

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID

**Turf and Debris Maintenance
Equipment**

ISSUE DATE: **February 16, 2026**

DUE DATE: **March 02, 2026**



BRUNSWICKCOUNTYNC.GOV/BID

1. OVERVIEW

This is a re-advertisement due to an insufficient number of bids received. Bidders who previously submitted a bid and who are interested in still being considered for this award **must** re-submit a sealed bid.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129, Brunswick County is soliciting sealed bids from vendors for the procurement and delivery of new, current model year turf management and debris maintenance equipment, as more particularly set forth below. This purchase includes five (5) items (four distinct types) of tractor-driven and tow-behind implements essential for ground maintenance operations.

2. MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Bidders must ensure that the products offered meet or exceed the minimum specifications set forth below and are delivered, assembled, and PDI-completed (Pre-Delivery Inspected) for immediate operation at the Brunswick County Government Complex with a location at 194 March 9, 1764 Dr NE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Any changes to the specifications herein will be made in the form of an Addendum to this Invitation to Bid and will be supplied to all known prospective bidders and posted on the Brunswick County website. Notwithstanding the foregoing, bidders will be responsible for ensuring that they have all addenda. Brunswick County may negotiate and refine final specifications with the selected bidder.

The bidder must submit pricing and documentation for **all** items.

QTY	Product Type	Minimum Specifications
1	Topdresser	6.5 cubic yard heaped capacity (5 struck), featuring a 72" wide top hopper, 11-gauge steel construction, two-wheel chassis option with turf tires, and standard manual controls, designed for spreading materials like sand or soil with adjustable dual spinners for spreading widths from 6 to 50 feet, powered by the tractor's hydraulics or PTO.
1	Debris Maintenance Dethatcher Verticutter	Heavy-duty, tractor-powered dethatcher/verticutter with a 72-inch working width, requiring 35-50 HP and a 540 RPM PTO, featuring adjustable depth (0-1.5") and blade spacing, weighing approximately 494 lbs, and designed for deep thatch removal on turf, with precise depth control for versatile use on fields and greens.
1	Professional Debris Vacuum	Self-Powered Engine (gas), Hopper Capacity (Minimum 2 Cubic Yards), Vacuum Nozzle Width (Inches), Requirement for Wireless Remote Controls.

2	Debris Blower (High Output)	Blower Output (Minimum 8000 CFM), Engine HP (Minimum 14 HP), Mount Type (Tow-Behind Trailer), Required 360° Wireless Remote Nozzle Control.
---	--------------------------------	---

3. BID DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 All sealed bids must be received by Brunswick County no later than March 02, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. ET, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud as set forth herein.

3.2 All bids must include the following:

- The bid title and due date and time.
- A cover letter/letter of intent on bidder's letterhead, signed by an authorized representative of bidder, expressly agreeing to Brunswick County's terms and conditions contained in this Invitation to Bid and its attachments.
- The bidder's name or company name, address, and telephone number.
- The name, address, and telephone number of company representatives with the authority to answer questions or provide clarification regarding the bid's contents.
- A detailed Bid Proposal Form in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- Any assistance requirements from Brunswick County.
- A detailed company description and history, including the areas of expertise related to the project.
- The name and telephone number of a contact person for at least three (3) references.
- Certificate of Insurance as evidence that bidder meets the County's Minimum Insurance Requirements attached hereto.

Bidders shall provide documentation sufficient to clearly demonstrate that their company meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in this Invitation to Bid. Failure to provide such documentation may result in the bid being deemed non-responsive.

In addition to the foregoing, Brunswick County reserves the right to request financial information for any bidder, in order to support the viability of the bidder.

Those interested should submit one (1) hard copy of the bid. Sealed bids may only be mailed or hand delivered to the following:

Mail: Brian Moore
Brunswick County Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 249
Bolivia, NC 28422

Hand Delivery: Brian Moore
Brunswick County Parks and Recreation
20 Referendum Drive NE, Bldg. G
Bolivia, NC 28422

Sealed bids must be received no later than March 02, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. ET, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud in Building G, Parks and Recreation Conference Room, located at the Brunswick County Government Complex, 20 Referendum Drive NE, Bolivia, NC 28422. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and must be marked “SEALED BID, DO NOT OPEN – TURF AND DEBRIS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.” Bids not sealed and so marked will not be considered.

