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November 14, 2006

NOTICE
TO
CONTRACT NO. 071B7200057
between
THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
and

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Contract Compliance Inspector: Gary King (517) 373-9747 Kingg1@michigan.gov **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Tree Removals – Department of Agriculture**	
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FOR THE VENDOR:	**FOR THE STATE:**
Consumers Energy Company Firm Name	Signature
Authorized Agent Signature	**William C. Walsh, CPPB, Buyer Manager** Name/Title
Authorized Agent (Print or Type)	**Services Division, Purchasing Operations** Department
Date	Date

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Article1 – Statement of Work (SOW)

1.0 Project Identification

1.001 SOLICITATION TYPE

This document contains or incorporates defined requirements, the specification and scope of work, and all contractual terms and conditions. State and Contractor understand that negotiations may be required with respect to any aspect of the requirements, specifications, and scope of work.

1.002 PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

This Contract is for the pre-qualification of the Contractor for the take down and removal of ash trees on public and private property in support of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) eradication program strategies of containment and suppression of EAB populations. Individual Contracts will be issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture when tree removal is necessary.

1.003 PROJECT CONTROL

a. The Contractor will carry out this project under the direction and control of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

b. Although there will be continuous liaison with the Contractor team, the client agency's project director will meet daily with the Contractor's project manager for the purpose of reviewing progress, assessing needs for balloon sites, ground guidance staff and providing necessary guidance to the Contractor in solving problems that arise.

1.004 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

Contractor shall show acceptance of this agreement by signing both copies of this Contract and returning it to the Contract Administrator. Contractor shall not proceed with performance of the work to be done under this agreement, including the purchase of necessary materials, until both parties have signed this agreement to show acceptance of its terms.

1.1 Product Quality

1.101 SPECIFICATIONS

A. STATEMENT OF WORK

1. The Contractor will furnish and transport all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to remove, chip and haul away infested trees as designated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) as described herein and pursuant to terms, conditions and specifications. The Contractor will also be responsible for obtaining all necessary insurance, licenses, permits, payment of fees, taxes and administration associated with the performance of this Contract.

2. The Contractor will have on-site supervisory personnel present at the work site at all times while the work is being performed. Such supervisory personnel shall receive and promptly execute all orders or direction from MDA whether work is being performed by the Contractor or its subcontractor.

3. The Contractor will be notified of trees to be removed on an as needed basis. Any work done without designation from MDA will be deemed unauthorized and the State will not accept responsibility for any unauthorized work. Any Contractor's personnel observed working on unauthorized property shall be removed from the job site and prohibited from working on this Contract.

4. MDA will have sole authority over the disposition of all wood materials.

B. REMOVAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. **GENERAL:** The Contractor shall perform the following work for each tree removal.

   a. Remove all trees designated by MDA.

   b. Contractor must be able to accomplish Contract objectives by specified date.

   c. Contractor must provide a single contact person to coordinate with MDA, and provide supervision for contractor employees at the jobsite. Said person must be present at all times of operation.

   d. Contractor must repair, replace, or otherwise compensate for damage to non-target trees and physical elements of the surroundings that are damaged by the take down operation.

   e. Contractor must pick up and chip all fallen branches in areas of tree, yard and surrounding areas. All debris shall be removed from the site.

   f. Transport and dispose of all tree(s), stump(s) and chipped material and debris as directed by MDA.

   g. Trees and stumps must be removed using acceptable industry practices for such removal. Contractor should expect that it might be necessary to climb trees to perform the tree removal for this specification.

   h. Contractor must be able to cut logs as necessary to accommodate related operations, such as cutting to length to fit grinder or log trucks for transport elsewhere.

   i. Contractor may be required to provide log transportation as directed by MDA as specified on Tree Inventory Form.

   j. The Contractor's equipment, ladders, saws, chippers and tools must not be left unattended at any time. All equipment and tools must be stored in such a manner to ensure that residents and the public do not have access to them.

2. **LOGGING/WOODLOT**

   a. Remaining stump(s) must not exceed 4 inches in height from ground on all sides. This must be done without undue damage to other non-target trees and the surrounding environment.

   b. Contractor shall be responsible to restore land, ditches, roadways, staging areas and any other land features affected by the actions of the logger, to their original condition by date specified in the project. Oil spills or other environmental damages are the responsibility of the Contractor.

   c. Contractor may not use ash wood chips, logs or any tree parts for supporting the operation, such as bridging ditches, filling hollows for skidding logs etc. All ash tree materials are subject to disposition at the direction of MDA.

   d. Contractor must obtain and have in possession all necessary permits to move equipment, alter roadway ditches for access to targeted area prior to start of project.

   e. Contractor will be responsible for providing all necessary road hazard signage and meeting all regulations applicable for movement of equipment on roadways and use of roadways during the logging or staging operation.

   f. Contractor must conduct operations in compliance with all applicable safety and environmental regulations.

3. **LANDSCAPE**

a. Stump Grinding: Grind out each tree stump to 10" below grade and remove all of the surrounding surface roots within 36" of the circumference of the existing tree stump. Excavate and backfill the stump hole(s) with soil so that it is even with the surrounding terrain.

b. Clean, sweep and restore to the condition existing prior to the removal operations all areas of paving, lawns, walkways, sidewalks, fixtures, fences, etc. that have been damaged, dirtied, altered or displaced by the tree or stump removal work.

c. Driveways and alleys are not to be blocked with generated tree or stump debris beyond the time to complete required work on that site and shall at no time remain over night.

d. The Contractor must relocate any fixtures or property (including but not limited to fences, furniture, gates, etc.) necessary to complete the tree removal work. Any fixtures or property removed or altered shall be returned to its original site, repaired to its original condition, or if it is unable to be repaired, then replaced with an item of equal or better quality, prior to the onset of darkness each day and prior to the end of the removal operation for the day. Contractor shall be responsible for security and all related losses until security has been restored as required.

e. Safety Precautions-General: The Contractor will perform the work with due care taking precautions against injury to persons, damage to property and interference with vehicular or pedestrian traffic. The Contractor shall take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of all persons engaged in the work of this Contract. The Contractor shall protect against damage to all existing trees, plants, grass, vegetation and other fixtures.

f. Protection of Utilities-The Contractor is responsible for notifying the public utility companies (i.e. telephone, electric, gas, and cable) when needed to ensure the safe removal of the tree to avoid causing fires, shocks or sparks damage to wires, cables, poles, boxes or other equipment owned or operated by the public utility companies. The Contractor is also responsible for notifying the utility companies as to when service can be restored and to cooperate with the utility companies to ensure service is restored prior to nightfall each day. The Contractor shall, upon request, provide MDA with its contact names at each utility company.

1) The Contractor shall inform him/herself of the locations of all utilities in the vicinity of the assigned sites of each tree and stump removal and take suitable care to protect and prevent damage to such utilities from their operations under this Contract.

2) When performing tree and stump removal adjacent to existing sewers, drains, water and gas lines, electric or telephone or telegraph conduits or cables, poles which are to remain in operation, the Contractor shall maintain such utility equipment and structures in place at their own expense and shall cooperate with utility companies, homeowners, or other parties owning or operating such utility equipment or structures.

