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Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office

2026-2030 Community Lawn Care and Maintenance Services in Ontario and Wayne Counties

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Invitation for Bid

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1. Introduction

The New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter "OPWDD") has the authority to provide care, treatment, rehabilitation, education, training and support services to developmentally disabled persons. OPWDD is also empowered to take all actions necessary, desirable, and proper to carry out its purposes and objectives within budgetary amounts made available by appropriations. Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (hereinafter "OPWDD") is an agency of OPWDD serving Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties.

OPWDD contracts with numerous organizations to provide these required services and other physical benefits. Such contracts may be with not-for-profit or for-profit organizations as well as with other governmental organizations.

2. Designated Contact Person(s) For Inquiries & Submission

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3. Timetable of Proposal Due Dates

IFB Release Date	14 August 2025
Final Date for Receipt of Questions	05 September 2025
Official Responses to Questions By	16 September 2025
Proposal Due Date – Bid Opening*	**2:00pm, 30 September 2025**
Evaluation & Selection	21 October 2025
Notification of Awards	21 October 2025
Contract start date (subject to change)	25 March 2026

*Bid Opening to be via Microsoft Teams. Please see page 6, Section 13.A. (4) for details.

OPWDD has sole discretion to change the above dates

4. Objective of this IFB

The purpose of this IFB is to contract with responsive and responsible vendors interested in performing the tasks and services described within the section of this IFB identified as "Qualifications & Scope of Work."

5. General Description of Services

This IFB is for interested bidders to submit a bid for Community Lawn Care and Maintenance Services for OPWDD sites, according to the specifications, terms and conditions as enumerated in "Scope of Work" of this IFB.

6. Site Inspections

It is the Bidders obligation to visit any and all sites they wish to bid on. OPWDD will make **no allowance or concession** to the Bidder for any alleged misunderstanding or deception because of quality, character, location, or other conditions. It is the responsibility of the bidder to know the site(s) requirements based upon the service being requested. The telephone number for each site has been provided. It is the Bidders responsibility to set up an appointment with each House Manager to determine the specific requirements of all aspects of the sites in relation to the service to be provided.

7. Notice to Potential Bidders

Receipt of these bid documents does not indicate OPWDD has pre-determined any vendor qualifications to receive a contract award. Such determination will be made after the bid opening and will be based upon an evaluation of all bid submissions and compared to the specific requirements and qualifications contained in these bid documents.

8. Term of the Contract

The term of this contract will be defined in the Contract Agreement, but is anticipated to be a four-year contract, unless an amendment is mutually agreed upon by both parties and approved by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

9. Payment

Prices are to remain constant for the initial year of the contract. Approaching every contract anniversary date, the Contractor may request, or OPWDD give notice of, an annual price adjustment for the subsequent year. The request or notice must be submitted in writing between 30 days and 60 days prior to the contract anniversary date. OPWDD has the sole discretion in determining the rate to be approved. The adjustment shall be based upon the most recently available, "CPI-U", not seasonally adjusted, Northeast Region, all items, with the adjustment calculated on a 12-month percent change based on the month 60 days prior to the contract anniversary. Any price adjustment shall not exceed 3.0% per annum.

10. Wage and Hours Provisions

If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department.

Pursuant to § 8 (220-I), Contractor and its subcontractors must be registered with the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) and submit their Certificate of Contractor Registration at the time of the bid submission for any Article 8 project.

Pursuant to § 9 (A), Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law.

Pursuant to § 9 (A), Contractor and its subcontractors must provide OPWDD with a certified payroll when submitting an invoice for payment.

11. Subcontracting

No Subcontracting of services is allowed with this IFB without written permission of OPWDD. For further information, please see section 14 J.

12. Insurance

The Contractor agrees that without expense to the State, insurance will be maintained during the period of the proposal and contract, insurance of the kinds and in the amounts indicated, with insurance companies authorized to do such business in the State of New York, covering all operations under this proposal and contract.

A. The Contractor shall furnish to OPWDD a Certificate or Certificates in a form satisfactory to the Agency, showing compliance with the requirements of this section. The State of New York Office for People with Developmental Disability will be expressly named as additional insured on each policy in accordance with above. Certificates of insurance should be forwarded to the OPWDD with the signed agreement and thereafter annually on the contract anniversary date. Certificates shall state the policies shall not be changed or cancelled until 30 days written notice has been given to OPWDD. Required insurances are:

   (1) A policy covering the obligations of the successful bidder in accordance with the Workers' Compensation and Disability Law. The contract shall be void and of no effect unless the successful bidder procures such policy and maintains it during the period of the contract. The Workers Compensation Board website can be found here: www.wcb.ny.gov/

   (2) Policies covering bodily injury, liability and property damage of the types hereinafter specified, each with limits of liability not less than $1,000,000.00 for all damages arising out of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by one person in any one accident, and subject to that limit for that person, and not less than $2,000,000.00

for all damages arising out of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by two or more persons in any accident and not less than $2,000,000.00 for all damages arising out of injury or destruction of property.

a. Contractor's liability insurance issued to and covering the liability of the successful bidder with respect to all work performed by them under the proposal and the contract.

b. Protective liability insurance issued to and covering the liability of the people of the State of New York with respect to all operations under this proposal and the contract, by the successful bidder, including omissions and supervisory acts of the State.

13. Submission of Proposals

A. Submission Requirements

One (1) original Bidder **Cost Proposal Form** is required to submit a bid. All proposals in response to this IFB must be received by OPWDD no later than the proposal due date and time.

