Request for Qualifications
Landscape Services
for
Rowan University

RFQ 18-34

Rowan University
The Office of Contracting & Procurement

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Rowan University Contacts:

All questions must be submitted via email with the subject heading:

“RFQ 18-34 Landscape Services”

Inquiries will not be accepted by telephone. Questions or inquiries should be sent to bids@rowan.edu. See Section XI.B. for further details.

All questions submitted will be answered on the Contracting & Procurement Department website on the date indicated below.

Questions regarding opening documents or accessing items on the website should be addressed to:

Alicia Gannon
Office of Contracting & Procurement
E-mail: gannon@rowan.edu

Due Date:

Submissions must be received no later than October 26th, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the Contracting and Procurement Office, located at Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Bunce Hall Suite 215, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

In order to be considered for the award, all packages must be received at the appropriate location by the required time. Any package not received on time at the noted location may be rejected.

Refer to the Submissions Requirements section of this document for details.

Schedule of RFQ Events:

- Request for Qualifications Issued
- Qualifications Due
- 10/12/17
- 10/26/17 @ 2:00 pm
**Required Procurement Documents**

The documents as listed below are Procurement documents mandated by State regulation and University policy. Upon award of contract, all documents must be provided within 24 hours of notice or vendor(s) may be deemed non responsive and eliminated from qualification.

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   **Model Procedures**: Do not return with package |

**Note:** All documents listed are required whether the proposer is a New Jersey entity or not.

Please direct any questions you may have on the above to the assigned buyer for this project.
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Rowan University is seeking qualification packages from firms who have the capabilities to provide Landscape Services for the University with the intent to award a service contract. Though primarily intended for Rowan properties located outside the Glassboro Campus, this contract will cover all Rowan Campuses, when needed, and properties currently under the umbrella of the University with the option to negotiate future locations.

The main campus in Glassboro, NJ has over 50 buildings. There are also properties in Stratford, NJ and Camden, NJ. The University is seeking a qualified vendor to provide services at the following four (4) campuses and any additional properties acquired during the term of the contract.

1.) Rowan University  
201 Mullica Hill Road  
Glassboro, NJ 08089  

2.) Cooper Medical School of Rowan University  
401 South Broadway  
Camden, NJ 08103  

3.) Camden Academic Building  
606 Cooper Street  
Camden, NJ 08103  

4.) Rowan SOM  
1 Medical Center Drive  
Stratford, NJ 08084  

Directions and Campus Maps can be found at: Maps

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES: Because of the essential life safety aspects of the service contract, Contractors are required to meet all criteria outlined in this RFP. Landscape Services will include but not be limited to the development, maintenance and management of outdoor Spaces.

A. The vendor will provide job estimates along with any evaluation data to the University prior to any planting, installation, replacement, or repair. The University reserves the right to determine whether repair or replacement is in the University’s best interest.

1. During the period of the contract or any extension thereof, Rowan University reserves the right to add or delete specific services and/or locations at the prevailing contract prices. The contractor will be given seven (7) days’ notice to effect requested changes.

2. Any labor or material, in addition to that described herein, determined to be necessary to comply with the terms outlined throughout the RFP and any industry rules, ordinances or regulations shall be performed and furnished by the contractor at no additional cost to the University.

B. Contractor Qualifications

1. Contractors shall have sufficient licensing for repairs to warranted systems and repair equipment needed to perform the work required as outlined in this RFP and must have all (but not limited to) the following certifications:

   a. New Jersey Nursery & Landscape association Membership

   b. Pipeline Safety Training, In-service Certificate New Jersey Department of Agriculture Nursery Certificate

   c. Licensed Commercial Pesticide Applicator with the Department of Environmental Protection

   d. Licensed Pesticide Applicator Business with the Department of Environmental Protection

   e. Registered for practice in NJ as a home improvement Contractor with the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Division of Consumer Affairs.
2. The Contractor shall have sufficient supervision, staff, equipment and materials to address at least three (3) responses simultaneously.