3) The Contractor shall be responsible for and shall repair all damage to any such utility equipment or structures caused by his acts, or his omission to act, whether negligent or otherwise shall leave such utility equipment or structure in the condition they were prior to the commencement of his operations under this Contract. It is hereby agreed that any such utility equipment or structures damaged as a result of any act, or omission to act, of the Contractor may, at the option of the utility company, homeowner, or other party owning or operating such utility equipment or structures damaged , be repaired by the utility company, or other party and in such event the cost of such repairs shall be borne by the Contractor.

C. REPORTING

The Tree Inventory Form will be used to certify completion of work by the Contractor and shall require the signatures of both the Contractor and the MDA representative.

D. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

1. The State and the Contractor hereby agree to the specific standards set forth in this Contract. It is agreed between the Contractor and the State that the actual damages to the State as a result of Contractor's failure to provide promised services would be difficult or impossible to determine with accuracy. The State and the Contractor therefore agree that liquidated damages as set out herein shall be a reasonable approximation of the damages that shall be suffered by the State as a result thereof. Accordingly, in the event of such damages, at the written direction of the State, the Contractor shall pay the State the indicated amount as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty. Amounts due the State as liquidated damages, if not paid by the Contractor within fifteen (15) days of notification of assessment, may be deducted by the State from any money payable to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The State will notify the Contractor in writing of any claim for liquidated damages pursuant to this paragraph on or before the date the State deducts such sums from money payable to the Contractor. No delay by the State in assessing or collecting liquidated damages shall be construed as a waiver of such rights.

2. The Contractor shall not be liable for liquidated damages when, in the opinion of the State, incidents or delays result directly from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God, fires, floods, epidemics, and labor unrest; but in every case the delays must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

3. Liquidated damages will be assessed as follows:

   Non-target trees damaged in excess of 25% of circumference or 25% of tree crown will be assessed triple the stumpage value for that species. Value for damaged tree(s) will be determined using the most current DNR Report of Stumpage prices for saw logs for the Northern Lower Peninsula for the exact or similar species. Payment for damage to non-target tree(s) must be made directly to the landowner by the Contractor. This must be done prior to the Contractor receiving any payment from the State for work completed.

1.102 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT - RESERVED

1.103 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM - RESERVED

1.104 WARRANTY FOR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES-RESERVED

1.2 Service Capabilities

1.201 CUSTOMER SERVICE/ORDERING

All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this Contract, the Contract shall control.

1.202 TRAINING-RESERVED

1.203 SPECIAL PROGRAMS-RESERVED

1.204 SECURITY-RESERVED

1.205 REPORTS - RESERVED

1.3 Delivery Capabilities

1.301 TIME FRAMES-RESERVED

1.302 MINIMUM ORDER-RESERVED

1.303 PACKAGING-RESERVED

1.304 PALLETIZING-RESERVED

1.305 DELIVERY TERM-RESERVED

1.4 Project Price

1.401 PROPOSAL PRICING

This Contract is based upon unit price per tree and additional site requirements. Exact quantities to be purchased are unknown, however, the Contractor is required to furnish all such materials and services as may be ordered during the CONTRACT period. Quantities specified if any, are estimates, and the State is not obligated to purchase in these or any other quantities. Orders for delivery will be issued directly to the Contractor by the Department of Agriculture on the Purchase Order Contract Release Form. Additional requirements will be site specific and will be determined at the time a contract is issued by the Department of Agriculture.

1.402 QUICK PAYMENT TERMS-RESERVED

1.403 PRICE TERM

Prices will be determined at the time that a take down and removal is authorized by the Department of Agriculture.

1.404 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE-RESERVED

1.405 BILLINGS-RESERVED

1.406 ACTIVITY COST-RESERVED

1.5 Quantity Term

1.501 REQUIREMENTS

Contractor agrees to supply all that the State requires.

1.6 Other Terms and Conditions

1.601 CHANGE MANAGEMENT

If a proposed Contract change is approved by the Contract Compliance Inspector, they will make recommendations to the Director of Purchasing Operations regarding ultimate approval/disapproval of change request. If the Purchasing Operations Director (or authorized designee), agrees with the proposed modification, and all required approvals are obtained (including State Administrative Board), the Purchasing Operations Buyer will issue an addendum to the Contract, via a Contract Change Notice. **Vendors who provide products or services prior to the issuance of a Contract Change Notice by DMB Purchasing Operations, risk non-payment for the out-of-scope/pricing products and/or services.**

1.602 CATALOG-RESERVED

1.603 FILL RATE-RESERVED

1.604 RECYCLING/ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS - RESERVED

Article 2 – General Terms and Conditions

2.0 Introduction

2.001 GENERAL PURPOSE

This Contract is for the take down and removal of ash trees on public and private property. Tree removal will be on an as needed basis in support of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) eradication program strategies of containment and suppression of EAB populations. This activity could take place within or outside municipal boundaries. Exact quantities to be purchased are unknown, however the Contractor will be required to furnish all such materials and services as may be ordered during the Contract period. Quantities specified if any, are estimates based on prior purchases, and the State is not obligated to purchase in these or any other quantities. Orders for take down and removal will be issued directly to the Contractor by the Department of Agriculture.

2.002 ISSUING OFFICE AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

This Contract is issued by State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, hereinafter known as Purchasing Operations, for the State of Michigan, hereinafter known as the State. Where actions are a combination of those of Purchasing Operations and the State agencies, the authority will be known as the State.

Purchasing Operations is the sole point of contact in the State with regard to all procurement and contractual matters relating to the commodities and/or services described herein. Purchasing Operations is the only office authorized to negotiate, change, modify, amend, alter, clarify, etc., the specifications, terms, and conditions of this Contract. Purchasing Operations will remain the SOLE POINT OF CONTACT throughout the procurement process.

Contractor proceeds at its own risk if it takes negotiation, changes, modification, alterations, amendments, clarification, etc., of the specifications, terms, or conditions of the contract from any individual or office other than Purchasing Operations and the listed Contract Administrator

All communications covering this procurement must be addressed to Contract Administrator indicated below:

Department of Management and Budget
Purchasing Operations
Attn: William C. Walsh
2nd Floor, Mason Building
P O Box 30026
Lansing, Michigan 48909
(517) 373-6535
walshw@michigan.gov

2.003 NOTICE

Any notice given to a party under this Contract must be written and shall be deemed effective, if addressed to such party as addressed below upon (i) delivery, if hand delivered; (ii) receipt of a confirmed transmission by facsimile if a copy of the notice is sent by another means specified in this section; (iii) the third (3rd) Business Day after being sent by U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested; or (iv) the next Business Day after being sent by a nationally recognized overnight express courier with a reliable tracking system.

2.004 CONTRACT TERM

The term of this Contract will be for three (3) years and will commence with the issuance of a Contract. This will be approximately November 9, 2006 through November 1, 2009.

Option. The State reserves the right to exercise two (2) one-year options, at the sole option of the State. Contractor performance, quality of products, price, cost savings, and the Contractor's ability to deliver on time are some of the criteria that will be used as a basis for any decision by Purchasing Operations to exercise an option year.

