



Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

2- NEW COMMERCIAL 61" ZERO-TURN RIDING MOWERS & 1-NEW COMMERCIAL 52" STAND-ON MOWER

Sealed proposals for the above will be accepted in the Office of the Director of Public Works, 2050 Davisville Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852, until **10:00 a.m. October 31, 2014**, and will then be publicly opened and read aloud.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 10:00 AM DEADLINE.

The bids will be evaluated as to R.I.G.L. 45-55-5. (2) "Competitive Sealed Bidding" and the award shall be made on the basis of the lowest evaluated or responsive bid price.

The Town of North Kingstown reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or parts thereof; to waive any formality in same, or accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of North Kingstown will provide interpreters for the hearing impaired at any pre-bid or bid opening, provided a request is received three (3) days prior to said meeting by calling 294-3331, ext. 601.

Kim Jones
Public Works Programs Coordinator

SELECTION CRITERIA

The bid will be evaluated as to R.I.G.L. 45-55-5. (2) "Competitive Sealed Bidding" and the award shall be made on the basis of the lowest evaluated or responsive bid price.

The following factors will be considered in determining the lowest evaluated or responsive bid price:

Bid price;

Meets or exceeds bid specifications;

Delivery date;

Warranty/Guarantee;

Distance from Town for warranty service;

Past performance by brand name bid;

Early payment discount offered.

TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

ARTICLE 1. RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids must be submitted in SEALED ENVELOPES, addressed to the Office of the Director of Public Works, 2050 Davisville Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852, and clearly marked with the name of the item bid, and the date and time of opening. Bids will be received by the Public Works Department up to the specified time as noted on the Invitation to Bid, and publicly opened and read aloud at the specified time.

Proposals submitted for a specified item must not be combined under the same cover with any other bid item.

It is the bidder's responsibility to see that his bid is delivered within the time and at the place prescribed. Proposals received prior to the time of opening will be securely kept unopened. No responsibility will attach to any officer or person for the premature opening of a proposal not properly addressed and identified.

Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered, by messenger or by mail; even if it is determined by the Town that such non-arrival before the time set for opening was due solely to delay in the mails for which the bidder is not responsible.

Conditional or qualified bids will not be accepted.

ARTICLE 2. PREPARATION OF BID

Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, both in words and figures. Erasures or other changes must be explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.

Each bid must be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly labeled, so as to guard against opening prior to the time set therefore.

The Town may consider any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, toward any item, group of items, or total bid; to waive any technical defect or formality in same, or to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

In the event more than one item is requested and/or listed on the Proposal Form, bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town reserves the right to make award on an item for item basis or aggregately, whichever may be in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 3. TELEGRAPHIC MODIFICATION

Telephonic, telegraphic or oral bids, amendments or withdrawals will not be accepted.

ARTICLE 4. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Bids may be withdrawn personally or by written request at any time prior to the time specified for the opening. Bids may be modified in the same manner. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right of withdrawal or modification of his bid after such bid has been opened.

ARTICLE 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BIDDER

The Town reserves the right to request each bidder to present evidence that he is normally engaged in purveying the type of product

or equipment bid on. No bid shall be considered from bidders who are unable to show that they are normally engaged in purveying the type of product or equipment specified in the bid proposal.

To receive full consideration, the bidder must submit literature and necessary details, when applicable, on the material or service he proposes to furnish in order that the Town may have full information available when analyzing the proposals.

ARTICLE 6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE BIDDER

At the time of opening of bids, each bidder will be presumed to have inspected the Specifications and Contract Documents (including all Addenda) which has been sent to the address given by such bidder. The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine any form, instrument, or document or to inspect any item specified as a Trade-in shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to his bid.

Any exceptions or deviations from the provisions contained in this Specification must be explained in detail and attached to proposal. If such deviations do not depart from the intent of this notice and are in the best interest of the Town, the proposal will receive careful consideration.