3. The Contractor shall have a minimum of ten (10) years of industry experience, a degree in horticulture or equivalent, or have one on their permanent staff.

4. Demonstrated knowledge and experience in native planting, sustainable landscapes and their installation.

5. The Contractor shall not sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of this contract to any third party for the performance of their work. Exceptions are services outside their normal expertise. All subcontractors must be approved prior to the start of work by the Vice President of Facilities or his designee.

6. See Submission Requirements (Page 12) for further clarification.

C. Misc.: Hours; Testing; etc.

1. Unless otherwise approved, work under this contract shall be accomplished during normal University work hours. These hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 am until 4:00 pm. However, there may be projects that require work to be done outside the normal working hours. Additionally, contractors are expected to honor all University holidays.

2. Any travel time for which a contractor is obligated to pay his employees should be considered as part of overhead, and allowances for such, figured into the flat hourly rate quote to the University. The University will make every effort to group work order/projects so that employees can be assigned to work on campus for a full workday; or so that contractor employees can be assigned to work lasting at least one-half workday, beginning or ending their workday at the University.

3. The University will pay additional hours for travel for emergency call-in or when contractor’s employees are forced to travel during normal working hours due to the immediacy of the work order.

4. Reasonable means of access to the equipment to be inspected will be provided. However, advanced notice may be required.

5. The Contractor shall not shutdown any equipment unless permission is first obtained from the Director of Facilities Maintenance Operations or his designee.

6. Emergency Response: The awarded contractor shall respond within two (2) hours to all emergency service calls. A list of personnel authorized to make emergency services calls will be given to the successful contractor.

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT:

A. Contract will be for the amount of time necessary to complete all the requirements of this RFQ as determined by the documents and contract provided by the Rowan University.

B. The University reserves the right to terminate the awarded vendor’s services for cause at any time during the term of the contract.

C. In the event that the University terminates services, written notice will be provided thirty (30) days in advance of termination date.

D. The awarded vendor may not assign sell or sub-contract its obligations under the contract to any third party without prior approval in writing by the University.

E. In the event that the contract is terminated either by contract expiration or by voluntary termination by the University, the vendor must continue all services until new services become completely operational.

F. The vendor will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the University in utilizing any replacement firm.
III. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS & AMENDMENTS
   A. The awarded vendor will comply with all procedural instructions that may be issued from time to time by the Contracting Officer of the University or designee.
   B. During the contract period, no change is permitted in any of its conditions and specifications unless the awarded vendor receives written approval from the Contracting Officer or designee.
   C. Should the awarded vendor find at any time that existing conditions make modification in requirements desirable; it shall promptly report such matter to the Contracting Officer or respective designee of the University for consideration and decision.
   D. During the period of the contract or any extension thereof, the University reserves the right to add or delete specific products. The awarded vendor will be given thirty (30) day notice to effect requested changes.
   E. The awarded vendor’s engagement partner and/or manager may be required to meet periodically with the contracting officer or his/her representatives, to discuss services.
   F. Rowan University may make changes in the general scope of the contract services provided by the vendor by written notice. The vendor shall promptly comply with the notice and shall bring all subsequent services in conformance with the notice.
   G. If any such changes causes a material increase or decrease in the vendor’s cost of operation or the time required for attainment of required service levels, an equitable adjustment in the contract cost or time allotted for fulfillment of the contract shall be negotiated and the contract modified accordingly. Any change, alteration or modification of any contract will be valid and binding only if by a submittal of a proposal, vendor hereby agrees to negotiate on good faith.