Extension. At the sole option of the State, this Contract may also be extended. Contractor performance, quality of products, price, cost savings, and the contractor's ability to deliver on time are some of the criteria that will be used as a basis for any decision by Purchasing Operations to exercise an option year.

Written notice will be provided to the Contractor within thirty (30) days, provided that the State gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least sixty (60) days before this Contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the State to an extension. If the State exercises this option, the extended Contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

2.005 GOVERNING LAW

This Contract shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Michigan. By signing this agreement, Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the state of Michigan. Any dispute arising herein shall be resolved in the State of Michigan.

2.006 APPLICABLE STATUTES

The following statutes, rules, and laws are applicable to the performance of this contract; some statutes are reflected in the clauses of this contract. This list is NOT exhaustive.

MI Uniform Commercial Code (MIUCC) MCL 440. (All sections unless otherwise altered by agreement)
MI OSHA MCL §§ 408.1001 – 408.1094
Freedom of Information Act (FIOA) MCL §§ 15.231, et seq.
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act MCL §§ 324.101, et seq.
MI Consumer Protection Act MCL §§ 445.901 – 445.922
Laws relating to wages, payments of wages, and fringe benefits on state projects MCL §§ 408.551 – 408.558, 408.471 – 408.490, 1965 PA 390.
Department of Civil Service Rules and regulations
Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act MCL §§ 37.2201, et seq.
Persons with disabilities Civil Rights Act MCL §§ 37.1101, et seq.
MCL §§ 423.321, et seq.
MCL § 18.1264 (law regarding debarment)
Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) 40 USCU §§ 276(a), et seq.
Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSAA) 40 USCS § 327, et seq.
Business Opportunity Act for Persons with Disabilities MCL §§ 450.791 – 450.795
Rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency
Internal Revenue Code
Rules and regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
The Civil Rights Act of 1964, USCS Chapter 42
Title VII, 42 USCS §§ 2000e et seq.
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 USCS §§ 12101 et seq.
The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), 29 USCS §§ 621, 623 et seq.
The Old Workers Benefit and Protection Act of 1990 (OWBPA), 29 USCS §§ 626, et seq.
The Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), 29 USC §§ 651 et seq.
The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 USC §§ 201 et seq.
Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA) 42 U.S.C. §13106
Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C.S. § 1 et seq.
Robinson-Patman Act, 15 U.S.C.S. § 13 et. seq.
Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C.S. § 14 et seq.

2.007 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

The relationship between the State and the Contractor is that of client and independent Contractor. No agent, employee, or servant of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors shall be or shall be deemed to be an employee, agent, or servant of the State for any reason. The Contractor will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and the acts of its agents, employees, servants and subcontractors during the performance of this Contract.

2.008 HEADINGS

Captions and headings used in this Contract are for information and organization purposes. Captions and headings, including inaccurate references, do not, in any way, define or limit the requirements or terms and conditions of this Contract.

2.009 MERGER

This document constitutes the complete, final, and exclusive agreement between the parties. All other prior writings and negotiations are ineffective.

2.010 SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be severable from all other provisions of this Contract and, if one or more of the provisions of this Contract shall be declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

2.011 SURVIVORSHIP

Any provisions of this Contract that impose continuing obligations on the parties including, but not limited to the Contractor's indemnity and other obligations shall survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract for any reason.

2.012 NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT

The failure of a party to insist upon strict adherence to any term of this Contract shall not be considered a waiver or deprive the party of the right thereafter to insist upon strict adherence to that term or any other term of this Contract.

2.013 PURCHASE ORDERS

Orders for delivery of commodities and/or services may be issued directly by the State Departments through the issuance of a Purchase Order Form referencing this Contract (Blanket Purchase Order) agreement and the terms and conditions contained herein. Contractor is asked to reference the Purchase Order Number on all invoices for payment.

2.1 Vendor/Contractor Obligations

2.101 ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall maintain all pertinent financial and accounting records and evidence pertaining to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted principles of accounting and other procedures specified by the State of Michigan. Financial and accounting records shall be made available, upon request, to the State of Michigan, its designees, or the Michigan Auditor General at any time during the Contract period and any extension thereof, and for three years from expiration date and final payment on this Contract or extension thereof.

2.102 NOTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP

The Contractor shall make the following notifications in writing:

1. When the Contractor becomes aware that a change in its ownership or officers has occurred, or is certain to occur, that could result in changes in the valuation of its capitalized assets in the accounting records, the Contractor shall notify Purchasing Operations within 30 days.

2. The Contractor shall also notify the Purchasing Operations within 30 days whenever changes to asset valuations or any other cost changes have occurred or are certain to occur as a result of a change in ownership or officers.

The Contractor shall:

1. Maintain current, accurate, and complete inventory records of assets and their costs;

2. Provide Purchasing Operations or designated representative ready access to the records upon request;

3. Ensure that all individual and grouped assets, their capitalized values, accumulated depreciation or amortization, and remaining useful lives are identified accurately before and after each of the Contractor's ownership or officer changes; and

4. Retain and continue to maintain depreciation and amortization schedules based on the asset records maintained before each Contractor ownership or officer change.

2.103 RESERVED

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2.109 CALL CENTER DISCLOSURE-RESERVED

2.2 Contract Performance

2.201 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Contractor is on notice that time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract. Late performance will be considered a material breach of this contract, giving the State a right to invoke all remedies available to it under this Contract.

2.202 CONTRACT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All invoices shall reflect actual services delivered.

2.203 RESERVED

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2.205 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AVAILABILITY

Electronic transfer of funds is **mandatory** for all State Contractors. Contractor is required register with the State of Michigan Office of Financial Management so the State can make payments related to this Contract electronically at www.cpexpress.state.mi.us.

2.206 RESERVED

2.3 Contract Rights and Obligations

2.301 INCURRING COSTS

The State of Michigan is not liable for any cost incurred by the Contractor prior to signing of this Contract. The State fiscal year is October 1st through September 30th. The Contractor should realize that payments in any given fiscal year are contingent upon enactment of legislative appropriations. Total liability of the State is limited to terms and conditions of this Contract.

2.302 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Contractor will be required to assume responsibility for all contractual activities, whether or not that Contractor performs them. Further, the State will consider the Contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from this Contract. If any part of the work is to be subcontracted, this Contract must include a list of subcontractors, including firm name and address, contact person and a complete description of work to be subcontracted. The State reserves the right to approve subcontractors and to require the Contractor to replace subcontractors found to be unacceptable. The Contractor is totally responsible for adherence by the subcontractor to all provisions of this Contract. Any change in subcontractors must be approved by the State, in writing, prior to such change.

2.303 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

The Contractor shall not have the right to assign this Contract, to assign its rights under this contract, or delegate any of its duties or obligations under the Contract to any other party (whether by operation of law or otherwise), without the prior written consent of the State. Any purported assignment in violation of this Section shall be null and void. Further, the Contractor may not assign the right to receive money due under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Director of Purchasing Operations.

The Contractor shall not delegate any duties or obligations under this Contract to a subcontractor other than a subcontractor named and approved in the bid unless the Director of Purchasing Operations has given written consent to the delegation.

Contractor must obtain the approval of the Director of Purchasing Operations before using a place of performance that is different from the address that Contractor provided in the bid.

2.304 TAXES

Sales Tax: For purchases made directly by the State of Michigan, the State is exempt from State and Local Sales Tax. Prices shall not include such taxes. Exemption Certificates for State Sales Tax will be furnished upon request.

Federal Excise Tax: The State of Michigan may be exempt for Federal Excise Tax, or such taxes may be reimbursable, if articles purchased under this Contract are used for the State's exclusive use. Certificates exclusive use for the purposes of substantiating a tax-free or tax-reimbursable sale will be sent to the Contractor upon request. If a sale is tax exempt or tax reimbursable under the Internal Revenue Code, prices shall not include the Federal Excise Tax.

The State's Tax Exempt Certification is available for vendor viewing upon request to the Contract Administrator.

2.305 INDEMNIFICATION

General Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State, its departments, divisions, agencies, sections, commissions, officers, employees and agents, from and against all losses, liabilities, penalties, fines, damages and claims (including taxes), and all related costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgments, interest and penalties), arising from or in connection with any of the following:

1. Any claim, demand, action, citation or legal proceeding against the State, its employees and agents arising out of or resulting from (1) the product provided or (2) performance of the work, duties, responsibilities, actions or omissions of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors under this Contract.

2. Any claim, demand, action, citation or legal proceeding against the State, its employees and agents arising out of or resulting from a breach by the Contractor of any representation or warranty made by the Contractor in this Contract;

3. Any claim, demand, action, citation or legal proceeding against the State, its employees and agents arising out of or related to occurrences that the Contractor is required to insure against as provided for in this Contract;

4. Any claim, demand, action, citation or legal proceeding against the State, its employees and agents arising out of or resulting from the death or bodily injury of any person, or the damage, loss or destruction of any real or tangible personal property, in connection with the performance of services by the Contractor, by any of its subcontractors, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; provided, however, that this indemnification obligation shall not apply to the extent, if any, that such death, bodily injury or property damage is caused solely by the negligence or reckless or intentional wrongful conduct of the State;

5. Any claim, demand, action, citation or legal proceeding against the State, its employees and agents which results from an act or omission of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors in its or their capacity as an employer of a person.

Patent/Copyright Infringement Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State, its employees and agents from and against all losses, liabilities, damages (including taxes), and all related costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgments, interest and penalties) incurred in connection with any action or proceeding threatened or brought against the State to the extent that such action or proceeding is based on a claim that any piece of equipment, software, commodity or service supplied by the Contractor or its subcontractors, or the operation of such equipment, software, commodity or service, or the use or reproduction of any documentation provided with such equipment, software, commodity or service infringes any United States or foreign patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary right of any person or entity, which right is enforceable under the laws of the United States. In addition, should the equipment, software, commodity, or service, or the operation thereof, become or in the Contractor's opinion be likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement, the Contractor shall at the Contractor's sole expense (i) procure for the State the right to continue using the equipment, software, commodity or service or, if such option is not reasonably available to the Contractor, (ii) replace or modify the same with equipment, software, commodity or service of equivalent function and performance so that it becomes non-infringing, or, if such option is not reasonably available to Contractor, (iii) accept its return by the State with appropriate credits to the State against the Contractor's charges and reimburse the State for any losses or costs incurred as a consequence of the State ceasing its use and returning it.

Code Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State from any claim, loss, or expense arising from Contractor’s breach of the No Surreptitious Code Warranty.

Indemnification Obligation Not Limited

In any and all claims against the State of Michigan, or any of its agents or employees, by any employee of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors, the indemnification obligation under this Contract shall not be limited in any way by the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any of its subcontractors under worker's disability compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefits acts. This indemnification clause is intended to be comprehensive. Any overlap in sub clauses, or the fact that greater specificity is provided as to some categories of risk, is not intended to limit the scope of indemnification under any other sub clause.

Continuation of Indemnification Obligation

The duty to indemnify will continue in full force and affect not withstanding the expiration or early termination of this Contract with respect to any claims based on facts or conditions, which occurred prior to termination.

Indemnification Procedures

The procedures set forth below shall apply to all indemnity obligations under this Contract.

(a) After receipt by the State of notice of the action or proceeding involving a claim in respect of which it will seek indemnification, the State shall promptly notify Contractor of such claim in writing and take or assist Contractor in taking, as the case may be, any reasonable action to avoid the imposition of a default judgment against Contractor. No failure to so notify Contractor shall relieve Contractor of its indemnification obligations except to the extent that Contractor can demonstrate damages attributable to such failure. Within ten (10) days following receipt of written notice from the State relating to any claim, Contractor shall notify the State in writing whether Contractor agrees to assume control of the defense and settlement of that claim (a "Notice of Election"). After notifying Contractor of a claim and prior to the State receiving Contractor's Notice of Election, the State shall be entitled to defend against the claim, at Contractor's expense, and Contractor will be responsible for any reasonable costs incurred by the State in defending against the claim during such period.

(b) If Contractor delivers a Notice of Election relating to any claim: (i) the State shall be entitled to participate in the defense of such claim and to employ counsel at its own expense to assist in the handling of such claim and to monitor and advise the State about the status and progress of the Defense; (ii) Contractor shall, at the request of the State, demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the State, Contractor's financial ability to carry out its defense and indemnity obligations under this Contract; (iii) Contractor shall periodically advise the State about the status and progress of the defense and shall obtain the prior written approval of the State before entering into any settlement of such claim or ceasing to defend against such claim and (iv) to the extent that any principles of Michigan governmental or public law may be involved or challenged, the State shall have the right, at its own expense, to control the defense of that portion of such claim involving the principles of Michigan governmental or public law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State may retain control of the defense and settlement of a claim by written notice to Contractor given within ten (10) days after the State's receipt of Contractor's information requested by the State pursuant to clause (ii) of this paragraph if the State determines that Contractor has failed to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the State Contractor's financial ability to carry out its defense and indemnity obligations under this Section. Any litigation activity on behalf of the State of Michigan, or any of its subdivisions pursuant to this Section, must be coordinated with the Department of Attorney General. In the event the insurer's attorney represents the State pursuant to this Section, the insurer's attorney may be required to be designated as a Special Assistant Attorney General by the Attorney General of the State of Michigan.

(c) If Contractor does not deliver a Notice of Election relating to any claim of which it is notified by the State as provided above, the State shall have the right to defend the claim in such manner as it may deem appropriate, at the cost and expense of Contractor. If it is determined that the claim was one against which Contractor was required to indemnify the State, upon request of the State, Contractor shall promptly reimburse the State for all such reasonable costs and expenses.

2.306 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Except as set forth herein, neither the Contractor nor the State shall be liable to the other party for indirect or consequential damages, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Such limitation as to indirect or consequential damages shall not apply to claims for infringement of United States patent, copyright, trademarks or trade secrets; to claims for personal injury or damage to property caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Contractor; to claims covered by other specific provisions of this Contract calling for liquidated damages; to Contractor's indemnification obligations (2.305); or to court costs or attorney's fees awarded by a court in addition to damages after litigation based on this Contract.

The State's liability for damages to the Contractor shall be limited to the value of this Contract.

2.307 CONTRACT DISTRIBUTION

Purchasing Operations shall retain the sole right of Contract distribution to all State agencies and local units of government unless other arrangements are authorized by Purchasing Operations.