One (1) original of each additional required form, as listed on page 2 (References and Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire), must be received either by the proposal due date or within 3 business days of request by OPWDD. It is strongly recommended that these additional forms are submitted by the proposal due date. Failure to submit the forms as specified above will result in the bid being disqualified.

(1) **Overnight delivery can take a minimum of two (2) business days to be received by OPWDD. Bidders mailing their responses must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the Bid Opening Date listed on the cover page. Do not depend upon an expedited, "early AM," or similar delivery service to timely deliver to OPWDD.**

(2) All proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope with ***the following information clearly displayed on the exterior of the packaging:*** **Bidder's name and address; "Sealed Bid" with the IFB title; Proposal Due Date**

(3) Proposals should be **mailed** or **hand delivered** to the following address:

OPWDD
Contract Management Unit – **IFB: FL 093025**
C/O Heather Frantz, CMS 1
26 Center Circle, Building 58, Service Building
Wassaic, New York, 12592-2637

(4) Bid Opening will be done via Microsoft Teams following standard formal bid opening procedures. If bidders wish to "attend", they may do so by calling: **1-518-801-9699 at 2:00pm, 30 September 2025**. Bidders will be asked for a PHONE CONFERENCE ID. Enter Meeting ID **512 714 558 followed by the # sign.**

All proposals and accompanying documentation become the property of OPWDD and ordinarily will not be returned.

B. References

OPWDD may request bidders to submit work references that will verify that the bidder or its principals have at least two (2) years of relevant experience to complete the work as listed in Qualifications and Scope of Work. Upon request, bidders will have 3 business days to submit such references.

C. Late Bids

Any Bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late Bid. A late Bid shall not be considered for award unless: (i) no timely Bids meeting the requirements of the Bid Documents are received or, (ii) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely Bids were received to satisfy the multiple award; and acceptance of the late Bid is in the best interests of the Authorized Users. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the Authorized User shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Similar types of delays, including but not limited to, bad weather or security procedures for parking and building admittance shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Determinations relative to Bid timeliness shall be at the sole discretion of OPWDD.

14. Procurement Information, Mandatory Requirements

A. Procurement Lobbying Law Requirements pursuant to State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k

Effective January 1, 2006: Pursuant to State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OPWDD and Bidder during the procurement process. A Bidder is restricted from making contact from the earliest Notice of Intent to Solicit Offers through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by OPWDD and, if applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law § 129-j (3)(a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is (are) identified in this solicitation.

The designated contact person is listed in Section 2, 'Designated Contact Person(s) For Inquiries & Submission' of this solicitation. The Restricted Period for this procurement begins with the date of the advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter and will end when the NYS Office of the State Comptroller has approved the contract. All contact during the Restricted Period regarding this procurement must be made with the OPWDD designated contact person.

OPWDD employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award. In the event of two findings within a four-year period, the Bidder is

debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Bidders will be informed in writing of any preliminary OPWDD finding of non-responsibility and will be afforded administrative due process prior to a final determination being made.

B. Questions Regarding this Procurement

All questions regarding this procurement must be submitted in writing, by fax, mail, or e-mail to the contact person listed in **Section 2, 'Designated Contact Person(s) For Inquiries & Submission'** of this solicitation. Questions that are emailed must be submitted via email address to eny.nyc.li.contracthub@opwdd.ny.gov, and should reference the IFB title name and number in the subject line of the email.

OPWDD will post official answers to the questions to the Contract Reporter and the OPWDD website by the date indicated in **Section 3, 'Timetable of Proposal Due Date'.**

If a bidder discovers a possible error in this IFB, immediately notify the contact person indicated in **Section 2 'Designated Contact Person(s) for Inquiries & Submission'**, of such error and request clarification, correction or modification to this document via email address eny.nyc.li.contracthub@opwdd.ny.gov. All inquiries concerning corrections must reference the IFB title and number in the subject line of the email, and cite the particular bid section and paragraph number in the body of the email. Prospective Bidders should note that any such notice must be given, and all clarification and exceptions including those relating to the term and conditions are to be resolved prior to the proposal submission deadline. If there is a substantial error, the entire bidders list will be notified and the IFB change will be posted on the Contract Reporter, as well as e-mail replies to all bidders. OPWDD shall make IFB modifications, provided that such modification would not materially benefit or disadvantage any particular bidder.

C. OPWDD Rights

(1) OPWDD reserves the right to use any and all ideas presented in any response to the IFB. Selection or rejection of any proposal does not affect this right. OPWDD shall also have unlimited rights to disclose or duplicate, for any purpose whatsoever, all information or other work product developed, derived, documented or furnished by the Bidder under any agreement resulting from this IFB.

(2) In the event of contract award, all documentation produced as part of the contract will become the exclusive property of OPWDD. OPWDD reserves a royalty free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such documentation and to authorize others to do so.

(3) OPWDD reserves the right to:
   a. Reject any or all proposals received in response to this IFB (Invitation for Bid);
   b. Withdraw the IFB at any time, at the agency's sole discretion;
   c. Make an award under the IFB in whole or in part;
   d. Disqualify any Bidder whose conduct or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of this IFB. Selection may also include such issues as past performance;
   e. Seek clarifications and revisions of proposals;

f. Use proposal information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the State's investigation of a bidder's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the IFB;
g. Bidders are cautioned to verify their Bids before submission, as amendments to Bids or requests for withdrawal of Bids received by the Commissioner after the time specified for the Bid opening, may not be considered;
h. ***Prior to the bid opening***, amend the IFB specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available;
i. ***Prior to the bid opening***, direct bidders to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent IFB amendments;
j. Change any of the scheduled dates, including start dates, stated herein upon notice to the Bidders;
k. Eliminate any mandatory, non-material specifications that cannot be complied with by all of the prospective bidders;
l. Waive any requirements that are not material;
m. Negotiate with the successful bidder within the scope of the IFB in the best interests of the state;
n. Conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible bidder, should the agency be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected bidder;
o. Utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received;
p. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, every offer is firm and not revocable for a period of 60 days from the bid opening; and,
q. Require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of a bidders proposal and/or to determine a bidders compliance with the requirements of the solicitation.