IV. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
   A. Vendor agrees to obtain and maintain, at its sole expense, the insurance coverage described below. All insurance must be placed with an insurance company licensed to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and maintaining an A.M. Best Rating of “A” or better with a financial size rating of Class XI or larger. All insurance required herein shall be written on an Occurrence basis, unless otherwise noted, shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Rowan University and the State of New Jersey, and will be in effect no later than 12:01 A.M. at the start of the day of the contract and must remain in effect for the duration of the contract, including any extensions.
   B. Vendor agrees that no insurance policy will be cancelled, reduced, or revised without thirty (30) days prior written notice to Rowan University. In addition, required insurance will be primary to any other insurance available and any limitations of Vendor’s insurance will not relieve the Vendor of its indemnification responsibilities to Rowan University and the State of New Jersey per Section VIII. Indemnity.
   C. Insurance Required:
      1. Workers’ Compensation Insurance with statutory limits applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and any other State or Federal jurisdiction required to protect the employees of Vendor who will be engaged in the performance of work under this contract.
      2. Employers’ Liability Protection with a limit of liability not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) bodily injury, each occurrence; one million dollars ($1,000,000) disease, each employee; and one million dollars ($1,000,000) disease, aggregate limit.
      3. Commercial General Liability written on a current ISO Occurrence Form or equivalent. The General Liability policy will include, but not be limited to, coverage for bodily injury (including death) and property damage arising from premises and operations liability, products and completed operations liability, personal injury and advertising liability, sexual abuse and
molestation, contractual liability, and fire legal liability. Vendor agrees to maintain the following general liability limits of coverage:

- per occurrence ........................................................................................................... $1,000,000
- products/completed operations aggregate ............................................................ $3,000,000
- personal and advertising injury .............................................................................. $1,000,000
- general aggregate ................................................................................................... $3,000,000

A “per location or Project endorsement” shall be included so that the general aggregate limit applies separately to the Rowan location or Project.

4. Comprehensive Automobile Liability written on an occurrence basis covering owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles. The limits of liability shall not be less than a combined single limit of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence.

5. Excess Liability, umbrella insurance, follow form, applying excess of the commercial general liability, commercial automobile liability and employer’s liability insurance in minimum amounts of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence, one million dollars ($1,000,000) general aggregate, and one million dollars ($1,000,000) products/completed operations.

6. Pollution Legal Liability insurance policy, if applicable to the services performed under this contract, in minimum amounts of two million dollars ($2,000,000) per occurrence. If this policy is written on a claims-made policy form, Vendor agrees that upon termination of the claims-made policy a retroactive reporting policy (tail policy) will be purchased to provide coverage for losses that occurred during, or as a result of, the provision of Vendor’s services under this contract, but are not discovered until after completion of services under this contract.

7. Professional (Errors & Omissions) Liability insurance, if applicable, in minimum amounts of two million dollars ($2,000,000) per claim. If this policy is written on a claims-made policy form, Vendor agrees that upon termination of the claims-made policy a retroactive reporting policy (tail policy) will be purchased to provide coverage for losses that result from the professional services provided during the term of this contract regardless of when a claim is made.

D. The General Liability, Automobile Liability and Pollution Legal Liability policies shall each name Rowan University and the State of New Jersey as additional insureds.

E. Vendor shall bear all costs of all policy deductibles.

F. Vendor may, if they so desire, include with their proposal the applicable certificates of insurance. This will expedite the contract award process for the awarded vendor.

G. Within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of intent to award contract, and if applicable, annually thereafter until contract termination, Vendor will furnish Rowan University with Certificates of Insurance evidencing all required insurance.

1. Certificates must evidence the Additional Insured language.
2. Certificates will be submitted to the Senior Director of Contracting and Procurement, Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

H. The awarded vendor shall assume all responsibility for its actions and those of anyone else working for it while engaged in or traveling to or from any activity connected with this agreement. The successful proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rowan University and its officers, agents, staff members and employees, from all actions, claims, and demands whatsoever that may be asserted by, or on behalf of anyone, against the University, its officers, agents, staff members and employees because or as a result of, any accident, injury or illness that may occur to or be sustained by any person, agency, or company that arises out of the activities conducted under this RFP by the proposer, their employees or anyone acting on the proposer’s behalf.
I. Rowan University, as a State funded University, will not indemnify vendors in any form.

