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INVITATION FOR BID
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INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER	IFB 25-009
NAME OF BID	Annual Contract for Easement Herbicide Treatment
BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT	MAWSS Bid Box Donaghey Business Entrance 4725 Moffett Road Mobile, AL 36618 If sending bids by UPS/Fed Ex, deliver to the Warehouse: 1610 Shelton Beach Rd. Ext., Mobile, AL 36618
MANDATORY PREBID	May 12, 2025 at 10:00 am in the MAWSS Operations Center Board Room
BID OPENING DATE	May 20, 2025
BID CLOSING TIME	10:30 am Central Time
AWARD WILL BE MADE BY	Total Cost Base Bid A, Total Cost Base Bid B or Base Bid B plus Additive Alternate
CONTRACT PERIOD	6/1/25 through 5/31/26 with two 1-year extension options
MATERIAL DELIVERED TO	Various Locations
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT	Corey McCoy (251) 404-2275 cmccoy@mawss.com - Areas I., II., III. Steve Davis (251) 463-7021 sdavis@mawss.com - Water Supply Areas IV., V. VI., VII., VIII., IX., X
APPLICABLE SDP POLICY	17-01


Sealed bids must be in the Purchasing Department no later than the time specified in order to be considered. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. Envelopes must bear the name of the supplier, company address and the words "IFB 25-009 Easement Herbicide Treatment" or "IFB 25-009 NO QUOTE." Facsimile or email bids will not be accepted.

All bids must be submitted on the attached forms or your bid will be disqualified. Bidder shall furnish all the information required by the solicitation. The bidder's name must be typed or printed on the bid sheet, and signed by the bidder or appropriate authorized executive officer of the bidder's company. Bidders must initial any changes or erasures. Bidders should retain a copy of bids for their records.

Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda to this solicitation by signing and returning each addendum or by identifying the addendum number and the date on the bid form. Failure to acknowledge receipt of any addendum by a bidder will result in rejection of the bid if MAWSS determines that the addendum contains information that materially changes the requirements.

All bids shall be quoted FOB Destination, freight prepaid with no additional charges. Unless otherwise specified in the bid, all prices will be on a firm-fixed price basis and are not subject to adjustments based on costs incurred. MAWSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, to waive any informality in any bid or in the bid process, or to terminate the bid process at any time, if deemed by MAWSS to be in MAWSS's best interest.

A Purchase Order and this "Invitation for Bid" with "Specifications," "Conditions," "Bid Form," signed by the successful bidder's authorized representative, and all attached drawings and other documents furnished by MAWSS to the bidders with the Invitation for Bid in order to illustrate the contract requirements, will constitute a contract for the goods and/or services to be purchased.


 Joyce Sawyer, Buyer II
 Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

IFB 25-009 EASEMENT HERBICIDE TREATMENT CONDITIONS

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile will accept bids for **Easement Herbicide Treatment** in our Purchasing Department Bid Box located in the Business Entrance at 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL. 36618 **no later than 10:30 a.m.** local time on **May 20, 2025**. Bids will be opened immediately after bid closing time in the Operations Center Board room located at the Customer Service entrance. Award will be by **Total Cost of Base Bid A, Total Cost of Base Bid B or Base Bid B plus Additive Alternate**. The bidder offers and agrees, if this bid is accepted, to furnish the items as defined in the specifications for the unit price set opposite each item. Pricing shall be FOB Mobile, Alabama. All items shall be delivered to **various locations** or to the job site as needed. The bidder shall state the expected length of delivery time on the Bid Form.

A mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held between representatives of the Contractor and representatives of MAWSS prior to the bid opening. The Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for **10:00 am on May 12, 2025** in the **MAWSS Operations Center Board Room** located at 4725 Moffett Rd., Mobile, AL 36618 at the Customer Service entrance.

All items provided shall be for commercial use and for the purposes reflected in the contract documents. Item(s) that have a determinable shelf life must be disclosed at the time of bid submittal. MAWSS shall not be committed to the purchase of a pre-established minimum quantity for any one item or service.

Bidder understands that his/her bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for sixty (60) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

A bidder may not modify its bid after bid opening. Errors in the extension of unit prices stated in a bid or in multiplication, division, addition, or subtraction in a bid may be corrected by the MAWSS Purchasing Buyer before award. In such cases, unit prices shall not be changed.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to determine before the bid opening whether any amendment, additions, deletions, or changes of any type have been made to this Invitation for Bid, Conditions, Specifications, Bid Form, or any of the other bid documents. Bid documents and any amendments made to this bid will be posted on our website at www.mawss.com.

A copy of the SDP (Supplier Diversity Program) policy that applies to this Invitation For Bid can be furnished upon request. It is the responsibility of the bidder to read and make efforts to meet the goals of this policy. Please contact the Supplier Diversity Department at supplier.diversity@mawss.com for any questions regarding this policy. **Bidders MUST acknowledge receipt of this policy by submitting the SDP Policy Acknowledgement and the Subcontracting Plan/Good Faith Effort form with the bid proposal, regardless if using a Diverse Contractor/Supplier or not.** Contractors are required to use Contractors/Suppliers only in the areas for which the Contractors/Suppliers are certified.

Reporting Requirements, if using a diverse contractor/supplier:

“The Contractor **must file a written report** with MAWSS’s Supplier Diversity Office with a copy delivered to Accounting **once a month** documenting the Contractor’s continuing compliance with the MAWSS Supplier Diversity Program. This report will list all Diverse Contractor/Supplier’s subcontractors and supplier’s currently performing work or providing supplies for the contract.”

Invoicing Requirements: MAWSS is requiring additional information for all work performed and services provided. On the vendor’s invoice for payment should be a detailed listing of work performed, services provided, dates completed, locations involved with maps highlighting the area, and any other pertinent information needed to verify the work and/or services were completed in accordance with the bid specs. This additional information can be supplied in the form of detailed invoices, completed work orders with photos attached, checklists, or any other documents used to track the work performed or services provided, but details must be included on the actual invoice. A copy of the invoice and these additional details must be sent to the “ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT” found on Page 1 of the bid documents, and a copy must be emailed to Accounts Payable at AcctsPayable@mawss.com.