D. Incurred Costs

The State of New York shall not be liable for any costs incurred by a Bidder in the preparation and production of a proposal. Any work performed prior to the issuance of a fully executed contract or delivery of an order by OPWDD to the Contractor will be done only to the degree the Contractor voluntarily assumes the risk of nonpayment.

E. Content of Proposals

To be considered responsive, a Bidder should submit complete proposals that satisfy all the requirements stated in this IFB. Proposals that do not include the listed required forms may be rejected as nonconforming.

F. Period of Validity

Each Bidder's Proposal must include a statement as to the period during which the provisions of the proposal will remain valid. All elements of the bid and proposal shall remain in effect for a minimum of 180 days.

G. Notice of Award, Debriefing and Bid Protests

(1) The successful Bidder or its agent shall not make any news releases or any other disclosure relating to this contract award without the explicit approval of OPWDD.

(2) OPWDD will notify all unsuccessful Bidders, at or about the time of bid award, of the fact that their proposals were not selected. Each unsuccessful Bidder may at that time request a debriefing by OPWDD as to why its proposal was not selected. The scope of such debriefings will ordinarily be limited to the strengths and weaknesses of the individual Bidder's proposal unless the contracts resulting from this procurement have been approved by OSC.

(3) Bidders wishing to file protest of the awarding of a bid(s) must notify OPWDD, in writing, of their intent to protest the award within ten (10) working days of their receipt of notice of non-award. The protest should identify the name and number of the IFB and the award date; indicate the bidder's interpretation as to why they feel they were denied the award (i.e., summarize the deficiencies identified during the debriefing) and state their justification for the bid protest. Bid protests must be mailed to NYS OPWDD, Contract Management Unit, 44 Holland Avenue, 3rd Floor, Albany, New York 12229-0001.

H. Public Information Requirements / Confidentiality / Publication Rights

(1) All the proposals upon submission will become the property of OPWDD. Materials / documents produced by the Contractor in the fulfillment of its obligations under contract with OPWDD become the property of OPWDD unless prior arrangements have been made with respect to specific documents.

(2) OPWDD will have the right to disclose all or any part of a proposal to public inspection based on its determination of what disclosure will serve the public interest. Upon approval of the contract by OSC, all terms of the contract become available to the public.

(3) Prospective Bidders are further advised that, except for trade secrets and certain personnel information (both of which OPWDD has reserved the right to disclose), all parts of proposals must ultimately be disclosed to those members of the general public making inquiry under the New York State Freedom of Information Law (NYS Public Officers Law article 6) although proposal contents cannot ordinarily be disclosed by OPWDD prior to bid award.

a. Should a Bidder wish to request exception from public access to information contained in its proposal, the Bidder must specifically identify the information and explain in detail why public access to the information would be harmful to the Bidder. Use of generic trade secret legends encompassing substantial portions of the proposal or simple assertions of trade secret interest without substantive explanation of the basis therefore will be regarded as non-responsive requests for exception from public access will not be considered by OPWDD in the event of a Freedom of Information request for proposal information is received

(4) The bidder and OPWDD agree that all communications, until the effective date of the contract, shall be made in confidence, shall be used only for purposes of the contract, and that no information shall be disclosed by the recipient party except as required by Federal or State law.

(5) The bidder shall treat all information, in particular information relating to OPWDD service recipients and providers, obtained by it through its performance under contract, as confidential information, to the extent that confidential treatment is provided under New York State and Federal law, and shall not use any information so obtained in any manner except as necessary to the proper discharge of its obligations and securement of its rights hereunder. Bidder is responsible for informing its employees of the confidentiality requirements of this agreement.

(6) The Contractor may not utilize any information obtained via interaction with OPWDD in any public medium (media-radio, television), (electronic-internet), (print-newspaper, policy paper, journal/ periodical, book, etc.) or public speaking engagement without the official prior approval of OPWDD Senior Management. Contractors bear the responsibility to uphold these standards rigidly and to require compliance by their employees and subcontractors. Requests for exemption to this policy shall be made in writing, at least 14 days in advance, to OPWDD Contract Management Unit, 44 Holland Avenue (3rd Floor), Albany, New York 12229.

(7) The Contractor agrees that no brochure, news/media/press release, public announcement, memorandum, or other information of any kind regarding the Contract shall be disseminated in any way to the public, nor shall any presentation be given regarding the Contract without the prior written approval of the OPWDD, which written approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided, however, that Contractor shall be authorized to provide copies of the Contract and answer any questions relating thereto to any State or federal regulators or, in connection with its financial activities, to financial institutions for any private or public offering.

I. Affirmative Action

(1) OPWDD is in full accord with the aims and effort of the State of New York to promote equal opportunity for all persons and to promote equality of economic opportunity for minority group members and women who own business enterprises, and to ensure there are no barriers, through active programs, that unreasonably impair access by Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) to State contracting opportunities. OPWDD encourages business that are minority or woman owned, to become certified with Empire State Development.

