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March 10, 2025

Kubota Tractor Corporation
1000 Kubota Drive
Grapevine, TX 76051

Attn: Tim Morris

RE: Renewal 1—25-060-C-R, Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories, w/related Services

Fauquier County Government wishes to exercise its option to renew the above referenced contract for a one-year period. The renewal period will be from **April 30, 2025, through April 29, 2026.**

It is understood and agreed that all terms, conditions, and prices will remain the same during the contract renewal period indicated above. Please forward a current Certificate of Insurance, with **"Fauquier County Government endorsed as additional insured.**

If this is agreeable with your company, please sign and return this contract renewal letter upon receipt. If you have any questions pertaining to this renewal, please do not hesitate to contact me. A copy of the fully executed contract renewal will be returned for your files.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson
Procurement Officer I

Kubota Tractor Corporation

By:

Tim Morris

Title:

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Date:

6-11-25

Fauquier County Government

By:

Kristen Hylton

Title: Procurement Manager

Date:

6/11/2025

FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Contract # 58-25ajc

(Riding Sourcewell Kubota 031121-KBA) **Kubota Tractor Corporation**

This Agreement is made and entered into this ___ day of **September 2024**, by the Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") and **Kubota Tractor Corporation**, having its principal place of business at **1000 Kubota Drive Grapevine, TX 76051**, hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**".

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Owner, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Contractor shall provide Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories, w/related Services.

COMPENSATION: The Owner will pay, and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance during the contract term "pricing as negotiated and attached".

CONTRACT PERIOD: Date of execution through April 30, 2025, with the option to renew for 1 additional 1-year period, at the mutual agreement of both parties.

The contract documents shall consist of **and for the purpose of resolving ambiguity or conflicts shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:**

- (1) This signed form;
- (2) Fauquier County General Terms & Condition;
- (3) RFP #031121, including Addendums 1-11, and price discount; and
- (4) The Contract dated April 28, 2021, all which documents are incorporated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Kubota Tractor Corporation

Paul Manger

By: 
Signed by:
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Title: Executive Director Product Marketing

Date: 10/10/2024

Fauquier County Government
a political subdivision of the Commonwealth
of Virginia

By: _____
Kristen Hylton

Title: Procurement Manager

Date: 10/21/2024



GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS*Revised 08/05/2021*

Vendor: These general rules and conditions shall apply to all purchases and be a part of each solicitation and every contract awarded by the Procurement Division, unless otherwise specified. The Procurement Division is responsible for the purchasing activity of Fauquier County, which is comprised of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, a body politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Constitutional Officers of Fauquier County, Virginia, and the Fauquier County School Board, a body corporate. The term "Owner" as used herein refers to the contracting entity which is the signatory on the contract and may be either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, or both. Bidder/Offeror or their authorized representatives are expected to inform themselves fully as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids/proposals: failure to do so will be at the bidder's/Offeror's own risk and except as provided by law, relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.

Subject to all Federal, State and local laws, policies, resolutions, regulations, rules, limitations and legislation, bids/proposals on all solicitations issued by the Procurement Division will bind bidders/Offerors to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

1. **AUTHORITY**-Except as delegated in the Procurement Procedures Manual, the Purchasing Agent has the sole responsibility and authority for negotiating, placing and when necessary modifying every solicitation, contract and purchase order issued by the Owner. In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Purchasing Agent may be assisted by assigned buyers. Unless specifically delegated by the Purchasing Agent, no other Owner officer or employee is authorized to order supplies or services, enter into purchase negotiations or contracts, or in any way obligate the Owner for an indebtedness. Any purchase order or contract made which is contrary to these provisions and authorities shall be of no effect and void and the Owner shall not be bound thereby.
2. **COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the Owner's intent that this solicitation permit competition. It shall be the Bidder's/Offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, stifles competition or inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this solicitation to a single source. The Purchasing Agent must receive such notification not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline set for acceptance of the bids/proposals.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

3. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** Unless otherwise specified, if any Bidder/Offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective Bidder/Offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five (5) business days prior to the date set for the opening of bids or receipt of proposals. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Buyer. Notifications regarding specifications may not be considered if received in less than five (5) business days of the date set for opening of bids/receipt of proposals.
4. **MANDATORY USE OF OWNER FORMS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Owner forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Unauthorized modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. However, the Owner reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject any bid or proposal which has been modified.
5. **LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS & MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**
Any bid/proposal/modification received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of the bid/proposal/modification is considered a late bid/proposal/modification. The Owner is not responsible for delays in the delivery of the mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private carriers or the inter-office mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Offeror to ensure their bid/proposal reaches the Procurement Division by the designated date and hour.
 - a. The official time used in the receipt of bids/proposals is that time stamp within the Bonfire Portal.
 - b. Late bids/proposals/modifications will be returned to the Bidder/Offeror UNOPENED, if solicitation number, acceptance date and Bidder/Offeror's return address is shown on the container.
 - c. If the Owner closes its offices due to inclement weather or other unforeseen emergency scheduled bid openings or receipt of proposals will be extended to the next business day, same time.
6. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**
A Bidder/Offeror for a contract other than for public construction may request withdrawal of his or her bid/proposal under the following circumstances:
 - a. Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder/Offeror received at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.
 - b. Requests for withdrawal of bids/proposals after opening of such bids/proposals but prior to award shall be transmitted to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, accompanied by full documentation supporting the request. If the request is based on a claim of error, documentation must show the basis of the error. Such documentation may take the form of supplier quotations, vendor work sheets, etc. If bid bonds were tendered with the bid, the Owner may exercise its right of collection.
No Bid/Proposal may be withdrawn under this paragraph when the result would be the awarding of the contract on another bid/Proposal of the same bidder/Offeror or of another bidder/Offeror in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder/Offeror is more than five percent. In the case of Invitation for Bids, if a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this paragraph, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. No bidder/Offeror that is permitted to withdraw a bid/proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid/proposal was submitted.
7. **ERRORS IN BIDS/PROPOSALS** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids/proposals must be initialed by the bidder/Offeror. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid/proposal otherwise, will not relieve the Bidder/Offeror. Bidders/Offeror's are cautioned to recheck their bids/proposals for possible error. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.
8. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed bid/proposal and requested copies should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified with the following information:

ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ON PAGE 1

IFB/RFP NUMBER
TITLE
BID/PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME
VENDOR NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (RETURN ADDRESS)

If a bid/proposal is not addressed with the information as shown above, the Bidder/Offeror takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. Bids/Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids/proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following the date established for acceptance. At the end of the one hundred twenty (120) calendar days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeror. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
10. **CONDITIONAL BIDS:** Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
11. **BIDDERS PRESENT:** At the time fixed for the opening of responses to a bid, bid contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative. All bids will be opened at the time and place specified and read publicly. Bid tabulations are posted on the Procurement Division's Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days from award date. At the time fixed for the receipt of responses for Request for Proposals, only the names of the Offerors will be read and made available to the public.
12. **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATIONS:** In the event a vendor cannot submit a bid on a solicitation, the vendor is requested to return the solicitation cover sheet with an explanation as to why the vendor is unable to bid on these requirements. Because of the large number of firms listed on the Owner's Bidders List, it may be necessary to delete from this list the names of those persons, firms or corporations who fail to respond after having been invited to bid for three (3) successive solicitations. Such deletion will be made only after formal notification of the intent to remove the firm from the Owner's Bidders List.
13. **BIDDER INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID:** If more than one bid is offered by any one party, either directly or by or in the name of his or her clerk, partner, or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on work, materials, or supplies to a bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or firms submitting a bid directly for the work, materials or supplies.
14. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Owner is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Virginia sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if requested by the Bidder/Offeror.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerors certify that they are not currently debarred from submitting bids/proposals on contracts by the Owner, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the Owner or any agency, public entity/locality or authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in *Code of Virginia* §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 (the Virginia Public Procurement Act), as amended from time to time,, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Owner. By submitting their bids/proposals, all Bidders/Offerors certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Bidder, Offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
17. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** No Bidder/Offeror shall initiate or otherwise have contact related to the solicitation with any Owner representative or employee, other than the Procurement Division, after the date and time established for receipt of bids/proposals. Any contact initiated by a Bidder/Offeror with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeror from this procurement process.
18. **VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** All proceedings, records, contracts and other public records relating to procurement transactions shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 *et. seq.*) and § 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act except as provided below:
 - a. Cost estimates relating to a proposed procurement transaction prepared by or for a public body shall not be open to public inspection.
 - b. Any competitive sealed bidding bidder, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect bid records within a reasonable time after the opening of bids but prior to award, except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the bids and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, bid records shall be open to public inspection only after award of the contract. Any competitive negotiation Offeror, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect proposal records within a reasonable time after the evaluation and negotiations of proposals are completed but prior to award except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the proposals and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, proposal records shall be open to the public inspection only after award of the contract except as provided in paragraph "c" below. Any inspection of procurement transaction records under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions to ensure the security and integrity of the records.
 - c. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder, Offeror or contractor in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information and Virginia Public Procurement Acts; however, the bidder, Offeror or contractor must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary.
 - d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require the Owner, when procuring by "competitive negotiation" (Request for Proposal), to furnish a statement of reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous to the Owner.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies by signing bid to the Owner that no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and Owner that interferes with fair competition and no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and any other person or organization that constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the contract with the Owner.

SPECIFICATIONS

20. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the Owner

in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The Bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Owner to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding, only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the Bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is "equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

21. **FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS:** When a solicitation contains a specification which states no substitutes, no deviation therefrom will be permitted and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.
22. **OMISSIONS & DISCREPANCIES:** Any items or parts of any equipment listed in this solicitation which are not fully described or are omitted from such specification, and which are clearly necessary for the completion of such equipment and its appurtenances, shall be considered a part of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in the specifications.

The Bidder/Offeree shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever the mention is made of any articles, material or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.

23. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, all items shall be new, in first class condition.

