

**RFP 26-006 Mowing Services  
Q&A #1**

Question 1: Will you please provide a map of roadway or descriptions of the County rights-of-ways which are included in this project?

***Answer: A map of maintained roads and their limits are available on our webpage at <https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/County.Engineer>***

***Click on the Waller County Map and view the “County Maintained Roads” layer.***

Question 2: Will you please provide a current contract for contractors to reference?

***Answer: See below for the 2024 bid form.***

Question 3: Will you please provide a previous bid tabulation for contractors to reference?

***Answer: See below for the 2024 bid form.***

Question 4: Will you please provide a budget number for contractors to reference

***Answer: \$300,000***

Question 5: Who is the current contractor?

***Answer: Ben E. Smith Tractors, Inc.***

Question 6: Will you please provide the anticipated acreage to be mowed per cycle?

***Answer: Assume 70 feet right-of-way width as typical. This includes 24 feet of pavement and 46 feet of width of vegetation/bar ditch.***

***Approximately 560 miles x 46 feet wide => Approximately 3,120 acres/cycle***

Question 7: Will you please confirm that the mileage provided to be maintained is the per cycle mileage?

***Answer: Estimated mileage provided is per cycle mileage.***

Question 8: Will you please provide the average width of right-of-way that contractors should account for when pricing mowing per mile?

***Answer: ROW widths vary and many are prescriptive rights, meaning maintenance from fence line to fence line. Typical, rural road sections are 70' wide, however, many right-of-ways are less than this. Some right-of-ways may be more. Vegetation within curb and gutter subdivisions are typically handled by the homeowner's association (ie~Sunterra). Please also refer to the answer to Question 6.***

# Exhibit 1

## Bid Form

A Respondent must remit the below Bid Form. Pricing shall be valid through the first sixty (60) days of any ensuing Contract regardless of price increases. The County is exempt from federal excise and State sales tax. Respondent shall not include taxes in its bid.

Respondent is **required** to disclose any and all charges or fees the County would incur associated with the requested goods and services. The County will not be responsible for any charges/fees unless expressly disclosed on this Bid Form. Prior to commencing work, a meeting will take place with the Selected Contractor and County to discuss start date and scope of project.

The County wishes to emphasize that this Contract is nonexclusive and neither restricts the County's ability to competitively bid for the same or similar materials and/or services nor disallows, in its sole discretion, the County's ability to contract for such materials and/or services with other Contractors.

2024 PROPOSAL FOR MOWING - COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY		
May 15 <sup>th</sup> , thru December 31, 2024		
Mowing within Waller County jurisdiction only		
Prior to work commencing a meeting between Contractor and the County shall be performed to discuss start date and scope of project.		
PRICE PER MILE MINIMUM OF THREE CUTS PER YEAR		
BID ITEM	Estimated 560 Miles \$/mile	
Precinct 1 -Mowing Right of Way	Estimate 115 miles	\$190.00 per mile
Precinct 2 -Mowing Right of Way	Estimate 160 miles	\$190.00 per mile
Precinct 3 -Mowing Right of Way	Estimate 155 miles	\$190.00 per mile
Precinct 4 -Mowing Right of Way	Estimate 130 miles	\$190.00 per mile

Submitted by:

Company Name: BEN E. SMITH TRACTORS, INC.

Signature: 

Title: PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

Print Name: GERALD E. SMITH

Date: 05/14/2024

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Phone Number: 

Email: 

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