(2) Prospective Bidders to this IFB are subject to the provisions of Executive Law article 15-A and regulations issued there under.

(3) Any contract in the amount of $25,000 or more which is awarded as a result of this IFB will be subject to all applicable State and Federal regulations, laws, executive orders and policies regarding affirmative action and equal employment opportunities.

(4) All awardees are required to comply with OPWDD's Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) policy. For details on requirements and procedures, including documentation required for this solicitation, please refer to the Appendix A-Supplement.

J. Prime Contractor's Responsibility

In the event the selected Bidder's proposal includes services provided by another firm, it shall be mandatory for the selected Bidder to assume full responsibility for the delivery for such items offered in the proposal. In any event, OPWDD will contract only with a Bidder, not the Bidder's financing institution or subcontractors. OPWDD reserves the right to review and approve all potential subcontractors. For subcontracts valued at $100,000 and over, the subcontractors must demonstrate financial integrity and stability. In these instances, the subcontractor must complete and execute a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire. OPWDD shall consider the selected Bidder to be the sole responsible contact with regard to all provisions of the contract resulting from this IFB.

K. Public Officer's Law Requirements

All Bidders and their employees must be aware of and comply with the requirements of the New York State Public Officers Law, and all other appropriate provisions of New York State Law and all resultant codes, rules and regulations from State laws establishing the standards for business and professional activities of State employees and governing the conduct of employees of firms, associations and corporations in business with the State, and for applicable Federal laws and regulations of similar intent. In signing the proposal, each Bidder guarantees knowledge and full compliance with those provisions for any dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc. involving the State and/or State employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process and in other civil or criminal proceedings as may be required or permitted by law. Public Officers' Law § 73 bars former State officers and employees from appearing, practicing, or rendering any services for compensation in relation to any matter before their former State agency for a period of two years from their date of termination. Additionally, there is a permanent bar against any such activity before any state agency in relation to any case, application, proceeding or transaction with which such officer or employee was directly concerned and personally participated or which was under his/her active consideration.

L. Omnibus Procurement Act

It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors, and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from the Department of Economic Development, Division for Small Business, Albany, New York 12245, Tel. 518.292.5100, Fax: 518.292.5884, email: opa@esd.ny.gov.

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from the NYS Department of Economic Development, Minority and Women's Business

Development Division, 633 Third Avenue 33rd Floor, New York, New York 10017, Tel. (646) 846-7364, email: mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov
website: https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/searchcertifieddirectory.asp

M. Contract Execution

Awards are not final and the resultant contract is not considered executed and binding until approved by the New York State's Attorney General and Office of State Comptroller (OSC).

N. Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire

State agencies are required under State Finance Law § 163 (3) (a) (ii), to ensure that contracts are awarded to responsible vendors. Such requirements include, but are not limited to, the Bidder's qualifications, financial stability, and integrity. The Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire is required for contracts $100,000 and over. OPWDD will require a complete Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire with your bid proposal if the contract resulting from this procurement is valued at $100,000 and over. Vendors/not-for-profit provider agencies are able to file the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (VRQ) online via the New York State VendRep System or may choose to complete and submit a paper questionnaire. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep.

O. Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) established HIPAA Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (The Privacy Rule). The Privacy Rule (45 CFR Part 160 and Subparts A and E of Part 164) provides the first comprehensive federal protection for the privacy of health information. The Privacy Rule is carefully balanced to provide strong privacy protections that do not interfere with patient access to, or the quality of, health care delivery. HIPAA has an impact upon how OPWDD and contractors will deal with protected health information of our consumers. Likewise, State Mental Hygiene Law § 33.13 requires disclosure of clinical records to be limited to that information necessary for health care providers to administer treatment.

P. General Duties and Additional Responsibilities

Maintain a level of cooperation with OPWDD necessary for the proper performance of all contractual responsibilities. Agree that no aspect of bidder performance under the Agreement will be contingent upon State personnel, or the availability of State resources, with the exception of all proposed actions of the bidder specifically identified in the Agreement as requiring OPWDD's approval, policy decisions, policy approvals, exceptions stated in the Agreement or the normal cooperation which can be expected in such a contractual relationship or the equipment agreed to by OPWDD as available for the project completion. Cooperate fully with any other contractor that may be engaged by OPWDD. Agree to meet periodically with OPWDD representatives to resolve issues and problems. Recognize and agree that any and all work performed outside the scope of the Agreement or without consent of OPWDD shall be deemed by OPWDD to be gratuitous and not subject to charge by the bidder.

Q. NYS Information Security Breach and Notification Act (NYS Technology Law, § 208)

"Contractor shall comply with the provisions of New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law § 889-aa; State Technology Law § 208). Contractor's negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor's agents, officers, employees, or subcontractors."

The "New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act" requires entities that conduct business with New York State and own or license "private" data to notify state residents affected by any security breach that results in unauthorized acquisition of the data. "Private" data is defined as unencrypted computerized information that can identify the individual, combined with one of the following data elements: (a) social security number, (b) driver's license or non-driver identification number" or (c) financial account information such as credit card or debit cards numbers in combination with access codes or PIN numbers. (Private data is considered unencrypted when either identifying information or the data element is not encrypted or is encrypted with a key that has been acquired).

The Act authorizes the State Attorney General to sue a business violating the statute in order to recover damages for actual costs or losses, including consequential financial losses incurred by persons entitled to notification. If a business engages in knowing or reckless violations, the court can impose a civil penalty of the greater of $5,000 or $10 per instance of failed notification up to $150,000. The remedies provided by this section shall be addition to any lawful remedy available, possibly permitting private actions.