AWARD

24. **AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS:** The Purchasing Agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with all provisions of the IFB, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the Owner to accept it. Awards made in response to a RFP will be made to the highest qualified Offeror whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous to the Owner taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to award a contract by individual items, in the aggregate, or in combination thereof, or to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive any informality in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Owner. Award may be made to as many bidders/Offeror's as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements of the Owner. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid if a bidder is deemed to be a non-responsive bidder.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the Procurement Division will publicly post such notice on the Procurement Website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/procurement>
26. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS:** The Owner may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder/Offeree to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeree shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Owner reserves the right to inspect Bidder's/Offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Bidder's/Offeror's capabilities. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigations of, such Bidder/Offeree fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeree is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.
27. **TIE BIDS:** In the case of a tie bid, the Owner may give preference to goods, services and construction produced in Fauquier County or provided by persons, firms or corporations having principal places of business in the County. If such choice is not available, preference shall then be given to goods and services produced in the Commonwealth pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4324. If no County or Commonwealth choice is available, the tie shall be decided by lot.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

28. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed and construed in all respects by the laws of Virginia, and any litigation with respect thereto shall only be brought in the appropriate General District or Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
29. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Owner all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Owner under said contract. This includes, but is not limited to, overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations that arise under United States' or the Commonwealth's antitrust laws. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
30. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation payment will be made forty-five (45) days after receipt of a proper invoice, or forty-five (45) days after receipt of all goods or acceptance of work, whichever is the latter.
 - a. Invoices for items/services ordered, delivered/performed and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the contract number, purchase order number, and any federal employer identification number.
 - b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however.
 - c. The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
 - d. The Owner's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Contractors must submit invoices, especially for goods and/or services provided in the month of JUNE, for the entire month i.e. June 1 - June 30, so that expenses are recognized in the appropriate fiscal year.
 - e. Any payment made by the Contractor to the Owner shall only be made in U.S. Dollars. If payment is received in foreign currency the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject such payment and require immediate compensation in U.S. Dollars.
31. **PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS:** A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - a. To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Owner for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - b. To notify the Owner and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Owner, except for amounts withheld as stated in 2 above. The date of mailing of any payment by postage prepaid U.S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Owner.

32. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Purchasing Agent.
33. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to another remedies which the Owner may have.
34. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offeror's certify to the Owner that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Virginia Human Rights Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*) and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1(E)).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- a. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- 1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - 2) The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 3) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of a. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
35. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can only be made to the contract in one of the following ways:
- a. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 - b. The Owner may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the Contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Owner a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods.
 - 1) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - 2) By agreeing in writing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Owner's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - 3) By ordering the Contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The Contractor shall present the Owner with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Owner shall have the right to audit the records of the Contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Procurement Division within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Procurement Division. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the questions of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for relieving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Owner or with the performance of the contract generally.
 - c. No modification for a fixed price contract may be increased by more than 25% or \$50,000, whichever is greater without the advanced written approval of the Board of Supervisors or the School Board, as applicable.
36. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the Owner, its agents, officials, employees and volunteers against claims of injuries, death, damage to property, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses which may otherwise accrue against the Owner in consequence of the granting of a contract or which may otherwise result therefrom, if it shall be determined that the act was caused through negligence or error, or omission of the Contractor or his or her employees, or that of the subcontractor or his or her employees, if any; and the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Owner in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expenses, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Owner as herein provided.
37. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, “*drug-free workplace*” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

38. **TERMINATION:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Owner upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- a. **Termination for Convenience:** In the event that the contract is terminated upon request and for the convenience of the Owner, without the required thirty (30) days advance notice, then the Owner shall be responsible for payment of services up to the termination date.
 - b. **Termination for Cause:** Termination by the Owner for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any shall not apply. However, pursuant to the Default provision of these General Conditions, the Owner may hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.
 - c. **Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years:** When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled without any liability or penalty to Owner.

39. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES: Except as prohibited by the current *Code of Virginia*, all resultant contracts will be extended, with the authorization of the Contractor, to other public bodies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all currently active members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) or, Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, to permit their ordering of supplies and/or services at the prices and terms of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement or orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Fauquier County acts only as the “Contracting Agent” for these public bodies. Any resulting contract with other public bodies shall be governed by the laws of that specific entity. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify the public bodies of the availability of the contract. Fauquier County shall not be held liable for any costs or damage incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that public body by the Contractor.

40. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for five years after final payment, or until audited by the Owner, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or Owner auditors shall have full access to and right to examine any of said materials during said period.
41. **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION:** The Contractor shall not employ on school property any employee who is a registered sex offender and shall enforce the same restriction upon all sub-contractors and agents of Contractor. Prior to starting work and quarterly during performance of the work, the Contractor shall check the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry to verify sex offender status of all employees and agents of Contractor and Sub-Contractors who are employed on school property by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with evidence verifying compliance with the services.

Prior to starting work on-site, the Contractor shall submit a completed Fauquier County Public Schools “CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN” form, a copy of which is included in this solicitation.

42. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW:** During the term of any contract, the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
43. **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION:** As required by the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR, subpart E, 763.93, information regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post response activities is on file in a full asbestos report located in the main office of each school. Contractors bear full responsibility to review this material prior to commencing any activity at a school site.
44. **VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION:** If required by law, the Contractor shall maintain a valid certificate of authority or registration to transact business in Virginia with the Virginia State Corporation Commission as required by Title 13.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the term of the Contract or any Contract renewal. The Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the terms of the contract. If the Contractor fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section, the contract is voidable at the option of Owner.
45. **ADA WEBSITE-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY:** Any Contractor who performs services, designs, develops content, maintains or otherwise bears responsibility for the content and format of Owner’s website(s) or third-party programs accessed through Owner’s website(s), acknowledges receipt of, and responsibility to implement the accessibility standards found in the U.S. Department of Justice publication entitled “Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities,” available at www.ada.gov/websites2.htm or, as attached directly to the solicitation. Contractor services as noted, shall conform to § 508 of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the World Wide Web Consortium’s (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 AA), most current versions, in addition to the Owner’s web accessibility policy.

DELIVERY PROVISION

46. **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS-CONSIGNMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation each case, crate, barrel, package, etc., delivered under the contract must be plainly stenciled or securely tagged, stating the Contractor’s name, purchase order number, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Where shipping containers are to be used, each container must be marked with the purchase order number, name of the Contractor, the name of the item, the item number, and the quantity contained therein. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the designated individual at the delivery point. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless previous arrangements have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to insure compliance with these instructions for items that are drop-shipped.
47. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES TENDERED:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by the contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notice of rejection. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. If rejected materials are not removed by the Contractor within ten (10) days after date of notification, the Owner may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at his or her risk and expense or dispose of them as its own property.

48. **INSPECTIONS:** The Owner reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure supplies and services conform to the specification. Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery at destinations herein specified unless otherwise stated. If inspection is made after delivery at destination herein specified, the Owner will bear the expense of inspection except for the value of samples used in case of rejection. Final inspection shall be conclusive except in regard to latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as to amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the Owner for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications.
49. **COMPLIANCE:** Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the solicitation or as directed by the Procurement Division when not in conflict with the bid/contract. The decision as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of goods by the purchaser shall rest with the Contractor. Any request for extension of time of delivery from that specified must be approved by the Procurement Division, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment affected. Should the Contractor be delayed by the Owner, there shall be added to the time of completion a time equal to the period of such delay caused by the Owner. However, the contractor shall not be entitled to claim damages of extra compensation for such delay or suspension. These conditions may vary for construction contracts.
50. **POINT OF DESTINATION:** All materials shipped to the Owner must be shipped F.O.B. DESTINATION unless otherwise stated in the contract. The materials must be delivered to the "Ship To" address indicated on the purchase order.
51. **REPLACEMENT:** Materials or components that have been rejected by the Procurement Division, in accordance with the terms of the contract, shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Owner.
52. **PACKING SLIPS OR DELIVERY TICKETS:** All shipments shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
- Purchase Order Number,
 - Name of Article and Stock Number,
 - Quantity Ordered,
 - Quantity Shipped,
 - Quantity Back Ordered,
 - The Name of the Contractor.

Contractors are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR REMEDIES

53. **PROTEST OF AWARD OR DECISION TO AWARD:** Any Bidder/Offeror who desires to protest the award or decision to award a contract, by either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, shall submit such protest in writing to the County Administrator (if the award or decision to award was made by Fauquier County) or the Superintendent of Schools (if the award or decision to award was made by the Fauquier County School Board), no later than ten (10) days after public notice of the award or announcement of the decision to award, whichever comes first. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected bidder/Offeror is not a responsible bidder/Offeror. The written protest shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. The County Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools, as the case may be, shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the bidder/Offeror appeals within ten (10) days of the written decision by instituting legal action as provided in § VIII.H.3 of the County's Procurement Policy. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit an Offeror to challenge the validity of the terms or conditions of the solicitation.
54. **DISPUTES:** Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Administrator (if the claim is against Fauquier County) no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amount agreed due in the final payment. A written decision upon any such claims will be made by the School Board (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Board of Supervisors (if the claim is against Fauquier County) within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim. The Contractor may not institute legal action prior to receipt of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (whichever is applicable) decision on the claim unless the applicable party fails to render such decision within sixty (60) days. The decision of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on a claim, initiates legal action as provided in *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4364. Failure of the School Board or Board of Supervisors to render a decision within sixty (60) days shall not result in the Contractor being awarded the relief claimed nor shall it result in any other relief or penalty. Should the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) fail to render a decision within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim, the Contractor may institute legal action within six (6) months after such 60-day period shall have expired, or the claim shall be deemed finally resolved. No administrative appeals procedure pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4365 has been established for contractual claims under this contract.



**RFP #031121
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related
Services**

Proposal Due Date: March 11, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than March 11, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Solicitation Schedule

Public Notice of RFP Published:	January 19, 2021
Pre-proposal Conference:	February 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	March 4, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	March 11, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	March 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Central Time **

** SEE RFP SUB-SECTION V. G. "OPENING"

I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL PARTICIPATING ENTITIES

A. SOURCEWELL

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ participating entities across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with State of Minnesota law and policies, conforms to Canadian trade agreements, and results in cooperative contracting solutions from which Sourcewell's Participating Entities procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative contracting provides participating entities and vendors increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted vendors' potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS

In the United States, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Federal and state government entities;
- Cities, towns, and counties/parishes;
- Education service cooperatives;
- K-12 and higher education entities;
- Tribal government entities;
- Some nonprofit entities; and
- Other public entities.

