

Bid Notice

Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager of the City of Seaford, 414 High Street, Seaford, DE 19973, until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, for **“2023 Front Mount Mower including a snow blower attachment”**. All bids will be opened in the City Council Chambers and read aloud at this time. The City Manager and staff will then evaluate them for compliance.

The bids may be presented to the Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, 414 High Street. They may be awarded at this time. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed ATTN: Charles Anderson, City Manager, City of Seaford, P.O. Box 1100, Seaford, DE 19973. The outside of the envelope must be marked **“Attn: City Manager, “2023 Front Mount Mower including a snow blower attachment”** and the bidder’s name shall be shown thereon. All proposals must be made on the bid form provided in the specifications. All proposals must conform to the bid documents. Any exceptions must be specifically listed by the bidder and will be evaluated for suitability and acceptance is at the sole discretion of the owner.

Complete specifications and contract documents will be available at the City of Seaford, 414 High Street, Seaford, Delaware 19973. Copies may be obtained by calling Tracy Torbert, City Clerk at (302) 629-9173

No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled time from the receipt of bids for a period of thirty days. The City of Seaford reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any or all informalities in any bid or bids.

City of Seaford
Charles Anderson
City Manager

INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

BIDS will be received by the City of Seaford (herein called the “Owner”) at the office of the **City Manager, City Hall, 414 High Street, Seaford, Delaware until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023**, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDDERS are advised that the bid is for a new 2023 Front Mount Mower and snowblower for the City Parks Department as described in this specification.

Each BID must be submitted in a **sealed envelope**, addressed to the City Manager, City of Seaford, City Hall, 414 High Street, P.O. Box 1100, Seaford, DE 19973. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be **plainly marked on the outside as “Attn: City Manager – 2023 Front Mount Mower including a snow blower attachment” and the envelope should bear on the outside the name of the BIDDER and their address.** If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the BID must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the OWNER. Any BID received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

All BIDS must be made on the required BID proposal form. All blank spaces for BID prices must be filled in, in ink, or type written, and the BID form must be fully completed and executed when submitted. One copy of the BID form is required. BIDS and/or alternate bids submitted by FAX will not be accepted.

The OWNER may waive any informalities or minor defects or reject any and all BIDS. Any BID may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of the BIDS or authorized postponement thereof. No BIDDER may withdraw a BID within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

BIDDERS must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the required work in the BID documents by a review of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. After BIDS have been submitted, the BIDDER shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the specifics outlined in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Information obtained from an officer, agent or employee of the OWNER or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the CONTRACTOR or relieve them from fulfilling any of the conditions of the contract.

The OWNER may make such investigation as they deem necessary to determine the ability of the BIDDER to provide the necessary materials and/or labor and equipment to carry out the work and the BIDDER shall furnish to the OWNER all such information for this purpose as the OWNER may request. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any BID if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such BIDDER fails to satisfy the OWNER that such BIDDER is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement. A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted.

Award may be made to the lowest, responsible BIDDER. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The bids may be presented to the Mayor and Council at their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, 414 High Street, Seaford, DE.

Each BIDDER is responsible for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure of the BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation respective to their BID.

City of Seaford Parks & Recreation Mowing Equipment Technical Specifications

APPLICATIONS

The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for the ground's maintenance of 6 parks, 6 ball fields, and multiple vacant lots, throughout the City. Large open field parcels are normally handled using tractors with bush hog type mowers. Smaller park areas are cut using commercial finishing mowers. During the mowing season, equipment is in continuous operation 5 days per week.

SPECIFICATIONS

Distributor Requirements

- The successful bidder shall be a licensed dealer / distributor of the proposed equipment.
- The successful bidder shall maintain a store front and be located within 20 miles of Seaford.
- The successful bidder shall maintain an inventory of common replacement parts for the proposed equipment including belts, filters, cutting blades, and other common wear parts.
- The successful bidder shall offer full on-site repair and maintenance services of the proposed equipment with a 72-hour turn-around time on most repairs.

Equipment General

- The proposed equipment shall be a new 2023 model year.
- The proposed equipment shall be a John Deere 1550 TerrainCut 4wd Mower (or approved equal).
- The proposed equipment shall be a Front-mount deck, rear engine configuration.