END OF CONDITIONS

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- Contractors submitting bids must have all the applicable City, County, and State Licenses.
- The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Pesticide Management – Certification Unit requires that contractors submitting bids have custom licenses in the categories of aquatic pest control, right-of-way pest control, and ground applicator at the time of the bid. The custom license number must be written on the outside of the envelope containing the bid in order for the bid to be read.
- All Bidders for Cogongrass Spraying must have experience in Forest Land application. Proof of experience will be required.
- All bid requirements listed in the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Standard Specifications must be complied with unless changed by this specific bid document.
- Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished in this bid package.
- The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile retains the right to reject any and all bids.
- Bids will be considered only from Contractors with experience in related types of work with a proven record of customer satisfaction and the prior satisfaction of MAWSS. Proof of experience in Forest Land applications will be required. The bidder must submit, as part of the bid document, a list of at least four customers where similar work has been performed within the last two (2) years. Please see page 28. The following information must be included:
 1. Name and address of customer
 2. Contact person and phone number
 3. Description of work performed, including the size of the area treated
- The bidder shall have adequate personnel to complete the required work in the time allowed by the Mobile Area Water & Sewer System. Background checks will be done on successful bidders.
- Site visitation to review the locations to be treated is **strongly encouraged** and can be arranged at the pre-bid meeting on **May 12, 2025 at 10:00 am** or by contacting **Corey McCoy at (251) 404-2275 for Areas 1-3 or Steve Davis at (251) 463-7021 for Water Supply Areas 4-10**.
- After awarding this bid, but before any work is performed, a pre-construction meeting will be held between the bidder and representatives of the Mobile Area Water & Sewer System. The purpose of the meeting will be to review all matters concerning the project. This meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible after the Bid Award Notification. **The Contractor is responsible for coordinating the scheduled work with Corey McCoy at (251) 404-2275 or Steve Davis (Water Supply) at (251) 463-7021.**
- **Work Orders:** After awarding this bid, MAWSS shall provide log-on credentials to Hexagon – HxGN EAM, the MAWSS work order system. A work order shall be completed for each site completed every week. A work order **must** be completed with photos attached of completed work and work inspected by MAWSS **before** approval of payment.
- One (1) Original Invoice for work completed for each Corey McCoy and Steve Davis may be submitted at the end of each month to the Accounts Payable Department to MAWSS, P.O. Box 180249, Mobile, AL 36618-0249, ATTN: Accounts Payable or emailed to acctspayable@mawss.com and one (1) copy of each Original Invoice marked “RECEIPT” is to be emailed to each Contract Manager. All work must be itemized, per site, on the pay estimate (Invoice) and must be completed and inspected by MAWSS before any payment will be approved. A separate invoice must be made for work assigned and completed for Corey McCoy and Steve Davis (Water Supply), respectively. Invoices for Water Supply categories of work must contain **“Water Supply”** at the top of the invoice.

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED**

NOTE: The vendor's invoice for payment should be a detailed listing of work performed, services provided, dates completed, locations involved with maps highlighting the area, and any other pertinent information needed to verify the work and/or services were completed per the bid specs. This additional information can be supplied in the form of detailed invoices, work orders, checklists, or any other documents used to track the work performed or services provided, but details must be included on the actual invoice.

- The Contractor is required to have a vendor application on file with the Mobile Area Water & Sewer System prior to receiving a contract. Vendor applications can be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department.
- All field personnel working on this project shall wear uniforms identifying themselves as employees of the Contractor. All personnel working for the Contractor must be permitted to work in the United States.
- All contractor vehicles must have the name of the company clearly labeled on each front door and rear of the vehicle.
- The bidder shall provide an emergency telephone number where a company representative can be reached twenty-four (24) hours per day for the duration of the contract.

END OF GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

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I. SCOPE OF WORK:

1. The contractor shall furnish all herbicides, equipment, materials, personnel, qualified supervision, and insurance to apply herbicides to vegetation growing on sewer and water main easements, rights-of-way, and Board facility properties within the Board's water and sewer service area.
2. Prospective bidders must make a complete inspection of all areas to receive treatment, and failure to do so will not relieve the bidder of any of the provisions of the specifications herein. All supervisory personnel employed by the bidder to be involved in this project must be present with a Board representative at all inspections of areas to be treated within this project.
3. All rights-of-way/easements to receive herbicide treatment are further defined as being an average of fifteen to twenty feet in width but may be as small as ten feet or as large as forty feet in width. In the event that fences or other privately owned appurtenances border the right-of-way, treatment shall extend only to these appurtenances. In any cases where the limits of the easement are in question, refer to the Board's representative for confirmation.
4. The intent of this contract is to kill unwanted vegetation by herbicide spraying services to be performed in cycles (treatments) of varying amounts of herbicide and for different types of treatment over a year. This contract may cover the same easements being treated, but the actual coverage area will vary. More than one treatment may overlap; the contractor shall have the ability to perform with the required personnel two different treatments at one time, as needed.

II. INSPECTION OF WORK:

1. All treatments will commence within ten (10) working days after a written notice to proceed is issued. A representative of the bidder, qualified and knowledgeable in vegetation/herbicide work, will be required to survey the assigned coverage areas before the notice to proceed is issued to determine when a treatment cycle should start. This representative shall be a certified applicator.
2. The Contractor shall be required to inspect each area before application for the location of any livestock, along with any desirable vegetation such as gardens, landscaped lawns, crops, or tree orchids adjacent to the treated areas. Prior to an application, the Contractor shall provide the MAWSS representative with a list of locations to be skipped, address, telephone number, and reason for skipping the particular location. The Contractor shall control the operation to avoid damage to the areas not specified for treatment, and the Contractor shall be responsible for any and all damages. No work will be permitted without the notification of the MAWSS representative.
3. No later than 30 days after the completion of each application, a joint inspection by representatives of the contractor and MAWSS shall be made to determine the effectiveness/kill rate of the herbicide treatment.
4. In cases where the herbicide application is not effective, follow-up treatments will be applied as required. A subsequent inspection of areas that receive spot treatments shall be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the treatment for further treatment. This follow-up treatment shall be at the Contractor's Expense.
5. Payment terms for applying herbicide treatment are Net 30 after all work has been inspected and agreed upon as a 90% kill rate minimum of the vegetation targeted in an assigned treatment area. Payment will not be made prior to inspection.

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III. SCHEDULE OF WORK:

1. All areas of assigned work should receive one herbicide spray treatment during the year as follows:

First Treatment - To commence within ten days of notice to proceed.

Follow-up Treatment - As required, within thirty (30) days following completion of first treatment reflected above, when necessary to secure effective control as required by these specifications.

2. The Contractor will submit a work schedule, including a detailed explanation of what and when the areas will be treated for the MAWSS review. The schedule will need to be submitted before the Contract being awarded. In the event of disagreement, the contractor will adhere to the schedule of MAWSS.
3. Herbicide application will not be performed when weather, wind, and/or temperature would be averse to safe and effective herbicide application. Application of herbicides must be in favorable weather conditions as defined by the herbicide manufacturer.
4. No minimum quantity of work is guaranteed in this contract.

IV. MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. The herbicides used in the treatment of vegetation, except aquatics, shall consist of a combination of herbicide products that will effectively control all vegetation, **except lawn grass**. Any lawn grass that is killed or permanently damaged shall be replanted by the Contractor by means of seeding, and growth will be assured. Replanting shall be done at no additional cost to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile.

2. Herbicides to be used for the treatment of rights-of-way shall be as follows or an approved equal:

Use Monsanto's **Round Up Pro** herbicide combined with Dow Elanco's **GARLON 3A** herbicide and Dupont's **OUST** at the manufacturer's recommended rates or an approved equal. No substitutions will be accepted without prior written permission from the Board. Use Monsanto's **RODEO** herbicide in clean water with **ADHERENT 90** surfactant for all aquatic or wetlands growth or vegetation growing in the water, or an approved equal.

Herbicides for use in Water Supply categories of work are identified in Section XII. Basis of Payment and Units of Measure.

3. Any water usage on this project requiring MAWSS water shall have a MAWSS metering system to determine the amount of MAWSS water used. The Contractor shall check out and pay the appropriate deposit. The Contractor shall be required to report the amount of water used and shall pay for it following current published rates. Connections to the MAWSS system must be approved and supervised by the MAWSS representative before any connection to the MAWSS system. All quantities of water consumed by the Contractor must be closely monitored and totals reported to the MAWSS representative. An air gap must be used for backflow prevention when the contractor is using water.
4. Labels and MSDS for all products shall be submitted to MAWSS by the Contractor before use.
5. Spot treatments shall be made with the mixes listed above to achieve the desired control of vegetation as outlined in these specifications.
6. Optional mixes may be considered but only upon written approval from MAWSS. The products selected shall comply with the requirements set forth by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Federal

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Environmental Protection Agency, and manufacturer's labels. Optional choices shall be deemed in no way to release the Contractor from all liability associated with their choice of herbicides for application on this project.

7. MAWSS reserves the right to pull samples from the tank mixtures used in the application of herbicides and have them tested by an independent lab to verify that the contents are meeting contract specifications.
8. Chemicals used do not relieve the contractor from the 90% kill rate requirement. Equivalency should be requested for chemicals if the listed chemicals are anticipated to be ineffective.
9. The primary means of vegetation control shall be foliar hand application.
10. Pecan or desirable trees located along or near the right-of-way or bordering easements are not to be treated, and all efforts shall be made to avoid damaging or killing these trees. The Contractor will be responsible for any damages outside the limits of the MAWSS rights-of-way.
11. The Contractor shall be held liable for any damage incurred to yards, gardens, vehicles, and other privately-owned property damaged resulting from over-spray or drift. The Contractor will also be responsible for damage incurred to areas not authorized by MAWSS to be treated with herbicide application.
12. The Contractor shall comply with all pesticide herbicide application requirements as set forth by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Federal Environmental Protective Agency requirements, and manufacturer's instructions provided with chemicals on labels and /or in accompanying brochures. The Contractor should submit documentation of acceptability to MAWSS for its records.

V. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. All equipment used by the contractor for herbicide application must be certified and licensed by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and must comply with all applicable State, Federal, and OSHA Regulations. A permanent rotating amber caution light will be mounted on top of each piece of equipment that operates on public roads. All application equipment must be inspected and licensed by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Plant Industries and bear the inspection labels on the equipment. All equipment must meet all applicable back-flow regulations (minimum requirement-air gap), and must be inspected by the MAWSS representative prior to any connection to the Board's water supply system.
2. Aerial application is prohibited in this contract. The contractor is responsible for any and all damages related to over-spray or herbicide treatments outside of the limits of MAWSS rights-of-way.

VI. METHOD OF APPLICATION:

1. Custom handgun treatment by only skilled, experienced applicators should be the primary means of herbicide application. The Contractor should utilize truck-mounted spray equipment to access the areas to be treated by means of walking, wading, or swimming as is necessary while using hoses to access the work site.
2. Each competent person actually supervising the spraying herbicide operation must be a certified applicator licensed by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Plant Industries (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). Documentation of all applicators' certifications must be presented to the MAWSS representative prior to the initiation of the work. All applicators shall wear uniforms or have identifiable markings on their clothing naming the contractor at all times while working. Equipment must be clean and in proper working order at all times. Personnel or equipment that are found not to be compliant with these specifications shall be reason for MAWSS to terminate work. Vehicles must be labeled and well visible, with the company name on the front doors and rear of the vehicle.

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VII. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

1. The herbicides used and the rates which shall be applied to easement rights-of-way shall be determined and supplied by the Contractor before the notice to proceed and will be strictly adhered to.
2. Vegetation is defined as all weeds, vines, brush, and small trees (except Bahia, Bermuda, Centipede and St. Augustine grass).
3. Areas of water and sewer main easements and/or rights-of-way to receive herbicide treatment are further defined as being an average of fifteen to twenty feet in width (ten-foot minimum and forty-foot maximum) or to the limits of the right-of-way. If fences or other privately owned appurtenances border the right-of-way, treatment shall extend only to these appurtenances. The easements and/or rights-of-way are defined by the limits of previous clearing operations. Any questions regarding the limits of specific areas should be addressed to the MAWSS representative.
4. **Areas obviously maintained by the adjacent property owner shall not be sprayed.**
5. Drift control shall be used to contain treatment within the rights-of-way. The amount will be determined by the contractor and will be provided by the County.
6. All equipment used by the contractor for herbicide application must be certified and licensed by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and must comply with all applicable State, Federal, and OSHA Regulations. A permanent rotating amber caution light will be mounted on top of each piece of equipment that operates on public roads.
7. The Contractor shall not apply any herbicides when rainfall is forecasted within eight (8) hours before application, during periods of rainfall, or immediately following periods of rainfall while vegetation retains rainfall moisture on the surfaces of the plant. Herbicides shall be rain-proof in one hour after application.
8. All areas treated shall be inspected by the contractor thirty (30) days following all treatments, as reflected in (II. 2. above), to determine if the treatment of vegetation has been effective in killing the vegetation in over 90% of the areas assigned for herbicide coverage. In all cases where vegetation kill is not 90% or more, spot treatment will be applied as required to achieve at least 90% or more. **This spot treatment for work will be performed at no charge to MAWSS.** A subsequent inspection of areas that received spot treatment shall be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the treatment. If the effectiveness of the re-treated areas is found ineffective, a reduction in cost for this area(s) may be applied to the payment, or payment will not be made for the assigned area until at least a 90% vegetation kill rate is achieved. The selection of the partial payment approach shall be at the sole discretion of the MAWSS representative.
9. The contractor shall make daily reports to MAWSS, which include the following items:
 - A. Name of easements receiving herbicide treatment and the names of all applicators who treated those roads.
 - B. A signed log sheet indicating the work of each applicator, listing each length and width segment, the total acres for each segment, and the quantities of material used.
 - C. Weather conditions at the beginning of the day, mid-day, and end of the day, including time, temperature, wind speed, and sky conditions (if rain, when the occurrence started and ended).

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VIII. GENERAL:

1. All weeds, undesirable grasses, brush, and small trees shall be eliminated (except Bahia, Bermuda, Centipede, and St. Augustine grass). The contractor by means of seeding, shall replant any Bermuda grass that is killed or permanently damaged, and growth will be assured. Replanting shall be done at no additional expense to the MAWSS.
2. Bidder(s) shall provide proof of the aforementioned Custom Pesticide Applicator's License issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. License Number to be printed on the outside of the bid proposal. All proposals that are not accompanied by this license number will be considered non-responsive.
3. Bidder(s) shall provide proof of General Contractor's License issued by the Alabama State Board of Contractors for herbicide application. The bidder shall submit a copy of the license.
4. The Contractor must supply a list of names and license numbers of all certified applicators who will be working on this project.

IX. APPENDIX A: (Map of the Board's Rights-of-way)

Refer to maps that will be furnished at the pre-bid meeting. This contract includes all of the utility rights-of-way indicated for maintenance. The total length has been approximated, but the contractor is responsible for the specified herbicide treatment of all the areas indicated on the drawings.

X. APPENDIX B: Photos of Treatment Area

Appendix B contains photographs that are examples of sprayed areas that achieved the proper vegetation kill rate. Two photographs show examples of flumes and the aqueduct.

