

University Neighbourhoods Association Landscape Management Plan

Closing Location

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Closing Date and Time

3:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time
Friday September 03, 2021

Submitted to:

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A. INTENT

The University Neighbourhoods Association (“Association”) is seeking proposals from qualified respondents to conduct an assessment of the organization’s landscaping practices, relevant policies, best practices, and develop a Landscape Management Plan for enhanced sustainability and efficiency that provides recommendations on a strategic approach to cross-neighbourhood public realm and park space landscaping, as set out in Part D, Scope of Work, of this RFP.

B. DEFINITIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

1.0 DEFINITIONS

Throughout this Request for Proposal, the following definitions apply:

“**Contract**” means the written agreement resulting from this Request for Proposal executed by the Association and the Consultant.

“**Consultant**” means the successful Proponent to this Request for Proposal who enters into a written Contract with the Association.

“**Board**” means the Board of the Association.

“**must**”, “**shall**” or “**mandatory**” means a requirement that must be met.

“**Proponent**” means an individual or a company that has been requested to and submits, or intends to submit, a proposal in response to this Request for Proposal.

“**Proposal**” means a submission in response to this Request for Proposal.

“**Request for Proposal**” and “**RFP**” means this Request for Proposal.

“**Association**” means as the context requires, the University Neighbourhoods Association or the area within the boundaries of the University Neighbourhoods Association.

2.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to this RFP. Submission of a Proposal in response to this RFP indicates acceptance of all the terms that follow.

3.0 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

If alternative solutions are offered, the information should be submitted in the same format but as a separate Proposal and clearly marked as an alternative solution.

4.0 CHANGES TO PROPOSALS

By submission of a written notice, a Proponent may amend or withdraw its Proposal prior to the closing date and time.

Upon Closing, all Proposals become irrevocable. The Proponent may not change the wording of its Proposal after Closing and no words or comments may be added to the Proposal unless requested by the Association for clarification.

5.0 PROPONENTS' EXPENSES

Proponents are solely responsible for their own expenses in preparing a Proposal. If the Association elects to reject all Proposals, the Association will not be liable to any Proponent for any claims for costs or damages incurred by the Proponent in preparing the Proposal, loss of anticipated profit in connection with a final Contract, costs for returning unopened Proposals, or any matter whatsoever.

6.0 PROPOSAL VALIDITY

Proposals will be open for acceptance for at least 60 days after the closing.

7.0 FIRM PRICING

- a) Proponents shall base their Proposal on furnishing everything required to complete the consulting services, including all labour, materials, tools, equipment, travel costs and incidentals.
- b) Proposals must include a Proponent maximum fee including sub-consultants to complete this project.
- c) Prices will be firm for the entire Contract period unless this RFP states otherwise.

8.0 CURRENCY AND TAXES

Prices quoted will be in Canadian Dollars and inclusive of duty, delivery charges where applicable, and exclusive of GST and other taxes which shall be shown separately as applicable.

9.0 SUB-CONTRACTING

- a) Using a sub-consultant (who must be clearly identified in the Proposal) is acceptable. This includes a joint submission by a Proponent and sub-consultants who have no formal corporate links. The Proponent must be prepared to take on a Project Manager role, an overall responsibility for the production of this plan, and this must be defined in the Proposal.
- b) Sub-contracting to any firm or individual whose current or past corporate or other interests may, in the Association's opinion, give rise to a conflict of interest in connection with the services will not be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, any firm or individual involved in the preparation of this RFP.

- c) Where applicable, the names of approved sub-consultants listed in the Proposal will be included in the Contract. No changes or additions to the list will be permitted without the written consent of the Association.

10.0 ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS

- a) This RFP must not be construed as an agreement to purchase goods or services. The Association is not bound to accept the lowest priced or any Proposal of those submitted. The Association is under no obligation to receive further information, whether written or oral, from any Proponent.
- b) Neither acceptance of a Proposal nor execution of a Contract will constitute approval of any activity contemplated in any Proposal that requires any approval, permit or license pursuant to any federal, provincial, or municipal statute, regulation or bylaw.
- c) The Association reserves the right to reject any Proposal and to accept any Proposal notwithstanding any non-compliance with this RFP. The Association may select any Proposal for acceptance or negotiation with the Proponent by selecting the Proposal which the Association, in its sole unrestricted discretion and on the basis of such criteria as it considers appropriate, deems to be in the best interests of the Association.
- d) If a proposal contains a defect or fails to comply with the requirements of the proposal documents, which in the sole discretion of the Association is not material, the Association may waive the defect and accept the proposal.
- e) No Proponent shall have any claim for any compensation of any kind whatsoever, as a result of participating in the RFP, whether in respect of Proposal preparation costs, loss of anticipated profit, or any other matter whatsoever, and by submitting a Proposal each Proponent shall be deemed to have irrevocably waived any such claim.
- f) The Association reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time and for any reason, and in so doing to reject all Proposals, and will not be responsible for any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred or suffered by any Proponent as a result of such cancellation.
- g) The Association reserves the right to enter into negotiations with one or more Proponents concerning the terms and conditions of the services to be provided, and expressly reserves the right through such negotiations to request changes, alterations, additions or deletions from the terms of any Proposals received.
- h) The Association reserves the right to select one or more Proponents for further consideration following the initial proposal evaluation process. The Association may require in-person presentations or interviews with Proponents selected for final consideration, prior to negotiating a contract.
- i) The acceptance of any Proposal is subject to funding and may require approval of the Board.

- j) After acceptance by the Association, the successful Proponent will be issued a written Notice of Award.

11.0 DEFINITION OF CONTRACT

Notice in writing to a Proponent of the acceptance of its Proposal by the Association and the subsequent full execution of a written Contract will constitute a Contract for the Services, and no Proponent will acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges relative to the goods or services until the occurrence of both such events. By submission of a Proposal, the Proponent agrees that, should it be identified as the successful Proponent, it is willing to enter into a Contract with the Association within fifteen (15) days of the date of the Notice of Award.

12.0 LIABILITY FOR ERRORS

While the Association has used considerable efforts to ensure an accurate representation of information in this RFP, the information contained in this RFP is supplied solely as a guideline for Proponents. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the Association, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive. Nothing in this RFP is intended to relieve Proponents from forming their own opinions and conclusions with respect to the matters addressed in this RFP.

13.0 MODIFICATION OF TERMS

The Association reserves the right to modify the terms of the RFP at any time at its sole discretion. Such modifications will be communicated to all Proponents through formal addenda.

14.0 OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSALS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

All documents, including Proposals, submitted to the Association become the property of the Association. Each Proposal should clearly identify any information that is considered to be confidential or proprietary information.

However, the Association is subject to the provisions of the *Personal Information Protection Act*. As a result, while section 23 of the *Personal Information Protection Act* does offer some protection for confidential third party business information, the Association cannot guarantee that any such information provided to the Association will remain confidential if a request for access is made under the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

15.0 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Information pertaining to the Association obtained by the Proponent as a result of participation in this project is confidential and must not be disclosed without written authorization from the of Association.



C. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1.0 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- a) Responses should be delivered by email to the following location no later than 3:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, September 03, 2021, (Closing) and should be clearly marked '**University Neighbourhoods Association Records Management Assessment and Implementation Consultant**':

Attention:
Wegland Sit
University Neighbourhoods Association
Email: wegland.sit@myuna.ca

- b) Proposals are to include the following sections:

- i) General:

An introductory cover letter that includes a general background overview of the Proponent, identification of similar services provided for other clients and outline of expected approach for successfully undertaking the project.

- ii) Relevant Experience:

This section must include:

- A listing of recent relevant project experience. Project descriptions should include a summary of related work, including scope, project successes, location and length of time of project.