In Canada, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Provincial and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
- Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly-funded academic, health, and social service entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be limited to the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Calgary, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities;

- Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest;
- Members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and their represented Associations, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), Local Authority Services (LAS), Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL), Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), and Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM).

For a listing of current United States and Canadian Participating Entities visit Sourcewell's website (note: there is a tab for each country's listing): <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/sourcewell-for-vendors/agency-locator>.

Access to contracted equipment, products, or services by Participating Entities is typically through a purchase order issued directly to the applicable vendor. A Participating Entity may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Participating Entities' needs, public notice of this RFP has been broadly published, including notification in the United States to each state-level procurement department for possible re-posting.

Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

II. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

It is expected that Proposers will offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services, to include:

- a. Lawn and garden equipment, tools, attachments, and accessories for all types of lawn, field and turf care, golf course maintenance, landscape maintenance, sidewalk and walking path maintenance, parking lot maintenance, and snow removal;
 - b. Irrigation systems, equipment, parts, and related installation and maintenance services;
 - c. Beach and waterfront maintenance equipment and accessories; and
 - d. Accessories, parts, and services related to the solutions described in subsection 1.a. - c. above, including maintenance or repair, and warranty programs. However, this solicitation should NOT be construed to include “service-only” solutions. Proposers may include related services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the offering of the equipment and products being proposed.
2. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include equipment principally intended or designed for highway, road, right-of-way or sewer maintenance.
3. This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell:
- a. Roadway Maintenance Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, Materials, and Supplies (RFP #052417)
 - b. Snow and Ice Handling Equipment, Supplies, and Accessories (RFP #080818)
 - c. Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments (RFP#041719)
 - d. Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies (RFP #110719)

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the equipment, products, or service(s) being proposed.

Generally, the solutions for Participating Entities are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment or products only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Participating Entities possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation the equipment or products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers vendors that provide a sole source of responsibility for the products and services provided under a resulting contract. If Proposer requires the use of dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the products or services, the Proposal should address how the products or services will be provided to Participating Entities and describe the network of dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell desires the broadest possible selection of equipment, products, and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and future Participating Entities.

C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that Proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, Proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the Proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Participating Entity as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four (4) years. Up to two one-year extensions may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities.

E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$85 Million; therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Participating Entities. The Proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate Proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Participating Entities, as well as Proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that Proposer will promote and market any contract award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Contracts will be awarded to Proposers able to best meet the need of Participating Entities. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal, since Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not included in the Proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify Proposer's information and may request clarification from a Proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.
3. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
4. A Proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Participating Entities occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

E. PRICING

A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:
 - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the Vendor's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this RFP.
2. The Proposer's ceiling price (Ceiling price means that the proposed pricing will be considered as the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Participating Entity). However, it is permissible for vendors to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price;
3. Stated in U.S. and Canadian dollars (as applicable); and
4. Clearly understood, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Participating Entity's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer. Additionally, Proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the Proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Participating Entities for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

F. CONTRACT

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell (see attached template). Only those modifications the Proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in the Proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must complete and submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications table, with all requested modifications, through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal at the time of submitting the Proposer's Proposal. Exceptions must:

1. Clearly identify the affected article and section, and
2. Clearly note what language is requested to be modified.

Unclear requests will be automatically denied.

Only those exceptions that have been accepted by Sourcewell will be included in the contract document provided to the awarded vendor for signature.

If a Proposer receives a contract award resulting from this solicitation it will have up to 30 days to sign and return the contract. After that time, at Sourcewell's sole discretion, the contract award may be revoked.

G. RFP PROCESS

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted on page one of this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The

purpose of this conference is to allow potential Proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that have registered for this solicitation opportunity through their Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a Proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the Proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. ADDENDA

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential Proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the Proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the solicitation due date and time.

If an addendum is issued after a Proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the Proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The Proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The Proposer is solely responsible to check the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account periodically after submitting its Proposal (and up to the Proposal due date). If the Proposer's Proposal status has changed to INCOMPLETE, the Proposer is solely responsible to:

- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) ensure the re-submitted proposal is received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time shown in the Solicitation Schedule above.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

It is recommended that Proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The time and date that a Proposal is received by Sourcewell is solely determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to twenty-four (24) hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the Proposer. If the Proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the Proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the Proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

Within the Procurement Portal, all proposals must be digitally acknowledged by an authorized representative of the Proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, Proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the Proposer to remedies available by law.

E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for 90 days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the Proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a Proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. OPENING

The Opening of Proposals will be conducted electronically through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. A list of all Proposers will be made publicly available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal after the Proposal Due Date, but no later than the Opening time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

To view the list of Proposers, verify that the Sourcewell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed." The solicitation status will automatically change to "Closed" after the Proposal Due Date and Time.

H. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcewell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible Proposer(s) offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of Proposers that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of Participating Entities. Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- The number of and geographic location of:
 - Proposers necessary to offer a comprehensive selection of equipment, products, or services for Participating Entities' use.
 - A Proposer's sales and service network to assure availability of product supply and coverage to meet Participating Entities' anticipated needs.
- Total evaluation scores.
- The attributes of Proposers, and their equipment, products, or services, to assist Participating Entities achieve environmental and social requirements, preferences, and goals. Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell's knowledge about a specific vendor or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the Proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcewell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50
Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a Proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell’s Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. The protest must be received no later than 10 calendar days’ following Sourcewell’s notice of contract award(s) or non-award and must be time stamped by Sourcewell no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time.

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the issues to be resolved;
- Identification of the legal or factual basis;
- Any additional supporting documentation; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000, except where prohibited by law or treaty.

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the Proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;

- Independently verify any information provided in a Proposal;
- Disqualify any Proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, is debarred or suspended by the United States or Canada, State of Minnesota, Participating Entity's state or province; has an officer, or other key personnel, who have been charged with a serious crime; or is bankrupt, insolvent, or where bankruptcy or insolvency are a reasonable prospect;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Clarify any part of a proposal and discuss any aspect of the proposal with any Proposer; and negotiate with more than one Proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities; and
- Award a contract to one or more Proposers if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell considers that negotiations are complete upon execution of a resulting contract. It is the Proposer's responsibility to clearly identify any data submitted that it considers to be protected. Proposer must also include a justification for the classification citing the applicable Minnesota law.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the Proposer to be confidential, proprietary, or trade secret materials. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a Proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.

The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject proposals that are marked confidential or nonpublic, either substantially or in their entirety.



1/19/2021

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is there a line item copy of this bid?

Answer 1:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities. A proposer can propose its entire line of equipment, products, and services falling within the requested equipment, products, and services as described in the RFP.

Question 2:

Is this the successor to Sourcewell Contract #062117?

Answer 2:

Each opportunity posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal represents a separate and distinct competitive solicitation.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 1/19/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



1/20/2021

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is there a way to publish the list of questions outlined in Tables 1-15 so bidders can review and access them off-line?

Answer 1:

After selecting "Start Submission", a proposer may navigate to Step 4 – "Preview Bid" and select "Preview My Bid in PDF" if a downloadable PDF of the questionnaire tables is desired.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 1/20/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



1/21/2021

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

We are a factory authorized dealer/distributor for products used in construction, agricultural, golf, municipal and mining industries. Would Sourcewell add these products to the RFP for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services?

Answer 1:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). Only those products and services within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of this solicitation. Sourcewell does not anticipate an amendment of the description of requested equipment, products, and services in RFP Section II. B.

Question 2:

Does this RFP include the equipment that can go into the water to remove weeds and debris along the edges of beaches and waterfront?

Answer 2:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications. Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services).

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 1/21/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/2/2021

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Clarify what data is needed for Table 3, Question 19, sales volume? Would you like this as an average overall or per contract?

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and articulate the response that best represents their current or previous contract volumes. Individual proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/2/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/12/2021

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

For references in Table 4, are you just asking for customer types that bought from us before or customers that have bought from us but did not use Sourcewell?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. So, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their marketplace success and that they are willing to include.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/12/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/16/2021

Addendum No. 6

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

In Table 5, Sourcewell asks for a list of our top five government or education customers, including the size of transactions and dollar volumes from the past three years. We consider this information confidential. Can we use "Confidential" in the required fields and still be considered a responsive responder?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information that they are willing to include and that is necessary to best demonstrate their marketplace success. Proposals are evaluated according the scoring criteria stated in the RFP on the content submitted.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/16/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/17/2021

Addendum No. 7

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

For financial information and the Dunn and Bradstreet report, will the most current on file be suitable as our year end? The 2020 reports will not be complete until after the bid due date?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their financial viability/success and that they are willing to include. Proposals are evaluated on the content submitted.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/17/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/22/2021

Addendum No. 8

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

RFP Amendment:

As the result of a formatting error, several Section headings of the RFP document were mislabeled at the time of publication. The following listed RFP Section headings are revised to delete the erroneous section letter, and insert the correct section numeral, to read as indicated:

- ~~I.~~ III. **PRICING**
- ~~J.~~ IV. **CONTRACT**
- ~~K.~~ V. **RFP PROCESS**
- ~~L.~~ VI. **EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The remainder of the RFP Section headings and sub-headings, and all other RFP content remains unchanged.

Question 1:

Is it possible to submit two price lists? One for Canada and one for the U.S.?

Answer 1:

Yes, if applicable, pricing is to be submitted in U.S. and Canadian dollars. Refer to RFP Section III. A. 3., Pricing - Requirements. (RFP Article numbering corrected above.) Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/22/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/23/2021

Addendum No. 9

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Are there any specific font type or size requirements related to our typed responses in the solicitation tables and/or attachment we provide?

Answer 1:

Sourcewell does not identify a mandatory font type or size. In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the format for attachments. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the method it deems best suited to represent their proposal and meet the requirements of the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/23/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



2/25/2021

Addendum No. 10

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

For line items 21 and 22, what references are required? Should these include previous entities we have worked with outside of Sourcewell?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information that they are willing to include and that is necessary to best demonstrate their marketplace success. Proposals are evaluated according the scoring criteria stated in the RFP on the content submitted.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 2/25/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



3/4/2021

Addendum No. 11

Solicitation Number: RFP 031121

Solicitation Name: Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Are vendors only allowed one submission, or is it possible to propose multiple submissions?