XI. MAWSS Contract Management

Corey McCoy will be the primary contract manager (representative) of this contract. Steve Davis will be the secondary manager (representative) and will manage only the work identified as "Water Supply Work." Mr. McCoy and Mr. Davis will assign work to the Contractor for their respective areas of responsibility. The Contractor shall coordinate performing the work with the manager who assigned it. Inspection of the work performed for payment will be by the manager who assigned the work or his assigned inspector. Invoicing for satisfactory work must be separated and provided to the manager who assigned the work. Each manager will be responsible for reviewing the status of work completed and approving the contractor's pay applications for the work he assigned. Mr. McCoy will not review Mr. Davis's assigned areas. Mr. Davis will not review Mr. McCoy's assigned areas.

MAWSS reserves the right to change the managers of this contract at any time without reason. The contractor will be immediately notified of any such changes.

XII. Basis of Payment and Method of Measure

Measurement shall be according to the units of measure identified for each item of work described below. Bid quantities are to determine the low bidder only. Actual quantities of work to be performed will be determined by a MAWSS representative and the contractor as they review work assignments before work is performed.

No minimum quantity of work is guaranteed under this Contract.

Payment is based on the quantity of vegetation killed, not the amount of area sprayed. Payment terms are Net 30 and will be made after MAWSS inspects all work and confirms a vegetation kill rate of at least 90% of the areas assigned

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for treatment. Payment will not be made prior to inspection. The inspection to determine adequate kill rate is no greater than 30 days after application.

- 1. Broadcast-Brush Treatment:** Herbicide will be applied at a uniform rate to the grass areas along the rights-of-way and up the sides of the easement for full coverage of vegetation to a height of 10 feet. The exact amount of area to be treated will be determined by field inspection and documentation before herbicide treatment by the contractor and MAWSS representative. This treatment is for the control of woody brush and weeds. The brush is treated on the entire width of the easement and side trim. Push back the encroaching brush along the edges of the easement to a height of ten (10) feet.

Unit of Measure: linear feet (LF) along the centerline of the easement for the full width of the easement and 10 feet high on both sides of the easement. See Appendix B for a photograph of a Broadcast-Brush Treatment area that shows an acceptable kill rate for payment.

- 2. Brush-Spot Treatment:** This application will vary in coverage areas, from single small spot treatments to longer narrow bandwidths along the edge of the right-of-way. This is a brush control treatment where the eradication of the vegetation (bushes, small trees, etc.) will be treated along the easement right-of-way but **does not include grass areas**, however, it should control Johnsongrass and other non-turf grass-weeds. This will include treating six feet around all manholes. The exact amount of acreage to be treated will be determined by field inspection with a MAWSS representative and documented by the Contractor before the herbicide is applied by the Contractor. The treated areas will be logged by each location, which will include dimensions.

Unit of Measure: Linear Feet (LF)

- 3. Glyphosate Release - Broadcast:** This application is to enhance the maintenance of grass while controlling the weeds and vines. This is a **broadcast treatment**.

Unit of Measure: Linear Feet (LF)

- 4. Water Supply – Woody Vegetation, Aquatic Vegetation, and Invasive Species Growth:** The contractor shall provide the application of aquatic non-selective systematic control herbicides to woody vegetation growth and all aquatic vegetation and invasive species control.

Unit of Measure: Linear Mile (LM) and Linear Feet (LF) as shown on pricing/bid form

- 5. Water Supply – Aquatic Vegetation & Invasive Species Control:** The Contractor shall apply Aquatic Glyphosate, Imazapyr, and aquatic surfactant to the industrial water supply canal and Salco Lake.

Unit of Measure: Linear Miles (LM) and Acres as shown on pricing/bid form

- 6. Water Supply - Control of Vegetation – Various Sites:** The contractor shall apply Glyphosate with 6 to 8-month pre-emergent (Esplanade 200 sc)

Unit of Measure: Acres

- 7. Water Supply - Control of Vegetation along Treatment Plant Fence Lines:** The contractor shall spray the ground along fence lines at MAWSS facilities to kill weeds, vines, and other noxious vegetation. The fence fabric shall be sprayed where such vegetation is growing on the fence. MAWSS will identify the lengths of fence lines to be sprayed at each facility.

Some fence lines may not require spraying or may only require partial spraying.

Unit of Measure: Linear Feet (LF)

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- 8. Water Supply – Canal Flumes and Aqueduct – Aquatic Vegetation & Invasive Species Control:**
This work involves spraying the flume and aqueduct bottom surfaces with Aquatic glyphosate.
The flume dimensions are shown in the table below.

Unit of Measure: Per flume or aqueduct.

CANAL FLUMES						
Flume #	# of Barrels	Barrel Width (FT)	Total Width (FT)	Length (FT)	Area SQ FT	Location
1	7	6	42	200	8400	North from Baker Rd
2	3	6	18	200	3600	
3	5	6	30	200	6000	
4	2	6	12	200	2400	
5	3	6	18	200	3600	South from Radcliff Rd
6	2	6	12	200	2400	North from Radcliff Rd
7	2	6	12	200	2400	South of Aqueduct (Hatter's)
8	17	6	102	200	20400	North of Aqueduct (Hatter's)
9	2	6	12	200	2400	
10	3	6	18	200	3600	
11	5	6	30	200	6000	
12	12	6	72	200	14400	South from Salco Rd
12	63	6	378		75,600	

The **Aqueduct** is 6 ft wide by 1000 ft long for a total bottom surface area of 6000 sf. It is located at Hatter's Pond North from Radcliff Road.

- 9. Additive Alternate - Spraying of Cogon Grass on MAWSS Land around Big Creek Lake:** The contractor shall use aquatic labeled glyphosate and brush mix with zero soil activity to spray cogon grass near Big Creek Lake.

Unit of Measure: Acres

END OF SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS

**IFB 25-009 EASEMENT HERBICIDE TREATMENT
PROPOSAL**

TO: THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

Submitted: _____
(DATE)

The undersigned, as Bidder, hereby declares that he has examined the Work and informed himself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to the Work to be done; that he has examined the Plans and Specifications for the Work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all General Conditions and Special Provisions furnished; and that he has satisfied himself relative to the Work to be performed.

The Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Proposal is accepted to contract with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, in the form of contract specified to furnish all materials, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, permits, means of transportation and labor necessary to complete the following work:

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in full and complete accordance with the shown noted, described and reasonably intended requirements of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents to the full and entire satisfaction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, with a definite understanding that no money will be allowed for extra work except as set forth in the attached General Conditions and Contract Documents for the lump sum or unit prices listed opposite each item.

It is agreed that the description under each item, being briefly stated, implies, although it does not mention all incidentals, and that the prices stated are intended to cover all such work, materials and incidentals as constitute Bidder's obligations as described in the Specifications and any details not specifically mentioned, but evidently included in the Contract shall be compensated for the item in which it most logically is included.

The quantities for bid items listed on the Proposal sheet are estimated quantities only for the purpose of comparing bids. Any differences between these estimated quantities and actual quantities required for construction shall not be taken as a basis for claims by the contractor for extra compensation. Compensation will be based on the lump sum or unit prices and actual construction quantities.

The Bidder further proposes and agrees hereby to commence the Work with an adequate force, plant and equipment at the time stated in the notice to the Contractor from the Owner to proceed, and fully complete performance within the duration specified in the scope of work.