ARTICLE 7. "OR EQUAL" BIDDING

The Town intends to permit liberal scope in bidding and specifically does not intend to limit bidding to any single make or model. Whenever a material, article or piece of equipment is identified by reference to manufacturers' or vendors' names, trade names, catalogue numbers, etc., it is intended merely to establish a standard; and any proposed material, article, or equipment of other manufacturers and vendors which will perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design will be considered equally acceptable provided it is in the opinion of the Town to be of equal substance and function.

ARTICLE 8. PRICES

Bidders shall state the proposed price in the manner as designated in the Bid Proposal Form. In the event that there is a discrepancy between unit prices and the extended totals, the unit prices shall govern. In the event that there is a discrepancy between the price written in words and written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.

In the event a column headed "Vendor's Offering" is provided in the bid proposal, enter your offering, compliance or non-compliance in each space. **DO NOT** enter dollar amounts.

The prices in this bid shall be irrevocable for ninety (90) days, or until the bid is awarded by the Town Council. After award by the Town Council, said prices shall then remain firm for the duration of the Contract.

ARTICLE 9. TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Town is exempt from payment of the Rhode Island Sales Tax under the 1956 General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 44-18-30 Para. I, as amended. The Town is exempt from payment of Federal Excise Taxes. The prices bid must be exclusive of taxes and will be so construed. Exemption certificates will be completed as required by the successful bidder.

ARTICLE 10. DELIVERY

Delivery shall be F.O.B. North Kingstown, Rhode Island or as specified on the Bid Proposal Form.

ARTICLE 11. LAWS, ORDINANCES AND CODES

All applicable Federal and State Laws, Ordinances and Codes of the Town of North Kingstown and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over this Project shall apply to this contract the same as though written herein in full.

The Town of North Kingstown will not award the Contract to any Contractor who is, at the time, ineligible under the provisions of any applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, or is not qualified under applicable Ordinances of the Town of North Kingstown, or the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

GENERAL NOTES

The Town is seeking to purchase two (2) new commercial 61" Zero-turn, side discharging riding mowers and one (1) new commercial 52" stand-on rotary mower as described herein.

These specifications are intended to set minimum requirements. Any makes and models that meet or exceed the specifications will be considered, provided adequate information is included in the bid return.

Line by line items is included in the bid. Each line must be filled in, yes or no, with any exceptions noted.

Delivery dates will be adhered to. Past performance by vendors meeting delivery dates will be considered in this bid evaluation.

If the vendor wishes to submit more than one bid for a Bid Option, these specifications may be duplicated for that purpose. The Town of North Kingstown reserves the right to award each Bid Option separately to overall lowest responsive bidder for each bid option, or as one award, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

There are trade-ins of mowers as designated. All trade-ins are "as is", "where is".

Vendors are advised to thoroughly view the trade-ins before submitting prices. The failure or omission of any bidder to inspect said vehicles to be traded shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation with respect to this bid.

An appointment may be made to view the trade-ins by calling (401) 295-4857, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TRADE-INS

TRADE-IN INFORMATION

There are 3 STWC61A-27CV Scag Mowers to be traded in for this bid; mower serial numbers and hours on each machine are described below for each bid option. Machines can be viewed at Wilson Park Facility, Roosevelt Ave, North Kingstown, RI, by appointment. To set up an appointment, contact Jim Almeida at (401) 295-4857.

BID OPTION I:

#1: *Serial Number: 9660678 with 2364 hours, AS IS, WHERE IS;*

#2: *Serial Number: 9661342 with 2522 hours, AS IS, WHERE IS;*

BID OPTION II:

#3: *Serial Number: 9661346 with 2176 hours, AS IS, WHERE IS.*

BID SPECIFICATIONS
BID OPTION I

TWO NEW COMMERCIAL 61" ZERO-TURN, SIDE-DISCHARGING RIDING MOWERS

It is the intent of these specifications to describe a new 61" commercial zero-turn, side discharge, rotary, gas mower. Any makes and models that meet or exceed the specifications will be considered, provided adequate information is included. Line by line items included with the bid; each line should be filled in, yes or no, and any exceptions should be noted.