V. VENDOR PERSONNEL
   A. While on University property:
      1. All personnel shall observe all rules and regulations in effect at Rowan University governing safety and personal conduct.
      2. Vendor employees shall be subject to control of the University but under no circumstances, shall such persons be deemed to be employees of the University.
   B. The vendor or his personnel shall not represent themselves or be considered as employees of Rowan University or the State of New Jersey.
   C. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE MANDATORY for all non-university personnel performing work on the Rowan University Campus. Vendors, consultants, contractors and subcontractors are required to take all reasonable steps to assure that their employees do not represent a threat to the campus community. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in immediate termination of any award or contract.
   D. The proposer shall be solely responsible for all damage or unauthorized destruction to any Rowan University buildings, equipment, premises or facilities; lease, lent, or in the care, custody or control of the University or State.
   E. The Vendor shall remove from the Rowan University work place, any of its employees who are found to be unacceptable by the University. Such requests will not be unreasonable.
   F. While on University premises, all vendor employees must wear attire that identifies them as vendor’s employee with identification visible.
   G. All vendor motorized vehicles shall be identified with the company’s name and/or logo in clear view.

VI. COMPLIANCE LAWS
   A. The awarded vendor must comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this contract and to the work to be done hereunder. Including, but not limited to:
      1. Vendors are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.
      2. If awarded a contract, winning vendor will be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.
      3. Rowan University is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity in all areas of operation. Those submitting proposals must certify that their firm has an updated affirmative action/equal opportunity program.
   B. All vendors submitting proposals must not be barred or otherwise suspended from doing business with government entities as evidenced by the SAM (System for Award Management) database, fka EPLS.
   C. All vendors shall be able to comply with the requirements of Public Law 2005, Chapter 51, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13-25 (Formerly Executive Order 134) and Executive Order 117 (2008).
   D. Where conflict among the compliance requirements for the products and services contained in this request or with these specifications exists the most stringent requirements shall be utilized.
   E. The most recent edition of any relevant regulation, standard, document, or code shall be in effect.
VII. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES
In submitting a proposal for this offering, the vendor expressly warrants that:

A. The vendor has legal capacity to execute and perform any Agreement arising from this RFQ.

B. Any Agreement arising from the award of this RFQ is a valid and binding Agreement enforceable against the vendor according to its terms.

C. The execution and performance of an agreement by the vendor does not, and will not, violate or conflict with the terms of any existing Agreement or understanding of which the vendor is a party.

D. The execution and performance of an Agreement by the vendor does not, and will not, violate or conflict with any law, rule, regulation, judgment or order of any court or other adjudicative entity binding the vendor.

E. The vendor knows of no reason why the vendor is in any way, physically, legally, or otherwise, precluded from performing the obligations under an Agreement arising from this RFQ, in accordance with its terms, including without limitation those relating to health and safety.

F. Such warranties shall survive and shall not be deemed waived by delivery or acceptance of, or payment for the goods and services.

G. The vendor warrants and represents that products, when delivered, shall meet or exceed all applicable standards as mandated by State and Federal regulation.

VIII. INDEMNITY

A. The awarded vendor agrees to indemnify, protect, save harmless, and defend Rowan University, its governors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, damages, and expenses, including legal costs and attorney fees, and demands of any kind whatsoever, whether for bodily injury, including death, damage to property, including the loss of work performed by the Proposer, its agents or employees, alone or with others, or resulting from or arising out of services provided jointly by the Proposer, its agents or employees or servants.

B. Vendor shall reimburse, and make good to the University all monies, which the University or its representatives shall pay, or cause to be paid, or become liable to pay, by reason of such claims, or in connection with any litigation, investigation or other matters connected therewith.

C. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.

IX. DEFAULT
In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract(s) terms and conditions, Rowan University, after due oral or written notice, may procure substitute goods or service from other sources and hold the vendor(s) responsible for any resulting additional purchasing and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other solution, which Rowan University may have.