If agreed to by the Contractor and approved by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama by means of a written approval, the Contract may be extended up to two (2) additional one (1) year increments. However, no guarantee is implied or expressed that said extension of the Contract Period will be approved after the initial duration of the Contract. With no exceptions, the unit prices bid shall remain in effect for the duration of the contract. The contractor shall not exceed the contract amount or termination date without a written approval from the board. Any work performed without said written approval will be at the contractor's expense.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NO: _____

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Bid Bond

The undersigned further agrees that, in case of failure on his part to execute the said Contract and the bond within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after written notice being given of the award of the Contract, the check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%), of this bid, not to exceed \$1,000, accompanying this bid, and the monies payable thereon, shall be paid into the funds of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama as liquidated damages for such failure; otherwise the check or bid bond accompanying this Proposal shall be returned to the undersigned:

Attached hereto is a certified check or notarized bid bond on the Bank of _____
(Name of Bank or Surety)

for the sum of _____ Dollars and _____ (\$ _____)

made payable to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

THAT we: _____
(Name of Contractor) By: _____ Title: _____

And _____
(Name of Surety) By: _____ Title: _____

Are held and firmly bound unto The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, as Obligee, in the full and just sum of:

_____ Dollars and _____ (\$ _____)

lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

By _____
(Legal Signature)

(Printed Name and Title)

Witness: _____
(Legal Signature)

Witness: _____
(Legal Signature)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED ON _____
Date

BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, UNLESS ACCOMPANYING BID BOND IS SIGNED BY PRINCIPAL AND SURETY, OR IN LIEU THEREOF, A CERTIFIED CHECK, OR IRREVOCABLE UNCONDITIONAL LETTER OF CREDIT FROM YOUR BANK MUST ACCOMPANY THE PROPOSAL.

BIDDER acknowledges receipt of the following ADDENDA (if applicable):

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PROPOSAL CONTINUED
BASE BID A – Items I., II., & III.**

I. Application Broadcast – Brush Treatment

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	400,000	LF	Halls Mill Area		
2	100,000	LF	Theodore Area		
3	40,000	LF	Ziebach Area		
4	100,000	LF	Eslava Area		
5	330,000	LF	Three Mile Area		
6	14,000	LF	Raw -Waterline Easement		
7	40,000	LF	Eight Mile Area		
8	60,000	LF	Force Main		

I. Subtotal \$ _____

II. Application Brush- Spot Treatment

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	400,000	LF	Halls Mill Area		
2	100,000	LF	Theodore Area		
3	40,000	LF	Ziebach Area		
4	100,000	LF	Eslava Area		
5	330,000	LF	Three Mile Area		

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II. Application Brush- Spot Treatment Continued

6	200,000	LF	Waterline Easement		
7	40,000	LF	Eight Mile Area		
8	60,000	LF	Force Main		

II. Subtotal \$ _____

III. Glyphosate Release - Broadcast

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	400,000	LF	Halls Mill Area		
2	100,000	LF	Theodore Area		
3	40,000	LF	Ziebach Area		
4	100,000	LF	Eslava Area		
5	330,000	LF	Three Mile Area		
6	200,000	LF	Waterline Easement		
7	40,000	LF	Eight Mile Area		
8	60,000	LF	Force Main		

III. Subtotal \$ _____

Note: The selective woody herbicides used in Proposal, Applications I & II, control the growth and encroachment of sidewall limbs without killing the entire tree.

Proposal, Application III. - The glyphosate application only targets the grass and no woody vegetation, and if a kill-all mix is specified for this area, it would kill the hardwood trees along the easements, which is not wanted.

Total Cost Base Bid A = Total of I., II., and III. \$ _____

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BASE BID B WATER SUPPLY– Items IV., V., VI. VII., VIII., & IX.

IV. Water Supply - Woody Vegetation, Aquatic Vegetation, and Invasive Species Growth

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	16	LM	Industrial Water Supply Canal (30' Wide on Both Sides of Canal)		
2	80	LM	Access Roads in the Converse Lake Area (20' Wide and 10' High)		
3	2000	LF	Saraland Reservoir Perimeter		

IV. Subtotal \$ _____

V. Water Supply – Aquatic Vegetation & Invasive Species Control

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	9	LM	Industrial Water Supply Canal (35' wide)		
2	90	Acres	Salco Lake		

V. Subtotal \$ _____

VI. Water Supply - Control of Vegetation – Various Sites

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1*	10	Acres	Behind Big Creek Lake Dam		
2**	14	Acres	Rip Rap (Dam, Bucks, Big Creek Lake)		

*Line Item 1: Glyphosate & Imazapyr mix to target all grasses and brush

**Line Item 2: Kill all mix with minimum 6-month pre-emergent (bare ground mix) two (2) times per year (spring and late summer application)

VI. Subtotal \$ _____

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VII. Water Supply Control of Vegetation – Ground Fence Line at Treatment Plants

ITEM #	APPROX QTY*	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	6200	LF	Stickney WTP		
2	5700	LF	Myers WTP		
3	4700	LF	Williams WTP		
4	3400	LF	Smith WWTP		

VII. Subtotal \$ _____

VIII. Water Supply Control of Vegetation – Canal Flumes and Aqueduct

CANAL FLUMES and AQUEDUCT					
FLUME #	APPROX BOTTOM AREA (SF)	UNIT	UNIT PRICE PER FLUME/AQUEDUCT DOLLAR/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS	
1	8400	SF			
2	3600	SF			
3	6000	SF			
4	2400	SF			
5	3600	SF			
6	2400	SF			
7	2400	SF			
8	20400	SF			
9	2400	SF			
10	3600	SF			
11	6000	SF			
12	14400	SF			
Aqueduct	6000	SF			

VIII. Subtotal \$ _____

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IX. Application Broadcast – Brush Treatment

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	150,000	LF	Raw Waterline Easement		

IX. Subtotal \$ _____

Total Cost Base Bid B Water Supply = Total of IV., V., VI., VII., VIII., and IX.: \$ _____

WATER SUPPLY ADDITIVE ALTERNATE

X. ~~IX.~~ Water Supply Additive Alternate-Spraying of Cogongrass on MAWSS Land around Big Creek Lake

ITEM #	APPROX QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CTS	EXT AMOUNT DOLLARS/CTS
1	20	Acres	Contractor supplying labor, equipment and chemicals		

X. Water Supply Additive Alternate Subtotal \$ _____

Base Bid B Water Supply + Water Supply Additive Alternate: \$ _____

Notes:

1. The Quantities listed in this proposal are for determining the low bidder and in no way represent the quantities for this annual contract. If the unit price bid is considered high by the Owner, the Owner may use other forces to perform that item.
2. The basis of the award will be Base Bid A, Base Bid B or Base Bid B plus the Additive Alternate, whichever total is in the best interest of the Board.
3. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications. The Board reserves the right not to award if the cost given is not in the best interest of the Board.
4. This contract is to enhance the Owner’s forces and does not give the Contractor exclusive right to perform the work listed above.
5. The contract amount performed shall not exceed MAWSS budget for this work, which may be significantly less than the Contract amount awarded.

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Company Name _____ Payment Terms _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Submitted By _____ Title _____
Please Print

Phone _____ Email Address _____

The signer declares under penalty of perjury that she/he is authorized to sign this document and bind the company or organization to all of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

I. NOTICE TO CONTRACTS, VENDORS, SUPPLIERS AND DELIVERY COMPANIES PERFORMING WORK FOR THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE:

1. Any party performing work or making deliveries on Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) property, public property, or private property for the MAWSS shall report details of any accident causing injury to employees other than MAWSS personnel within 24 hours to the designated MAWSS employee having responsibility for that work site or work activity.