- The proposed equipment shall be equipped with internal wet disk brakes with a standard locking master brake.
- The proposed equipment shall be equipped with hydraulic cylinder controls for smoother speed and steering control.
- The proposed equipment shall be equipped with a high back full suspension seat with arm rests to reduce operator fatigue.
- The proposed equipment drive tires shall be of a non-aggressive turf tire tread design.
- The proposed equipment shall have a minimum factory rated travel speed of 12 mph forward and 5mph reverse.
- The proposed equipment shall have a minimum fuel tank capacity of 16 gallons and be capable of 8 hours of continuous cutting operation.
- The proposed equipment shall be equipped with removable front caster arms with flat free tires which are easily replaced when damaged.
- The equipment's hydraulic pumps and wheel motors shall be separate components. The pumps shall have a minimum rated capacity of 5.1 gpm.
- The proposed equipment shall have a large capacity hydraulic oil cooler.
- The proposed equipment shall be provided with a minimum two-year factory warranty.
- The proposed equipment shall have the option to hold a trash receptacle kit.

Cutting Deck

- The mower deck shall have a cutting width of 72+/- inches and the rated acres per hour cutting capacity shall be provided with the submittal.
- The mower deck shall either have a stamped deck or welded deck.
- The mower deck shall, at a minimum, be constructed of 10-gauge steel top and 7-gauge steel skirts.
- The mower deck shall have a capable cutting height from 1 to 6 inches.
- The mower deck shall be of a medium lift side discharge design.
- The mower deck shall have a minimum blade tip speed of 18,000 feet per minute.
- The mower deck shall be equipped with front and rear rollers to prevent "scalping" of the turf.
- The blade spindles shall be greaseable spindles and not sealed spindles.

Engine (the description is for each mower)

- The engine shall be a diesel-powered engine rated at a minimum of 25-hp
- The engine shall be equipped with a canister dual element air filter.
- The engine shall be equipped with a Run Time Hour meter.

Snowblower Attachment

- The snowblower shall be compatible to mount to the John Deere 1550 (or approved equal)
- The snowblower shall have a minimum clearing width of 47 inches.
- The snowblower shall be a two- stage design

Spare Parts

- The equipment shall be furnished with a spare set of factory cutting blades identical to those provided on the equipment. (No after market blades).
- The equipment shall be furnished with two complete sets of keys.

Manuals

- The equipment shall be furnished with an Owner / Operating Manual and a Parts Manual.

Parts Pricing

- Along with the bid the Bidder shall provide current prices for the following replacement / repair parts: factory cutting blades, cutting deck drive belt, front spindle and wheel/tire assembly.

Additional Requirements

- The successful bidder shall be responsible for the safe delivery of the equipment to the prospective departments.
- The successful bidder shall provide up to 1 hour of training for each piece of equipment provided. This training shall be at a scheduled time and place acceptable to the Department head. Training shall include control orientation, safety, maintenance requirements, and hands-on operation of the equipment by the Department staff. Training shall be provided at the City of Seaford Parks Department shop located at 320 Virginia Avenue, Seaford, DE 19973.

Trade-In Information

The bid proposal form also requests a trade in value for a 1985 Kubota M4050 tractor with a Woods 72 rotary cutter (bush hog) with approximately 4561 hours, a 2014 Snapper Pro S800x with a 61inch mower deck as well as a 60inch snowblower with approximately 1649 hours. This is existing Parks Department equipment. The City is requesting that bidders provide a trade-in value for the above equipment that can be deducted from the price of the new equipment to be purchased. Based on the bids received, the City at its discretion can accept the trade-in value provided by the bidder as a deduction to the purchase price of the new mowers or reject the trade in option and purchase the mowers for the bid price submitted. Inspection of the existing mowers is strongly suggested prior to bidding. Inspections can be scheduled Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. by contacting Bobby Holston, Parks Coordinator @ (302) 853-2240.

**City of Seaford
Parks & Recreation Mowing Equipment
Bid Submittal Form**

Manufacturer Make or Brand: _____

Mower Model: _____

Price (including delivery): \$ _____

Snowblower Manufacturer Make or Brand: _____

Snowblower Model: _____

Price (including delivery): \$ _____

Trade Allowance (for all three mowers) \$ _____

Total w/ Trade Allowance \$ _____

SPARE PART PRICING:

Factory Cutting Blades (full set) \$ _____

Cutting Deck Belt \$ _____

Front Spindle, Wheel, & Tire Assembly \$ _____

SPECIFICATIONS

Factory Rated Travel Speed _____ mph

Factory Rated Mowing Speed _____ mph

Hydraulic pump capacity _____ cc

Cutting Deck Width _____ inches

Manufacturer Rated Cutting Capacity _____ acres per hour

Cutting Deck Blade Tip Speed _____ feet per second

Engine Manufacturer _____

Engine Rated Horsepower _____ hp

Machine Shipping Weight _____ pounds

Bid Preparers Name

(Typed or Printed)

Bidder's Signature

Date

Dealer / Distributor Name:

Physical Address:

Phone Number:

Contact Name:
