

COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY

Request for Proposal

Snow Removal Services 2022 through 2025

Issue Date: July 29, 2022

RFP Number: CML #22-009

Issued by

Procurement Department
96 S. Grant Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215

Deadline for Submittal

August 23, 2022
No later than 12:00 NOON EST



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

The Columbus Metropolitan Library (“CML” or “Library”) is issuing this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for *Snow Removal Services 2022 – 2025* (“Project”). The RFP Identification Number is: **CML #22-009**.

Proposals must be received at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 South Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215 no later than **12:00 Noon on August 23, 2022**. Any Proposal (“Proposal”) arriving after 12:00 Noon will be considered late and will receive no consideration for selection to provide the specified services.

All questions or requests for clarifications should be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. seven (7) days prior to the proposal due date to procurement@columbuslibrary.org.

The Offeror (“Offeror”) declares to have read, understood and affirms, by its signature below, to be bound by all the instructions, terms, conditions and specifications of this RFP and agrees to fulfill the requirements of any contract (“Contract”) for which it is selected to provide the specified goods or services at the prices proposed.

The Offeror certifies, by signature affixed to this “Request for Proposal Cover Sheet”, that the information provided in response to this RFP, including certified statements, is accurate and complete.

Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)	
Name of person signing proposal (Please print or type)	Title
Offeror Name	
Mailing address	
City	State ZIP
Telephone	Toll Free Telephone
Contact Person	Fax Number
E-Mail address	
Authorized Signature (Original signature only) Please use Blue Ink.	

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Columbus Metropolitan Library is seeking sealed proposals (“Proposals”) for snow removal and related services at all CML locations, as indicated on the attached locations list. For the purpose of this document, the Columbus Metropolitan Library’s snow removal season shall run from October 1, 2022 through May 31, 2025.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This project (“Project”) is to provide labor, materials, and supervision to complete the snow removal at Columbus Metropolitan Library’s properties. CML may consider multiple awards if it is determined to be in the best interests of the Library. CML may award up to six (6) contracts for these services, based upon the responses to this RFP.

Offerors must be able to provide all products / services and meet all of the requirements contained in this solicitation, and the successful Offeror (the Contractor) shall remain responsible for Contract performance for the duration of the agreement.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A pre-proposal conference will be held virtually on **Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm** to permit potential Offerors the opportunity to ask questions about this Project. Although the pre-proposal conference is not mandatory, attendance by any prospective Offerors is encouraged. Interested Offerors will be asked to RSVP to procurement@columbuslibrary.org, at which time they will be provided with a link to the pre-Bid meeting. An edited and annotated summary of the Pre-Proposal conference will be published in the form of an addendum to the solicitation and will be available on the Doing Business with CML page of the Columbus Metropolitan Library website, www.columbuslibrary.org.

DIVERSITY

Because Columbus Metropolitan Library serves a diverse central Ohio population, CML has a strong preference for professional service providers to propose teams made up of MBE/DBE/WBE certified staff to provide CML with a diverse professional staff representative of the central Ohio region in which they will be working and of the customers that CML serves every day. Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

A completed Offeror’s Diversity & Inclusion Participation Form or documentation of good faith efforts must accompany the completed Proposal. Please refer to Appendix B, *Offeror’s Diversity & Inclusion Participation Form* to submit or denote omission of participation.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

By submitting a Proposal for Work on the Project, the Offeror acknowledges that it is in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination. The Offeror agrees that if it is awarded a contract that in the hiring of employees for performance of work under the Contract or any subcontract, neither it nor any subcontractor, or any person acting on its behalf or its subcontractor’s behalf, by reason of race, creed, sex, disability as defined in Section 4112.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, or color, shall discriminate against any citizen of the state in the employment of labor or workers who are qualified and available to perform work to which the employment relates. The Offeror further agrees that neither it nor any subcontractor or any person on its behalf or on behalf of any subcontractor, in any manner, shall discriminate against or intimidate any employees hired for the performance of the

work under the Contract on account of race, creed, sex, disability as defined in Section 4112.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, or color.

Ethics Laws. The Offeror represents that it is familiar with all applicable ethics law requirements, including without limitation Sections 102.04 and 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, and certifies that it is in compliance with such requirements.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Offerors are cautioned to carefully review all parts of the RFP. No allowance may be made for any error or negligence of the offeror.
2. Proposals are to be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise description of the Offerors capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP and provide sufficient information to fully establish the Contractor's ability to perform all of the actions, activities and functions described in this RFP.
3. Emphasis should be on conformance to the RFP instructions, responsiveness to the RFP requirements, completeness and clarity of content and should minimize extraneous marketing materials.
4. Costs for developing the Proposal are entirely the responsibility of the Offeror and shall not be chargeable to the Library.
5. The Offeror must address all of the requirements listed in the Invitation to Bid. All Bids must be emailed to procurement@columbuslibrary.org , with the Bid Identification Number **CML #22-009**, title, and Contractor name in the subject line of the email and the file names.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

Each Proposer must submit a Technical Proposal and a Cost Proposal as part of its Proposal package. Proposals must be submitted as two (2) separate components – Technical Proposal and Cost Proposal in separate files.

Each Technical Proposal must be clearly labeled "**CML #20-009 Snow Removal – 2022-2025 - Technical Proposal.**".

Each Cost Proposal must be clearly labeled "**CML #20-009 Snow Removal – 2022-2025 - Cost Proposal.**".