Answer 1:

Each vendor may only submit one proposal as restricted by the rules set in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal.

Question 2:

Is the administrative fee paid to Sourcewell calculated on our proposed price or the proposed price plus additional costs such as set up and freight?

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

Question 3:

If your company is not awarded a contract, does all proposal information become public?

Answer 3:

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. - Disposition of Proposals, for guidance on materials submitted in response to the RFP and applicable public data laws.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 031121 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 3/4/2021, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



Equipment Type	Model	Series	Discount
Construction Equipment	Excavators	U	24%
Construction Equipment	Excavators	KX	24%
Construction Equipment	Wheel Loaders	R	24%
Construction Equipment	Skid Steer Loaders	SSV	24%
Construction Equipment	Compact track Loaders	SVL	24%
Construction Equipment	B26, L47 & M62	TLB	22%
Tractors	Tractors	B	22%
Tractors	Tractor w/ Loader and Backhoe	BX	22%
Turf	Residential/Commercial Mower	F	22%
Turf	Residential/Commercial Mower	GR	22%
Tractors	Tractors	L	22%
Tractors	Tractors	M	22%
Utility Vehicles	Utility Vehicle	RTV	22%
Utility Vehicles	Utility Vehicle	RTV-X	22%
Turf	Residential/Commercial Mower	T	22%
Turf	Residential/Commercial Mower	Z	22%

**Solicitation Number: RFP #031121****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Kubota Tractor Corporation, 1000 Kubota Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 (Vendor).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. Sourcewell issued a public solicitation for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services from which Vendor was awarded a contract.

Vendor desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities).

1. TERM OF CONTRACT

- A. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.
- B. **EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION.** This Contract expires April 30, 2025, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 22. This Contract may be extended up to one additional one-year period upon request of Sourcewell and with written agreement by Vendor.
- C. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS.** Articles 11 through 14 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract.

2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

- A. **EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES.** Vendor will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Vendor's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new/current model. Vendor may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Vendor's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. **WARRANTY.** Vendor warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Vendor warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Vendor's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that is effective past the expiration of the Vendor's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. **DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS.** Upon Contract execution, Vendor will make available to Sourcewell a means to validate or authenticate Vendor's authorized dealers, distributors, and/or resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services related to this Contract. This list may be updated from time-to-time and is incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Vendor's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current version of this list.

3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced as stated in Vendor's Proposal.

When providing pricing quotes to Participating Entities, all pricing quoted must reflect a Participating Entity's total cost of acquisition. This means that the quoted cost is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Participating Entity's requested delivery location.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. **SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS.** All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Vendor must permit the Equipment and Products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to Sourcewell or its Participating Entities. Participating Entities reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable

time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery.

Vendor must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on Equipment and Products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Sourcwell may declare the Vendor in breach of this Contract if the Vendor intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Participating Entity will notify the Vendor as soon as possible and the Vendor will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Participating Entity.

B. SALES TAX. Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Vendor with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity.

C. HOT LIST PRICING. At any time during this Contract, Vendor may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Vendor determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcwell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcwell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities.

4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS

Vendor may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcwell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcwell Contract Administrator. This form is available from the assigned Sourcwell Contract Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcwell contract number;
- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing

restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and be incorporated by reference.

5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Vendor understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Vendor is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Vendor's employees may be required to perform work at government-owned facilities, including schools. Vendor's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING

A. ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to Vendor that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Vendor. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Vendor. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration of this Contract; however, Vendor performance, Participating Entity payment, and any applicable warranty periods or other Vendor or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Vendor's acceptable forms of payment are included in Attachment A. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM.** Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Vendor, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum; the terms of which will be worked out directly between the Participating Entity and the Vendor. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. **SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements) not addressed in this Contract, the Participating Entity and the Vendor may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

D. **TERMINATION OF ORDERS.** Participating Entities may terminate an order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Vendor in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Participating Entity fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the goods to be purchased;
2. Federal, state, or provincial laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Participating Entity's requirements; or
3. Vendor commits any material breach of this Contract or the additional terms agreed to between the Vendor and a Participating Entity.

E. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

A. **PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE.** Vendor will assign an Account Representative to Sourcewell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcewell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcewell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. BUSINESS REVIEWS. Vendor must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcwell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT

A. CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT. Each calendar quarter, Vendor must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcwell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Vendor must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Customer Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Customer Physical Street Address;
- Customer City;
- Customer State/Province;
- Customer Zip Code;
- Customer Contact Name;
- Customer Contact Email Address;
- Customer Contact Telephone Number;
- Sourcwell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcwell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Vendor.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcwell, the Vendor will pay an administrative fee to Sourcwell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Vendor may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted price to offset the Administrative Fee.

The Vendor will submit payment to Sourcwell for the percentage of administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Vendor's name and Sourcwell-assigned contract number in the memo; and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcwell's banking institution per Sourcwell's Finance department instructions. Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Vendor agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Vendor is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcewell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Vendor in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Vendor's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Vendor's Proposal. If Vendor's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Vendor must promptly notify Sourcewell in writing.

10. AUDIT, ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE

A. **AUDIT.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by Sourcewell or the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

B. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither the Vendor nor Sourcewell may assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior consent of the parties and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

C. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been fully executed by the parties.

D. **WAIVER.** If either party fails to enforce any provision of this Contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the right to enforce it.

E. **CONTRACT COMPLETE.** This Contract contains all negotiations and agreements between Sourcewell and Vendor. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party. For any conflict between the attached Proposal and the terms set out in Articles 1-22, the terms of Articles 1-22 will govern.

F. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their

respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

11. LIABILITY

Vendor must indemnify, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees, arising out of the performance of this Contract by the Vendor or its agents or employees; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications.

12. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES

Vendor and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Vendor under this Contract.

If the Vendor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell and Sourcewell will assist with how the Vendor should respond to the request.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT

A. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. *Grant of License.* During the term of this Contract:
 - a. Sourcewell grants to Vendor a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use the Trademark(s) provided to Vendor by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's relationship with Vendor.
 - b. Vendor grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Vendor's Trademarks in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Vendor's relationship with Sourcewell.
2. *Limited Right of Sublicense.* The right and license granted herein includes a limited right of each party to grant sublicenses to its and their respective distributors, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively "Permitted Sublicensees") in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing the Parties' relationship to Participating Entities. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article. Each party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.
3. *Use; Quality Control.*

- a. Sourcewell must not alter Vendor's Trademarks from the form provided by Vendor and must comply with Vendor's removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
 - b. Vendor must not alter Sourcewell's Trademarks from the form provided by Sourcewell and must comply with Sourcewell's removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
 - c. Each party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other party's Trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such party's use of the Trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching party, the breaching party has 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.
4. As applicable, Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell and its Participating Entities against any and all suits, claims, judgments, and costs instituted or recovered against Sourcewell or Participating Entities by any person on account of the use of any Equipment or Products by Sourcewell or its Participating Entities supplied by Vendor in violation of applicable patent or copyright laws.
5. *Termination.* Upon the termination of this Contract for any reason, each party, including Permitted Sublicensees, will have 30 days to remove all Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other party's name or logo (excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of vendors which may be used until the next printing). Vendor must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

B. **PUBLICITY.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Vendor individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. **MARKETING.** Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Materials should be sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract.

D. **ENDORSEMENT.** The Vendor must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

14. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

Minnesota law governs this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

15. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control (including either pandemic or epidemic). A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

16. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both Sourcewell and Vendor will be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of performance, it will not be affected by such declaration or finding and must be fully performed.

17. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES

A. **PERFORMANCE.** During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Vendor will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.
2. *Escalation.* If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Vendor may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Vendor will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending.* Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Vendor must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Vendor fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed will be borne by the Vendor.

B. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.** Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

Written notice of default and a reasonable opportunity to cure must be issued by the party claiming default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or
- Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

18. INSURANCE

A. REQUIREMENTS. At its own expense, Vendor must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.*

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below:

Minimum limits:

- \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident
- \$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease
- \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* Vendor will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

- \$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
- \$2,000,000 aggregate for Products-Completed operations
- \$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

- \$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain umbrella coverage over Workers’ Compensation, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits:
\$2,000,000

5. *Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain coverage for network security and privacy liability. The coverage may be endorsed on another form of liability coverage or written on a standalone policy. The insurance must cover claims which may arise from failure of Vendor’s security resulting in, but not limited to, computer attacks, unauthorized access, disclosure of not public data – including but not limited to, confidential or private information, transmission of a computer virus, or denial of service.

Minimum limits:
\$2,000,000 per occurrence
\$2,000,000 annual aggregate

Failure of Vendor to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcewell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Vendor must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Vendor to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Vendor of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE. Vendor agrees to list Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Vendor’s commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, “operations,” or “work” performed by or on behalf of Vendor, and products and completed operations of Vendor. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds.

D. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION. Vendor waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other

insurance applicable to the Vendor or its subcontractors. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Vendor or its subcontractors. Where permitted by law, Vendor must require similar written express waivers of subrogation and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

E. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY/SELF-INSURED RETENTION. The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

19. COMPLIANCE

A. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. LICENSES. Vendor must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Vendor conducts with Sourcwell and Participating Entities.

20. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Vendor certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcwell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Vendor declares bankruptcy, Vendor must immediately notify Sourcwell in writing.

Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Vendor further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcwell if this certification changes at any time.

21. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS

Participating Entities that use United States federal grant or FEMA funds to purchase goods or services from this Contract may be subject to additional requirements including the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200. Participating Entities may also require additional requirements based on specific funding specifications. Within this Article, all

references to “federal” should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list only applies when a Participating Entity accesses Vendor’s Equipment, Products, or Services with United States federal funds. . The Participating Entity must provide advance notification to Vendor if federal funds are being used for the purchase.

A. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. §, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.” The equal opportunity clause is incorporated herein by reference. [Note - Vendor operates under California law and does not participate in or file Affirmative Action Plans.]

B. DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3148). When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. Vendor must be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

C. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of

every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. This provision is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671Q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 require the non-federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401- 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Vendor certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

F. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689). A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. §180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. § 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. § 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

G. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352). Vendors must file any required certifications. Vendors must not have used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Vendors must disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award. Vendors must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

H. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Vendor further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 for a period of 3 years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

I. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

J. BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy American Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy American Act must follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition. [Note – Vendor’s products are not manufactured domestically and do not satisfy the second element of the Buy American Act test for domestically manufactured products.]

K. ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336). Vendor agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor’s discharge of its obligations under this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor’s personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

L. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322). A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. § 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring

solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

22. CANCELLATION

Sourcewell or Vendor may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Vendor's Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

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Kubota Tractor Corporation

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RFP 031121 - Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services

Vendor Details

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Specifications

Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives

General Instructions (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Please do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; mark "NA" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *
1	Proposer Legal Name (and applicable d/b/a, if any):	Kubota Tractor Corporation
2	Proposer Address:	1000 Kubota Drive Grapevine, TX 76051
3	Proposer website address:	www.kubotausa.com
4	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Alex Woods Vice President 1000 Kubota Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 alex.woods@kubota.com PH: 817-756-1171
5	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Rusty Pugh National Accounts Manager, Municipal and New Business 1000 Kubota Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 rusty.pugh@kubota.com 817-716-3587
6	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Mike Spillars National Accounts Business Development Manager 1000 Kubota Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 mike.spillars@kubota.com 817-532-5592

Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength

Line Item	Question	Response *
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<p>7</p>	<p>Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.</p>	<p>Who Kubota is, and will continue to be, is summed up in this statement; Kubota is passionate about, and dedicated to food, water, and life. Gonshiro Kubota demonstrated this with the founding of Kubota in 1890 as a casting company to serve a critical need for safe drinking water. In 1893 Kubota produced the first ever domestic cast iron pipes. Following WWII food was in short supply in Japan. Kubota developed the cultivator, a pioneering piece of equipment in the mechanization of agriculture and the revolution of the production of food. With small villages in Japan suffering from labor shortages, Kubota developed our first tractor to provide a stable and abundant food supply. In 1969 Kubota Corporation filled a void in sub-compact tractors by introducing its first tractor into the United States. The Kubota Tractor Corporation was formed in 1972 as a privately held corporation of Kubota Corporation, Osaka, Japan. It has been growing and expanding its offering in the United States ever since. Kubota Tractor Corporation serves Kubota Corporation as distribution in the United States for Kubota equipment. This includes all the products serving this contract in turf mowing and grounds maintenance equipment, tractors, and attachments, as well as compact construction equipment which includes excavators, skid steers, backhoes, wheel loaders and utility vehicles. Additionally, Kubota Corporation has a wholly owned subsidiary in Canada (Kubota Canada Limited "KCL"). KCL supports Canadian sales and distribution. Innovating products since 1890, Kubota continues today to innovate and bring new products and technology into the marketplace. One example is Kubota's revolutionary common rail system with exhaust gas recirculation (EGR), and diesel particulate filter (DPF) muffler. This combination produces more torque at low rpm's with less emissions and better fuel efficiency. This innovation is used across our products where possible. Another example is our inventive glide steer technology, found on our GR series of mowers. These mowers also feature Reverse Awareness Systems (KRS) for additional safety when mowing in reverse. These are but a few examples in action of Kubota's philosophy of creating new and innovative products that are dedicated to preserving our environment and life. Kubota continues to innovate and serve its customers today with the number one selling sub-compact tractor, mini excavator, diesel utility vehicle, and diesel engine in the United States along with a varied and respected product offering. Kubota's core values of dedication to food, water and life are tied to serving our customers. Our company is committed to working for the development of society by drawing on all our capabilities and know-how to offer superior products and technologies. Kubota's business philosophy and primary objective is not sales and profits, rather, to win the trust of our customers and contribute to society in a growing number of ways. Everything we do is for the customer and this can be seen below in the "Kubota Promise".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Produce state of the art, quality products b. Lead the industry in engineering and technological firsts c. Respect the environment and protect our customer's safety d. Provide uncompromising service e. Listen and respond to the customer's needs f. Value each customer relationship with integrity and respect g. Support professional dealers and retailers h. Manage with vision and leadership <p>Since our founding in 1890, Kubota continues to be a global leader in the products we produce and the markets we serve. Food, water, and the environment are indispensable for human beings. Kubota is looking to the future to support earth and humanity. By contributing products, like the utility vehicles in this proposal, and creating a superior living environment through superior products, technologies, and services, Kubota is living out its core values and business philosophy of being passionate about, and dedicated to food, water, and life.</p>
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8	<p>What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?</p>	<p>If awarded the Sourcewell contract number 031121, Kubota expects to meet and exceed the expectations of Sourcewell members for products, services, and support. Kubota will position Sourcewell as our first and best solution for cooperative purchasing. Our dedicated National Account Manager for Municipal and Business Development makes our Sourcewell contracts a focus for sales growth throughout the United States and Canada. Kubota is committed to supporting Sourcewell members wherever they are located at a level that meets and exceeds their expectations. Kubota will build into dealer training meetings, Sourcewell member aftersales support, and marketing direction to ensure success. We will engage our 1,100 dealers to promote our contract, and support Sourcewell members to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Kubota will engage government entities in the adoption of our Sourcewell contract in place of establishing individual government contracts. Kubota and the National Account Manager for Municipal and New Business will partner with Sourcewell for marketing materials and trade show support. Kubota looks forward to attending and supporting Sourcewell "Get to Know Us" forums and will encourage dealer participation to understand the value of contract purchasing with Sourcewell members. Kubota will incorporate all Sourcewell marketing materials, resources, and tools (e.g. training videos, Talkin' Tactics Webinars, etc.) into dealer education and business development. Lastly, Kubota's expectations are when Sourcewell members reach out to their local Kubota dealer, the dealer knows who they are and how they can help.</p>	*
9	<p>Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.</p>	<p>Financial information has been attached. These documents include general information such as Dun and Bradstreet number and Federal I.D numbers as well as more specific financial information such as creditors and banking information. Beyond the numbers is more tangible evidence of strength and stability.</p> <p>Kubota can demonstrate this financial strength and stability in multiple ways. Kubota pays dividends on its stock. Dividends attract long-term investors and offering them is a sign of financial stability. Additionally, in 2020, Kubota announced a multi-year strategic alliance with Microsoft. Kubota is migrating its IT infrastructure and SAP mission-critical systems onto Microsoft's trusted cloud platform. This investment in long-term company infrastructure streamlines business operations, accelerates innovation, and shifts towards a solution provision model. Furthermore, this investment not only demonstrates financial strength and stability, it allows Kubota to develop AI-based solutions for businesses in the area of food, water, and the environment.</p> <p>Kubota Tractor Corporation's parent company, Kubota Corporation, carries an AA- issuer rating as well as a Long-Term Issue rating of AA-. This very high credit worthiness is supported by excellent factors. The short-term rating is a-1+. This rating denotes a high certainty of fulfillment of short-term obligation. In closing, a copy of the most recently available full year financial report has been included in documentation.</p>	*
10	<p>What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?</p>	<p>Kubota has approximately 34% market share for the solutions being proposed.</p>	*
11	<p>What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?</p>	<p>Kubota's Canadian market share data mirrors that of the United States.</p>	*
12	<p>Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.</p>	<p>No, Kubota has never petitioned for bankruptcy protection.</p>	*
13	<p>How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization.</p> <p>a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned?</p> <p>b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?</p>	<p>a) Distributor. Kubota Tractor Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the state of California and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the holding company Kubota North America Corporation which is wholly owned by Kubota Corporation, a Japanese Corporation. Kubota Tractor Corporation and Kubota Canada Ltd sell Kubota equipment to the Kubota dealer network of over 1,100 independently owned Kubota dealerships. These dealers service and sell Kubota products in all 50 states and throughout Canada.</p>	*

14	If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.	<p>No licenses and certifications are required to be held by Kubota. However, our commitment to environmental excellence is witnessed in achieving our ISO 14001 environmental certifications. ISO 14001 certification has been achieved at all domestic sites and 14 production sites in Japan. ISO 14001 certification is an environmental certification issued by the International Organization for Standardization. Additionally, all divisions have achieved ISO 9001 certification. 24 Kubota Group companies whose primary operation is manufacturing have acquired certification.</p> <p>Certifications demonstrate Kubota's commitment to excellence in quality in design, development, and environmental sustainability. Some examples include employing DRBFM, a cross functional disciplined process to evaluate proposed changes to designs. Kubota self-audits quality, quality compliance, cross audits, and audits at short notice. This focus on auditing and compliance is to achieve operational excellence. It is these kinds of actions that result in Kubota's operational excellence and our certifications.</p>	*
15	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	None. There have been no suspensions or debarment in the past ten years.	*

Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success

Line Item	Question	Response *
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16	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	<p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape Business “Twenty for 2020 New Products Award • Pro Tool Innovation Awards – SZ series stand-on mowers • Rental Equipment Register 2020 “Innovative Product Award” – SVL65-2 • Pro Tool Innovation Awards – RTV-XG850 • Diesel International “Diesel of the Year” V5009 – first ever won by a Japanese manufacturer for this European award • “2020 Machine of the Year” Agraheute Audience Choice Award– M7003 • Georgia US Department of Economic Development GEAR Award Transportation Equipment Manufacturer of the Year. <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best-selling diesel utility vehicle in North America – Power Products Marketing North American Utility Vehicle Market Reports (ranked number one every year since 2004). • The North American Dealers Association (NAEDA) Dealers-Manufacturers survey has ranked Kubota number one, six years in a row. • OEM Off-Highway Research – Worlds #1 selling compact excavator. • Kubota obtained the highest rated "A-List Company" in "CDP Water Security Program". The CDP is an international non-profit organization that conducts researches against companies and governments to reduce greenhouse gases and emissions. • Equipment Watch - Kubota U35-4 compact excavator wins Highest Retained Value Award. • Excellence Award in Environmental Reporting - 23rd annual Environmental Communication Awards co-sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment and the Global Environment Forum. <p>2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best-selling diesel utility vehicle in North America – Power Products Marketing North American Utility Vehicle Market Reports. • Environmental Technology and Project Award presented by the Environmental Engineering Committee of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers. • OEM Off-Highway Research – Worlds #1 selling compact excavator. • Excellence Award - CASBEE Sakai Environmental Building Awards for promoting environmentally buildings. • BLUE PROPER Award - Environment Minister Indonesia. This rating is only for companies found operating 100 percent in compliance with environmental regulations. • Green Award - Kubota Environmental Engineering (Shanghai) - Chinese Environmental Conference. • KBS Kubota Co., Ltd. - Environmental Contribution Award presented at the 2018 Logistics Awards sponsored by the Japan Institute of Logistics Systems. • Excellence Award in Environmental Reporting - 22rd annual Environmental Communication Awards co-sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment and the Global Environment Forum. <p>2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AE50 Outstanding Innovation Award – RTV X1140 Utility Vehicle • Best-selling diesel utility vehicle in North America – Power Products Marketing North American Utility Vehicle Market Reports. • OEM Off-Highway Research – Worlds #1 selling compact excavator. • Green Industry Award from the Thai government. • Kubota obtained the highest rated "A-List Company" in "CDP Water Security Program" in 2017. The CDP is an international non-profit organization that conducts researches against companies and governments to reduce greenhouse gases and emissions. • AGRITECHNICA 2017 – Vicon Extra 7100T GEOMOW – Machine of the Year. • iF International Forum - Design Award – M7001 series <p>2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan Institute of Design Promotion – FY2016 Good Design Award. • Best-selling diesel utility vehicle in North America – Power Products Marketing North American Utility Vehicle Market Reports. • OEM Off-Highway Research – Worlds #1 selling compact excavator.
17	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	Government and education collectively comprise approximately 45% of Kubota's national accounts program reporting.
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19	List any state, provincial, or cooperative purchasing contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	<p>Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract – 2020 - \$34.5mm, 2019 - \$33.8mm, 2018 - \$26.3mm</p> <p>BuyBoard – 2020 - \$8.03mm, 2019 - \$9.9mm, 2018 – no contract</p> <p>HGAC cooperative purchasing contract - 2020 - \$306k, 2019 - \$595k, 2018 - \$656k</p> <p>MAPO cooperative purchasing contract - 2020 - \$1.4mm, 2019 - \$1.7mm, 2018 - \$1.16mm</p> <p>Louisiana state contract - 2020 - \$199k, 2019 - \$3.4mm, 2018 - \$3.41mm</p> <p>Oregon state contract - 2020 - \$396k, 2019 - \$1.2mm, 2018 - \$860k</p> <p>New York state contract (adopted Sourcewell contract, volume is included in Sourcewell totals)</p> <p>Pennsylvania state contract - 2020 - \$2.07mm, 2019 - \$2.2mm, 2018 - \$44k</p>
20	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	<p>Kubota has multiple dealers holding General Services Administration contracts and can be found on https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/ws/main/start_page?store=ADVANTAGE. While dealer overall sales volumes are visible to Kubota, dealer GSA sales volumes are not reported Kubota.</p>

Table 4: References/Testimonials

Line Item 21. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *
Lodi Unified School District	Eric Wise	209-712-6346
Eugene Water and Electric Board	Gary Lentsch	503-484-2411
Samaritan's Purse	Matt Libby	207-551-8292
New York State Natural Heritage Trust	Bill Bohach	631-323-2440
Auburn University	Malcomb Pegues	251-928-2740

Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers

Line Item 22. Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *
Village of Holley	Government	New York - NY	Construction and grounds maintenance equipment - Kubota equipment purchases	\$25,000-\$50,000	\$763,406
Miami Dade Parks and Recreation	Government	Florida - FL	Construction and grounds maintenance equipment - Kubota equipment purchases	\$25,000-\$50,000	\$498,766
City of Greensboro	Government	North Carolina - NC	Construction and grounds maintenance equipment - Kubota equipment purchases	\$25,000-\$50,000	\$384,395
Town of Fallsburg	Government	New York - NY	Construction and grounds maintenance equipment - Kubota equipment purchases	\$25,000-\$50,000	\$355,798
City of Athens	Government	Alabama - AL	Construction and grounds maintenance equipment - Kubota equipment purchases	\$25,000-\$50,000	\$342,345

Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number

of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *
23	Sales force.	Kubota's sales force is strong and contains employees of our company as well as that of our dealer network numbering over 1,100 locations. Sales coverage is in place for all 50 states as well as Canada by both our dealers and Kubota commercial sales team. Our typical dealer averages four sales representatives leading to dealer sales representation that conservatively averages over 4,000 representatives. Kubota in Canada has 154 dealer locations with similar sales force averages. Additionally Kubota directly employs 51 region sales managers, five district sales managers, and five division sales managers. This Kubota sales force is essential for educating and instructing dealers in promoting and supporting government and education entities. This combined sales effort will also drive new Sourcewell member growth and engagement.
24	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	Kubota has five divisions in the United States that is served by three distribution warehouse in Georgia, Kansas, and California. These centers serve and support over 1,100 Kubota dealers serving all fifty states in the United States. In Canada, Kubota has 154 dealers who serve all of Canada.
25	Service force.	Kubota places a high level of importance on quality, dependability, and service support. In fact, Kubota dealers average over twice as many service technicians as sales representatives. With each Kubota dealer averaging 9 service technicians, Kubota's dealer network averages over nine thousand service representatives in the United States. Many of these have mobile service vehicles. Kubota's Canadian dealer network has similar averages of service technicians in its 154 dealerships. Kubota internally employs approximately 50 field-based technical service representatives to assist the dealer network with ensuring maximum up time and value for Kubota users. Kubota has stringent dealer requirements to provide strong customer service support and obligations are high. Each dealership is required to have a factory trained service technician on staff at all times. This factory training is facilitated by the Kubota corporate technical service center in Grapevine, TX. A corporate service training staff ensures dealers have access to, and take advantage of, world-class service training. Every dealer is also required to participate annually in service training school which last multiple days. These requirements ensure Kubota dealers meet our stated service goals and expectations.
26	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	Kubota has created a one-step process for customer service for Sourcewell members. Sourcewell members with one call or email can easily access parts, service, warranty work, or training locally with their servicing dealer. Kubota dealers are ready to make the process simple and quick for Sourcewell members. Dealers are responsible to in turn work with Kubota directly to provide the best parts and service turnkey solution for Sourcewell members. Our customer service model places the responsibility on the dealer, not the Sourcewell member, to understand and deal with the processes behind the scenes. Kubota's high expectations of its dealer networks extend to customer service and helping Sourcewell members with this quick and easy customer service process.
27	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	Kubota will provide service and support to Sourcewell members in all 50 states in the United States.
28	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	Kubota Canada Ltd. is able to provide to Sourcewell members service and support in Canada.
29	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	There are no geographic restrictions in the United States or Canada. There are no participating Sourcewell entities that Kubota will not be fully serving.
30	Identify any Sourcewell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	There are no participating Sourcewell entities that Kubota will not be fully serving. Kubota will support all Sourcewell members equally and fully.
31	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	There are no restrictions to supporting Sourcewell members in Alaska and Hawaii. Kubota has dealers located in both states to support Sourcewell members.

Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *
32	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Growth in government, non-profit, and education verticals has become a priority for Kubota corporately. Part of our strategy to grow these verticals is to track performance in these areas. Performance is now measured and is a key performance indicator for the Kubota corporate and region sales team and incorporated into their individual management plans. This demonstrates Kubota's commitment and desire for marketing our Sourcewell contracts locally, regionally, and nationally. We will leverage our extensive dealer network and corporate sales team to promote Sourcewell at all levels. For local marketing, Kubota will ensure our 1,100 plus dealers are made aware immediately of this contract if awarded. An electronic dealer sales bulletin will be issued that will update our entire dealer network as soon as possible. This puts several thousand Kubota dealer sales team members into motion marketing our contract locally if a contract is awarded. Further, Kubota will incorporate the new Sourcewell Supplier Portal into our dealer training and encourage dealers to utilize this tool. This portal will help our dealers sales teams as well as Kubota's corporate sales team get what they need, when they need it for information regarding our Sourcewell contracts. Engaging and supporting our dealers will drive marketing Sourcewell on a local level. Kubota's in-house, full-time marketing team will assist in creating engaging marketing materials as needed for dealers. Setting up dealers for success will ensure successful marketing at the local level.</p> <p>To this previous point, dealer training will be a priority in marketing this contract. We will incorporate this contract, if awarded, into our web-based dealer training. An important part of this training is leveraging our dedicated web-based dealer quote tool specifically designed for our Sourcewell contracts. This quote tool is prepopulated by Kubota with the agreed upon products and pricing to help eliminate errors in pricing to Sourcewell members. This helps dealers focus solely on marketing to Sourcewell members and building quick and accurate turn-key solutions. Part of contract engagement is also making our dealers aware of and encouraging dealers to participate in local Sourcewell events. Our corporate national accounts team attends local, regional, and national Kubota dealer meetings to market Sourcewell and make sure our dealers are fully equipped to support Sourcewell members.</p> <p>Kubota corporately will take ownership of marketing Sourcewell on a regional and national basis. Our dedicated National Account Manager for Municipal and New Business will drive our marketing, promoting, and supporting events in government entities; public and private, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and non-profit organizations. Kubota is an eco-system of high expectations. We will carry these high expectation into marketing Sourcewell solutions.</p>
33	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	<p>Kubota has integrated digital resources into dealer training and education to support current Sourcewell contracts and this current proposed solution. Training videos are available online to help dealers understand and identify how to serve Sourcewell members and grow our business utilizing the Sourcewell contract. Dealers are instructed in how the process works and can be integrated into their individual dealer sales plans. Additionally, we have created dealer facing quotation tools dedicated to our Sourcewell contract to ensure ease of use and accuracy of information provided to Sourcewell members.</p>
34	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	<p>Kubota views Sourcewell as a partner in promoting a contract that would arise from this RFP. Kubota's experience is in the products, services and turnkey solutions we have created for the Grounds Maintenance contract. Sourcewell's experience is in facilitating competitive solicitations leading to solutions that empower community success. This partnership between Sourcewell and Kubota would deliver a world class, turnkey solution to Sourcewell members if a contract arises from this RFP. Sourcewell is our partner for contract adoption, promotion, and education. Kubota will partner with Sourcewell in seeking state adoption and acceptance of Sourcewell solutions. Sourcewell partnering with us in GTKU's has been and will continue to be effective in dealer sales education. We expect Sourcewell to continue creating content and marketing material we can use to promote Sourcewell in general and our solution specifically. We expect Sourcewell to continue engaging our dealers in person at our annual dealer meetings. Lastly, we will continue to expect to rely on our contract manager for input and guidance regarding our solutions. We expect a partnership in promoting, educating, and engagement so both organizations grow together.</p>
35	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	<p>An e-procurement system is not currently in place. However, Kubota does use an e-quoting tool to ensure speed and accuracy for Sourcewell members. The complexity and customization involved in building solutions for Sourcewell members requires a consultative approach to best design individualized solutions for Sourcewell members. Working with dealers to fully understand the local terrain and environment, as well as taking advantage of the expertise of our local dealer network best serves Sourcewell members. The ability to use local dealers to tailor local member requirements with the available products, options, and services for Sourcewell members provides a distinct advantage over e-procurement.</p>

