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**CITY OF MERRIAM, KS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

CONTRACT MOWING AND RELATED SERVICES

2026

**MERRIAM CITY HALL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
9001 W 62nd STREET, MERRIAM KANSAS 66202**

This is a request for bids for contract mowing and other related services for private properties located in the City of Merriam found in violation of city nuisance ordinances. The bids are subject to the conditions and provisions set forth in the attached “Requirements for Contractors”. Bids must be submitted by March 27, 2026 at 2:00pm, C.S.T. They must be received either by mail to above address or hand delivered. Please complete all of the following information. Questions regarding this request for bid should be directed to David Easley – 913-322-5526. Any discussion related to the bid or award process with anyone other than Mr. Easley will constitute grounds for disqualification from the process.

(Company) _____

Submits the following bid in response to bid request in this package and in compliance with the descriptions and specifications attached hereto for contract mowing and related services.

MOWING SERVICES (Per Hour)

LARGE MACHINE MOWING (Brush hog, flail mower) \$ _____

STANDARD MOWING AND TRIM WORK (Standard hand or riding mower, hand or power trimmer) \$ _____

CLEAN UP (Removal of grass clippings, bottles, cans, etc.) \$ _____

WORK DOCUMENTATION (Before and after photographs per job) \$ _____

STORMWATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE (Per Hour)

MACHINE MOWING OR HAND MOWING \$ _____

CLEANUP (Removal of all debris from system) \$ _____

WORK DOCUMENTATION (Before and after photographs per job) \$ _____

**DRAINAGE OF RANK PONDS OR STANDING WATER
INCLUDING SWIMMING POOLS (Per Hour)**

CLEANUP (Removal of all debris from system) \$ _____

WORK DOCUMENTATION (Before and after photographs per job) \$ _____

**REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF UNKEMPT TRASH, REFUSE,
BRUSH AND LIMBS, DEBRIS OR BUILDING MATERIALS
(Rate Per Cubic Foot)**

CLEANUP (Removal of all debris) \$ _____

WORK DOCUMENTATION (Before and after photographs per job) \$ _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

COMPANY NAME _____

OFFICIAL COMPANY ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____ **TITLE** _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **DATE** _____

LIST OF EQUIPMENT OWNED BY COMPANY TO BE USED IN CONTRACT JOBS:

REFERENCES: (Name, Title, Organization, Phone Number)

1.

2.

The City of Merriam reserves the right to waive any informalities, accept or to reject any or all bids, and award in the best interest of the City

Attachments:

1. "Contractor Requirements for Mowing and Related Services"
2. Example "Professional Services Agreement" that the selected contractor will be required to sign

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR MOWING AND RELATED SERVICES

CITY OF MERRIAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Mowing contractors are required by the City of Merriam to carry minimum insurance coverage on their companies as follows:

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c. Carry at least a Class VIII financial rating; OR
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3. **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.** Consultant shall maintain Workers' Compensation coverage for all claims made under applicable state workers'

compensation laws. Consultant shall also maintain Employer's Liability coverage for claims made for injury, disease, or death of an employee that, for any reason, may not fall within the provisions of a workers' compensation law. The following minimum limits shall apply:

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employers' Liability	\$500,000 each accident
	\$500,000 disease – policy limit
	\$500,000 disease – each employee

4. Professional Liability Insurance. Consultant shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance in an amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

2. The contractor must obtain an occupational license, which is required for all businesses that work in the city. The occupational license may be obtained from the City Clerk's office. The city will waive the city's occupational licensing fee, as it relates to this contract, for the selected contractor.
3. Equipment required for mowing is as follows: A push mower and/or riding mower for small areas; a brush hog or flail mower for large areas; and a weed eater or trimmer. Brush hog or flail mower equipment can be leased from a third party vendor, but must be operated by the city's mowing contractor.
4. Work orders must be completed within **36 hours** from the time and date said work order is sent to the contractor. If the contractor cannot complete the work order within 36 hours, they shall call the Code Compliance Officer who issued the work order. The Code Compliance Officer, or other city representative, at their sole discretion may grant the contractor an extension of time to complete said work order.
5. The contractor is responsible performing all work described in the city provided work order. The contractor may not subcontract any portion of the work prior without obtaining prior written consent from the city.
6. **Contractor is to perform and will be paid only for the work authorized on the work order.** If additional work is required to complete job, contractor must contact Community Development for authorization.
7. All work contracted by the City must be done in a professional manner. Contractors must exhibit good conduct when working on city jobs. All contract mowing work must be done between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sundays.
8. Basic mowing requirements shall be as follows:

- (a) Most residential and small commercial lots will require hand mowing. The lots shall be cut to a height not to exceed **3 inches**. All lawn areas must be mowed.
 - (b) Cut vegetation up to the street pavement, including any adjacent ditch area or right-of-way area. (This includes any area between the property line and the curb or street pavement line of any adjacent street or alley whether improved or unimproved.) Cut vegetation in ditch as low as possible. Trimming should be done around any tree, shrubbery, utility pole or other obstruction located in these areas.
 - (c) Trim work is required on all residential and commercial properties. This includes areas along fence lines, foundations, walkways, lawn statuary and any additional trim work indicated on the work order.
 - (d) Grass clippings must be removed from all residential and commercial lots after mowing. Raking is not required if contractor is using a good performing mulching mower. Grass clippings may not be thrown into city streets or drainage ways and sidewalks must be clear of all clippings or debris. Large clumps of cut vegetation must be removed from the yard. It is the intent of the city that all properties mowed by a city contractor are left with a well-manicured appearance regardless of whether the property is vacant, occupied, abandoned or neglected.
 - (e) For vacant lots and open fields grass shall be cut to a height not to exceed **4 inches** whenever possible.
 - (f) Removal of cans, bottles or other small items may be necessary before the lots are cut. If there is a large amount of debris on the property, additional instructions will be given to contractor.
9. If the contractor encounters any unusual problems, has questions or needs additional instructions about the work to be performed, they shall contact Community Development at 913-322-5520.
10. If the contractor is ordered off a property or is denied entry, they should request the name and contact information of the individual directing the contractor to leave, remove their equipment, leave the property and immediately report the incident to Community Development. **The contractor will be compensated a minimum of one-hour's pay if ordered off a property after off-loading equipment.**
11. If upon arriving at the worksite the contractor believes the work indicated on the work order will exceed \$1,500, the contractor must immediately contact Community Development requesting approval to begin the work. Likewise, if any time while completing work indicated on the work order, the contractor believes that they will exceed \$1,500 the contractor must immediately contact the Community Development requesting approval to finish the job. The city will not pay for any invoice(s) that either singularly or cumulatively exceeds \$1,500 unless the work had been approved by Community Development staff.

12. The contractor **must** take photographs of the property before and after the mowing or nuisance abatement work. The photographs should be taken in a way to clearly identify the property, be signed and dated by the contractor, and be of the quality to be used as evidence in court or to settle disputes with property owners. The photographs should accompany the contractor's invoice and will become the property of the City of Merriam. **The city reserves the right to dismiss invoices that are submitted without the required before and after photographs.** Contractors are required to furnish their own photographic equipment.
13. After work is completed the contractor shall return the signed work order, photographs and invoice to the city. The city must receive all of the documentation within 10 calendar days of performing the work. **The City can choose to not pay any invoice that is received after 10 days from the completion of the work.** After receiving the invoice, Community Development staff will promptly inspect the work performed. If the work performed is satisfactory, the City will promptly process the invoice in accordance with the City's accounts payable schedule.
14. **Stormwater Systems Maintenance:** Stormwater systems must be cleared of all weeds, overbrush and debris. Machine mowing and hand mowing may be authorized as outlined above for basic mowing. All debris must be removed from the system. Authorized work will be outlined on the work order. Photographs of the work will be required as with other contract mowing jobs.
15. **Rank Ponds or Standing Water Including Swimming Pools:** Elimination of nuisances created by stagnant water in ponds or pools may be required. Specific instruction will be given on each individual work order for this type of work.
16. **Removal and Disposal of Unkempt Trash, Refuse, Brush and Limbs, or Debris:** Removal and disposal of unkempt trash, refuse, brush and limbs or debris may be required before the mowing of some lots. An additional work order may be issued for this work. The materials must be removed from the property and properly disposed. Contractor will be paid in accordance with the accepted bid amount for this work. The rate will be for cubic foot of material removed. Additional dumping fees will not be paid. Contractor must include any such fees in the original bid amount submitted.
13. **The City, its sole discretion, may annually request bids for mowing and other abatement services.** If the city determines that the current service provider is performing adequately, the city may not go out to bid for those services, but negotiate costs exclusively with that provider. The City also reserves the right to use multiple mowing and abatement contractors.

