



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**

Procurement Number	3160004103
Procurement Name	Invitation for Bids for Lawn and Landscaping Services
Procurement Release Date	January 21, 2021
Response Due Date and Time	March 5, 2021 by 2:00 PM CST
Contract Effective Date	July 1, 2021
Evaluation Report Posting Date	March 23, 2021

The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration's (DFA) Office of Procurement and Contracts issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to secure a vendor to provide Lawn and Landscaping Services for certain properties owned and operated by the State of Mississippi. These services are to be provided for the Office of Capitol Facilities within DFA. The awarded contract term will be four (4) years with one (1) optional renewal year. The work shall consist of lawn and landscaping services at the following properties:

1. The Museum District which includes the grounds adjacent to the Mississippi Museums, the William Winter Building, and the Winter Central Mechanical Plant;
2. The Old Capitol Green area consisting of the War Memorial Building, the Old Capitol, and the Charlotte Capers Office Building;
3. The GM&O Depot/Naval Reserve Record Center, including the Jefferson Street Parking Lot
4. The Central High School grounds; and,
5. The Joseph Properties located at 620 and 660 North State Street and 700 North State Street.

Additionally, through Amendment Number 2, the Sillers/Gartin Block was added as an alternate services location. As clarified in the Amendment, the contract will be awarded based on the main

properties and DFA reserves the right to negotiate with the selected Bidder for services at the alternate property.

All work of this contract shall be performed on a scheduled basis and under the direct supervision of experienced and qualified Contractor personnel. Services include lawn mowing, weed removal, blowing of grass clippings, lawn irrigation, and the removal of leaves, twigs and branches. All specifications related to the services provided are dictated by the Museum District Landscape Management Plan and the Old Capitol Green Landscape Management Plan. The IFB required the winning vendor have five (5) years' successful, previous experience providing similar services at one or more properties of comparable size, specific licenses and insurance coverages.

The DFA Office of Procurement and Contracts released the IFB for Lawn and Landscaping Services/Rfx 3160004103 on January 21, 2021. In response to the IFB, DFA received five (5) sealed bids on March 5, 2021 from the following vendors:

1. GC Logistics, LLC;
2. Plantscape Inc. d/b/a US Lawns of Jackson;
3. Pro-Quality Lawn and Landscape;
4. Rotolo Consultants, Inc.; and,
5. The Grounds Guys of Jackson, MS

DFA opened bids on March 5, 2021. The bids were ranked as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>4-Year Total</b>
1. The Grounds Guys of Jackson, Mississippi	\$140,000.00
2. GC Logistics, LLC	\$285,272.15
3. Plantscape Inc. d/b/a US Lawns of Jackson	\$333,261.00
4. Rotolo Consultants, Inc.	\$383,487.51
5. Pro-Quality Lawn and Landscape	\$396,000.00

The DFA Office of Procurement and Contracts reviewed each bid submitted. The bid submitted by The Grounds Guys of Jackson, Mississippi was declared to be non-responsive and did not receive further consideration. Additionally, the bid submitted by GC Logistics, LLC was declared non-responsive and did not receive further evaluation. The three remaining bids were reviewed and it was determined that all three (3) of the remaining bids were responsive to the IFB and met the minimum qualifications set forth in the IFB.

Based on review, and having submitted the lowest, responsive and responsible bid, the DFA Office of Procurement and Contracts recommends the contract for Lawn and Landscaping services be awarded to Plantscape Inc. d/b/a US Lawns of Jackson.