Leaf Removal

**Includes:**

Dixon Field,  
Wildcat & Middle Field Perimeter  
Batting Cage and Parking Lot Perimeters  
Bird Park Soccer Field  
Brafferton Field

\* The bank along Cedar Boulevard from the Dixon parking lot to the entrance of the Wildcat Field parking lot will be cut once per month and all debris will be removed from the site. The flat section that meets the synthetic playing field, shall be cut in accordance with the specifications of the Agreement, as Defined in: **Description of Work / Mowing (Bagged)**.













**MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PROPOSAL  
AREA 4 – MOWING AND TRIMMING**

Mt. Lebanon Commission  
710 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15228

Commissioners:

I (we) hereby propose to complete a program of mowing and trimming in areas throughout Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in compliance with your Official Notice, Specifications and Instructions.

**Area 4 Mowing and Trimming**

**Total Cost**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2025    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2026    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2027

This bid is accompanied by a Certified or a Treasurer's check made payable to the Treasurer of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. It is understood that the Commission of Mt. Lebanon reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_