R. Nondiscrimination in Employment in Northern Ireland: MacBride Fair Employment Principles

In accordance with State Finance Law § 165, the bidder, by submission of this bid, certifies that it or any individual or legal entity in which the bidder holds a 10% or greater ownership interest, or any individual or legal entity that holds a 10% or greater ownership in the bidder interest has no business operations in Northern Ireland. If the bidder or any of its aforementioned affiliations has business operations in Northern Ireland, then they shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations that it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles relating to nondiscrimination in employment and freedom of workplace opportunity regarding such operations in Northern Ireland, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such Principles.

S. Bidder's Certification of Compliance with State Finance Law § 139-k (5)

In accordance with New York State Finance Law § 139-k (5), the bidder, by submission of this bid, certifies that they are subject to the provisions of State Finance Law §§ 139-k and 139-j and all information provided to OPWDD with respect to State Finance Law § 139-k is complete, true, and accurate.

T. Bidder's Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement pursuant to State Finance Law § 139-j (3) and § 139-j (6)(b)

The bidder, by submission of this bid, certifies that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of OPWDD as it relates to permissible contracts as required by State Finance Law 139-j (3) and 139-j (6)(b).

U. Bidder Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

New York State Finance Law § 139-k (2) obligates the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to obtain specific information regarding prior non-responsibility determinations with respect to State Finance Law §139-j. This information must be collected in addition to the information that is separately obtained pursuant to State Finance Law §163(9). In accordance with State Finance Law § 139-k, bidders must disclose whether there has been a finding of non-responsibility made within the previous four (4) years by any Governmental Entity due to: (a) a violation of State Finance Law § 139-j or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity. State Finance Law § 139-j sets forth detailed requirements about the restrictions on contacts during the procurement process. A violation of State Finance Law §139-j includes, but is not limited to, an impermissible contact during the restricted period (e.g., contacting a person or entity other than the designated contact person(s), when such contact does not fall within one of the exemptions).

As part of its responsibility determination, State Finance Law § 139-k (3) mandates consideration of whether a bidder fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information regarding the above non-responsibility determination. In accordance with law, no Procurement Contract shall be awarded to any bidder that fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information under this section, unless a finding is made that the award of the Procurement Contract to the bidder is necessary to protect public property or public health safety, and that the bidder is the only source capable of supplying the required Article of Procurement within the necessary timeframe.

The bidder, by submission of its bid certifies that no government entity has made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the individual or entity seeking to enter into this procurement contract. If the individual or entity has had a finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law 139-j or due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information submitted to a government entity, then the said individual or entity must provide a detailed statement regarding the finding.

Additionally, the bidder by submission of its bid certifies that no government entity has ever terminated or withheld a procurement contract from the individual or entity seeking to enter into this procurement contract due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information. If the individual or entity has been terminated or withheld from a procurement contract, then said individual or entity must provide a detailed statement regarding the finding.

V. Non-Collusive Bidding Certification

In accordance with State Finance Law § 139-d, the bidder by submission of this bid certifies that they and each person signing on behalf of the bidder certifies, and in the case of joint proposal, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his knowledge and belief:

1. The prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purposes of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor, and

2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership, or corporation to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

W. Public Officers Law Certification

In accordance with Public Officers Law § 73(4)(a)(i) no State employees shall sell any goods or services having a value in excess of twenty-five dollars to any State agency, unless such goods and services are provided pursuant to an award or contract letter after public notice and competitive bidding.

By submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that no employee, owner or individual otherwise associated with the bidder was ever a New York State officer or employee, or if they were ever or currently a New York State officer or employee, their organization pursued and awarded this contract through a competitive bidding process in compliance with the Public Officers Law 73(4)(a)(i).

Public Officers Law § 73(8)(a)(i) provides that no person who has served as a State officer or employee shall, within a period of two years after termination of such service or employment, appear or practice before such State agency or receive compensation for any services rendered by such former officer or employee on behalf of any person, firm, corporation, or association in relation to any case, proceeding, or application or other matter before such agency.

By submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that no employee, owner or individual otherwise associated with the bidder was ever a New York State officer or employee, or they are formerly a New York State officer or employee and any past employment with the State occurred prior to the two-year prohibition period and as a result their organization is in compliance with the Public Officers Law (8)(a)(i).

X. Bidder's Affirmation of Understanding Pursuant to State Labor Law § 201-g

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of Labor Law § 201-g.

15. Consumer Safety Information

OPWDD provides services to individuals exhibiting Pica, which is a medical disorder characterized by an appetite for largely non-nutritive substances, e.g., cigarette butts, paper, gum, etc. Attention to the sanitation and cleanliness of the areas surrounding OPWDD's state operated program sites and residential buildings is very important to the health and safety of those we serve. Please ensure care is taken to properly dispose of cigarette butts and rubbish while on OPWDD property.

OPWDD property has special receptacles for cigarette butt disposal. Contractor and subcontractor employees shall use these receptacles and throw trash in garbage cans or dumpsters. Compliance with this policy is appreciated.

16. Consultant Disclosure

Effective June 19, 2006, contractors doing business with the State of New York in a "consulting" capacity will be required to file forms disclosing, by employment category, the number of persons employed by them and their subcontractors (if any) as a consulting firm or an individual consultant; the number of hours worked; and the monetary compensation received from the State of New York for work performed by these employees. Reporting will be required via the utilization of two separate forms – "Form A" and "Form B".

