



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR
FY 2026/2028
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Bid Opening: Weds. February 18th, 2026 2pm.

by

Lawrence Davis, Public Works Director

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
AND
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina (herein called the “**OWNER**”). Bids must be returned in a sealed envelope marked “Proposal: Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping” and must be delivered or mailed to Town of Smithfield, ATTN: Lawrence Davis, 231 Hospital Road, PO Box 761, Smithfield, North Carolina no later than **Weds, February 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm**. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered for any reason.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities if the contractor(s) fails to meet all terms and conditions of the contract award.

The contractor is responsible for all errors, omissions, and deviations from the contract requirements.

All bids must be made on the required BID form. All blank spaces for BID prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten. The BID form must be fully completed and executed when submitted. Only one copy of the BID form is required.

BIDDERS must satisfy themselves of the Scope of Work requested by the OWNER, the Town of Smithfield, by careful examination of the site and thorough review of the Scope of Work. After BIDS have been submitted, the BIDDER shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the Scope of Work to be provided.

All bids must be firm and not subject to any increases. (Unless approved by appropriate personnel).

The Town reserves the right to hold bids open for a period of thirty days after bid opening before making awards.

In accordance with State Law GS 143-129, the award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance and time specified in the proposal for the performance of the contract.

Bid tabulations will be provided upon request. All bidders are welcome to attend the bid opening.

Please direct all technical questions regarding this bid to Lawrence Davis, Public Works Director, at 919-934-2580.

Each BIDDER shall submit a Grand Total Price for providing all services outlined in the Scope of Work. Each BIDDER shall also submit unit prices for each Item outlined in the Scope of Work. Failure to do so will result in the bid being considered incomplete and may result in rejection of the bid.

The party to whom the contract is awarded will be required to execute an Agreement within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date when notice of award is delivered or mailed to the BIDDER.

The Town of Smithfield may make such investigations deemed necessary to determine the ability of the BIDDER to perform the Scope of Work and the BIDDER shall furnish to the Town of Smithfield all such information and data for this purpose as the OWNER may request. The Town of Smithfield reserves the right to reject any BID if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such BIDDER fails to satisfy the OWNER that the BIDDER is properly qualified to carry out obligations of the Agreement and to complete the Scope of Work contemplated herein.

NOTE: It is important that prospective bidders be familiar with all locations at which services are required. For that reason, an **optional walk-through** at all locations has been scheduled for Weds. February 4th, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am at the Public Works Facility, located at 231 Hospital Road. If for some reason you will be unable to attend at the noted time, you are advised to call immediately and schedule another time for a walk-through prior to date and time of bid opening. To schedule another time/date for your walk-through, contact Lawrence Davis at (919) 934-2580. Questions concerning the services required will be answered at the time of the Walk-through.

Town of Smithfield

Specifications for Grounds Maintenance Operations

Item # 1

Right-of-Ways

- 1.) Railroad Underpass, on Hwy 70 Business, between Futrell Way and Hwy 301(Brightleaf Blvd.)
- 2.) Hwy 70 Business from the Neuse River Bridge to the western Town Limit, all landscape beds including median and sides, island between 210 Hwy and 70 Hwy split and Welcome to Smithfield sign
- 3.) Traffic Islands at Hwy 301 and Third Street including tree orchard beside BP Station
- 4.) Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., from College Road and Furlong Drive
- 5.) Market Street, from Hwy 301 to the Neuse River Bridge
- 6.) South side of Brogden Road from Railroad track to I-95 right of ways
- 7.) I-95 Entry and exit right of ways and grounds within the median triangles.
- 8.) 230 Hospital Road Operation center
- 9.) 231 Public Works Building
- 10.) Towne Centre Pl. landscape beds including median and sides

Turfgrass areas shall be maintained (mowed and trimmed) at a height of not more than two inches and shall be cut not less than once every 14 days from April 1 through November 1 of the growing season. If dry weather conditions adequately inhibit the growth of the turf, fewer cuttings shall be permitted.

The shrubbery shall be pruned to maintain an acceptable size and shape not less than once from April 1 through August 15 of the growing season, and not less than once during the dormant season. Prior to pruning operations, the contractor shall meet with the Contract Administrator. Shrubby shall be fertilized not less than once each year at a rate not less than 10 lbs/1000 square feet utilizing a fertilizer with a ratio rating of 10-10-10.

Street trees shall be trimmed and trunked as needed to maintain acceptable shape throughout the growing season. Limbs shall be pruned from sidewalk walking areas, traffic, buildings and signs.

Insecticides shall be applied so as to control insect infestation and minimize damage to shrubs as needed, or as requested by the Contract Administrator.

Note: The contract does not require mulching shrub bed areas and trees.

