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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Alaina Ray, Development Services Director  
 Thru: Katrina Romano, Senior Business Manager  
 FROM: Marisa Doherty, Contract Administrator II \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: February 12, 2026  
 SUBJECT: **RFB NO. 2026-05 Citywide Tree and Brush Abatement Services**

I. The above-mentioned solicitation was broadcasted to 358 suppliers plus 4 supplemental suppliers and 20 planholders. Six (6) responses were received from the following firms:

<p><b>-Listed in alphabetical order- FIRMS:</b></p> <p><b>A-2-Z Distributing, LLC- n/a</b>  <b>Arbobella Tree Service, LLC- \$561,175.00</b>  <b>Bushman’s Landscape Management, LLC- \$589,025.00</b>  <b>Greentopps Landscape, Maintenance, &amp; Tree Services, LLC- \$751,950.00</b>  <b>Olive Branch Enterprises of Florida, Inc.- \$513,250.00</b>  <b>Sherlock Tree Company, Inc.- \$812,270.00</b></p>
<p>(Responsiveness: A2Z Distributing was deemed non-responsive due to the failure to provide a bid schedule as required by the bid solicitation.          Remaining five (5) firms deemed responsive: All requested documents submitted.)</p> <p>See attached tabulation for comparison.</p>


Purchasing has reviewed the submittals and has determined the bidders Arbobella Tree Service, LLC, Bushman’s Landscape Management, LLC, Greentopps Landscape, Maintenance, & Tree Services, LLC, Olive Branch Enterprises of Florida, Inc., and Sherlock Tree Company, Inc. to be responsive in accordance with the specifications. A responsive submittal is one which conforms in all material respects to the solicitation. This bid contains no exceptions or deviations from the terms, conditions, and specifications.

Additionally, Arbobella Tree Service, LLC, a North Port firm, has been identified as qualifying for local preference and has price-matched Olive Branch Enterprises of Florida, Inc., in accordance with the applicable local preference provisions.


**CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** The award of this RFB shall be a multi-award to the overall three (3) lowest responsive, responsible Bidders meeting or exceeding the requirements of the specifications set forth herein. In addition, the bid evaluation shall consider previous performance, safety, reliability, and reference checks.

It is the intent of the City to administer this Contract on a rotating basis, according to lowest price and Contractor’s availability to meet the City’s required response time.

The City reserves the right to reject the bid proposal of any bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or on time, contracts of similar nature; or who is not in a position to satisfactorily perform the contract.

**Development Services staff shall review the submittals to determine if the bidders are responsible.** A responsible person, company or entity is determined to have the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance and the capacity and capability to perform in accordance with the specifications. Additionally,  verify the references as applicable **(Section II B & C, and Section III below)** and make sure the qualifications which were specified in the solicitation have been met. Please complete and sign this form and attach your recommendation along with the recommendation of the Department for Finance Director’s approval. The submitted bid form signed by the bidders, together with the completed bid package and any addenda furnished by the City, shall constitute a binding contract. Upon receipt of this form, I will post Notice of Intent (NOI) and you may initiate the contract process.

**II. Recommendation of Award to:**

	SUBMITTALS IN ORDER OF ROTATION: Arbobella Tree Service, LLC. Olive Branch Enterprises of Florida, Inc. Bushman’s Landscape Management, LLC	APPARENT LOW BIDDER SUBMITTALS		
		YES	NO	N/A or OTHER
A	Procurement reviewed and determined the apparent low bidders to be responsive:			
B	The Business Manager reviewed and determined the apparent low bidders to be responsible meeting or exceeding specifications:			
C	Department Director recommendation of award: to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders meeting or exceeding specifications:			

**III. If different than original submitted below.**

Funding

Account Number*	Project Number	Available Amount*
001-2750-524.34-00		\$300,000.00

Account Number	Project	Available Amount
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**Electronic Signatures:**

**Project Manager and Director Acknowledgement (as it relates to my specific area of responsibility):**

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**Kevin Raducci/ MPA, Code Enforcement Manager, Project Manager**

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**Katrina Romano, Development Services Senior Business Manager**

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**Alaina Ray, AICP, Development Services Director**

**Finance Acknowledgement (as it relates to my specific area of responsibility):**

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**Nickie Brown, Budget Analyst**

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**Alla Skipper, CPPB, Procurement Manager**

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**Irina Kukharenko, CPA, Finance Director**

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**Official Bid Tabulation/Price Comparison**

					ARBOBELLA TREE SERVICE, LLC		BUSHMAN'S LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, LLC		GREENTOPPS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AND TREE SERVICE, LLC		OLIVE BRANCH ENTERPRISES OF FL, INC.		SHERLOCK TREE COMPANY	
ITEM #	Category	DESCRIPTION	EST QTY	UNIT	TOTAL UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	TOTAL UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	TOTAL UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	TOTAL UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	TOTAL UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
1	Tree Trimming	4" to 12" Diameter Breast Height	1200	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 88,800.00
2	Tree Trimming	>12" to 24" Diameter Breast Height	700	EA	\$ 160.00	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 189,000.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 86,800.00
3	Tree Trimming	>24" to 36" Diameter Breast Height	300	EA	\$ 290.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 44,700.00
4	Tree Trimming	>36" Diameter Breast Height	100	EA	\$ 475.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 24,900.00
5	Tree Removal	4" to 12" Diameter Breast Height	100	EA	\$ 120.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 849.00	\$ 84,900.00
6	Tree Removal	>12" to 24" Diameter Breast Height	100	EA	\$ 525.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 59,500.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 1,749.00	\$ 174,900.00
7	Tree Removal	>24" to 36" Diameter Breast Height	50	EA	\$ 775.00	\$ 38,750.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 63,750.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 124,950.00
8	Tree Removal	>36" Diameter Breast Height	40	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 99,960.00
9	MISC	Invasive Impinging Foliage	75,000	SF	\$ 0.60	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.65	\$ 48,750.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 1.07	\$ 80,250.00
10	MISC	Additional Services	15	HR	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 1,260.00
11	MISC	Additional Equipment Need	25	HR	\$ 185.00	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 850.00
					<b>TOTAL BID</b>	<b>\$ 561,175.00</b>	<b>TOTAL BID</b>	<b>\$ 589,025.00</b>	<b>TOTAL BID</b>	<b>\$ 751,950.00</b>	<b>TOTAL BID</b>	<b>\$ 513,250.00</b>	<b>TOTAL BID</b>	<b>\$ 812,270.00</b>