In general, however, Form A is to be completed once upon initial contract award and is used to report "planned employment". Form B is required annually and reports on "actual employment figures" for the preceding state fiscal year. The New York State fiscal year commences on April 1st and concludes on March 31st.

17. Evaluation Criteria: Method of Award

A. Contract Award

OPWDD will select the responsible and responsive Bidder that will provide the lowest Total Cost Per Season for Cluster 3 for all required lawn care and maintenance services. OPWDD intends to award one contract as a result of this procurement. All sites included in the cluster are to be serviced by the bidder who is awarded the contract. All bids must be submitted on an original Cost Proposal Form (pg. 25 & 26). In the event of a tie bid, the award will be made by random selection. Random selection shall be made utilizing random.org/lists/

B. Right to Reject

Only proposals judged to be responsive to the submission requirements set forth in this IFB will be evaluated. An incomplete Cost Proposal Form or any alteration to the Cost Proposal Form may result in your bid not being considered. OPWDD reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

C. Mathematical Errors

If the vendor submits a cost proposal which contains mathematical errors, the Total Cost Per Season Per Site (D) and Total Cost Per Season for Cluster 3 (E) will be calculated using the pricing submitted for Spring Clean-Up (A), Lawn Care Maintenance (B), and Fall Clean-Up (C).

D. Confirmation of Ability to Provide Service

OPWDD reserves the right to confirm any Bidder has the qualifications, experience, ability, and financial standing to perform services as outlined in the scope of work. This may include requesting information regarding equipment, workforce, suppliers, etc.

Qualifications & Scope of Work

COMMUNITY LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Finger Lakes New York DDSOO (hereinafter "OPWDD") is an agency of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. The homes are residences of a developmentally disabled population including some individuals who are medically or physically disabled, as well as some who are confined to wheelchairs. The following specifications cover Lawn Care and Maintenance for OPWDD community sites throughout Ontario, and Wayne counties. Community sites are grouped into clusters for service (Refer to Exhibit A – Cluster Information).

Lawn Care and Maintenance services detailed in this Scope of Work will be paid by **one seasonal price**, spread out over six (6) equal installments as further detailed in Section VII. ACCOUNTING.

Detailed Specifications:

The Contractor will provide lawn maintenance and related services. All labor, materials, and equipment necessary to professionally complete the service are to be supplied by the contractor. All equipment used in this service must meet the manufacturer's safety requirements and be properly installed and functional. All equipment must be operated in a safe manner.

The Contractor must be able to show that they have adequate staff and equipment to perform services for sites under contract. The Contractor is required to meet with the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee prior to each lawn care season. Spring clean-up is to be completed by May 15th of each year. Lawn Care Maintenance services (section II. B.) are to be provided approximately mid-April through October for each year of the contract, with fall clean-up to be provided by the end of November (after most leaves have fallen).

I. SCHEDULING OF SERVICES

The Contractor awarded a contract to provide lawn care and maintenance must negotiate a timetable/schedule for when the services are to be performed with Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee prior to each lawn care season. OPWDD understands that service dates may change due to weather conditions.

II. SERVICES REQUIRED

A. SPRING CLEAN-UP – PRIOR TO THE START OF MOWING FOR THE SEASON (ONE PER YEAR)

The Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee will be required to inspect and approve the spring clean-up. This service will include the following:

1. A thorough clean-up of the entire lawn including raking of leaves, sticks, and debris.

2. Trimming of hedges, bushes, and ornamental trees. This is also to include trimming of vines from around trees.

3. Leveling out, raking, and reseeding (as needed) area around roadways or parking area.

4. Spot thatch and seeding of lawn as needed or indicated by the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee.

5. Removal of all clippings, leaves, branches, and debris from the site.

B. LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE (MOWING, REMOVAL OF DEBRIS, RAKING, TRIMMING AND WEEDING)

1. **Mowing**: Mowing of all lawn areas on property or as identified by the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee. If a site borders a road, the roadside ditch is considered part of the lawn and is to be maintained. Survey/boundary markers are not to be removed by Contractor. Grass will be maintained at a height of 2.5"to 3.5" as conditions dictate. Central air conditioning units must be kept free of grass clippings. Clippings must be removed from all paved, marked, or specifically identified surfaces after each mowing. Trimming around trees, hedges, generators, mailboxes, fuel/propane tanks, signs, fences, parking bumpers, fire hydrants, curbs, streetlight poles, transformers-light poles, foundations, etc. and anything else not identified in this section within the areas identified to be mowed will be the Contractor's responsibility. Mowing is to include edging around all shrubbery and beds only. Litter is to be removed prior to mowing and any movable piece of furniture or equipment, i.e. picnic tables, grills, etc., must be moved, the lawn cut, and the furniture or equipment replaced each time the lawn is cut.

2. **Grass and Debris Removal**: Grass clippings are to be collected and removed from driveways, walkways, patios, etc. Debris including pinecones and needles, leaves, sticks, and branches are also to be removed from the site. Contractor will be responsible for pickup of limbs up to 3" in diameter. Anything over 3" in diameter the Contractor must notify the Program Administrator's office for assistance. The Contractor will pick up all limbs and debris prior to the mowing of the parcels. Mowing up or over of limbs in an effort to "mulch" them into the lawn will not be allowed.

3. **Rake, when necessary:** Any failure on the Contractor's part to maintain the lawn as specified above which cause the lawns to not appear in a presentable condition at all times, e.g., wait too long between mowing which causes the lawns to appear ragged with clumps of grass, will require the Contractor to rake those sites each time and make them presentable at no additional cost to this contract.