- iii) Proposed Schedule:

This section must include:

- A schedule for completion of the project broken down by phase and task.
- A description of the tasks to be undertaken and methodologies to be used by the Proponent.
- Lead, team members and sub-consultants.

- iv) Qualifications:

This section must include:

- Educational and professional qualifications of each individual to be assigned. Include a summary of each individual's work experience with related projects.

- Experience working with UBC stakeholders and sites, including current UNA landscape maintenance contractors.
 - Identification and brief description of experience and relevant qualifications. Resumes may be included as an appendix.
 - Identification of availability and office location.
- v) Financial Expectations
- This section must include:
- i) Proponent maximum fee.
 - ii) A breakdown of project costs by task in a manner that allows for easy cross-referencing of task, personnel, timing and costs:
 - (a) for each task include the hours estimated for each individual, including sub-consultants, showing charge-out rate, total hours and disbursements per task; and
 - (b) subtotals for each phase in the project.
 - iii) Total hours and fees per individual, including sub-consultants, to be assigned for the entire project.
- vi) References:
- A list of references from a minimum of two (2) clients who have engaged the Proponent to complete similar projects, include the name, address and phone number of references; and,
- vii) Assurance that the Proponent and any proposed sub-consultant are not in a position which may be perceived as a conflict of interest with respect to undertaking this project.
- c) Proposal format:
- i) Proposals must be emailed with the Request for Proposal title clearly indicated in the subject line (Please request confirmation of receipt of emailed proposals).
 - ii) Late Proposals will not be considered.
 - iii) Proposals that are conditional; illegible; obscure; contain arithmetical errors; erasures, alterations, or irregularities of any kind; may, at the discretion of the Association, be declared disqualified.
 - iv) The person(s) authorized to sign on behalf of the Proponent and to bind the Proponent to statements made in response to this RFP must sign the Proposal Form provided herein. Unsigned Proposals will be declared disqualified and returned.



- v) Proponents shall be solely responsible for the delivery of their Proposals in the manner and time prescribed. All submissions must be delivered according to the instructions herein. The Association will accept no responsibility for documents delivered to other Association facilities and at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer may be declared disqualified.

2.0 ENQUIRIES

- a) All enquiries related to this RFP shall be directed to:

Wegland Sit
Operations Manager
University Neighbourhoods Association
Telephone: 604.822.3263
Email: wegland.sit@myuna.ca

- b) Enquiries will be accepted until 3:00 pm Wednesday September 01, 2021.
- c) Information obtained from any other source is not official and should not be relied upon.

3.0 DISCLAIMER

Each Proponent is responsible to review and understand the terms and conditions of this RFP, and the scope of work being requested. The Association makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this RFP and the Proponent is solely responsible to ensure that it has obtained and considered all information necessary to understand the requirements of the RFP, and to prepare and submit its Proposal. The Association will not be responsible for any loss, damage or expense incurred by a Proponent as a result of any inaccuracy or incompleteness in this RFP, or as a result of any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the terms of this RFP on the part of any Proponent.

4.0 EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Evaluation of Proposals will be by the Association according to the criteria identified below. Those Proposals passing the mandatory requirements will be further evaluated against the point-rated criteria. During the evaluation process, Proponents may be required to provide clarification to statements made in their Proposals. The Association reserves the right to contact any person or organization to determine the reputation of the proponent.

Mandatory Criteria
Proposal Form completed and signed by a person authorized to bind the Proponent to statements made in the submission.

Proposal must be received at the closing location by the specified Closing date and time.

