

Arkansas State Veterans Home-NLR

2401 John Ashley Drive

North Little Rock, AR 72114

Requesting Proposal for Landscape Maintenance at Arkansas State Veterans Home-NLR

This proposal shall consist of two bids. One bid will be for mowing, weed eating, trimming, seasonal cleanup, leaf removal and weed control in planting beds. See proposal one, for details.

The second bid will consist of Turf treatment such as Pre and post emergent, mulch spreading, tree pruning. See proposal two for details.

You may submit bids for each proposal of work. You can submit bids for its entirety of work but they still must consist of two bids.

Potential bidders are encourage to walk the property.

All bid must be in by 8 May 2018, by 4:00 pm CST. Send your proposal to bobby.sherron@arkansas.gov. Call 501-682-5858 for clarification if needed.

Proposal One: Regular Mowing Schedule:

- 1.** Mowing of all accessible turf areas once per week. This is all the short Bermuda grass. Grass height shall be cut to between 2 and 3 inches on an as-needed basis, typically on Mondays during the period of April 01 through October 31. Visible clippings shall be mulched or bagged and removed.
- 2.** Litter removal in all turf areas and in planting bed areas shall be performed with every mowing visit. Including grass, weeds, paper goods and other small debris.
- 3.** Edge sidewalks, driveways, curbs, and all other pavement edges adjacent to grassy areas each time the campus is mowed.
- 4.** Trim along all property line fencing or spray as desired for growth along fence lines that is not accessible by mowers. Trimming height shall match mowing height. Drainage ditches shall be maintained to the same appearance as surrounding areas. Any existing vegetation shall be removed from fences and new vegetation shall not be allowed to grow on fences. Ensure trimming does not damage trees.

5. Blow all areas free of grass clippings from all areas of property, in a manner to keep streets, sidewalks, building entryways, and vehicles free from debris.
6. Keep all flower beds at all Homes and Community Building free of weeds, grass clippings, and leaves. Also keep all rock ditches and around all trees free of weeds, grass clippings, and leaves. Weeds must be either pulled out by the roots or a chemical treatment can be used that will not harm our plants.

Proposal two: Chemical Treatment of Turf

1. WEED CONTROL

Pre-Emergence Weed Control: two (2) pre-emergence weed control applications per year. Pre-emergence shall be applied in January for control of crabgrass and other grassy weeds. A second application shall be applied in September to control winter grassy weeds. The successful vendor shall submit a comprehensive list of products to be used.

Post-Emergence Weed Control: Landscape Maintenance Contractor shall apply four applications of post emergence weed control for broadleaf weeds including but not limited to dandelion, chickweed, clover and henbit. Post-emergence shall be applied in March, April, June, and October.

Spray Weeds in Cracks: spray weeds in cracks on all sidewalks, patios, curbs and fence lines a minimum of once per month during the growing season to keep them free of unsightly vegetation.

2. PLANTING BED & TREE MAINTENANCE

Planting Bed Maintenance: Weed and cultivate all bed areas and tree wells to keep them free of undesirable vegetation. Weeding shall include removing all weeds and grasses. This service shall be provided at least once every two weeks during the months of March through September.

Shrub and Groundcover Pruning: Shrubs shall be pruned as needed during the growing season. Shrubs shall be trimmed to maintain general shape and to remain clear of windows, walks, and condensing units. Shrubs shall not be pruned into unnatural forms such as boxes or balls. Plants shall be pruned away from curbs, walkways, and paved areas. All pruning will be done according to horticultural practices.

Fertilizing Shrubs: Planting beds shall be fertilized twice annually in fall and spring to promote vigorous growth. A balanced fertilizer shall be applied evenly over entire root system and lightly worked into the soil. The spring application of fertilizer shall be Sierra blend 17-6-12 Plus Minors at a rate of 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Fertilizer is to be applied in the month of March. The fall application of fertilizer shall have an analysis of 10-20-10 (N-P-K) and applied at a rate of 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet.

Mulching: Shrub beds and tree wells shall be mulched with shredded bark mulch and maintained at a depth of 2 inches. Mulch will be provided by the NLR Veterans Home. Vendor will spread in planting beds and around trees as needed, usually twice per year.

Tree Pruning: Trees shall be pruned during the winter month's from the ground to remove dead wood (limbs), redundant growth, crossing growth, limbs rubbing against buildings, limbs hindering pedestrian walkways, nubs, and to generally shape them. Remove all "sucker" growth from base and trunk of trees. Subsequent pruning as needed through the term of the contract. Pruning shall maintain natural growth character and will be done according to horticultural practices.

3. Clean Up:

The Landscape Maintenance Contractor shall maintain all planting and lawn areas. All clippings, leaves, pruning debris, and other debris shall be promptly removed from the site. Leaves and organic debris shall be collected throughout the year in conjunction with the shrub bed maintenance. All sidewalks, parking lots, project entries and areas within property lines and adjacent street right of way shall be cleaned of debris/trash during each visit (minimum of once per week). Trash shall be removed from turf areas prior to mowing. Maintain weed free wells during growing season. Prune damaged plant materials throughout the term. After fertilizing, blow or sweep fertilizer from all paved surfaces.

4. INSPECTION:

The Landscape Maintenance Contractor shall perform a thorough inspection of the grounds each week. The owner (Ar. Dept. of Veterans Affairs) representative at NLR Veterans Home will also conduct an inspection weekly to check compliance with contractors' scope of work. This inspection is for Proposal one and two.