4. **Hedge/Bush/Ornamental Tree Trimming**: Trimming is to be provided as needed to maintain a neat appearance. Trimming must be done so that windows, exits, Fire Department Connections, security lighting, electric meters, gas meters, generators and walkways are not blocked. Trimming must be done in a manner that does not damage the siding and gutters. Shrubbery, hedges etc. are to be maintained so that they are not rubbing against the house, garage or any other structures on the premises. Contractor is responsible for removing trimming and debris from site on the same day of service.

5. **Weeding:** Shrubbery beds, hedges, and the area around trees will be kept weed free.

C. FALL CLEAN-UP (ONE PER YEAR)

This will be the last clean-up service of the season and is to be completed after the majority of leaves have fallen. The Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee will be required to inspect and approve the fall clean-up.

1. A thorough clean-up of the entire lawn including raking of leaves, sticks, and debris. Vacuuming or equipment mounted devices may be used for fall clean-up.

2. Trimming/pruning of hedges, bushes, and ornamental trees. This is also to include trimming of vines from around trees.

3. Removal of all clippings, leaves, branches, and debris from site.

4. Spot thatch, seed, and repair any damaged areas where needed.

D. RIGHT TO REDUCE SERVICE

OPWDD reserves the right to delete locations from this contract or portions of services to location(s) in consultation with the Contractor. The Contract price will decrease to reflect these changes.

III. SERVICES NOT TO BE PERFORMED UNLESS SPECFICALLY REQUESTED / EXTRA SERVICES

"Extra Services" are **not** to be provided without prior authorization. Usage of chemicals is not included in this Scope of Work and is **not** to be provided without prior authorization. "Extra Services" such as: usage of chemicals; cutting down and removal of trees, bushes, shrubs, hedges, ornamental trees; brush hogging and/or trimming of brush; maintenance of flower and vegetable gardens; or major wind or storm damage clean-up may be requested by OPWDD. Contractor may provide a price quotation for these "Extra Services" upon request. "Extra Services" are not included in this contract. A purchase order authorizing services will be issued prior to commencement of services.

IV. DAMAGES

Damages to lawns, gardens, lawn fixtures, vehicles, or damages to any real or personal property resulting from Contractor's service, equipment or employees is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to be repaired or replaced to their original state. The Contractor must notify the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee immediately if damages occur.

The Contractor is responsible to have corrective action done in a timely fashion on any and all damage caused during the course of this contract to any and all New York State property within the areas specified by the contract, if it was caused by the Contractor or employees of the Contractor's company. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to trees, shrubs, or roadways within and leading to and from the property included in this specification, as well as lawns, fences, vehicles, other equipment, and any and all other items not specifically identified. This also includes damage done to New York State or personally owned vehicles of employees working at OPWDD. The Contractor will be responsible to report the damage to their private insurance company and exchange insurance information with the staff person if it was a personal vehicle.

Additionally, it will be considered that the Contractor caused the damage if it happens within the areas identified by this contract unless the Contractor makes immediate notification of the finding to the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee.

V. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor must perform all services associated with this specification to the satisfaction of OPWDD. The quality of service will be subject to inspection by OPWDD. If the quality of service is not satisfactory, and it be deemed that the Contractor is not meeting the requirements of this specification, the Contractor will be notified in writing of those deficiencies, and it will be the Contractor's responsibility to make the necessary corrections within ten days after receipt of such notice. In the event the Contractor does not correct the deficiencies within that period, OPWDD may terminate the contract, and employ another Contractor to complete the work. The existing Contractor will be liable to OPWDD for such costs and any costs over and above the contracted price.

The Contractor must cooperate with site managers and staff. The Contractor will comply with safety and security requirements imposed by the site. The Contractor and the Contactor's employees will adhere to all policies and regulations of OPWDD, including but not limited to smoking, parking, etc. The Contractor is to adhere to local/state noise control ordinances/laws.

All operations will be performed weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise requested by the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee. The Contractor may work on weekends only with prior approval by the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee. Arrangements for access will be made via the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee.

Any conditions found that prevent the Contractor from completing the work identified in this specification need to be discussed with the Residential Manager, Program Administrator, or designee.

The Contractor must provide a phone number for accepting calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This must be submitted with the bid and be available throughout the season. The Finger Lakes DDSOO Business Officer or their designee must be notified immediately of any phone number changes.

The Contractor must possess and provide, at no cost to the State, appropriate licenses and permits associated with the provision of lawn care and maintenance.

OPWDD will not be responsible for damage caused to the Contractor's equipment during the course of this contract unless it can be shown that OPWDD was notified of a condition not covered under this contract and did not make arrangements to correct it in a timely fashion.

VI. ASSIGNMENTS/SUB-CONTRACTING

The Contractor will not assign or sub-contract all or any part of said work without the express written permission of OPWDD's Business Office Administration.

VII. ACCOUNTING

Community Lawn Care and Maintenance service is based on **seasonal** pricing. The seasonal price for each cluster will be paid in six (6) equal installments. The first invoice each year is to be dated June 1st and subsequent invoices (July through November) are to be dated on the first of each month. Payment will be made after receipt of invoices as detailed in section VII. ACCOUNTING Part C. Invoices. The sixth and final payment each year will be processed once the final invoice is received and the fall clean-up is completed and any damages that may have been caused by the Contractor are satisfactorily repaired as detailed in Section IV. DAMAGES.