Herbicides shall be applied as needed to maintain the shrub beds, around trees, fence lines, curbing, sidewalk and signs in a weed free condition. Manual weeding will also be acceptable.

Litter shall be removed at each location as necessary prior to any mowing operation and as necessary during the intervals between each mowing.

Any and all debris left on sidewalks, parking lots, streets, or other surfaces from maintenance operations shall be removed prior to the end of each work day.

Contractor shall provide equipment and manpower to remove and replace shrubs or trees within contracted area.

Item #2

I-95 Exits (Exit 93 and 95)

Note Exit 95 is under construction until the summer 2027. Note: the dollar amount associated with Exit 95 will not be invoiced or paid until Exit 95 is officially reopened and accessible for Exit 95 will be added upon the reopening of I-95 in the summer of 2027.

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between _____, hereinafter
(Name of Owner) (An Individual)
called "Owner" and _____ doing business as (an individual,) or (a partnership,) or (a corporation) hereinafter called "Contractor".

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned:

The CONTRACTOR will commence work of _____.

The CONTRACTOR will furnish all of the material, supplies, tools, equipment, labor and other services necessary for the completion of the SERVICES described herein.

The CONTRACTOR will maintain and keep current a monthly service report to document all maintenance functions performed by the contractor's personnel. This report will be submitted monthly to the Public Works Department by email. This report will be used to verify completed work and coordinate invoices.

The CONTRACTOR will report any noticed issues or concerns to the Town of Smithfield Public Works Department when performing SERVICES described herein.

The CONTRACTOR will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within _____ calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED or PURCHASE ORDER unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all of the WORK described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and comply with the terms therein for the sum of \$ _____ per _____ or as shown in the schedule provided by the OWNER.

The OWNER will pay to the CONTRACTOR in the manner and at such times as set forth by the submission of invoices. The Town of Smithfield distributes payments bimonthly. This Agreement shall be binding upon all parties.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed, or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, this AGREEMENT in _____ each of which shall be deemed an original on the date first above written. (No of copies)

OWNER

: _____

BY _____

NAME _____

(Please type)

TITLE _____

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

NAME _____

(Please type)

TITLE _____

CONTRACTOR

: _____

BY _____

NAME _____

(Please type)

ADDRESS _____

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

NAME _____

(Please type)

TITLE _____

**REFERENCE PAGE
(MUST BE FILLED OUT BY BIDDER)**

Please list at least three (3) current or past clients

Name_____ **Years Known**_____

Address_____ **Phone**_____

Services Provided_____

Name_____ **Years Known**_____

Address_____ **Phone**_____

Services Provided_____

Name_____ **Years Known**_____

Address_____ **Phone**_____

Services Provided_____

**PLEASE LIST NC DOA, NC PESTICIDE BOARD, PESTICIDE APPLICATOR
IDENTIFICATION**

Name on License_____

Name of Applicator_____

License No._____

Classification_____

Certification Code(s)_____

Expiration Date_____

**BID FORM
TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING BID PROPOSAL AMOUNTS, THE WORK UNDER
THE AWARDED CONTRACT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.**

FROM: _____

BIDDER: _____ **SUBMITTED:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____

The lump sum amounts and prices listed below include all labor, materials, overhead, profit, insurance, taxes, etc. to cover the work outlined in the scope of work attached. **Note: in the Scope of Services the dollar amount associated with Exit 95 will not be invoiced or paid until Exit 95 is officially reopened and accessible for Exit 95 will be added upon the reopening of I-95 in the summer of 2027.**

Scope of Services offered by the BIDDER shall be provided for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. The OWNER reserves the right to extend or eliminate service scope by negotiation.

ITEM # 1: Right-of-Ways \$ _____

ITEM # 2: I-95 Exits \$ _____ Exit 93
(Exit 93 & 95) \$ _____ Exit 95

TOTAL BID: \$ _____

The undersigned, as BIDDER, hereby declares that the only person, or persons, interested in this BID as principal(s) is, or are, named herein; that no other persons have any interest in the BID or in the Agreement to be entered into: that this BID is made without connection with any person, company or parties making a BID; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

The BIDDER further declares that he has examined the Scope of Services and informed himself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to the place where the work is to be done; and that he has satisfied himself as to the work to be performed.

The BIDDER further proposes and agrees, if this BID is accepted, to contract with the OWNER, the Town of Smithfield, in the attached form to contract, to furnish all materials, equipment, tools, apparatus, means of transportation, and labor necessary thereto, and to complete the Scope of Services in full and complete satisfaction of the OWNER at the prices listed hereafter.

Signature of Bidder: _____

Proposed Subcontractor (s) (if any will be used:

Name	Address	Type and Extent of Work
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