Point-rated Criteria	Points Assigned	Score per Criteria (Multiplier)					Weighted Total
		Poor (.3)	Marg. (.5)	Fair (.7)	Good (.9)	Exc. (1.0)	
Experience and qualifications	20						
UBC Based Experience and Relationship	10						
Experience and Relationship with UNA Municipal Services Team	10						
Methodology - Detailed method/planning and work program	30						
Cost to the Association including disbursements	20						
Reputation and feedback from references	10						
Total Points	100						

5.0 COMMITMENT BY THE ASSOCIATION

- a) The Association will make available, upon request and at no cost to the successful Proponent, any existing relevant background information, including hard copies that are not posted on the Association website.
- b) The successful Proponent may be required to sign non-disclosure, confidentiality or other agreements when access is provided to Association information.
- c) Association meeting rooms, when available, may be used at no charge to the Consultant and are to be arranged through Association administration.

D. SCOPE OF WORK

1.0 OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY NEIGHBOURHOODS ASSOCIATION

The Association provides municipal like services to approximately 14,000 residents who live in five separate Neighbourhood Housing Areas on the Campus at the University of British Columbia (UBC). The Association is responsible for the provision of the following services:

- operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of connections and lines for water and sanitary & storm sewers within the Neighbourhood Housing Areas;
- the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of street lighting, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, roads, and landscaping within the Neighbourhood Housing Areas;
- ensuring residents have access to and use of UNA Facilities and Amenities and appropriate UBC Facilities; and,
- providing other public services from time to time such as communication, cultural or recreational programs, noise control, pet control, and traffic regulation including parking and non-vehicular trails, within the Neighbourhood Housing Areas.

Although not a municipality, the Association provides municipal-like services to area residents, and therefore has landscape services that mirror those in a municipal setting.

2.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The purpose of this project is to conduct an assessment of the UNA's landscaping services and current practices, provide recommendations and develop guidelines and policies for a consistent approach to landscaping that embeds sustainable best practices into operations.

The UNA's five neighbourhoods have several diverse landscaping service providers – who work under contract for UBC Properties Trust (UBCPT), who in turn manage landscaping services on behalf of the Association. The current landscaping practice has resulted in the lack of a consistent approach to pesticide use, water use, tool selection, plant selection, and overall maintenance. There is the opportunity for a comprehensive plan that enhances the landscaping sustainability and efficacy – including addressing, environmental and noise concerns.

Although the Association is responsible for the maintenance of the landscaping, the Association is currently not involved in the design of the landscaping or the landscaping planning processes – which are undertaken by UBC Campus and Community Planning.

Unfortunately, the current system has grown organically since the inception of the organization, presenting the need for an aligned strategic approach to current and future landscaping.

Realizing that work needs to be done, and responding to noise and environmental concerns from residents, the UNA has already started an electric-powered landscaping equipment pilot project in one of the UNA neighbourhoods.

It is expected that the successful proponent will research and engage with UBC , UBC Properties Trust, and UNA Municipal Services Teams to thoroughly review current policy, planning, and service delivery standards.

3.0 PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Working with the support and assistance of the Operations Manager, Sustainability Specialist and other staff as needed, the successful proponent is to develop an overarching landscaping plan and applicable landscaping management guidelines and policies for the Association – addressing the following areas of concern (and others as identified by the Proponent):

- UNA Public Realm and Park Spaces Planning Processes
 - Explore and review UBC Planning processes, identify opportunities to enhance UNA engagement level that will affect UNA public realm and park spaces planning.
 - Explore and identify interface opportunities within the UBC planning processes that will affect UNA landscaping and operations.
 - Explore opportunities for process realignment between the UNA and UBC to ensure recommendations formulated are feasible and can be successfully adopted in the future.
- Lawn and Landscaping Maintenance
 - Equipment power source and adopting new technology
 - Emissions and particulate matter from gas-fueled equipment
 - Water-use and conservation
 - Noise Pollution
 - Sustainability landscaping measurements and selection matrix
 - Explore and collaborate with current landscaping companies to identify current practices, gaps, and opportunities in delivery
 - Soil amendments and compost selection
- Pesticide and Herbicide Management
 - Best practices and management
 - Application and reporting