A. JOB TICKETS

Job tickets are not required; however, OPWDD reserves the right, at the discretion of the OPWDD Business Office, to implement the use of Job Tickets. If implemented, the Contractor would be required to complete a Job Ticket each and every time they are at any or all sites on the contract, have a site staff person sign off, and provide as directed to the OPWDD Business Office in order for payment to be made.

B. PREVAILING WAGES

Prevailing Wages apply to this contract. The PRC number for this contract is PRC # 2025900784. A copy of the Contractor's certified payroll is required to be submitted with invoices prior to payment for services rendered.

C. INVOICES

Invoices must indicate seasonal payment invoice # _ of 6, PO# OPD01- , contract number, the name of the site, the dates of service, and the type of service rendered. One itemized monthly invoice must be submitted for all sites within thirty (30) days of service to:

OPWDD Finger Lakes DDSOO
Unit ID: 3660235
C/O NYS OGS Business Services Center
Bldg. 5, 5th Floor
1220 Washington Ave.
Albany, New York 12226-0900

When submitting invoices electronically, please send to accountspayable@ogs.ny.gov.
eInvoicing information may be found at: https://bsc.ogs.ny.gov/nys-vendors

D. PAYMENT

Payment for invoices submitted by the Contractor will only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of the State Agency, in the sole discretion of the head of such State Agency, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment will be made in accordance with OSC's procedures and practices to authorize electronic payment.

Exhibit A-Cluster Information

Cluster 3-Ontario and Wayne Counties			
COUNTY	**SITE**	**ADDRESS**	**PHONE**
Ontario	Eagle Street IRA	32 Eagle Street, Phelps, NY 14532	315-548-7613
Ontario	Route 488 IRA	1505 Route 488, Phelps, NY 14532	315-548-8027
Ontario	East Main Street IRA	83 East Main Street, Clifton Springs, NY 14432	315-462-7032
Ontario	Martz Road IRA	5700 Martz Road, Farmington, NY 14425	315-986-4373
Ontario	Weigert Road IRA	869 Weigert Road, Farmington, NY 14425	585-924-0767
Ontario	Port Gibson IRA	112 Field Street, Port Gibson, NY 14537	315-331-6774
Wayne	Palmyra IRA	255 Cuyler Street, Palmyra, NY 14522	315-597-4484
Ontario	Sunray Crest IRA	6469 Sunray Crest Drive, Victor, NY 14564	585-924-4568
Ontario	Victor IRA	220 West Main Street, Victor, NY 14564	585-924-0767

Cost Proposal Form

Directions: In the spaces provided below, please provide pricing for all lawn care and maintenance services as outlined above in the Qualifications & Scope of Work for each site listed in the Cluster.

- Spring Clean-Up is done once per year, prior to the start of the season. Enter your price in Column (A) Spring Clean-Up ONE PER YEAR
- Lawn Care Maintenance includes mowing, removal of debris, raking, trimming, and weeding. See Scope of Work for more details. Enter your price in Column (B) Lawn Care Maintenance PER SEASON
- Fall Clean-Up is done once per year at the end of the season after the majority of the leaves have fallen. Enter your price in Column (C) Fall Clean-Up ONE PER YEAR
- For each site listed, ADD columns (A), (B), and (C) and enter the sum in Column (D) Total Cost Per Season Per Site
- ADD all the costs in Column (D) and enter your **Total Cost Per Season for Cluster 3** on line (E)

Do not alter the Cost Proposal Form in any way or your bid may be disqualified. Ensure that all entries are neat and legible. All Sites within the cluster must be serviced. Please see Pages 17 and 18, Section 17. Evaluation Criteria: Method of Award for more details. **Please be sure to complete the Signature portion of the Cost Proposal Form on page 26.**

CLUSTER 3 -ONTARIO AND WAYNE COUNTIES					
Site	**Address**	**Spring Clean-Up ONE PER YEAR (A)**	**Lawn Care Maintenance PER SEASON (B)**	**Fall Clean-Up ONE PER YEAR (C)**	**Total Cost Per Season Per Site (D)**
Eagle Street IRA	32 Eagle Street Phelps, NY 14532	$	$	$	$
Route 488 IRA	1505 Route 488 Phelps, NY 14532	$	$	$	$
East Main Street IRA	83 Main Street Clifton Springs, NY 14432	$	$	$	$
Martz Road IRA	5700 Martz Road Farmington, NY 14425	$	$	$	$
Weigert Road IRA	869 Weigert Road Farmington, NY 14425	$	$	$	$
Port Gibson IRA	112 Field Street Port Gibson, NY 14537	$	$	$	$
Palmyra IRA	255 Cuyler Street Palmyra, NY 14522	$	$	$	$
Sunray Crest IRA	6469 Sunray Crest Drive Victor, NY 14564	$	$	$	$
Victor IRA	220 West Main Street Victor, NY 14564	$	$	$	$
Total Cost Per Season for Cluster 3 (E)					$

Company Name: _____

Cost Proposal Signature Page

Bidder Signature	Print Name & Title

This bid is valid for _____ days (Bids shall be valid for not less than 180 days)

Name of Company:		
Address:		
Federal ID Number:	Telephone:	
Date:	Email:	

No-Bid Form

Bidders choosing not to bid are requested to complete and return only this form.

☐ We do not provide the requested services. Please remove our firm from your mailing list.

☐ We are unable to bid at this time because:

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☐ Please retain our firm on your mailing list.

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(Firm Name)

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(Signature) (Date)

_____ _____
(Print Name) (Title)

_____ _____
(E-mail) (Telephone)

Failure to respond to bid invitations may result in your firm being removed from our mailing lists.