Table 8: Value-Added Attributes

Line Item	Question	Response *
36	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	Training is available for all products found in this contract through our dealer network. Training is tailored to the Sourcewell member's existing knowledge and requirements. Operator training is provided for every member upon delivery of each product. More advanced levels of training are available upon request. Other training such as additional on-site training may be requested by Sourcewell members. This training may be discussed with dealers and provided as an additional line-item in a Sourcewell member quote.
37	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	Innovation in technology is common and ongoing within our company. Kubota utilizes fuel efficient engine systems (water cooled diesel common rail systems and gasoline EFI). This is advanced electronic fuel injection systems which is an advancement from carburetors. EFI systems are more fuel efficient, constantly adjusting for air to fuel ratios. This burns less fuel and creates less pollutants and waste. Kubota also uses electronic fuel injection, otherwise known as common rail systems, in our diesel engines. Common rail systems and our Kubota Eco-Plus system prioritizes fuel economy, lowers noise and excess vibration providing for the health of the operator and our environment. Because of our technological advances, many of our competitors choose to use Kubota engines in their products. Concerning lawn, garden, and grounds maintenance care, Kubota's mulching systems on all products improve grass health, not requiring disposal. Kubota's technological advances are focused on fuel efficiency, reducing waste, pollution, and improving not just products performance, but improving our environment.
38	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	Kubota's has a deep commitment to green initiatives. In 1995 Kubota began the internal Environmental Audit System for environmental protection in accordance with standards stricter than existing laws and regulations and towards continuous environmental improvement. All domestic establishments achieved ISO 14001 environmental certifications from the International Organization for Standardization. In 2010 Kubota was certified as an Eco-First Company by Japan's Ministry for the Environment. The Kubota Group has established a Kubota Group Environmental Charter as well as involvement with environmental conservation activities and setting medium and long-term environmental conservation targets. These targets have resulted in actions that have achieved results. 2019 in comparison to 2014 has achieved the following results. CO2 emission per unit produced has been reduced by -17.1%. Energy use per unit of production was reduced by -14.3%. Waste discharge has reduced by -10% per unit of production. Water consumption per unit of production was reduced by -19.5%. VOC's (volatile organic compounds) was reduced per unit of production by -38.1% Our long-range plans and immediate actions of the present demonstrate Kubota's commitment to reducing CO2 and VOC emissions, reducing waste, conserving water, and preserving our environment. "For Earth, For Life", it is more than our motto, it is what we do. https://www.kubota.com/sustainability/environment/active/index.html
39	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	All products in the proposed solution meet or exceed the highest applicable Environmental Protections Agency requirements and certifications.
40	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	No proposal for this section.

41	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?	<p>A unique attribute to Kubota is its blending of commitment to the environment with its commitment to improving our products. Progress and advancements in technology, design, and safety enhancement, go hand in hand in product improvements with environmental considerations in mind. Kubota designs safety into our products. 3M activity or method, man, machinery is employed in our design.</p> <p>Further, ISE or inherently safe equipment is a better choice compared to machinery lacking similar design considerations. This is, machinery designed with fewer ways of causing harm. Seeking continuous improvement is foundational to Kubota's philosophy and practice. Our company employs DRBFM, a cross functional disciplined process to evaluate proposed changes to designs. Kubota self-audits quality, quality compliance, cross audits, and audits at short notice. This focus on auditing and compliance is to achieve operational excellence and continuous improvement. 5-gen and PDCA (plan, do, check, act) continuous improvement is used in manufacturing and operations. Hydrostatic power steering, common rail systems, and reverse awareness systems and cameras, are just a few of the many, many features, all introduced and interwoven as a result of a focus on enhanced safety, performance, and concern for the environment. This is a unique attribute in our industry.</p> <p>Lastly, Kubota manufactures and/or markets products in more than 130 countries. This footprint that extends around the globe allows our company to pool "best practices" from across many languages, cultures, and geographic regions. We pool these ideas and innovations and share them across the entire business. This unique attribute of viewing people, products, and the environment as interrelated and global, is a unique attribute shared with Sourcewell members. Kubota is more than part of a supply chain; Kubota is part of a global value chain.</p>
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Table 9: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
42	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Yes. Warranty documents providing detail are included in this proposal.
43	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Warranty details are provided in the warranty guide. The warranty guide is fully instructive in warranty details. Abuse and neglect for example are not covered under warranty.
44	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Travel time and mileage are not under the coverage of warranty. However, if Kubota issues a recall there may be reimbursement for travel time and/or mileage paid to the dealer/technician.
45	Are there any geographic regions of the United States or Canada (as applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	Every authorized Kubota dealer is required to have one factory trained technician on staff. With 1,100 dealers in the United States with coverage in all 50 states as well as 154 dealers in Canada, Kubota dealers are well positioned to serve Sourcewell members with factory trained technicians. Kubota dealers are responsible to service and support all sales made by the dealer. Service for warranty repairs for Sourcewell members are made by the servicing dealer. Should, on a rare occasion, a dealer have difficulty due to remoteness or other circumstance, Kubota and the servicing dealer will work together to find resolution.
46	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	No items in our proposal are made by other manufacturers. Kubota is the sole manufacturer for all products in our proposal. All Kubota products are covered by a Kubota warranty.
47	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	All sales are final. However, at its discretion, Kubota may choose to work with a Sourcewell member if they purchase a product that is not matched to their needs. Kubota reserves the right to accept or deny any request for returns or exchanges. Please note, Kubota's number one dealer rating six years in a row by The North American Dealers Association (NAEDA) Dealers-Manufacturers survey speaks to our ability and willingness to resolve most any issue that arises. Lastly, any items found to be warrantable will be provided for under the terms of the warranty statement.
48	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	Service contract options will be quoted as Open-Market items by local Kubota dealers.

Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options

Line Item	Question	Response *
49	What are your payment terms (e.g., net 10, net 30)?	Terms of sale are net thirty days.
50	Do you provide leasing or financing options, especially those options that schools and governmental entities may need to use in order to make certain acquisitions?	Kubota offers financing and leasing options to Sourcewell members through Kubota Credit Corporation.
51	Briefly describe your proposed order process. Include enough detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcewell as described in the Contract template. For example, indicate whether your dealer network is included in your response and whether each dealer (or some other entity) will process the Sourcewell participating entities' purchase orders.	<p>The proposed order process is established to best support Sourcewell members by letting members work closely with their local supporting Kubota dealers throughout the order process. Kubota dealers are included in our response. The process flow below describes both the Sourcewell member order process as well as the internal order process between Kubota and dealers.</p> <p>Sourcewell member process flow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sourcewell members contact their local Kubota dealer or Kubota Tractor Corporation directly for a quote. Additionally, Kubota dealers proactively marketing the Sourcewell contract may become aware of a need or quote request. If non-Sourcewell members request a quote, dealers have been instructed how to help prospective and qualifying non-members become a Sourcewell member. • The local Kubota dealer will provide the existing or new Sourcewell member with a Kubota authorized Sourcewell quote. This quote is created using the Kubota authorized dealer quote tool. • If Sourcewell members decide to move forward and acquire a Kubota product, Sourcewell members will issue a purchase order made to the Kubota dealer. • The servicing dealer will fulfill the order either from their dealer inventory, or the dealer will order the product from Kubota in the event the product is not located in the servicing dealer inventory. • The product is shipped to the Kubota dealer for the required inspections and any preparation needed for the Sourcewell member. • Delivery is coordinated with the Sourcewell member and upon delivery, operating instructions are reviewed and dealers assist with all needs and questions by the Sourcewell member. Sourcewell member satisfaction is ensured before the process moves on. The process continues and turns internally between Kubota and dealers. <p>Kubota/Dealer process flow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealers will settle the purchased unit indicating the sale is to a Sourcewell member in order to receive credit for the sale. • The supporting dealer will provide Kubota the quote as well as the Sourcewell member purchase order for reference. • Kubota will create quarterly reports for dealer sales to Sourcewell members. Kubota will submit this report to Sourcewell quarterly. • Kubota makes payment to Sourcewell based on the agreed upon administrative fee. For reference, this process is the currently established process for Sourcewell contract 040319.
52	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	Kubota dealers may, at their discretion, accept the P-card procurement and payment process. Kubota encourages dealers to accept the P-card and encourages Sourcewell members to consult with their local supporting dealer for participation.