Brunswick County will not be responsible for the failure of any mail or delivery service to deliver a bid prior to the stated date and time. Regardless of the manner of submission, any bid received after the stated date and time will not be considered. Incomplete bids or bids inconsistent with the required format may be disqualified from consideration.

4. EXPENSES

Brunswick County will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the bidder in submitting a bid or for any other activities associated with this procurement. Further, Brunswick County reserves the right to cancel the procurement described herein prior to issuance and acceptance of any contractual agreement even if the Board of Commissioners has formally accepted the recommendation.

5. RIGHT TO SUBMITTED BIDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

All written correspondence, bids and supporting documents received by Brunswick County in connection with this Invitation to Bid will become the property of Brunswick County. Brunswick County reserves the right to use any ideas in a bid or supporting documents regardless of whether the bid is selected.

6. QUESTIONS/ADDENDA

Questions or requests for further information regarding this Invitation to Bid shall be submitted in writing to the attention of Brian Moore at brian.moore@brunswickcountync.gov no later than February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET. A copy of all questions, further clarifications and answers will be made in the form of an Addendum to this Invitation to Bid and will be provided to all known bidders and posted on the County’s website. Notwithstanding the foregoing, bidders will be responsible for ensuring that they have all addenda.

Bidders are expressly prohibited from contacting any Brunswick County official or employee regarding this Invitation to Bid, except in the manner noted in this section. A violation of this provision is grounds for the immediate disqualification of the bidder.

7. FORM OF AGREEMENT

In addition to the terms and conditions contained in this Invitation to Bid, by submitting a bid, bidder, if selected, agrees to enter into and be bound by the provisions of a Supplier Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. To the extent that any of the terms of this Invitation to Bid and the terms of the Supplier Agreement conflict, the terms of the Supplier Agreement shall prevail. No agreement will be valid and no work may commence until the agreement has been fully executed by the parties.

8. INSURANCE

To the extent applicable, bidder must procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of any agreement with Brunswick County, or the renewal of any agreement with Brunswick County, the insurance coverage set forth in the Minimum Insurance Requirements attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

In the event bidder fails to maintain any required insurance as outlined herein, Brunswick County may, at its option, obtain the required insurance at the expense of the bidder.

9. BID CONDITIONS

9.1 Submission of a bid indicates explicit acceptance by the bidder of the terms and conditions contained in this Invitation to Bid and any attachments hereto. Brunswick County reserves the right to reject, without prejudice or explanation, any or all bids. Brunswick County reserves the right to waive informalities or to amend the specifications of this Invitation to Bid and request new bids at any time prior to the award of a contract. All decisions of Brunswick County shall be final and binding.

9.2 The bidder shall supply a single point of contact through bid acceptance. Brunswick County will communicate solely through this contact regarding all issues relating to the bid through acceptance.

10. CONSIDERATION OF WITHDRAWAL AND/OR REJECTION OF BID

10.1 Withdrawal

After submission, no bid may be withdrawn by the bidder for a period of ninety (90) days following the opening date. Until that time, the bid will remain firm and irrevocable.

10.2 Rejection

A bid may be rejected if the bidder fails to:

- Submit the bid in the format specified.

- Supply the minimum information requested.
- Submit all addenda, addenda responses and templates.
- Submit the bid by the date and time required.
- Submit a cost bid with unbundled, detailed, and itemized pricing.
- Provide truthful and accurate information in the bid.

11. AWARD

Brunswick County reserves the right to award a contract, based on initial bids received from bidders, without discussion and without conducting further negotiations. Brunswick County may also, in its sole discretion, initiate further discussions with bidders that it deems to fall within a competitive range. Award shall be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder unless otherwise specified. Brunswick County shall not be deemed to have finally selected a bidder until a contract has been successfully negotiated and signed by both parties.

12. NON-DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Bidder and its agents shall treat all data and information associated with this Invitation to Bid, including, without limitation, the Invitation to Bid and specifications as confidential. Bidder and its agents shall not disclose or communicate any information to a third party or use such information in advertising, propaganda and/or in another job or jobs, unless prior written consent is obtained from Brunswick County.

13. NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RECORDS

All bids received by Brunswick County shall be considered public information subject to lawful disclosure under North Carolina Public Records Law. Any bid material deemed by the bidder to constitute either proprietary or trade secret material shall be designated as such, and each page or section of a page containing such material shall be so marked by the bidder. In addition, it shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to demonstrate to a court of competent jurisdiction that their designation is proper. Brunswick County shall not make public any material determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be proprietary or trade secret. Bidder hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Brunswick County harmless from any and all claims, suits, damages, penalties, or expenses arising out of bidder's proprietary or trade secret designation.

14. AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

After a contract is awarded to a bidder and the parties enter into a formal agreement, a written amendment or change order will be required for any changes to the scope or specifications.

15. CERTIFICATION

Bidder hereby certifies that it has carefully examined this Invitation to Bid and all attachments hereto, including, without limitation, the Form of Agreement. Bidder certifies that it understands and accepts all terms and conditions contained in the Invitation to Bid, including, without limitation, the Form of Agreement, and that it has knowledge and expertise to fulfill the obligations of the Invitation to Bid. By submitting a bid, bidder certifies that its bid is fair in all respects and without collusion or fraud.

FORM OF AGREEMENT - SAMPLE

NORTH CAROLINA

SUPPLIER AGREEMENT

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

THIS SUPPLIER AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Brunswick County, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as the “County”), party of the first part, and {Vendor Name}, (hereinafter referred to as the “Supplier”), party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

1. GOODS; PRICING

The goods to be purchased under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Goods”) and the agreed upon price(s) for said Goods are set forth on Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Any exhibits or attachments referenced herein are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Any conflict between the language in an exhibit or attachment and the main body of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of the main body of this Agreement.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT; TERMINATION

- (1) *Term.* The term of this Agreement begins on {Effective Date} (the “Effective Date”) and continues in effect until {Expiration Date}, unless sooner terminated as provided herein. **No purchases may be made under this Agreement until the Agreement has been fully executed by both parties.**
- (2) *Termination.* The County may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving sixty (60) days’ written notice to the Supplier. As soon as practicable after receipt of a written notice of termination without cause, the Supplier shall submit a statement to the County showing in detail any Goods purchased under this Agreement for which payment has not been made through the effective date of termination. The County may terminate this Agreement for cause by giving written notice of a breach of the Agreement. The Supplier shall have fifteen (15) days to cure the breach following receipt of the notification. Failure to cure the breach within the fifteen (15) days shall result in the immediate termination of the Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County may terminate this Agreement immediately and without notice to the Supplier if the Supplier becomes insolvent, makes or has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, is the subject of proceedings in voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy instituted on behalf of or against the Supplier, or has a receiver or trustee appointed for substantially all of its property, or if the Supplier allows any final judgment to stand against it unsatisfied for a period of forty-eight (48) hours.

3. NONAPPROPRIATION

If the Board of County Commissioners does not appropriate the funding needed by the County to make payments under this Agreement for a given fiscal year, the County will not be obligated to pay amounts due beyond the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. In such event, the County will promptly notify the Supplier of the non-appropriation, and this Agreement will be terminated at the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. No act or omission by the County which is attributable to non-appropriation of funds shall constitute a breach of or default under this Agreement.

4. COMPENSATION

- (1) *Total Charges.* The County agrees to pay the price(s) for the Goods specified in the Price List or other document set forth on Exhibit “A” or as set out above. These prices constitute the maximum total charges payable to the Supplier for the Goods during the term of this Agreement.
- (2) *Price Protection.* The Supplier warrants that the prices extended to the County under this Agreement are comparable to or better than those being offered to any other customer purchasing similar quantities of the same or similar Goods. During the term of this Agreement, if the Supplier enters into a contract with another entity that provides more favorable pricing and terms than this Agreement, then the County shall be promptly notified of such changes to the pricing, and the Supplier shall be obligated to provide the same to the County for subsequent purchases. During the term of this Agreement, if lower prices and rates become effective for like quantities of the Goods through a reduction in list prices, promotional discounts, or other circumstances, then the County shall be promptly notified of such changes in pricing, and the County must be given immediate benefit of such lower prices and rates.
- (3) *Invoices.* Unless otherwise specified, the Supplier shall submit monthly invoices to the County and include a complete list all Goods purchased under the terms of this Agreement. Invoices shall only be submitted after Acceptance of the Goods as set forth herein. The County shall pay all undisputed and properly completed invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt. Notwithstanding the foregoing, The County will not pay late fees on any charges under this Agreement. If the County disputes any portion of the charges on any invoice received from the Supplier, the County shall inform the Supplier in writing of the disputed charges. Once the dispute has been resolved, the Supplier shall re-invoice the County for the previously disputed charges, and, per any resolution between the County and the Supplier, the County shall pay those charges in full at that time. No advance payment shall be made for any Goods supplied by the Supplier pursuant to this Agreement.
- (4) *Purchasing Volume.* If this Agreement contemplates ongoing purchases, the Supplier hereby acknowledges that this Agreement does not guarantee that any minimum or maximum purchases will be made. Orders will only be placed when the County identifies a need.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS

The Goods delivered under this Agreement shall remain the property of the Supplier until acceptance by the County. Acceptance of Goods shall occur within fifteen (15) days after receipt by the County unless:

- (1) The County has notified the Supplier of a defect within such time period. In the event any Goods are defective, the County shall be entitled to terminate the order for such Goods upon written notice to the Supplier and return such Goods to the Supplier at the Supplier's expense.
- (2) The parties have agreed to provide the County with a trial use period for acceptance verification or testing, in which case acceptance of the Goods shall occur upon the successful completion of the acceptance verification or testing period and any agreed upon trial use period.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Both the County and the Supplier agree that the Supplier shall act as an independent contractor and shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of the County for any purpose in the performance of its duties under this Agreement. Accordingly, the Supplier shall be responsible for payment of all federal, state, and local taxes arising out of its activities in accordance with this Agreement, including by way of illustration but not limitation, federal and state income tax, social security tax, unemployment insurance taxes, and any other taxes or business license fees as required. The Supplier shall not be entitled to participate in any plans, arrangements, or distributions by the County pertaining to or in connection with any pension, stock, bonus, profit sharing or other benefit extended to County employees.

7. SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIONS

- (1) The Supplier is a duly organized entity or corporation qualified to do business and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina;
- (2) The Supplier has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (3) No approval, authorization, or consent of any governmental or regulatory authority is required to be obtained or made by it in order for the Supplier to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (4) In connection with the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement, it shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and shall obtain all applicable permits and licenses;
- (5) The Supplier shall not violate any agreement with any third party by entering into or providing the Goods under this Agreement;

- (6) The Supplier will provide all Goods in conformity with the specifications and requirements of this Agreement;
- (7) The Supplier will provide all Goods free and clear of all liens and encumbrances;
- (8) The Goods provided by the Supplier under this Agreement will not violate, infringe, or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trademark, or trade secret rights of any third party, or any other third-party rights (including without limitation non-compete agreements); and
- (9) The Supplier shall ensure that whenever its employees or agents are on County property, they will strictly abide by all instructions and directions issued by the County with respect to rules, regulations, policies, and security procedures applicable to work on the County's premises. Such rules, regulations, policies, and security procedures shall include, but not be limited to: (i) not possessing any controlled substances; (ii) smoking only in designated smoking areas, if any; and (iii) not possessing weapons, except for weapons possessed by law enforcement officials.

8. WARRANTIES

- (1) *Specific Warranties.* In addition to any other warranties set forth herein, the Supplier shall represent, warrant, and covenant the specific warranties for the Goods attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- (2) *Assignment of Warranties for Third-Party Products.* Without limiting the Supplier's obligation to provide warranty or maintenance services, the Supplier hereby assigns to the County all of the Supplier's warranties covering any third-party product delivered under this Agreement. The Supplier will provide copies of all said warranties to the County upon delivery of the covered Goods.

9. DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, PROPERTY OR DATA

The Supplier shall be solely responsible for any damage to or loss of the County's equipment, facilities, property, and/or data arising out of the negligent or willful act or omission of the Supplier. In the event that the Supplier causes damage to the County's equipment or facilities, the Supplier shall, at its own expense, promptly repair or replace such damaged items to restore them to the same level of functionality that they possessed prior to such damage.

10. NON-ENDORSEMENT AND PUBLICITY

The County is not endorsing the Supplier or the Goods supplied under this Agreement, and the Supplier is not permitted to reference this Agreement or the County in any manner without the prior written consent of the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree that the Supplier may list the County as a reference in response to requests for proposals and may identify the County as a customer in presentations to potential customers.

11. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

The Supplier acknowledges that the County is not obligated to contract solely with the Supplier for the Goods covered under this Agreement.

12. DIVESTMENT FROM COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL

The Supplier hereby certifies that it has not been designated by the North Carolina State Treasurer as a company engaged in the boycott of Israel pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-86.80 *et seq.*

13. DEBARMENT

The Supplier hereby certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any governmental department or agency. The Supplier must notify the County within thirty (30) days if debarred by any governmental entity during this Agreement.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

The Supplier shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, officials, agents and employees from and against all actions, liability, claims, suits, damages, costs or expenses of any kind which may be brought or made against the County or which the County must pay and incur arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of this Agreement and/or the performance hereof that are due in part or in the entirety of the Supplier, its employees or agents. The Supplier further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, defend and dispose of same at its sole cost and expense. The Supplier shall be fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by it. This Section shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

15. INSURANCE

The Supplier shall procure and maintain in full force and effect at all times and at its sole cost and expense Commercial General Liability, Commercial Automobile Liability, Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation insurance, if applicable, and any additional insurance as may be required by the County with limits acceptable to the County. All insurance policies (with the exception of Workers' Compensation, if applicable, and Professional Liability) shall be endorsed, specifically or generally, to include the County as an additional insured and as a certificate holder. The Supplier shall furnish a Certificate of Insurance from a licensed insurance agent in North Carolina with a rating of A-VII or better by A.M. Best verifying the existence of any insurance coverage required by the County. The Certificate will provide for thirty (30) days' advance notice in the event of termination or cancellation of coverage. The Supplier shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against the County (including its officers, agents, and employees), it being the intention of the parties that the insurance policies so affected shall protect both parties and be primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the aforementioned insurance.

16. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

To the extent required by law, the Supplier shall comply with the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act and shall provide for the payment of workers' compensation to its employees in the manner and to the extent required by such Act. In the event the Supplier is excluded from the requirements of such Act and does not voluntarily carry workers' compensation coverage, the Supplier shall carry or cause its employees to carry adequate medical/accident insurance to cover any injuries sustained by its employees or agents while fulfilling the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement.

The Supplier agrees to furnish the County proof of compliance with said Act or adequate medical/ accident insurance coverage upon request.

17. REMEDIES

- (1) *Right to Cover.* If the Supplier fails to provide any Goods for any reason, due to no fault of the County, the County may employ such means as it may deem advisable and appropriate to obtain the Goods from a third party until the matter is resolved and the Supplier is again able to provide the respective Goods under this Agreement.
- (2) *Right to Withhold Payment.* The County reserves the right to withhold any portion, or all, of a scheduled payment if the Supplier fails to perform under this Agreement until such breach has been fully cured.
- (3) *Setoff.* Each party shall be entitled to set off and deduct from any amounts owed to the other party pursuant to this Agreement all damages and expenses incurred or reasonably anticipated as a result of the other party's breach of this Agreement.
- (4) *Other Remedies.* Upon breach of this Agreement, each party may seek all legal and equitable remedies to which it is entitled. The remedies set forth herein shall be deemed cumulative and not exclusive and may be exercised successively or concurrently, in addition to any other available remedy.
- (5) *No Suspension.* In the event that the County disputes in good faith an allegation of breach by the Supplier, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Supplier agrees that it will not terminate this Agreement or suspend or limit the supply of any Goods or warranties on such Goods, unless: (i) the parties agree in writing; or (ii) an order of a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise; provided, however, this dispute period shall be limited to ninety (90) days.

18. TAXES

The Supplier shall be responsible for paying all taxes, fees, assessments, and premiums of any kind payable on its employees and operations. The Supplier shall substantiate, on demand by the County, that all taxes and other charges are being properly paid.

19. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Supplier shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the supply of Goods. The Supplier shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to all employees in connection with the supply of Goods.

20. COMPLIANCE WITH E-VERIFY PROGRAM

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-133.3, the Supplier understands that it is a requirement of this Agreement that the Supplier and its subcontractors must comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. In doing so, the Supplier agrees that, unless it is exempt by law, it shall verify the work authorization of its employees utilizing the federal E-Verify program and standards as promulgated and operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, and the Supplier shall require its subcontractors to do the same. Upon request, the Supplier agrees to provide the County with an affidavit of compliance or exemption.

21. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

For purposes of this Agreement, the party disclosing Confidential Information is the “Discloser,” and the party receiving Confidential Information is the “Recipient.” “Confidential Information” shall mean any nonpublic information concerning the parties’ respective businesses including, but not limited to, all tangible, intangible, visual, electronic, present or future information such as: (a) trade secrets; (b) financial information, including pricing; (c) technical information, including research, development, procedures, algorithms, data, designs and know-how; (d) business information, including operations, planning, marketing interests and products; and (e) the terms of any agreement between the parties and the discussions, negotiations and proposals related thereto. Confidential Information disclosed to the other party must be clearly identified. Written Confidential Information must be clearly marked in a conspicuous place with an appropriate legend identifying the information as “Confidential.” Confidential Information that is not written must be identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and confirmed in writing delivered to Recipient within fifteen (15) days of disclosure.

The restrictions regarding the use and disclosure of Confidential Information do not apply to information that is:

- a. in the public domain through no fault of the Recipient;
- b. within the legitimate possession of the Recipient, with no confidentiality obligations to a third party;
- c. lawfully received from a third party having rights in the information without restriction, and without notice of any restriction against its further disclosure;
- d. independently developed by the Recipient without breaching this Agreement or by parties who have not had, either directly or indirectly, access to or knowledge of the Confidential Information;

- e. disclosed with the prior written consent of the Discloser; or
- f. required to be disclosed by law, regulation or court or governmental order, specifically including requests pursuant to the Public Records Laws of North Carolina contained in Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes. In the event Recipient receives such a request, it shall notify Discloser and Discloser shall have the opportunity to defend against production of such records at Discloser's sole expense.

22. NO ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT CONSENT

Neither party shall assign this Agreement (or assign any right or delegate any obligation contained herein whether such assignment is of payment or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other party hereto. Any such assignment without the prior written consent of the other party hereto shall be void. An assignee shall acquire no rights, and the County shall not recognize any assignment in violation of this provision.

23. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by applicable federal law and by the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard for its choice of law provisions. All actions relating in any way to this Agreement shall be brought in the General Court of Justice of the State of North Carolina in Brunswick County or in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Wilmington division.

24. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Should a dispute arise as to the terms of this Agreement, both parties agree that neither may initiate binding arbitration. The parties may agree to non-binding mediation of any dispute prior to the bringing of any suit or action.

25. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

The County, to the extent applicable, does not waive its governmental immunity by entering into this Agreement and fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with regard to any action based on this Agreement.

26. NON-WAIVER

Failure by the County at any time to require the performance by the Supplier of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall in no way affect the County's right hereunder to enforce the same, nor shall any waiver by the County of any breach be held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach or a waiver of this Section.

27. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein. There are no other representations, understandings, or agreements between the parties with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, representations, and proposals, written or oral.

28. HEADINGS

The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof.

29. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, or sections contained in this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Agreement so long as the material purposes of this Agreement can be determined and effectuated. If a provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provision, but only to the extent that such provision is unenforceable, and this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to make it enforceable while preserving its intent.

30. AMENDMENTS

No amendments or changes to this Agreement, or additional Statements of Work, shall be valid unless in writing and signed by authorized agents of both the Supplier and the County.

31. NOTICES

- (1) *Delivery of Notices.* Any notice, consent or other communication required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be delivered in person, by U.S. mail, by overnight courier, by electronic mail or by facsimile to the intended recipient at the address set forth below.
- (2) *Effective Date of Notices.* Any notice shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the intended recipient; provided that any notice which is sent by facsimile or electronic mail shall also be simultaneously sent by mail deposited with the U.S. Postal Service or by overnight courier.
- (3) *Notice Address.* Communications that relate to any breach, default, termination, delay in performance, prevention of performance, modification, extension, amendment, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be sent to:
- (4)
 - i. For the County: Brunswick County Manager
P.O. Box 249
Bolivia, NC 28422
Fax: 910-253-2022

- ii. For the Supplier: {Vendor Name}
 {Vendor Address}
 {Vendor City}, {Vendor State or Territory} {Vendor Zip}

32. SIGNATURES

This Agreement, together with any amendments or modifications, may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. This Agreement may also be executed electronically. By signing electronically, the parties indicate their intent to comply with the Electronic Commerce in Government Act (N.C.G.S § 66-58.1 et seq.) and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (N.C.G.S § 66-311 et seq.). Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by either electronic means or by facsimile shall be as effective as a manually executed counterpart.