X. SALE OR BANKRUPTCY OF BUSINESS

A. If during the life of this Agreement, the awarded vendor disposes of its business by sale, transfer, force of law or by any means to another party, all obligations are transferred to such purchaser. In this event, the new owner(s) may, in Rowan University's discretion, be required to submit a performance bond in the amount of the value of services to be delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

B. In the event of the institution of any proceedings by or against the awarded vendor, voluntarily or involuntarily, in bankruptcy or insolvency, or under the provisions of the Federal Bankruptcy Act, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or an assignee for the benefit of creditors of the
property of the vendor, Rowan University shall have, in addition to the rights previously stated, the right to cancel this Agreement forthwith.

XI. GENERAL

A. Rowan University may need to issue one or more addenda related to this RFQ. Such addenda shall be added to the original RFQ document and posted at: Office of Contracting & Procurement. It will be the responsibility of the prospective vendors and other interested parties to familiarize themselves with the web site and visit it regularly during the RFQ process for updated information or addenda related to this RFQ.

B. Short procedural inquiries may be accepted by telephone by the buyer noted for this project. However, oral explanations or instructions given over the telephone shall not be binding upon the University. Proposers shall not contact any person within the University directly, in person, or by telephone, other than the assigned buyer, concerning this project.

C. Any modifications to the bid document prior to award may invalidate entire submission.

D. If a joint venture is submitting a proposal, the agreement between the parties relating to such joint venture shall be submitted with the joint venture’s submission.

E. The awarded firm may not assign sell or sub-contract its obligations under the contract to any third party without prior approval in writing by the University.

F. Rowan reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract to obtain the most advantageous situation for Rowan.

G. Rowan reserves the right to suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFQ at any time (in its sole discretion). If terminated, Rowan may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.

H. Patents: The Suppliers shall hold and save the University, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expense for or on account of any patented or unpatented invention, article, or applicable manufacturer or use in materials and forms of construction as will satisfy the University’s requirements.

I. Submission as Public Information and Property of Rowan

Submissions will be held confidential during the proposal process until such time as the final contract is executed, upon such time the proposal submittals may be subject to the Open Public Records Act for non-propriety information. It is the responsibility of the prospective vendor to indicate what submitted information is proprietary.

J. All submissions will become the property of Rowan. Submitted packages will not be returned to respondents unless they are received late.

K. In submitting a proposal, the Vendor agrees, unless specifically authorized in writing by an authorized representative of Rowan University on a case by case basis, that it shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of Rowan University, its officials or employees, or the Seal of the University:
   1. In any advertising, publicity, promotion;
   2. To express or imply any endorsement of agency’s services;
   3. To use the name of the State, its officials or employees or the University seal in any manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by (a) and (b) above) except only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this agreement such services as are hereby contracted by the University.

L. The preparation of a proposal shall be at the expense of the respondent. Rowan University will not reimburse firms for any costs associated with the preparation or submittal of a response.
M. Rowan University does not allow payment of attorney fees for litigation regardless of disposition of matter.

N. By responding to this RFQ, firms acknowledge and consent to the conditions set forth herein relative to the submission, review and consideration of your response.

O. Submissions which, in the sole judgment of Rowan, fail to meet the requirements of the RFQ or which are in any way conditional, incomplete, obscure, contain additions or deletions from requested information, or contain errors may be rejected.

P. Rowan University will not accept jurisdiction in any State except New Jersey.

Q. The vendor shall be solely responsible for all damage or unauthorized destruction to any Rowan University buildings, equipment, premises or facilities; lease, lent, or in the care, custody or control of the University or State.

R. Rowan University reserves the right to reject any or all submissions or to award in whole or in part if deemed in the best interest of the University to do so.

S. This RFQ is not binding on the University.

T. Protest of restrictive specifications or improprieties in the solicitation, by an interested party, must be received by the Procurement Department in writing not less than ten (10) working days before the closing date for receipt of submissions.

U. Unless specifically noted within this RFQ, Rowan’s Standard Terms and Conditions take precedence over any special terms and conditions contained in this RFQ.

V. Proposers assume sole responsibility for the complete effort required in this RFQ. No special consideration shall be given after proposals are opened because of a proposer’s failure to be knowledgeable of all the requirements of this RFQ. By submitting a proposal in response to this offering, the proposer represents that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, of all the requirements of this RFQ.

W. Rowan University has the option, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of work for any task or subtask called for under this contract. In such an event, the Senior Director of Contracting and Procurement (Senior Director) shall provide advanced, written notice to the vendor.

1. Upon receipt of such written notice, the vendor will submit, within five (5) working days to the Senior Director of Contracting & Procurement, an itemization of the work effort already completed by task or subtasks. The vendor shall be compensated for such work effort according to the applicable portions of its cost proposal.

X. The Senior Director may, for valid reason, issue a stop order directing the vendor to suspend work under the contract for a specific time. The vendor shall be paid until the effective date of the stop order. The vendor shall resume work upon the date specified in the stop order or upon such other date as the Senior Director may thereafter direct in writing. The period of suspension shall be deemed added to the vendor’s approved schedule of performance. The Senior Director and the vendor shall negotiate an equitable adjustment, if any, to the contract price.

Y. Rowan University reserves the right to cancel this contract with thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor(s) with or without cause.

Z. No party, including any respondent to this RFQ, is granted any rights hereunder.

AA. The proposal submitted by the vendor shall be binding on the vendor.

BB. Rowan University reserves the right to seek clarification and additional information at any point in connection with vendor information or other communication regarding this RFQ.
XII. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A. Submissions should provide a straightforward and concise delineation of the respondent proposal and commitment to satisfy the requirements of the RFQ.

B. Vendor’s submissions should include all information noted in the sections above and on the Required Procurement Documents page of this document as well as the following information.

C. Proposals submitted in any other format other than as listed below will be considered informal and may be rejected.

D. The RFQ should be concise and shall be organized in a manner so the selection committee may quickly access pertinent information. Every effort should be made to avoid duplicating the information presented in the RFP. The RFP must include and will be evaluated based on the following criteria. Each team’s RFP must include an index and be organized by discrete sections corresponding to the criteria and in the same order as listed below

1. **Transmittal Letter:**
   a. Proposals must be accompanied by a transmittal letter not to exceed two (2) pages signed by a principal of the firm.

2. **Personnel and/or Staffing:**
   a. Provide the name and contact information of the individual in your firm that the University should contact regarding questions about your RFP submission. The contact information should include the name of individual, telephone number, and e-mail address (Page 16).
   b. A complete list of names and the roles of key personnel proposed to carry out work under this contract, including resumes and/or licenses, relevant experience, hourly billing rates, and longevity in those functions.
   c. A certification that the firm and key personnel assigned to this effort is not aware of any conflicts of interest in the evaluation and review of anticipated submissions. If unable to make such a certification, any potential conflicts must be disclosed.

3. **Background, Statement of Qualification & Experience including References:**
   a. Description of the firm’s size, history, qualifications and achievements.
   b. Provide a listing of at least five references from current (at least three) and former clients at institutions similar to Rowan University that the University may contact regarding previous work completed.
      - Include the name and address of client and the length of relationship.
      - Include name, title and telephone number of a contact person at each institution.
      - The University reserves the right, but is not obligated to, contact any organization or institution as a reference.

4. **Licenses/Certifications:** Proof of necessary certifications is required for at least one company representative.

5. **Required Procurement Documents:** All documents requested (Page 3), should be submitted in the listed order.

E. Conditional proposals will not be considered.

F. Please note that we will only accept electronic bid submissions in the form of a USB or CD format via mail or submission through email. **Electronic submission is the official submission of the University and will be treated as such**

G. If mailing in an electronic submission, please place in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with the title **RFQ 18-34 Landscape Services** and the vendor’s name and business address.