2.308 RESERVED

2.309 ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CAUSE OF ACTION

For and in consideration of the opportunity to submit a quotation and other good and valuable consideration, the Contractor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to the State of Michigan all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or this State for price fixing, which causes of action have accrued prior to the date of payment and which relate solely to the particular goods, commodities, or services purchased or procured by this State pursuant to this transaction.

2.310 PURCHASING FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES-RESERVED

2.311 TRANSITION ASSISTANCE-RESERVED

2.312 RESERVED

2.313 RESERVED

2.314 WEBSITE INCORPORATION-RESERVED

2.4 Contract Review and Evaluation

2.401 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR

Upon receipt at Purchasing Operations of the properly executed Contract Agreement, the person named below will be allowed to oversee the Contract performance on a day-to-day basis during the term of this Contract. However, overseeing this Contract implies **no authority to negotiate, change, modify, clarify, amend, or otherwise alter the terms, conditions, and specifications of such Contract(s). That authority is retained by Purchasing Operations**. The Contract Compliance Inspector for this project is:

Gary King
Michigan Department of Agriculture
Pesticide & Plant Pest Management Division
P O Box 30017
Lansing, MI 48909
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(517) 373-1087

2.402 PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

The State may review with the Contractor their performance under this Contract. Performance reviews shall be conducted quarterly, semi-annually or annually depending on Contractor's past performance with the State. Performance reviews shall include, but not limited to, quality of products/services being delivered and provided, timeliness of delivery, percentage of completion of orders, the amount of back orders, status of such orders, accuracy of billings, customer service, completion and submission of required paperwork, the number of substitutions and the reasons for substitutions, and other requirements of this Contract.

Upon a finding of poor performance, which has been documented by Purchasing Operations, the Contractor shall be given an opportunity to respond and take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken in a reasonable amount of time as determined by Purchasing Operations, the Contract may be canceled for default. Delivery by the Contractor of unsafe and/or adulterated or off-condition products to any State agency is considered a material breach of Contract subject to the cancellation provisions contained herein.

2.403 AUDIT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE/ RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS

The Contractor agrees that the State may, upon 24-hour notice, perform an audit at Contractor's location(s) to determine if the Contractor is complying with the requirements of the Contract. The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the State during the audit and produce all records and documentation that verifies compliance with the Contract requirements.

2.3 Quality and Warranties

2.501 PROHIBITED PRODUCTS-RESERVED

2.502 QUALITY ASSURANCE-RESERVED

2.503 INSPECTION-RESERVED

2.504 GENERAL WARRANTIES (goods)-RESERVED

2.505 CONTRACTOR WARRANTIES

This Contract will contain customary representations and warranties by the Contractor, including, without limitation, the following:

1. The Contractor will use its best efforts to use efficiently any resources or services necessary to provide the products that are separately chargeable to the State;

2. The Contractor will provide the products in a manner that does not infringe the proprietary rights of any third party;

3. The Contractor will provide the products in a manner that complies with all applicable laws and regulations;

4. The Contractor has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract;

5. The Contractor is capable in all respects of fulfilling and shall fulfill all of its obligations under this Contract.

6. The Contract appendices, attachments, and exhibits identify all equipment and software services necessary for the deliverable(s) to perform and operate in compliance with the contract's requirements.

7. The Contract signatory has the power and authority, including any necessary corporate authorizations, necessary to enter this contract, on behalf of Contractor.

8. The Contractor is qualified and registered to transact business in all locations where required.

9. Neither the Contractor nor any Affiliates, nor any employee of either, has, shall have, or shall acquire, any contractual, financial, business, or other interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with Contractor's performance of its duties and responsibilities to the State under this Contract or otherwise create an appearance of impropriety with respect to the award or performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall notify the State within two (2) days of any such interest that may be incompatible with the interests of the State.

10. All financial statements, reports, and other information furnished by Contractor to the State as part of its response to RFP or otherwise in connection with the award of this Contract fairly and accurately represent the business, properties, financial condition, and results of operations of Contractor as of the respective dates, or for the respective periods, covered by such financial statements, reports, other information. Since the respective dates or periods covered by such financial statements, reports, or other information, there have been no material adverse changes in the business, properties, financial condition, or results of operations of Contractor. All written information furnished to the State by or behalf of Contractor in connection with this Contract, including its bid, is true, accurate, and complete, and contains no untrue statement of material fact or omits any material fact necessary to make such information not misleading.

11. Neither the Contractor nor any Affiliates, nor any employee of either, has, shall have, or shall acquire, any Contractual, financial, business, or other interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with Contractor's performance of its duties and responsibilities to the State under this Contract or otherwise create an appearance of impropriety with respect to the award or performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall notify the State within two (2) days of any such interest that may be incompatible with the interests of the State.

12. All financial statements, reports, and other information furnished by Contractor to the State as part of its response to the ITB or otherwise in connection with the award of this Contract fairly and accurately represent the business, properties, financial condition, and results of operations of Contractor as of the respective dates, or for the respective periods, covered by such financial statements, reports, other information. Since the respective dates or periods covered by such financial statements, reports, or other information, there have been no material adverse changes in the business, properties, financial condition, or results of operations of Contractor. All written information furnished to the State by or behalf of Contractor in connection with this Contract, including its bid, it true, accurate, and complete, and contains no untrue statement of material fact or omits any material fact necessary to make such information not misleading.

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2.6 Breach of Contract

2.601 BREACH DEFINED

Failure to comply with articles, sections, or subsections of this agreement, or making any false statement in this agreement will be considered a material breach of this agreement giving the state authority to invoke any and all remedies available to it under this agreement.

In addition to any remedies available in law and by the terms of this Contract, if the Contractor breaches, such a breach may be considered as a default in the performance of a material obligation of this Contract.

2.602 NOTICE AND THE RIGHT TO CURE

In the event of a curable breach by the Contractor, the State shall provide the Contractor written notice of the breach and a time period to cure said breach described in the notice. This section requiring notice and an opportunity to cure shall not be applicable in the event of successive or repeated breaches of the same nature or if the State determines in its sole discretion that the breach poses a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of any person or the imminent loss, damage or destruction of any real or tangible personal property.

2.603 EXCUSABLE FAILURE

1. Neither party shall be liable for any default or delay in the performance of its obligations under the Contract if and to the extent such default or delay is caused, directly or indirectly, by: fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God; riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions in any country; the failure of the other party to perform its material responsibilities under the Contract (either itself or through another Contractor); injunctions (provided the injunction was not issued as a result of any fault or negligence of the party seeking to have its default or delay excused); or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of such party; provided the non-performing party and its sub-Contractors are without fault in causing such default or delay, and such default or delay could not have been prevented by reasonable precautions and cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means, including disaster recovery plans.

In such event, the non-performing party will be excused from any further performance or observance of the obligation(s) so affected for as long as such circumstances prevail and such party continues to use its best efforts to recommence performance or observance whenever and to whatever extent possible without delay provided such party promptly notifies the other party in writing of the inception of the excusable failure occurrence, and also of its abatement or cessation.