Contact:
City of Merriam
David Easley
Neighborhood Services Manager
Community Development Department
913-322-5526
deasley@merriam.org

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__, by and between the City of Merriam, Kansas, a municipal corporation (“City,”) and _____, a _____ having its principle place of business in _____ (“Contractor”).

WHEREAS, the City needs professional assistance to perform the services outlined in the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represents that it has sufficient experience and qualified personnel to perform the professional services herein described on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, The City has determined, based upon information provided by the Contractor, that Contractor is qualified to provide the professional services described herein.

WHEREAS, the City and Contractor desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth the specific terms and conditions of their relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Engagement. The City hereby engages Contractor as an independent contractor to perform the services described in this Agreement and Contractor accepts that engagement.

SECTION 2. Services.

- (a) **Scope of Services.** Contractor shall perform those services (“Contract Services”) described under Scope of Services in Exhibit A, which is attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference. The City may also request additional services not anticipated at the time of this Agreement. At the City’s request, the Contractor shall submit a written scope of the additional work including an estimate of additional costs for the performance of the additional work. No change in scope shall be effective nor additional compensation be paid, except on the basis of the provisions of a written supplemental agreement or an amendment signed by the Parties.
- (b) **Subcontracting Services.** Contractor may not, without first obtaining the City’s written consent, subcontract any of the Contract Services. Notwithstanding the City’s consent to any subcontracting, Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all obligations under this Agreement.
- (c) **Time of Performance.** The Contractor agrees to complete the Contract Services within the times listed in Exhibit A, Scope of Service. In absence of written directions

to the contrary, receipt of the executed Agreement shall be the Contractor's Notice to Proceed. At the City's discretion, an extension of time may be granted to the Contractor for delays determined by the City as unavoidable. Contractor may request an extension of time stating the reasons for such a request. The term of this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties beyond the time periods outlined in Exhibit A for the purpose of the Contractor providing any additional services, as outlined in Exhibit A, as may be requested by City and agreed to by Contractor. The Parties agree that time for performance of the Contract Services is of the essence and that the Contractor's failure to meet the contractual times for performance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

- (d) **Qualified Personnel.** Contractor shall provide sufficient qualified personnel to perform the Contract Services. If directed by the City, the Contractor shall remove any person the Contractor employs in connection with the work.
- (e) **Performance.** In performing the Contract Services, Contractor agrees to take all steps necessary for the full and effective performance of those tasks.
- (f) **Assistance from City.** To assist Contractor in performing the Contract Services, the City will perform the duties outlined in Exhibit A, if any, in a timely manner so as not to unreasonably delay the Contractor's services.

SECTION 3. Compensation and Expenses. As set forth in Exhibit A, the City shall pay the Contractor for the Contract Services it performs as outlined in Section 2 of this Agreement.

SECTION 4. Termination of Agreement. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time for convenience or cause upon written notice to Contractor. If the City terminates the Agreement under this Section, the City shall pay the Contractor for Contract Services satisfactorily performed by Contractor before the termination, and for all associated expenses incurred by the Contractor before the termination. Under no circumstances will the Contractor be entitled to anticipatory profits or consequential damages. The provisions regarding indemnity and insurance shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 5. Reports and Documents. If this section is not needed replace "reports and Documents" with "Reserved"

- (a) **Property and Possession.** All reports, studies, analyses, memoranda, and related data and material, as may be developed during the performance of the Contract Services, shall be submitted to and shall be the exclusive property of the City, which shall have the right to use the same for any purpose without further compensation to the Contractor. Contractor may use its own proprietary software for the purposes of generating the data required by the Agreement. The parties agree that the City shall retain all rights to the data generated, but that the Contractor shall retain all rights to the proprietary software.
- (b) **Status of Documents upon Expiration or Termination.** If this Agreement expires or is terminated for any reason, all finished or unfinished documents prepared as part of the

Contract Services shall immediately be transmitted to the City by Contractor, with the exception of the Contractor's proprietary software, as noted in Section 5(a). Contractor shall also immediately upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, return to the City all of the studies, maps, and other data furnished to the Contractor by the City under this Agreement.

- (c) **Confidentiality.** Contractor shall not release to any person except City representatives and others authorized by City any reports or related materials prepared for the City pursuant to the Contractor's performance of the Contract Services. This Agreement, however, does not preclude Contractor from performing any service (whether or not similar in nature to a Contract Service) on behalf of other clients in the city or elsewhere. All reports and documents prepared, assembled, or compiled by Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are to be considered confidential and Contractor agrees that it will not, without prior written consent of the City, submit or make the same available to any individual, agency, public body, or organization other than the City, except as may otherwise herein be provided, subject to the provisions of the Kansas Open Records Act or as may otherwise be required by law.

SECTION 6. Compliance with Laws. Contractor shall comply with local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and laws pertaining to this Agreement that are applicable at the time the Contractor conducts the Contract Services, regardless of whether such requirements are specifically referred to in this Agreement. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents against any claim or liability arising from or based on any violation of the same.

SECTION 7. Compliance with Equal Opportunity Laws, Regulations, and Rules.

- (a) **Discrimination Prohibited.** Contractor agrees to comply with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination (K.S.A. 44-1001 *et seq.*) and the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act (K.S.A. 44-1111 *et seq.*) and shall not discriminate against any person in the performance of work under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry, or age.
- (b) **Solicitations.** In all solicitations or advertisements for employees, Contractor shall include the phrase "equal opportunity employer" or a similar phrase approved by the Kansas Human Rights Commission (Commission).
- (c) **Non-Compliance.** Contractor shall be deemed to have breached this Agreement and it may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part by the City, if the Contractor:
1. fails to comply with the reporting requirements of K.S.A. 44-1031 or K.S.A. 44-1116, and amendments thereto; or
 2. is found guilty of the Kansas Act Against Discrimination or the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act under a decision or order of the Commission that has become final.

- (d) **Flow Through Requirements.** Contractor shall include the provisions of Section 7(a)-(c) in every subcontract or purchase order so that such provisions will be binding upon such subcontractor or vendor.
- (e) **Exempt Contractors.** The provisions of this Section 7(a)-(d) are recommended but not enforceable against Contractor if:
 - 1. Contractor employs fewer than four employees at all times during the term of this Agreement; or
 - 2. All of Contractor's contracts with the City cumulatively total \$5,000 or less during the fiscal year of the City pursuant to K.S.A. 44-1030(c).
- (f) **ADA Compliance.** Contractor agrees to comply with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, as well as all other federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to this project and to furnish any and all certification that may be required by federal, state, or local governmental agencies in connection therewith.
- (g) **Code Compliance.** Contractor agrees to comply with Chapter 35, Article III of the Merriam Code, which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

SECTION 8. Insurance.

- (c) **General.** Contractor shall secure and maintain, throughout the duration of this Agreement, insurance (on an occurrence basis unless otherwise agreed in writing) of such types and in at least such amounts as required herein. The City shall be named as an additional insured for all coverages required herein except workers' compensation coverage and professional liability coverage. All insurance procured for this Agreement by the Contractor, including additional insured designations, shall be primary and noncontributory. Contractor shall provide certificates of insurance on forms acceptable to the City at the time of this Agreement's execution. The Certificate shall specify the date when such insurance expires. A renewal certificate shall be furnished to the City before the expiration date of any coverage. The City shall be notified by receipt of written notice from the insurer at least 30 days before material modification or cancellation of any policy listed on the Certificate.
- (d) **Notice of Claim.** Contractor, upon receiving notice of any claim in connection with this Agreement, shall promptly notify the City, providing full details thereof, including an estimate of the amount of loss or liability.
- (e) **Reduction of Policy Limits.** Contractor shall monitor and promptly notify the City of any reduction in limits of protection afforded under any policy listed in the Certificate (or otherwise required by this Agreement) if the Contractor's limits of protection have been impaired or reduced to such extent that the limits fall below the minimum amounts required hereunder. In that event, Contractor shall promptly reinstate the original limits of liability required hereunder and shall furnish evidence thereof to the City.
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(h) **Subcontractor's Insurance.** If a part of this Agreement is to be sublet, the Contractor shall either:

1. Cover all subcontractors under its insurance policies; or
2. Require each subcontractor not so covered to secure insurance that will protect subcontractor against all applicable hazards or risks of loss as and in the minimum amounts designated.

Whichever option is chosen, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City as to any and all damages, claims, or losses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of its subcontractors.

Section 9. Indemnification. Without in any way limiting indemnification obligations that may be set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents, from all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of Contractor's services, provided that any such claim, damage, loss, liability, cost, or expense is caused in whole or in part by a negligent and/or intentional act, error, or omission of the Contractor, its subcontractors, anyone directly or indirectly employed or retained by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, whether or not arising before or after completion of Contractor's services. Contractor shall give the City immediate written notice of any claim, suit, or demand that may be subject to this provision.

Section 10. No Third Party Beneficiaries. City and Contractor specifically agree that this Agreement is not intended to create any third party beneficiary relationship nor to authorize anyone not a party to this Agreement to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Agreement; the duties, obligations and responsibilities of the parties to this Agreement with respect to third parties shall remain as imposed by law.

Section 11. Disputes. The City and Contractor agree that disputes relative to the Contract Services of this Agreement should first be addressed by negotiations between the parties. If direct negotiations fail to resolve the dispute, the party initiating the claim that is the basis of the dispute shall be free to take such steps as it deems necessary to protect its interest; provided, however, that notwithstanding any such dispute, the Contractor shall proceed with its services under this Agreement as though no dispute exists.

Section 12. Representations. The Contractor certifies that:

- (a) The price submitted and the costs comprising same are independently arrived at without collusion.

- (b) The Contractor has not knowingly influenced and promises that it will not knowingly influence a City employee or former City employee to breach any ethical standard.
- (c) The Contractor has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the City's policy of prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks.
- (d) The Contractor represents that it has not retained and will not retain a person to solicit or secure a City contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.
- (e) The Contractor is currently unaware of any conflict of interest with any party affected by this Agreement. Contractor agrees that if any conflict of interest should arise in the future, it will give notice to the City immediately.
- (f) Contractor has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement.
- (g) Contractor warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and to bind the Contractor.

Section 13. Quality Assurance. Contractor warrants that all work and services performed under this Agreement, shall conform to or exceed the recognized professional standards prevalent in their field. Further, the Contractor warrants that all work and service performed under this Agreement shall be performed with the professional expertise, skills, and knowledge of state of the art procedures and techniques in all relevant subject matters. The Contractor accordingly shall be capable of performing the necessary consulting and other services required herein and possess the ready comprehension of the required subject matter and the expertise to provide these services.

Section 14. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder shall be assigned or otherwise transferred by Contractor without the prior written consent of the City. This Agreement is binding upon and fully enforceable against the successors and assigns of Contractor, whether consented to or not.