ATTEST:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Clerk to the Board /
Deputy Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

[SEAL]

{VENDOR NAME}

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

“This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.”

Aaron C. Smith, Finance Director
Brunswick County, North Carolina

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Bryan W. Batton, County Attorney /
Ryan S. King, Assistant County Attorney

Date: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
GOODS/PRICE LIST

[TBD]

BRUNSWICK COUNTY MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor's expense, contractor shall procure and maintain the following recommended lines of insurance according to the scope of work. The County may choose to elect higher or lower coverage according to the work performed. Contractors must be insured by a licensed agent in North Carolina and rated A-VII or better by A.M. Best.

A. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Covering all operations involved in this Agreement.
\$2,000,000 General Aggregate
\$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit
\$ 5,000 Medical Expense Limit

B. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Statutory limits covering all employees, including Employer's Liability with limits of:
\$500,000 Each Accident
\$500,000 Disease - Each Employee
\$500,000 Disease - Policy Limit

C. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit – Any Auto

D. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence

E. POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence

When a contractor is required to bind pollution/environmental coverage, the contractor must provide evidence of continuation or renewal of liability insurance for a period of three (3) years following termination of the agreement.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Brunswick County, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees, or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of this Agreement and/or the performance hereof that are due in part or in the entirety of Contractor, its employees or agents. Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, defend and dispose of same at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto. The Contractor's General Liability policy shall be endorsed, specifically or generally, to include the following as Additional Insured:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE INCLUDED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED UNDER CONTRACTOR'S GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.

- B. Before commencement of any work or event, Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance in satisfactory form as evidence of the insurances required above.
- C. Contractor shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against Brunswick County (including its officers, agents and employees), it being the intention of the parties that the insurance policies so affected shall protect both parties and be primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the above-described insurance.
- D. Brunswick County shall have no liability with respect to Contractor's personal property whether insured or not insured. Any deductible or self-insured retention is the sole responsibility of Contractor.
- E. All certificates of insurance must provide that the policy or policies shall not be changed or cancelled without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice.
- F. The Certificate of Insurance should note in the Description of Operations the following:
Department: _____
Contract #: _____
- G. Insurance procured by Contractor shall not reduce nor limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Brunswick County for claims made or suits brought which result from or are in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- H. In the event Contractor receives Notice of Cancellation of Insurance required pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately cease performance of all services and shall provide Notice to Brunswick County's Legal/Risk Management personnel within twenty-four (24) hours.
- I. Certificate Holder shall be listed as follows:
ATTENTION: Brunswick County Risk Manager
30 Government Center Dr. NE
P.O. Box 249
Bolivia, NC 28422
- J. If Contractor is authorized to assign or subcontract any of its rights or duties hereunder and in fact does so, Contractor shall ensure that the assignee or subcontractor satisfies all requirements of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the required insurances coverage and provision of certificate(s) of insurance and additional insured endorsement(s), in proper form prior to commencement of services.

BID PROPOSAL FORM

Bidders are required to submit a comprehensive bid that provides the total cost for the supply, delivery, and preparation of the specified turf and debris maintenance equipment.

The bid price shall include all associated costs, including but not limited to: the cost of the equipment, manufacturer-required accessories, standard warranties, taxes, labor for setup and assembly, Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI), and transportation/freight charges at the Brunswick County Government Complex located at 194 March 9, 1764 Dr NE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Turf Maintenance and Debris Products

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
Topdresser	1	\$	\$
Debris Maintenance Dethatcher / Verticutter	1	\$	\$
Professional Debris Vacuum	1	\$	\$
Debris Blower (High Output)	2	\$	\$
Delivered, Assembled, and PDI	1	\$	\$

BIDDER INFORMATION

Name of Company _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ **Fax No.** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Federal I.D. No. _____

SDBE, Minority or Woman Owned Business Enterprise _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Bid Submitted By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____