2. If any of the above enumerated circumstances substantially prevent, hinder, or delay performance of the services necessary for the performance of the State's functions for more than 14 consecutive days, and the State determines that performance is not likely to be resumed within a period of time that is satisfactory to the State in its reasonable discretion, then at the State's option: (a) the State may procure the affected services from an alternate source, and the State shall not be liable for payments for the unperformed services under the Contract for so long as the delay in performance shall continue; (b) the State may cancel any portions of the Contract so affected and the charges payable hereunder shall be equitably adjusted to reflect those services canceled; or (c) the Contract will be canceled without liability of the State to the Contractor as of the date specified by the State in a written notice of cancellation to the Contractor. The Contractor will not have the right to any additional payments from the State as a result of any excusable failure occurrence or to payments for services not rendered as a result of the excusable failure condition. Defaults or delays in performance by the Contractor which are caused by acts or omissions of its sub-Contractors will not relieve the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract except to the extent that a sub-Contractor is itself subject to any excusable failure condition described above and the Contractor cannot reasonably circumvent the effect of the sub-Contractor's default or delay in performance through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means.

2.7 Remedies

2.701 CANCELLATION

The State may cancel this Contract without further liability or penalty to the State, its departments, divisions, agencies, offices, commissions, officers, agents, and employees for any of the following reasons:

1. Material Breach by the Contractor. In the event that the Contractor breaches any of its material duties or obligations under this Contract, which are either not capable of or subject to being cured, or are not cured within the time period specified in the written notice of breach provided by the State, or pose a serious and imminent threat to the health and safety of any person, or the imminent loss, damage or destruction of any real or tangible personal property, the State may, having provided written notice of cancellation to the Contractor, cancel this Contract in whole or in part, for cause, as of the date specified in the notice of cancellation.
In the event that this Contract is cancelled for cause, in addition to any legal remedies otherwise available to the State by law or equity, the Contractor shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the State in canceling this Contract, including but not limited to, State administrative costs, attorneys fees and court costs, and any additional costs the State may incur to procure the services required by this Contract from other sources. All excess re-procurement costs and damages shall not be considered by the parties to be consequential, indirect or incidental, and shall not be excluded by any other terms otherwise included in this Contract.

In the event the State chooses to partially cancel this Contract for cause charges payable under this Contract will be equitably adjusted to reflect those services that are cancelled.

In the event this Contract is cancelled for cause pursuant to this section, and it is therefore determined, for any reason, that the Contractor was not in breach of Contract pursuant to the provisions of this section, that cancellation for cause shall be deemed to have been a cancellation for convenience, effective as of the same date, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be limited to that otherwise provided in this Contract for a cancellation for convenience.

2. Cancellation for Convenience by the State. The State may cancel this Contract for its convenience, in whole or part, if the State determines that such a cancellation is in the State's best interest. Reasons for such cancellation shall be left to the sole discretion of the State and may include, but not limited to (a) the State no longer needs the services or products specified in this Contract, (b) relocation of office, program changes, changes in laws, rules, or regulations make implementation of the Contract services no longer practical or feasible, and (c) unacceptable prices for additional services requested by the State. The State may cancel the Contract for its convenience, in whole or in part, by giving the Contractor written notice 30 days prior to the date of cancellation. If the State chooses to cancel this Contract in part, the charges payable under this Contract shall be equitably adjusted to reflect those services that are cancelled.

3. Non-Appropriation. In the event that funds to enable the State to effect continued payment under this Contract are not appropriated or otherwise made available. The Contractor acknowledges that, if this Contract extends for several fiscal years, continuation of this Contract is subject to appropriation or availability of funds for this project. If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, the State shall have the right to cancel this Contract at the end of the last period for which funds have been appropriated or otherwise made available by giving written notice of cancellation to the Contractor. The State shall give the Contractor written notice of such non-appropriation or unavailability within 30 days after it receives notice of such non-appropriation or unavailability.

4. Criminal Conviction. In the event the Contractor, an officer of the Contractor, or an owner of a 25% or greater share of the Contractor, is convicted of a criminal offense incident to the application for or performance of a State, public or private Contract or sub-Contract; or convicted of a criminal offense including but not limited to any of the following: embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, attempting to influence a public employee to breach the ethical conduct standards for State of Michigan employees; convicted under State or federal antitrust statutes; or convicted of any other criminal offense which in the sole discretion of the State, reflects upon the Contractor's business integrity.

5. Approvals Rescinded. The State may terminate this Contract without further liability or penalty in the event any final administrative or judicial decision or adjudication disapproves a previously approved request for purchase of personal services pursuant to Constitution 1963, Article 11, section 5, and Civil Service Rule 7. Termination may be in whole or in part and may be immediate as of the date of the written notice to Contractor or may be effective as of the date stated in such written notice.

2.702 RIGHTS UPON CANCELLATION

Termination Assistance. If this Contract (or any Statement of Work issued under it) is terminated for any reason prior to completion, Contractor agrees to provide for up to six (6) months after the termination all reasonable termination assistance requested by the State to facilitate the orderly transfer of such Services to the State or its designees in a manner designed to minimize interruption and adverse effect. Such termination assistance will be deemed by the parties to be governed by the terms and conditions of this Contract (notwithstanding its termination) other than any terms or conditions that do not reasonably apply to such termination assistance. Such termination assistance shall be at no additional charge to the State if the termination is for Contractor's Default pursuant to Section 2.602; otherwise the State shall compensate Contractor for such termination assistance on a time and materials basis in accordance with the Amendment Labor Rates identified within this Contract agreement.

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2.705 SUSPENSION OF WORK

The Contract Administrator may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of this Contract for the period of time that the Contract Administrator determines appropriate for the convenience of the State.

If the performance of all or any part of the work is, for an unreasonable period of time, suspended, delayed, or interrupted (1) by an act of the Contract Administrator in the administration of this Contract, or (2) by the Contract Administrator's failure to act within the time specified in this Contract (or within a reasonable time if not specified), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in the cost of performance of this Contract (excluding profit) necessarily caused by the unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption, and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension, delay, or interruption to the extent that performance would have been so suspended, delayed, or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Contractor, or for which an equitable adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term or condition of this Contract.

A claim under this clause shall not be allowed:

(1) For any costs incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor shall have notified the Contract Administrator in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order); and

(2) Unless the claim, in an amount stated, is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of the suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the Contract.

2.8 *Changes, Modifications, and Amendments*

2.801 APPROVALS

The Contract may not be modified, amended, extended, or augmented except by a writing executed by the parties hereto, and any breach or default by a party shall not be waived or released other than in writing signed by the other party.

2.802 TIME EXTENTIONS

Time extensions for Contract changes will depend upon the extent, if any, by which the changes cause delay in the completion of the various elements of performance as described in the statement of work. The change order granting the time extension may provide that the Contract completion date will be extended only for those specific elements related to the changed work and that the remaining Contract completion dates for all other portions of the work will not be altered. The change order also may provide an equitable readjustment of liquidated damages under the new completion schedule.