Section 15. Notices. Any formal notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed sufficiently given if the notice is in writing and personally delivered or sent by First Class mail, postage prepaid, to the party to whom said notice is to be given. Notices delivered in person shall be deemed to be served effective as of the date the notice is delivered. Notices sent by First Class Mail shall be deemed to be served 72 hours after the date the notice is postmarked to the addressee, postage prepaid.

Until changed by written notice given by one party to the other, notice to the Contractor shall be made at the address set forth following the Contractor's signature block. Notice to the City shall be made as follows:

City of Merriam, Kansas

9001 W. 62nd Street
Merriam, KS 66202
Attn: _____

Section 16. Independent Contractor. In no event, while performing under this Agreement, shall Contractor be deemed to be acting as an employee of the City; rather, Contractor shall be deemed to be an independent contractor. Contractor shall be responsible for and pay all taxes and withholdings required by law upon the compensation paid under this Agreement, and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City from liability in connection therewith. Nothing expressed herein or implied herein shall be construed as creating between Contractor and the City the relationships of employer and employee, principal and agent, a partnership, or a joint venture.

Section 17. Compliance with Kansas Cash Basis Law. This Agreement must comply with the applicable provisions of the Kansas Cash-Basis Law, K.S.A. 10-1101 *et seq.*, as amended. The City is obligated only to pay periodic payments or monthly installments under this Agreement as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for the purposes set forth in this Agreement during the City's current budget year. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that the City does not budget and appropriate funds for any renewal term, for any reason in its sole discretion, the parties agree that they shall be relieved of all obligations under this Agreement without penalty. To the extent that the City does budget and appropriate funds for the purposes set forth in this Agreement, the obligations of the parties shall remain as provided herein.

Section 18. Legal Action. The parties agree that the sole and exclusive venue for any legal actions arising out of this Agreement shall be the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas.

Section 19. Governing Law. This Agreement, the rights and obligations of the parties, and any claim or dispute arising hereunder shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

Section 20. Phraseology. In this Agreement, the singular includes the plural, the plural includes the singular and any gender includes the other gender.

Section 21. Descriptive Headings and Capitalization. The descriptive headings of the provisions of this Agreement are formulated and used only for convenience and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning and construction of any such provision. Some terms are capitalized throughout the Agreement, but use of or failure to use capitals shall have no legal bearing on the interpretation of such terms.

Section 22. Invalidity. If any provision in this Agreement shall be adjudicated invalid under applicable laws, such invalid provision shall automatically be considered reformed and amended so as to conform to all applicable legal requirements, or, if such invalidity cannot be cured by reformation or amendment, the same shall be considered stricken and deleted, but in neither such

event or events shall the validity or enforceability of the remaining valid portions hereof be affected thereby.

Section 23. Waiver. The failure of either party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue and remain in full force and effect. No waiver by either party of any term or provision hereof shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by the waiving party.

Section 24. Merger. This Agreement and the documents incorporated by reference constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the professional services set forth herein. There are no verbal understandings, agreements, representations or warranties between the parties that are not expressly set forth herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties, both written and oral.

Section 25. Verbal Statements Not Binding. It is understood and agreed that the written terms and provisions of this Agreement supersede all verbal statements of any and every official or other representative of the City, and such statements shall not be effective or be construed as entering into, or forming a part of, or altering in any way whatsoever, this written Agreement.

Section 26. Amendments. This Agreement may not be amended unless such amendment is in writing and signed by both parties.

Section 27. Survivorship. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, Contractor's obligations with respect to Insurance (Section 8) and Indemnification (Section 9), and any other terms and conditions that by their nature should survive termination, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 28. Incorporation of Exhibits and Conflicts. Exhibit A (City's Bid for Contract Mowing and Related Services) is incorporated herein by reference and are a part of this Agreement to the same extent as if fully set forth herein. If there is a conflict or inconsistency in the terms or provisions of this Agreement and the terms and provisions of any incorporated exhibit, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF MERRIAM, KANSAS

By: _____

Title: _____

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

EXHIBIT A: Proposal