<u>Standard Specifications:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Engine:			
Briggs & Stratton Commercial Turf Series, 27hp, air cooled; cyclonic air cleaner filtration	_____	_____	_____
Engine oil drain	_____	_____	_____
Instruments:			
▪ Hour meter	_____	_____	_____
▪ Voltmeter	_____	_____	_____
▪ Warning light and alarm for oil pressure	_____	_____	_____
▪ Warning light and alarm for water temperature (if liquid cooled)	_____	_____	_____
▪ Fuel – gas, minimum tank capacity 7 US gallons	_____	_____	_____
2. Drive System:			
Two (2) Hydro-gear pumps; 10cc displacement	_____	_____	_____
Two (2) Parker high torque, cast iron wheel motors	_____	_____	_____
Interlock parking brake system	_____	_____	_____
Speed forward – 0 – 10 mph	_____	_____	_____
Reverse – 0 – 4.5 mph	_____	_____	_____
Steering – twin standard levers with smooth control dampers	_____	_____	_____
3. Chassis:			
Suspension – Four wheel, 2 caster type front; 2 drive wheels rear	_____	_____	_____
Frame – fully-welded unitized steel main frame	_____	_____	_____
Replaceable front caster extension	_____	_____	_____
Tires – <i>Front</i> –flat-free caster, 13"x6.5x6; <i>Rear</i> - drive, 24"x12x12 – turf type	_____	_____	_____
Tapered roller bearings in front caster wheel axle and caster yoke pivots	_____	_____	_____
4. Control/Safety Group:			
Quick-fit steering levers	_____	_____	_____
Seat actuated engine kill switch	_____	_____	_____
BBC switch	_____	_____	_____
Neutral and parking brake safety circuit	_____	_____	_____
Foldable Rollover Protection System	_____	_____	_____
Retractable seatbelts	_____	_____	_____
5. Mower Deck:			
Size – 61"minimum	_____	_____	_____
Construction – tri-plate fabricated and welded; minimum 7-gauge steel	_____	_____	_____
PTO – electric clutch	_____	_____	_____

VENDOR NAME

(Specifications continued)	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Split steel design drive/load pulleys	_____	_____	_____
Adjustable custom cut baffle system; belt driven cutter deck drive	_____	_____	_____
Cutting heights – 1 " – 5.0" in ¼" increments	_____	_____	_____
Blades – 3-Marbain blades	_____	_____	_____
360° rotating, anti-scalp wheels	_____	_____	_____
Operator Controlled Discharge Chute (OCDC)	_____	_____	_____
<u>6. Additional Features:</u>			
Seat – mid-back “soft ride”, adjustable	_____	_____	_____
Fabric, 3-bag spindle drive high capacity grass catcher	_____	_____	_____
<u>7.Warranties:</u>			
Engine: 2-year manufacturer’s warranty	_____	_____	_____
Balance of Machine: 2-year on parts and labor; excluding blades, belts, & tires	_____	_____	_____
<u>8. Additional Requirements:</u>			
Unit to be fully assembled, serviced and ready for operation	_____	_____	_____
Unit shall meet all State & Federal regulations	_____	_____	_____
Bidder to be factory authorized dealer with factory authorized service and parts center for all items bid	_____	_____	_____
Bidder shall supply one (1) Shop Service Manual, one (1) Master Parts Manual and two (2) Operator’s Manual for each item bid	_____	_____	_____

VENDOR NAME: _____

TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
BID OPTION I
PROPOSAL FORM

To: Town of North Kingstown
80 Boston Neck Road
North Kingstown RI 02852-5762

I, (We), the undersigned, agree to furnish to the Town of North Kingstown, two new commercial 61" zero-turn, side discharge, rotary, riding gas mowers, according to the specifications:

Manufacturer _____ Model: _____

_____ \$ _____
(Price in words **per** mower) (Price in figures **per** mower)

Total Price for two:: \$ _____

Less Trade-In #1 *Serial Number: 9660678 with 2364 hours* \$ _____

Less Trade In #2 *Serial Number: 9661342 with 2522 hours* \$ _____

Total Net Bid Price: \$ _____

Warrantee/Guarantee: _____

DELIVERY DATE: _____

TERMS: _____

DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

(Please print name and title)

TEL: _____ DATE: _____

BID SPECIFICATIONS
BID OPTION II

NEW COMMERCIAL 52" STAND-ON MOWER

It is the intent of these specifications to describe a new commercial 52" stand-on mowing machine. Any makes and models that meet or exceed the specifications will be considered, provided adequate information is included. Line by line items included with the bid; each line should be filled in, yes or no, and any exceptions should be noted.

<u>Standard Specifications:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>1. Engine:</u>			
26hp Kawasaki FX air cooled	_____	_____	_____
Solenoid shift electric starter	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary canister air filter system	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary hydraulic oil cooler	_____	_____	_____
Instruments:			
▪ Hour meter	_____	_____	_____
▪ PTO switch	_____	_____	_____
▪ Drive & Neutral lever	_____	_____	_____
▪ Fuel – gas, min. tank capacity 5 US gallons	_____	_____	_____
 <u>2. Drive System:</u>			
Dual 10cc heavy duty hydraulic drive pumps	_____	_____	_____
Dual 12ci cast iron high-torque wheel motors	_____	_____	_____
Interlock parking brake system	_____	_____	_____
Speed forward – 0 – 7 mph	_____	_____	_____
Reverse – 0 – 4 mph	_____	_____	_____
Steering – large diameter, padded steering control levers	_____	_____	_____
 <u>3. Chassis:</u>			
Suspension – Four wheel, 2 caster type front; 2 drive wheels rear	_____	_____	_____
Adjustable coil suspension operator platform	_____	_____	_____
Tires – <i>Front</i> – 11x4-5 Flat-Free caster tires;	_____	_____	_____
<i>Rear</i> - drive, 20x10.5-8" – 4-ply turf tires	_____	_____	_____
Tapered roller bearings in front caster wheel axle and caster yoke pivots	_____	_____	_____
 <u>4. Mower Deck:</u>			
Size – 52" minimum	_____	_____	_____
Construction – tri-plate fabricated and welded; minimum 7-gauge steel	_____	_____	_____
PTO clutch brake	_____	_____	_____
Split steel design drive/load pulleys	_____	_____	_____
Self-adjusting belt systems	_____	_____	_____
Custom-cut baffle and deck leveling adjustment brackets	_____	_____	_____
Cutting heights – 1½" – 4½" in ¼" increments	_____	_____	_____
Blades – 3-Marbain blades	_____	_____	_____
Laser cut, vented rear panel	_____	_____	_____
 <u>7. Warranties:</u>			
Engine: 2-year manufacturer's warranty	_____	_____	_____
Balance of Machine: 2-year on parts and labor; excluding blades, belts, & tires	_____	_____	_____

VENDOR NAME:

(Specifications continued)

Yes

No

Comments

8. Additional Requirements:

Unit to be fully assembled, serviced and ready for operation

Unit shall meet all State & Federal regulations

Bidder to be factory authorized dealer with factory authorized service and parts center for all items bid

Bidder shall supply one (1) Shop Service Manual, one (1) Master Parts Manual and two (2)

Operator's Manual for each item bid

VENDOR NAME:

TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
BID OPTION II
PROPOSAL FORM

To: Town of North Kingstown
80 Boston Neck Road
North Kingstown RI 02852-5762

I, (We), the undersigned, agree to furnish to the Town of North Kingstown, one new 52" commercial stand-on rotary gas mower, according to the specifications:

Manufacturer _____ Model: _____

(Price in words) \$ _____
(Price in figures)

Less Trade-In *Serial Number: 9661346 with 2176 hours* \$ _____

Total Net Bid Price : \$ _____

Warrantee/Guarantee: _____

DELIVERY DATE: _____

TERMS: _____

DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

(Please print name and title)

TEL: _____ DATE: _____