Upon notification to appropriate MAWSS site personnel, the Contractor will notify the MAWSS Safety Department in written format as found on the "MAWSS Contractor Accident Report" so that records may be maintained for informational purposes.

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners will not accept liability for accidents or injury to personnel, damage to equipment or theft of property involving contractors, vendors, suppliers or delivery companies.

2. To conduct business with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, contractors, vendors, suppliers or delivery companies must certify in writing that they have in force a drug and alcohol policy at least equal to that established for the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System's zero tolerance drug policy.

II. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT DUE TO REDUCED SCOPE OF WORK:

Should the Owner find that the Contractor is unable to complete his contract work due to the inability to obtain specified materials or satisfactory substitutes therefore or labor, because of laws, rules or regulations placed into effect or the ability of industry to produce specified materials within a reasonable time: the Board may, by written notice, relieve the Contractor from that portion of the contract which cannot be performed. Also, shall the Board determine that further prosecution of the work on a project will not be in the best interest of the public, the Board may, by written order, eliminate or delete any or all remaining items of work on a contract.

The deletion or elimination of work under the above condition will in no way affect the unit prices bid in the contract. Work actually performed will be paid for at the contract unit bid prices. Should relief from performance of the contract or any portion thereof directly cause the loss of any work or materials already furnished under the terms of the contract, the Contractor will be reimbursed for the actual cost of salvaging the material or as mutually agreed to.

If, by the deletion of work items, the volume of work competed is too small to compensate for the organization and moving of equipment to and from the work, consideration will be given to reimbursement for actual cost thereof; the intent being that an equitable settlement be made; compensation for this, however, shall not exceed the percentage differentiation between plan quantities and actual quantities performed, and if 30 percent of the estimated work was performed, no compensation for the organization and moving of equipment to and from the work will be allowed. In no event will a claim for loss of anticipated profits be considered. The deletion or elimination of work under the above condition shall in no way relieve the Contractor from his responsibility for work actually performed nor any just claims as a result thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to terminate this contract at any time at the Owner's discretion without providing reason to the Contractor. A 30-day notice will be given.

III. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any or all nonconforming, non-responsive or conditional Bids. OWNER further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be non-responsible. The OWNER also reserves the right to waive any informality not involving price, time or changes in the Work.

The OWNER may conduct investigations, as OWNER deems necessary, to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of the BIDDERS to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. OWNER reserves the right to reject the Bid if any Bidder who does not pass any such evaluation to OWNER'S satisfaction. If a Contract

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is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible BIDDER who has neither been disqualified nor rejected.

IV. SUMMARY OF THE WORK:

A. SCOPE OF WORK: The purpose of this contract is to provide the Owner with an on an as-needed basis throughout the contract performance period. The Owner shall periodically provide listings and maps that identify locations requiring vegetation maintenance. The Contractor shall begin the work identified in each listing the following workday after the date on which said listing/work order is issued. No more than one listing per month shall be provided to the Contractor. There may be months when no listing is provided. The work on a single listing may or may not be in the same geographic area. The Contractor must complete each listing before a new listing is provided unless otherwise approved by the Owner. The Owner may identify priorities for each listing. The priority items on a listing shall be completed first.

B. WORK ORDERS
After awarding this bid, MAWSS shall provide log-on credentials to (Hexagon – HxGN EAM), the MAWSS work order system. A work order shall be completed for each site completed on a weekly basis. A work order **must** be completed with photos attached of completed work, and work inspected by MAWSS before approval of payment.

C. DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK. This project intends to provide vegetation maintenance by the following methods:

1. At least 48 hours prior to beginning work, the MAWSS Personnel shall distribute fliers stating the 24-hour phone number and contact name to the homes/businesses close to the work area.
2. All listings of work are on public property, and the contractor may be required to make a video of the area where work will be performed prior to starting work.

The listings may include information obtained from the Owner’s records regarding existing locations. Should variances to the condition be discovered during maintenance, the Owner reserves the right to make adjustments.

Areas designated in the listing for the work may be revised as directed by the Owner to accommodate actual materials and/or conditions discovered during the maintenance activities.

Payment will only be made for the work performed and accepted. No payment will be made for damages caused by the Contractor to the existing system. Any damage to the existing system, right of way, or private property as a result of performing the work described herein, shall be immediately repaired at the Contractor’s expense.

The Owner reserves the right to delete, reduce, or increase, as necessary, any bid item or item of work. No adjustments shall be made to the contract unit price for any bid items due to these revisions.

No direct payment will be made for verifying locations of water, sewer, power, telephone, gas, television cable, or any other existing utility required to perform the required work.

D. SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION: Prior to the start of construction of each listing, the Contractor shall prepare and submit for approval to the Owner a copy of the proposed sequence of maintenance operations for the required work. A sequence of operations must be approved by the Owner prior to the beginning of the work.

The required work shall be completed expeditiously.

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- E. SCHEDULES: Contract Time: The Owner desires to have the required work completed as soon as possible following contract award. The Contractor shall consider this schedule requirement when submitting proposals. The Contractor shall begin work on each listing the following workday after the date on which said listing is issued to the Contractor. The Contractor shall complete the listed work within four (4) working days for every **10,000 feet** in that listing.

For example: The Contractor is given a listing with 100,000 feet in one listing. This work shall be completed in 40 working days (10* 4 days =40 days) from the date on which the listing was issued.

- F. RESTRICTIONS: No work shall be permitted Saturday, Sunday, or holidays unless this restriction is specifically waived by MAWSS. Work will be performed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. during standard time and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during daylight savings time.

V. WORK DATA SUMMARY:

Work will be done following maps provided by MAWSS. Upon completion of each map of work, contractor will supply a work summary. This consists of an overview of the project on a week to week basis including the amount of linear feet of easement maintenance. The names and hours of labor worked for each; supervisor, equipment operator and skilled labor employee. The summary shall also indicate the equipment utilized for this project.

VI. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & REGULATIONS:

Contractor shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to Herbicide Treatment on easements. Contractor is responsible for any liabilities associated with the damage of gates, livestock, fences and other appurtenances adjacent to easements, including without limitation the following:

The contractor is responsible for opening and closing gates as required by landowner and lowering and raising fences as needed to cut the easements.

The damage or destruction of landowner properties, livestock, and vegetation beyond easement, gates, fences or other appurtenances is the responsibility of the contractor.

Contractor shall comply will all applicable federal, state, municipal, and local laws, and executive order, and all applicable rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of all governmental agencies, departments, or bureaus. Nothing contained herein shall prevent Contractor from contesting with the appropriate governmental body the validity of such law, rule, order, regulation, or requirement that Contractor has not complied therewith. Contractor shall furnish Board with proof of its compliance with the aforesaid laws, rules, orders, regulations or requirements as Board may reasonably request. Contractor shall indemnify and hold board harmless from all loss, costs, expenses, fines, penalties, and damage resulting in any way from Contractor's failure or neglect to comply with the provisions of the Article.