- Risk management
- Invasive Species Management
 - Identification and removal of invasive flora and fauna
 - Intentional planting of invasive ornamentals
- Native Species and Biodiversity
 - Planting palette and selection
 - Non-native ornamentals
 - Pollinator habitat
 - Drought resistant or low-maintenance plant selection
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
 - Built into the policy development processes. This analysis will compare and measure the following factors:
 - Environmental benefit
 - Social benefit
 - Cost of implementation and operation
 - Implementation budgeting schedule (this will require the consultant to work closely with the municipal services team to come up with an accurate cost estimate). Minimum of five-year financial modeling – both operations and capital.
- Implementation Plan
 - Stakeholder engagement (i.e. coordination of maintenance teams, policy alignment with UBC Campus & Community Planning)
 - Schedule for follow up audits of delivery and adherence to the plan

The recommendations contained within the plan need to present a cost-benefit analysis from an environmental, social, and financial perspective in regard to implementation and operation.

4.0 REMUNERATION

- a) Invoices shall be paid by the Association up to 80% of the contract value until receipt of the accepted Final Report and deliverables, upon which the remaining 20% shall be paid.
- b) A summary report with each invoice shall include details of the work performed, the number of hours worked for each day and date, the disbursements expended, and the totals for the period.
- c) Payment of monthly invoices by the Association shall be made within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Association.

5.0 AVAILABLE INFORMATION

- a) Proponents wishing to submit a proposal are encouraged to review the Association website www.myuna.ca prior to submission.

E. CONTRACT CONDITIONS

By submission of a Proposal, the Proponent agrees that should its Proposal be successful, the Proponent will enter into a Contract with the Association based on this RFP, the Proponent's Proposal, and any negotiations concluded pursuant to Section B.11.

1.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Consultant will comply with all laws applicable to the work or performance of the Contract.

2.0 LAWS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Any Contract resulting from this RFP will be governed by and will be construed and interpreted in accordance with all laws in effect of the province of British Columbia.

3.0 INDEMNITY

Notwithstanding the providing of insurance coverage by the Consultant, the Consultant hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Association, its employee(s), agent(s) and authorized representative(s) and each of them from and against losses, claims, damages, actions and causes of action (collectively referred to as "Claims"), that the Association may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time, either before or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, that arise out of the acts or omissions, including negligent acts or omissions of the Consultant or its sub-contractor(s), servant(s), agent(s) or employee(s) under this Agreement, expecting always that this indemnity does not apply to the extent, if any, to which the Claims are caused by errors, omissions or the negligent acts of the Association, its other consultant(s), assign(s) and authorized representative(s) or any other persons.

4.0 INSURANCE

The Consultant will be required to provide and maintain professional liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 insuring the Consultants' liability resulting from errors and omissions in the performance of professional services under the Contract. Proof of insurance must be provided to the satisfaction of the Association.

5.0 REGISTRATION WITH WORKSAFEBC

The Consultant shall have Work Safe BC coverage for itself, all workers and any shareholders, directors, partners or other individuals employed or engaged in the execution of the Work, and shall comply with all conditions of the Workers Compensation Act and regulations there under. Upon request, the Association may consider providing the Consultant coverage under the Association's existing Work Safe BC coverage. Any such inclusion under the Association's existing coverage shall be at the Consultants expense.

6.0 OWNERSHIP

The material produced, furnished and used by the Consultant as a result of this Agreement will be the exclusive property of the Association upon completion of the Work.



F. PROPOSAL FORM

University Neighbourhoods Association Records Management
Assessment and Implementation Consultant

CLOSING: 3:00 PM PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 03, 2021

This form must be completed, signed and included with the submission.

The undersigned confirms that their submission is in response to the Request for Proposals for the University Neighbourhoods Association Landscape Management Plan Consultant.

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Contact Name: _____

Position : _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Authorized Signature

Name and Title

Date