2.803 MODIFICATION

Purchasing Operations reserves the right to modify this Contract at any time during the Contract term. Such modification may include changing the locations to be serviced, additional locations to be serviced, method or manner of performance of the work, number of days service is to be performed, addition or deletion of tasks to be performed, addition or deletion of items, and/or any other modifications deemed necessary. Any changes in pricing proposed by the Contractor resulting from the proposed changes are subject to acceptance by the State. Changes may be increases or decreases. IN THE EVENT PRICES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE STATE, THE CONTRACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING BASED UPON THE NEW SPECIFICATION.

The State reserves the right to add an item(s) that is not described on the item listing and is available from the Contractor. The item(s) may be included on the Contract, only if prior written approval has been granted by Purchasing Operations.

2.804 AUDIT AND RECORDS UPON MODIFICATION

DEFINITION: records includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of whether such items are in written form, electronic form, or in any other form

Contractor shall be required to submit cost or pricing data with the pricing of any modification of this contract to the Contract Administrator in Purchasing Operations. Data may include accounting records, payroll records, employee time sheets, and other information the state deems necessary to perform a fair evaluation of the modification proposal. Contract Administrator or authorized representative of the state shall have the right to examine and audit all of the contractor's records, including computations and projections, related to:

1. The proposal for modification;
2. The discussions conducted on the proposal, including those related to negotiation;
3. Pricing of the modification; or
4. Performance of the modification.

Contractor shall make available at its office at all reasonable times the materials described in the paragraphs above.

If this Contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement.

The State of Michigan, upon request, shall have access to any and all records pertaining to State accounts compiled during the term of the Contract.

2.805 CHANGES

(a) The Contract Administrator may, at any time, without notice to the sureties, if any, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the contract, including changes:

(1) In the specifications (including drawings and designs);
(2) In the method or manner of performance of the work;
(3) In the State-furnished facilities, equipment, materials, services, or site; or
(4) Directing acceleration in the performance of the work.

(b) Any other written or oral order (which, as used in this paragraph (b), includes direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from the Contract Administrator that causes a change shall be treated as a change order under this clause; Provided, that the Contractor gives the Contract Administrator written notice stating:

(1) The date, circumstances, and source of the order; and
(2) That the Contractor regards the order as a change order.

(c) Except as provided in this clause, no order, statement, or conduct of the Contract Administrator shall be treated as a change under this clause or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment.

2.806 LIABILITY INSURANCE

A. <u>Insurance</u>

The Contractor is required to provide proof of the minimum levels of insurance coverage as indicated below. The purpose of this coverage shall be to protect the State from claims which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's performance of services under the terms of this Contract, whether such services are performed by the Contractor, or by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable.

The Contractor waives all rights against the State of Michigan, its departments, divisions, agencies, offices, commissions, officers, employees and agents for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the insurance policies the Contractor is required to maintain pursuant to this Contract.

All insurance coverage provided relative to this Contract/Purchase Order is PRIMARY and NON-CONTRIBUTING to any comparable liability insurance (including self-insurances) carried by the State.

The insurance shall be written for not less than any minimum coverage specified in this Contract or required by law, whichever is greater.

The insurers selected by Contractor shall have an A.M. Best rating of A or better, or as otherwise approved in writing by the State, or if such ratings are no longer available, with a comparable rating from a recognized insurance rating agency. Companies that have been approved to do business in the State shall issue all policies of insurance required in this Contract.

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Where specific limits are shown, they are the minimum acceptable limits. If Contractor's policy contains higher limits, the State shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits.

Before both parties sign the Contract or before the purchase order is issued by the State, the Contractor must furnish to the Director of DMB, certificate(s) of insurance verifying insurance coverage ("Certificates"). The Certificate must be on the standard "accord" form or equivalent. **THE CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER NO. MUST BE SHOWN ON THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO ASSURE CORRECT FILING.** All Certificate(s) are to be prepared and submitted by the Insurance Provider. All Certificate(s) shall contain a provision indicating that coverage afforded under the policies WILL NOT BE CANCELLED, MATERIALLY CHANGED, OR NOT RENEWED without THIRTY (30) days prior written notice, except for ten (10) days for non-payment of premium, having been given to the Director of DMB. The notice must include the Contract or Purchase Order number affected and be mailed to: Director, Department of Management and Budget, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Failure to provide evidence of coverage, may, at the State's sole option, result in this Contract's termination.

The Contractor is required to pay for and provide the type and amount of insurance checked **below**:

☑ 1. Commercial General Liability with the following minimum coverage:

$2,000,000	General Aggregate Limit other than Products/Completed Operations
$2,000,000	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit
$1,000,000	Personal & Advertising Injury Limit
$1,000,000	Each Occurrence Limit
$500,000	Fire Damage Limit (any one fire)

The Contractor must list the State of Michigan, its departments, divisions, agencies, offices, commissions, officers, employees and agents as ADDITIONAL INSUREDS on the Commercial General Liability certificate. The Contractor also agrees to provide evidence that insurance policies contain a waiver of subrogation by the insurance company.

☑ 2. If a motor vehicle is used to provide services or products under this Contract, the Contractor must have vehicle liability insurance on any auto including owned, hired and non-owned vehicles used in Contractor's business for bodily injury and property damage as required by law.

The Contractor must list the State of Michigan, its departments, divisions, agencies, offices, commissions, officers, employees and agents as ADDITIONAL INSUREDS on the vehicle liability certificate. The Contractor also agrees to provide evidence that insurance policies contain a waiver of subrogation by the insurance company.

☑ 3. Workers' compensation coverage must be provided in accordance with applicable laws governing the employees and employers work activities in the state of the Contractor's domicile. If a self-insurer provides the applicable coverage, proof must be provided of approved self-insured authority by the jurisdiction of domicile. For employees working outside of the state of qualification, Contractor must provide appropriate certificates of insurance proving mandated coverage levels for the jurisdictions where the employees' activities occur.

Any certificates of insurance received must also provide a list of states where the coverage is applicable.

The Contractor also agrees to provide evidence that insurance policies contain a waiver of subrogation by the insurance company. This provision shall not be applicable where prohibited or limited by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the work is to be performed.

☑ 4. Employers liability insurance with the following minimum limits:

$100,000	each accident
$100,000	each employee by disease
$500,000	aggregate disease

☐ 5. Employee Fidelity, including Computer Crimes, insurance naming the State as a loss payee, providing coverage for direct loss to the State and any legal liability of the State arising out of or related to fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the employees of Contractor or its Subcontractors, acting alone or in collusion with others, in a minimum amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) with a maximum deductible of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00).

☐ 6. Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance in a minimum amount of ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00), which shall apply, at a minimum, to the insurance required in Subsection 1 (Commercial General Liability) above.

☐ 7. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance with the following minimum coverage: three million dollars ($3,000,000.00) each occurrence and three million dollars ($3,000,000.00) annual aggregate.

☐ 8. Fire and Personal Property Insurance covering against any loss or damage to the office space used by Contractor for any reason under this Contract, and the equipment, software and other contents of such office space, including without limitation, those contents used by Contractor to provide the Services to the State, up to the replacement value thereof, where such office space and its contents are under the care, custody and control of Contractor. Such policy shall cover all risks of direct physical loss or damage, including without limitation, flood and earthquake coverage and coverage for computer hardware and software. The State shall be endorsed on the policy as a loss payee as its interests appear.