VII. EVALUATION OF CONTROL:

The first control evaluation will be performed 20 days after treatment begins. If remediation is required, remediation work shall be performed within the next 30 days. This cycle of application, evaluation and remediation shall continue until all easements in this contract are completed. If at the time of the evaluation Owner (MAWSS) and Contractor disagree as to whether the desired specifications set forth in this contract bid are complete, a second evaluation shall be made within 30 days.

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VIII. ACCESSIBILITY OF EASEMENTS:

MAWSS will grant access to all right of ways. Also, the pipeline will be marked or defined and the width of easement given. Contractor is required to show due respect to the adjacent landowner's property and to cooperate and maintain good working relationship with these landowners and or their agent(s). Any difficulty experienced must be reported to MAWSS immediately.

While contract personnel are on easements owned, leased, or operated by MAWSS, they must be prepared to provide identification to persons inquiring about their operations. The telephone number to the contractor's home office and to MAWSS must be available to field personnel at all times. MAWSS will provide, when applicable, identification markers to identify field personnel as contract employees.

No contract employee, under this contract may perform work on easements owned, leased, operated, or otherwise controlled by MAWSS without the notification of the appropriate MAWSS management, or designated representative or management. A MAWSS representative must be present, or contractor must have obtained consent before beginning any work.

IX. EXISTING PIPELINE PROBLEMS:

During the routine course of work by the spraying contractor's personnel, should they encounter a manhole overflow or see evidence of recent sewer overflow at a manhole or encounter sewer overflow from a broken line, this information should be reported immediately to the MAWSS project representative. Also, the contractor is to report any wash-out or water line problem immediately to the MAWSS Contract Manager.

X. GENERAL

All field personnel working on this project shall wear company ID badges. All vehicles used by the Contractor shall have a sign or logo displayed on the outside of the vehicle.

The bidder shall have a designated on-site Safety Officer who will be responsible for ensuring that all aspects of this project are conducted in a safe manner.

XI. NOTICE TO CONTRACTS, VENDORS, SUPPLIERS, AND DELIVERY COMPANIES PERFORMING WORK FOR THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE:

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XII. LEGAL (MISC)

1. The contractor shall indemnify the Board and hold the Board harmless from all liability for death of or injury to the Contractor's officer's agents, representatives, or employees, any subcontractor or agents,

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representatives, or employees of any sub-contractor's invitees, third parties of any nature whatsoever, or employees of third parties, occurring or arising out of the work performed unless such claim arises from the sole negligence of Board. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, injuries or death caused in

whole or part by any machinery, materials, or equipment belonging to the Board used by the Contractor in the performance of the work. The contractor shall indemnify and hold the Board harmless from damage to any property, including the Board's property, arising out of work performed. The Contractor shall pay all costs, including, but not limited to, interest and attorneys' fees, incurred by the Board in defending the litigation.

2. During the progress of the work, if the Contractor should become bankrupt, refuse or neglect to supply sufficient material, equipment, or workmen, or cause any unreasonable neglect or suspension of work or fail to refuse to follow the plans and specifications or fail to comply with any part of this Contract, Board shall have the right to take possession of the premises and immediately terminate the Contract. All claims of contractor shall cease, and the Board shall complete the work after giving forty-eight (48) hour notice directed to the Contractor at the address stated in this Contract.
3. The cost of completing the work and all expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incident to this Contract shall be borne by Contractor, and Board reserves the right to seek reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses. Board shall not be liable to Contractor for all such costs and expenses. Board shall not be liable to Contractor in any way for the manner in which the work was completed. The Board's action in completing the work shall not be construed as a substitute or a waiver of any legal rights the Board has against the Contractor.
4. If the Board must undertake litigation for the breach of this agreement, the Contractor will pay all attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred by the Board in filing suit or otherwise attempting to enforce this agreement. In the event the Board is issued a claim or lien arising out of the work, the contractor shall pay all costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees and interest, incurred by Board in defending the litigation, unless such claim arises from the sole negligence of Board.
5. The parties agree that all services performed pursuant to this agreement are performed by Contractor as an independent contractor, and Contractor and its employees will not be considered employees of Board for any purpose. It is understood that Contractor is not nor will be an agent or a co-venture with Board in any respect.

END OF SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. **General:** The Supplier shall provide insurance in accordance with the required specifications. A current certificate of insurance must be provided with your bid. MAWSS does not need to be named as an additional insured on this certificate.
- B. **Supplier Coverage:** The Supplier shall not commence work under this Contract until he has obtained all insurance required under the following paragraphs and until such insurance has been approved by the Owner, nor shall the Supplier allow any subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved. If the subcontractor does not take out insurance in his own name, the Supplier shall provide such insurance protection for the subcontractor and such subcontractor's employees.
- C. **Casualty Insurance:** The following insurance coverages (with limits not less than specified herein) shall be maintained by the Supplier for the duration of the Contract, affording coverage for any claim arising out of Supplier's operations herein, whether by the Supplier or by any subcontractor or by any Employee or Agent of either:
1. Claims of employees under Worker's Compensation and other similar employee benefit acts, including claims because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death.
 2. Claims arising out of bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death of any person other than employee.
 3. Claims for damages arising out of libel, slander, false arrest, detention or imprisonment, malicious prosecution, defamation or violation of right of privacy, wrongful entry or eviction or other right of private occupancy, including claims as a result of an offense related to the employment of a claimant by Contractor (so-called "Personal Injury").
 4. Claims arising out of damage to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use.
 5. The Supplier shall furnish certification of insurance and policies verifying that the above coverages are in effect before commencing any work, and that each policy is endorsed to give the Owner 30 day notice in writing in the event of cancellation or material change therein.

Policies of Insurance shall state that the Owner and the Owner's employees be named as additional insureds on the Supplier's Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability policies. In respect to Worker's Compensation, a Waiver of Subrogation shall be issued in favor of the Owner. Where applicable, the U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Endorsement shall be attached to the policy. Where applicable, the Maritime Coverage Endorsement (to include coverage under Jones Act) shall be attached to the policy. Both the U. S. Longshore and Harbor Workers and the Maritime Coverage shall have limits equal to or greater than the employer's liability coverage.

6. Rated by AM Best – A- or better. For non-admitted companies, a rating of A or better by AM Best.
 - a. At the discretion of the Board, worker's compensation insurance may be placed through a qualified worker's compensation self-insurance fund.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED**

b. **Limits of Liability:**

Worker's Compensation	Statutory
Employers' Liability	\$500,000 Each Accident \$500,000 by Disease, Policy Limit \$500,000 by Disease, Each Employee
Commercial Automobile	\$1,000,000 Each Accident Bodily Injury and Property Damage Combined Business Auto Includes All Owned, Leased, Hired and Non-Owned Automobiles
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence \$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury \$2,000,000 General Aggregate per Project \$2,000,000 Products & Completed Operations Aggregate \$100,000 Fire Damage Liability

Umbrella Liability: In addition to the basic limits previously set out for Commercial General Liability, Products and Completed Operations, Automobile Liability and Worker's Compensation, coverage shall be issued with a "pay on behalf of" wording, including Personal Injury and other extensions, and provide coverage at least as broad as that afforded by the primary insurance policies.