Table 11: Pricing and Delivery

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as described in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *
53	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcewell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcewell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Kubota will offer a specific discount from published list price for each series and product family in our proposed solution. These discounts from MSRP can be found in the supporting pricing documentation submitted in the documents step.
54	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	Kubota will offer a specific discount from published list price for each series and product family in our proposed solution. These discounts from MSRP can be found in the supporting pricing documentation submitted in the documents step. The discount from published list price is as follows: Tractors B series – 22% BX series – 22% L series – 22% M series – 22% Turf F series – 22% GR series – 22% T series – 22% Z series – 22% TLB series - B26, L47 & M62 – 22% Land Management Disc mowers – 22% Rotary tedders – 22% Rotary rakes – 22% Spreaders – 22%
55	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	Kubota offers best and last pricing for individual units without requiring Sourcewell members to buy in volume or apply for rebates after the sale.
56	Propose a method of facilitating “sourced” products or related services, which may be referred to as “open market” items or “nonstandard options”. For example, you may supply such items “at cost” or “at cost plus a percentage,” or you may supply a quote for each such request.	Requests for open market “sourced” or non-standard items can be added to Sourcewell members quotes at their request. Acceptance of these quoted sourced/non-standard items will be at the discretion of Sourcewell members.
57	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	Pre-delivery inspections and freight will be shown on all Sourcewell member quotes to ensure complete costs transparency prior to acquisition. These items will be shown clearly as line items on the quote form. All common accessories and attachments have a standard labor time associated with the installation of accessories. Dealer labor rate will vary due to regional economic differences (e.g. Seattle, WA labor rates are typically higher than Greenville, SC). Kubota reviews all dealer labor rate differences and ensures that all dealer rates are justified and compliant with normal regional economic conditions. Kubota strives to maintain a labor rate relative to \$100/hr. All charges will be turnkey solutions with no hidden costs and will be clearly identified on all Sourcewell members quotes prior to solution acquisition.
58	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Freight charges will be shown on every Sourcewell member quote prior to acquisition. Kubota's proposed solution includes many various models with great weight and size disparities (e.g. a BX1880 tractor weighs 1,407lbs, an M6 tractors weighs 11,387lbs). These will be shipped from east coast, west coast, and central US warehouses to all 50 states, territories, Canada, and wherever Sourcewell members are located. A flat rate charge to ensure costs are covered would be prohibitively and artificially high. Our solution is a freight pricing model of showing freight charges tailored by size, model, weight, to a specific location. This solution best address the logistical variances in supporting all Sourcewell members equally.
59	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	The freight pricing model for Alaska Hawaii, Canada, and all offshore deliveries will be to show all freight charges on Sourcewell member quotes prior to acquisition. Freight in Canada by Kubota Canada Ltd. will follow this process. Freight for Hawaii and Alaska will be provided by a freight forwarder and shown on all quotes prior to acquisition.

60	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	A unique aspect of Kubota's distribution method is having new forward inventory placed within our Kubota dealer network. Many products, attachments, accessories, and solutions are already in place and close to Sourcewell members within our 1,100+ location dealer network. This allows for Sourcewell members to visit local dealers and many times have a hands-on opportunity with a solution prior to acquisition. While Kubota does ship products from its three US warehouses (California, Georgia, and Kansas) and one in Canada (greater Toronto area), this access to solutions locally is an added benefit to Sourcewell members. Additionally, have a local, servicing dealer allows for specialization of products to meet local and unique Sourcewell member needs and requirements prior to delivery (e.g. dealers based in and familiar with local subzero winterization requirements).	*
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Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
61	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	

Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee

Line Item	Question	Response *
62	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcewell.	Kubota self-audits multiple product group's regularly reviewing and auditing pricing along with our digital marketing group that manages our electronic pricing database. In addition, the National Accounts group regularly reviews dealer quoting for pricing accuracy. These multiple layers of self-audit and review elevate accuracy and compliance. Kubota dealers are not paid for their sales using the Sourcewell program without submitting all of the required information to report accurately on the Sourcewell contract usage reports. This information is in turn downloaded to create our usage reports for the Sourcewell program. This series of overlapping auditing for pricing and reporting drives contract compliance.
63	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcewell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	Kubota proposes paying a 1.5% administrative fee of total sales less freight, assembly fees, and pre-delivery inspection fees for Kubota products only.

Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Line Item	Question	Response *
64	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	<p>The solutions being proposed by Kubota are broad and encompassing of professional grounds maintenance requirements. Kubota's turnkey solutions of whole goods, equipment, attachments, accessories, and related services as they relate to grounds maintenance is well established around the world for both professionals and consumers. Kubota offers in this proposal turf management with walk-behind mowers as small as 21 inches in cutting width up to over 13 feet in cutting width using disc mowers and many various sizes in between. This solves for mower cutting jobs as small as imaginable while providing extensive cutting widths across the range of 21 inches to 13 feet.</p> <p>Our solutions solve for the smallest and tightest areas (zero turn mowers) in grounds maintenance in and around walkways, landscaping, lawn and garden maintenance, up through large tracts of acreage needing to be maintained. This proposal includes small walk behind mowers, small riding mowers, mid-size lawn and garden tractors, commercial zero-turn mowers in both gas and diesel. All of these products are built by Kubota and Kubota engineered for professional performance.</p> <p>This proposal also includes a wide variety of tractors, attachments, and accessories. These tractors range in size from 1,407lbs to 11,387lbs. This range empowers Sourcewell members with a comprehensive selection of tractors and attachments suited to their specific needs. The tractors come with a sweeping assortment of accessories and attachments. These include but is not limited to, loaders, backhoes, buckets, grapple buckets, snow blowers, sweepers, a wide range of mower decks and grass mulching and catchers, forklift attachments, straight blades, angled blades. The loaders and backhoe options in this proposal offer ground engaging ability to dig, push and move material in professional grounds maintenance. Fork lift attachments for tractors provide forklift capability for moving product as needed.</p> <p>Lastly, while our mowing solutions maintain small to medium land size, our land management solutions solve for maintenance of large swaths of acreage. This is done with next generation disc mowing that moves on from sickle bar mowing. Disc mowing is better suited to fine-stemmed grasses leaving a clean evenly maintained area. With our many models, sizes, and series, of disc mowers, tedders, rakes, etc., along with options, accessories, attachments, and services, this proposal is broad in scope and robust enough to support any professional grounds maintenance requirements.</p>
65	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	Along with the many various whole goods in this proposal is a long list of attachments, accessories, options, and services. These may be referred to as subcategories. The literature provided in additional documents shows these subcategories in better detail.

Table 14B: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Indicate below if the listed types or classes of equipment, products, and services are offered within your proposal. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered *	Comments
66	Lawn and garden equipment, tools, attachments, and accessories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Full spectrum of lawn, sod, grounds, and garden equipment and tools.
67	Irrigation systems, equipment, parts, and related installation and maintenance services	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Our solutions (ground engaging) can be used to install irrigation systems
68	Beach and waterfront maintenance equipment and accessories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	The products we offer in our proposed solution can be used for grounds maintenance along waterfront areas.
69	Accessories, parts, and services related to the solutions described above, including maintenance or repair, and warranty programs	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Full assortment and wide variety of attachments and accessories for grounds maintenance as well as service and training.

Table 15: Industry Specific Questions

Line Item	Question	Response *
70	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	Kubota produces multiple sales reports on a monthly basis including our sales volume numbers for the Sourcewell contract. Our main report is the National Accounts Month End report. This report lists all of our sales through the national accounts programs in terms of dollar volume and model mix. Kubota Executives, Middle Management and Field Sales reps review the report(s) and monitor their dealer and dealer group performance with the Sourcewell contract. We also produce a contract usage report that is sorted by Region Sales manager so that each RSM has visibility to the dealers under his responsibility that are and are not using the contract to its fullest potential. Corrective action in the form of sales training is created for underperforming dealers. Sourcewell is a specific call out line item on all National Account sales reports and is thoroughly reviewed by all levels of management for increased monthly/yearly performance.
71	Describe the serviceability of the products included in your proposal (parts availability, warranty and technical support, etc.).	Serviceability in the way of after sale support for Sourcewell members is easy and robust. With an extensive dealer network across the United States and Canada waiting to support Sourcewell members, the serviceability of the solutions proposed by Kubota is comprehensive. Local dealers will provide local expertise for parts, warranty work as well as regular service internals as needed. Our dealers are experts in our products. Sourcewell members will be able to sit down with these localized experts and map out any turnkey solution needed. Every Kubota dealer is required to have a factory trained technician on staff. To support this, Kubota dealers are required to participate annually in service school training. To also help ensure a high level of serviceability for parts, Kubota has added a parts component to measuring our dealers performance. The goal is to incentivize Kubota dealers to have parts on the shelf when needed. Parts on the shelf, factory trained technicians, and local experts in the solutions in this proposal ensure a high level of serviceability and dependability waiting for Sourcewell members.
72	Describe advancements reflected in the equipment or products offered in your proposal, such as safety, longevity or life cycle cost measures.	Advancements are ongoing and constant as is total operational improvement. Some examples of our advancements follow here. Kubota has developed Reverse Awareness Systems for our GR series of mowers. These advancements enhance safety when mowing in reverse. Regarding life-cycle and longevity, Kubota offers multiple year warranties as standard for many products. For products with standard one year warranty's, most all products have extended warranty's available to Sourcewell members. Another advancement is Kubota's exclusive "Swift-Tach" loaders which allow for safe and easy removal and installation. "Swift-Connect" backhoes are likewise designed and performance matched for ease and safety. Another example of an advancement is the industry-exclusive optional one-lever quick couplers found on the LX series of tractors in this proposal. Likewise is the industry-exclusive mechanical self-leveling kit for easier material handling capabilities. Kubota engines with their next generation common rail systems and electronic fuel injections are examples of advancements that improve fuel cost savings and environmental enhancement. Throughout Kubota's product offering, our products are engineered to provide durable long life that reduce down time as well as minimize lifetime costs. The previous are but a few of the product advancements that will serve Sourcewell members.

Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

Proposer's Affidavit

PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
5. The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
8. The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
 - a. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at: <https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;
 - b. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>; or

- c. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Rusty Pugh, National Account Manager Municipal and New Business, Kubota Tractor Corporation

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

Yes No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

File Name	I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable)	Pages
Addendum_11_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Thu March 4 2021 06:08 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
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Addendum_9_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Tue February 23 2021 10:33 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_8_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Mon February 22 2021 10:21 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_7_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121_CDR_Suggests Wed February 17 2021 09:01 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_6_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Tue February 16 2021 11:03 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_5_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Fri February 12 2021 03:14 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_4_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Tue February 2 2021 02:12 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_3_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Thu January 21 2021 03:47 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_2_Grounds_Maintenance_Equipment_RFP_031121 Wed January 20 2021 02:02 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
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**AMENDMENT #1
TO
CONTRACT #031121-KBA**

THIS AMENDMENT is effective upon the date of the last signature below by and between **Sourcewell** and **Kubota Tractor Corporation** (Supplier).

Sourcewell awarded a contract to Supplier to provide Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services, to Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, effective April 28, 2021, through April 30, 2025 (Contract).

The parties wish to amend the following terms within the Contract.

- 1. Section 6. Participating Entity Use and Purchasing–Subsection B. Additional Terms and Conditions/Participating Addendum, of the Contract, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

B. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM. Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Vendor, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum; the terms of which will be worked out directly between Participating Entity and the Vendor, or its authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers, as applicable. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

Except as amended by this Amendment, the Contract remains in full force and effect.

Sourcewell

Kubota Tractor Corporation

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