B. <u>Subcontractors</u>

Except where the State has approved in writing a Contractor subcontract with other insurance provisions, Contractor shall require all of its Subcontractors under this Contract to purchase and maintain the insurance coverage as described in this Section for the Contractor in connection with the performance of work by those Subcontractors. Alternatively, Contractor may include any Subcontractors under Contractor's insurance on the coverage required in this Section. Subcontractor(s) shall fully comply with the insurance coverage required in this Section. Failure of Subcontractor(s) to comply with insurance requirements does not limit Contractor's liability or responsibility.

C. Certificates of Insurance and Other Requirements

Contractor shall furnish to the Purchasing Office of DMB certificate(s) of insurance verifying insurance coverage or providing satisfactory evidence of self-insurance as required in this Section (the "Certificates"). Before the Contract is signed, and not less than 20 days before the insurance expiration date every year thereafter, the Contractor shall provide evidence that the State and its agents, officers and employees are listed as additional insured, but only to the extent of liabilities assumed by Contractor as set forth in Indemnification Section of this Contract, under each commercial general liability and commercial automobile liability policy. In the event the State approves the representation of the State by the insurer's attorney, the attorney may be required to be designated as a Special Assistant Attorney General by the Attorney General of the State of Michigan.

Contractor shall maintain all required insurance coverage throughout the term of the Contract and any extensions thereto and, in the case of claims-made Commercial General Liability policies, shall secure tail coverage for at least three (3) years following the expiration or termination for any reason of this Contract. The minimum limits of coverage specified above are not intended, and shall not be construed, to limit any liability or indemnity of Contractor under this Contract to any indemnified party or other persons. Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles with regard to such insurance. If Contractor fails to pay any premium for required insurance as specified in this Contract, or if any insurer cancels or significantly reduces any required insurance as specified in this Contract without the State's written consent, at the State's election (but without any obligation to do so) after the State has given Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice, the State may pay such premium or procure similar insurance coverage from another company or companies; and at the State's election, the State may deduct the entire cost (or part thereof) from any payment due Contractor, or Contractor shall pay the entire cost (or any part thereof) upon demand by the State.

ATTACHMENT A

SAMPLE

Project Name: _____

Michigan Department of Agriculture
Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division
PO Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone (517) 373-1087, Fax (517) 335-4540

TREE BID FORM

The following categories of tree diameters are being used to define a removal cost per tree for trees in each size category specified, in support of the Emerald Ash Borer control and eradication program.

Tree Diameter at Breast Height:	1"-5"	6"-10"	11"-17"	18"-24"	25"-30"	31"-39"	40" +	TOTAL
Tree Count - Logging								
Tree Count – Landscape								
TOTAL								

SITE SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR Project Name _____:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

EQUIPMENT AND PROPOSED WORKPLAN:
Bidder will be required to provide a workplan detailing

- Number of persons on site to perform work
- Number and type of each piece of equipment used to accomplish work
- Time frame work will be accomplished
- Detailed information on permits needed to accomplish work
- Any additional information the MDA should consider in reviewing the bid

TREE INVENTORY INFORMATION:

- MDA will pay the approved bidder for the tree count listed in this bid only, with one exception, that MDA will add ash trees to the count if it is found that they have not been painted for inclusion in the inventory numbers listed in this form. Likewise, if a non-ash tree is found to have been marked for removal, it would be removed from the inventory. MDA site leader(s) must confirm any such alteration to the contract inventory count, and will provide documentation to the contractor and MDA to add the trees to the contract.

STUMP TREATMENT of WOODLOT STUMPS

- Approved bidder may be required to treat woodlot stumps subject of this bid, with a formulation of tryclopyr in basal oil. A dye must be added to the applied mixture to allow for confirmation of treatment. The product must be formulated, mixed, transported, applied, and disposed of in compliance with all relevant state and federal statutes. Bidder must supply specific tradename and EPA registration number for formulation proposed in the bid as well as dye color and information.

For information on pesticide applicator license, certification, pesticide registration and related issues, contact Polly Kapala, Pesticide Enforcement Manager, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, PO Box 30017 Lansing MI 48909. (517) 373-1087. E-MAIL: kapalap@michigan.gov

STUMP GRINDING of LANDSCAPE STUMPS

- Approved bidder must provide stump grinding for all stumps located in maintained landscape areas per the standards outlined in the removal contracts IE: grind to 10" below grade, removal of surface roots within 36" of circumference of the existing stump and excavate and backfill the hole with topsoil to meet surrounding grade. In addition, where stumps are removed from existing in sod, reseeding will be require with a seed mix approved by MDA.

In submitting this proposal, contractors and subcontractors understand they are responsible for compliance with all
federal and state laws and municipal ordinances and regulation in any manner affecting the work or performance of
this contract and shall at all times carefully observe and comply with all rules, ordinances and regulations.

Company Name	Printed Name & Title of Authorized Signature
Address	City, ST Zip
Email	Telephone
Bidder's Authorized Signature:	Date:

ATTACHMENT B

INTERIM INVOICE, APPROVED ADDITIONS AND FINAL CERTIFICATION & INVOICE OF COMPLETED WORK

PROJECT RECORD _____ **SITE#** _____

TOTAL INITIAL QUOTE **$** _____

**** SECTIONS TO BE COMPLETED AS NEEDED:**

****INTERIM INVOICE FOR WORK COMPLETED IN STAGES IF NEEDED:**

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

SAMPLE

$ _____

MDA APPROVED ADDITIONS TO THE BID IF NEEDED:

**ACTIVITY:

_____ **COST** **$** _____

MDA AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE

MDA APPROVED ADDITIONS TO THE BID IF NEEDED:

**ACTIVITY:

_____ **COST** **$** _____

MDA AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE

MDA APPROVED ADDITIONS TO THE BID IF NEEDED:

**ACTIVITY:

_____ **COST** **$** _____

MDA AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE

<Insert additional activity here>

TOTAL FEES TO COMPLETE ALL AWARDED WORK: **$** _____

AUTHORIZED BALANCE REMAINING ON PURCHASE ORDER **$** _____

FINAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF ALL WORK AND FINAL INVOICE:

$ _____

ATTACHMENT C

EMERALD ASH BORER RESPONSE PROJECT

SAMPLE

Michigan Department of Agriculture
Pest and Plant Pest Management Division

EAB SITE COMPLETION REPORT

THIS DOCUMENT IS TO ENSURE ALL SITE ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETE AND CAN BE PROCESSED FOR FINAL INVOICING.

SITE NUMBER:		SITE LOCATION:	
SITE LEADER:		DATE:	

Check all activities that are complete and include all corresponding documents. Indicate if activity was not required at this site.

All Woodlot trees remove

Woodlot stumps treated

All Landscape trees removed

All landscape stumps ground

Site restoration, as a result of removal activity, complete in all required areas

Restoration of staging area complete

All resident concerns resolved

Daily/ Weekly Site History Log (Submit with Report)

All Adjustment to the Tree Inventory Forms (Submit with Report)

_____

By signing below, I confirm that all activities are complete on this site and final invoicing may be processed.

MDA Site Leader Signature	Date
MDA Regional Supervisor Signature	Date
Company Name Contractor	Printed Title and Name of Authorized
Authorized Contractor Signature	Date

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