Extensions (only if applicable):

Blanket Contractual Liability	Blanket Collapse and Underground Coverage
Personal Injury	Broad Form Property (including Completed
Host Liquor Liability	Operations)
Non-owned Watercraft Liability	Employees as Additional Insureds
Worldwide Products	Incidental Medical Malpractice
Fire Legal Liability	Extended Bodily Injury (Assault and Battery)
Newly Acquired Organizations	

When and if the use of explosives for blasting purposes appears necessary or desirable, such methods shall not be undertaken without written authorization of the Owner, and then only provided that acceptable extensions of liability coverage have been obtained specifically to include the explosion ("X") hazard and the collapse ("C") hazard. The policy of general liability shall include the special underground property damage coverage (providing the so-called "U" hazard) on a blanket basis.

D. **Owner's Protective Liability:** The Supplier shall furnish from a carrier acceptable to the Owner, a policy of liability insurance, commonly called "Owner's Protective Liability" in the name of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, d/b/a MAWSS, providing "Independent Contractor's Coverage" for the operations embraced by this Contract with limits of \$1,000,000 bodily injury and \$1,000,000 property damage. Policy shall be endorsed that the premium is to be paid by the named Supplier.

END OF INSURANCE

**IFB 25-009 EASEMENT HERBICIDE TREATMENT
SDP POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT***

A copy of the SDP (Supplier Diversity Program) policy that applies to this Invitation For Bid has been included in this package. It is the responsibility of the bidder to read and make efforts to meet the goals of this policy. Please contact the Supplier Diversity Department at supplier.diversity@mawss.com for any questions regarding this policy. **Bidders MUST acknowledge receipt of this policy and submit the documentation with the bid proposal.**

Bidders shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with this Policy to ensure that Diverse Contractors/Suppliers have the maximum allowable opportunity to compete for subcontracts and contracts for services, supplies, or other goods. Bidders shall not discriminate in awarding subcontracts and supplier contracts on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, or sex, during the bid process as well as during the performance of a MAWSS contract.

The following documentation must be included in the bid proposal.

- SDP Policy Acknowledgement **and**
- Subcontracting Plan

Please refer to the attached policy for more information regarding these requirements as well as all other requirements, if participating in the SDP Program.

The signer declares under penalty of perjury that she/he is authorized to sign this document and bind the company or organization to all of the requirements of this policy.

Company Name _____

Submitted By _____ Title _____
Please Print

Signature _____ Date _____

***Required to sign and return with bid**

**IFB 25-009 EASEMENT HERBICIDE TREATMENT
SUBCONTRACTING PLAN/GOOD FAITH EFFORT***

In order for your proposal to be considered, must complete all blanks in this Subcontracting Plan and sign with a handwritten signature where indicated below and include this form in your proposal.

Failure to fill in the blanks on this Subcontracting Plan and/or to include a handwritten signature may cause for rejection of your bid.

It is MAWSS's goal that in all contracts, contractors shall make a demonstrated good faith effort to award 15% of the contract amount to certified Diverse Contractors/Suppliers as subcontractors and/or suppliers performing commercially useful functions which are consistent with contract requirements.

Copies of MAWSS SDP Policy 16-01 (for public works projects), SDP/Supplier Diversity Policy 17-01 (for contracts for other goods and services), and links to organizations that have information on SDPs/Diverse Suppliers can be found by visiting our website at <https://www.mawss.com/bids/supplier-diversity-program/>.

STATE WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE WORK FOR THIS CONTRACT YOU PLAN TO AWARD TO SDP/DIVERSE SUPPLIER SUBCONTRACTORS AND/OR VENDORS	TOTAL %
ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED TO SDP/DIVERSE SUPPLIER	TOTAL \$
AMOUNT BID FOR THIS CONTRACT	TOTAL \$

Please list below all subcontractors and suppliers which you plan to use for this contract. Also indicate which of these are SDPs / Diverse Suppliers by writing "Yes" or "No" where indicated. Also list for each the percentage of the total contract amount to be performed by each and the certification group the SDP / Diverse Supplier is certified with. Attach additional sheets if needed.

SUBCONTRACTOR/VENDOR NAME	SDP/DIVERSE SUPPLIER (Yes or No)	% OF CONTRACT	CERTIFICATION GROUP (ALDOT, ADECA, SRMSDC, BCIA, WBENC)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CAUTION: ACCURATELY COMPLETE ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM AND SIGN BELOW.

GOOD FAITH EFFORT AKNOWLEDGEMENT/AFFIDAVIT

I/WE EXERCISED GOOD FAITH TO COMPLY WITH THIS PLAN AND MAWSS' SDP REQUIREMENTS.

BIDDER/COMPANY

BY (Signature)

***Required to sign and return with bid**

**IFB 25-009 EASEMENT HERBICIDE TREATMENT
REFERENCES**

The following is a list of customers where the bidder has done related work:

Name of Customer	Address	
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Contact Person	Phone	Email
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Type of Work

Name of Customer	Address	
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Contact Person	Phone	Email
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Type of Work

Name of Customer	Address	
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Contact Person	Phone	Email
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Type of Work

Name of Customer	Address	
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Contact Person	Phone	Email
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Type of Work

**IFB 25-009 EASEMENT HERBICIDE TREATMENT
CONTRACTOR INFORMATION SHEET**

List of Contact Person, Phone Number, and Email:

Placing Orders: _____

Customer Service: _____

Accounts/Receivable: _____

Emergencies: _____

On-site Service Representative: _____
Name & Phone Number

Company owned equipment? _____

Signature

Title

Appendix A
Easement Maps
Photographic Examples of Acceptable Kill Areas for Payment

Appendix B

Photographic Examples of Acceptable Kill Areas for Payment Canal Flumes and Aqueduct

Broadcast Brush Treatment



Minimum 90% Kill Rate for Full Width of Easement and 10 ft high on Each Side.

Canal Spraying



**Minimum 90% Kill Rate Across Canal Bottom to Base of Embankment.
Do Not Kill Grass Up the Embankment to Prevent Erosion.**

60-inch Pipeline



Minimum 90% Kill Rate for Width of Easement.

FENCE LINE



Minimum 90% Kill Rate along Fence Line and Vertically where Vegetation Is Growing on or Over Fence.

CANAL FLUMES



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IFB 25-009 Easement Herbicide Treatment Purchasing Bid Checklist

Vendor must initial each section below indicating compliance with statement. Failure to complete this form and provide requested documentation could result in rejection of your company's bid.

- _____ 1. All licenses required per the bid specs and any other state and local licenses and copy provided.
- _____ 2. Insurance Requirements met and copy provided.
- _____ 3. Bid Bond included.
- _____ 4. Supplier Diversity Package. This includes both forms signed & returned along with a memo from the sub-contractor agreeing to the percentage that is specified on the sub-contracting form. A copy of the sub-contractor's DBE certification needs to be included as well.
- _____ 5. Understand Proposal, General Requirements, Conditions, Special Provisions, Specifications, Summary/Scope, outlined in bid package.
- _____ 6. Agree to invoicing requirements outlined in bid package.
- _____ 7. Addendum signed & enclosed (if applicable).
- _____ 8. Contractor Info sheet & References forms completed and enclosed.
- _____ 9. Attended mandatory pre-bid meeting.

By signing below, bidder agrees they have read and understand the terms of this bid.

Business Name of Bidder

Signature of Bidder or Authorized Agent

Date