H. The University prefers single file PDF format of electronic submissions.
I. **Post Award:** Following the notification of award Vendor(s) will receive a contract along with a request to review terms, deliverables, costs and the University’s expectations in general. You will be able to address any post award questions or concerns at this time.

J. *If you do not receive a contract within 7 days of award, please contact [contracts@rowan.edu](mailto:contracts@rowan.edu)*
**Contract Deliverables and Requirements**

**Instructions:**

**NOTE: THE UNIVERSITY IS NOW ONLY ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSIONS. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS ORIGINALS AND WILL BE UTILIZED AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION FOR EVALUATION AND CONSIDERATION BY THE UNIVERSITY. EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE SO THEY ARE COHERENT AND EASILY VIEWABLE. ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS OFFERING MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.**

**Instructions:**

In order to be considered for the award, vendors must proceed with the following submission options:

- **Submission Option #1:** Submit bid via email to bids@rowan.edu  
  - Enter the Bid Name and Company Name in the Subject Line  
  - **DO NOT PROVIDE LINKS OR ANY EXTERNAL LOCATIONS FOR FILES TO BE DOWNLOADED OR RETRIEVED, THE UNIVERSITY WILL REJECT ANY SUBMISSIONS SENT IN THIS MANNER**

- **Submission Option #2:** Mail an envelope to the office of Contracting & Procurement with a USB drive or CD enclosed containing the bid submission (Note: The University is not responsible for USB or CD drives that contain no information or fail upon use).
  - Please label all outermost submission packages as follows:
    - RFQ 18-34 Landscape Services
    - Contracting & Procurement address:  
      Bunce Hall, Suite 208  
      Rowan University  
      201 Mullica Hill Road  
      Glassboro, NJ 08028
  - **Submit bids no later than 2:00 p.m. on submission due date.**

Respondents are cautioned that reliance on the US Postal Service, other mail delivery, and/or courier service for timely delivery of submissions is at their own risk. Mailing submissions should allow for normal mail delivery time and internal circulation within the University to ensure the timely receipt of their submissions by the Purchasing Office. The University will not be responsible for submissions which do not meet the RFP deadline.
**Evaluation and Selection Criteria:**
An initial screening of all submissions will be conducted to determine overall responsiveness. Submissions determined to be incomplete or non-responsive may be disqualified.

Selection of the awarded vendor(s) shall be based solely on the Review Committee’s evaluation of the submissions and the criteria set forth above. Rowan reserves the right to interview the respondents. Rowan also reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract to obtain the most advantageous situation for Rowan. In addition, Rowan reserves the right to suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFQ at any time (in its sole discretion). If terminated, Rowan may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.

Submission of a Proposal against this RFQ is your acknowledgement that subjective criteria will be used in the evaluation of proposals. Award shall be made to the responsible proposer who is determined to be the most advantageous to the University.

By responding to this RFP, firms acknowledge and consent to the conditions set forth herein relative to the submission, review and consideration of your response.

**Requests for Clarification by the University:** The University may request that any proponent clarify or supplement any information contained in any Proposal. Proposers are required to provide a written response within two (2) business days of receipt of any request for clarification by the University.

The award of this RFP will be based upon a review and analysis of all proposals to determine which proposal/proposals best meet the University’s needs. The contract award will be based on a points-earned matrix derived from a service and financial evaluation.

**Firms will be awarded points in the following categories:**

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The undersigned proposer, in response to Rowan University’s Request for Qualifications for Landscape Services at Rowan University, RFQ 18-34, having carefully examined the proposal documents and being familiar with the conditions surrounding the proposed project, hereby proposes to provide such products and services meeting the requirements outlined in this RFQ, accordance with the proposal attached hereto.

Print Name & Title

Vendor Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Proposer’s Signature

Any and all changes made to this proposal page must be initialed and dated by the Proposer. No edit(s) will be accepted without Proposer’s initials and date, next to any and all corrections.

Provide the name and contact information of the individual in your firm that the University should contact regarding questions about your RFQ submission:

Contact Name for this Project

Contact Email

Contact Phone