IMPORTANT: Technical Proposals must not contain cost or pricing information.

PROJECTED TIMELINE

The projected timeline for this RFP process is provided below. The Library may, at its sole discretion, modify the schedule as necessary to allow for thorough and complete analysis of responses.

Activity	Target Completion Date
Issuance of RFP	07/29/2022
Pre-Proposal Meeting	08/04/2022
Inquiry Period Ends	Seven (7) days prior to the proposal due date
Final Response to Vendor Questions	Five (5) days prior to the proposal due date
Due Date	08/23/2022
Selection of Successful Offeror	TBA

CML reserves the right to modify this schedule at CML's discretion. Notification of changes in the response due date would be posted on the CML Website or as otherwise stated herein. All times are Columbus, Ohio Local Time

Proposal Format and Content

Proposals will be accepted until the time indicated in the RFP. The Library is not responsible for any late mail or late special service deliveries.

To facilitate comparison of Proposals, responses shall be organized into the following marked or tabbed sections:

1. Proposals must include a table of contents listing all sections:
 - a. A cover letter, on the Offerors letterhead, shall be submitted and shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:
 - i. The signature of a person authorized to bind the Offeror legally to the extent of work and financial obligation outlined in its Proposal.
 - ii. A statement that the Proposal will be valid for 90 days.
 - iii. Identification of all the material enclosures submitted in response to this RFP.
 - iv. A summary of the submitted Proposal and a brief statement of the Offerors qualifications to meet all requirements as described in this RFP.
 - b. Executive level summary of the proposed solution, which shall include but shall not be limited to:
 - i. The Offerors Work Plan. The Work Plan must address exactly how the Offeror will provide all required services specified in this RFP.
 - c. Statement as to the Offeror particular abilities and qualifications to include, but not limited to:
 - i. Brief history of the company.
 - ii. Describe the core competencies, including the rationale as to why the Offeror should be selected for this project.
 - iii. The number of years the Offeror has been in business.
 - iv. Primary corporate location's address.
 - v. The geographical area of operations and professional affiliations.
 - vi. Overview of the ownership structure of the company.
 - vii. All alliances and/or strategic partnerships with other companies.
 - viii. Size and composition of the organization.
 - ix. Number of current customers.
 - d. A description of the Contractors staffing plan for the CML project, which shall include but shall not be limited to:
 - i. The name of each team member that will be assigned to this project and the role the assigned role for each location.
 - ii. A list of all Offeror owned and/or leased equipment that will be used to complete the CML project, including but not limited to:
 - a) Vehicles (Year, Make, Model)
 - b) Snow plows (fixed and removable)
 - c) Snow blowers (portable, gas powered, electric, etc.)
 - d) Salt spreaders (vehicle mounted, walk behind, etc.)
 - e) Vehicle global positioning satellite (GPS) devices
 - f) Communication equipment
 - g) Weather monitoring equipment and resources, including free and subscription based services.
 - e. A disclosure of all adverse information that may be publicly available, which shall include but shall not be limited to:

- i. Lawsuits, judgments, liens, bankruptcies or claims made against the offeror within five (5) years of the proposal due date.
 - ii. Debarment from entering into Contracts with the State of Ohio, any county in the State of Ohio, or any other government entity within five (5) years of the proposal due date.
- f. If applicable, include a list of proposed Subcontractors for this project. For each Subcontractor listed, identify whether or not the Subcontractor is a certified woman- or minority-owned business. CML reserves the right to reject any Subcontractor not identified within the Contractor's response.
- g. References - The Contractor shall provide at least three (3) references for engagements within three (3) years of the proposal submission date that are substantially similar to the scope of work outlined herein.
- h. Include any other information documentation believed to be pertinent, but not specifically mentioned in this RFP, that may be useful and applicable to this project.
- i. The proposer must include a completed W-9 Form.
- j. The Contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance ("COI") with coverage per the terms provided herein and list CML as an Additional Insured. Waiver of Subrogation shall also apply and indicated on the COI.
- k. A completed Acknowledgement of Addenda Form - See Appendix D
- l. A list of all assumptions and exceptions to the specifications outlined in the RFP.

COST PROPOSAL

The Cost Proposal package shall contain the following items:

1. Completed Price Proposal Form – Appendix A
2. Completed Proposer's Diversity & Inclusion Participation Form – Appendix B

The Proposal shall contain all price information in the format specified on the Cost Proposal Form.

Proposers may not amend, alter or omit any items on the Price Proposal Form or include additional clarifying or contingent language on or attached to the form. Failure to adhere to any of these instructions may result in the Proposal being determined to be non-responsive and rejected by CML. Prices offered shall be all inclusive and shall remain fixed for the duration of the agreement. CML is a tax-exempt entity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Addenda to this RFP will be posted on the Columbus Metropolitan Library Web-site: www.columbuslibrary.org/about/doing-business at least five (5) business days prior to the RFP opening. Proposers are responsible for any information provided in any and all issued addenda. Proposers are required to acknowledge the receipt of all RFP addenda by using the supplied "Acknowledgement of Addenda" form.
2. Correct and proper invoices will be paid within 30 days of receipt. Invoices are to detail the services provided, the date and detail costs and are to be submitted on company letterhead, to the

e-mail address on the Library's purchase order. Refer to terms and conditions herein for additional information regarding payment.

3. Times referenced herein are Columbus, Ohio local time.
4. Submission of a Proposal in response to this RFP is the Proposer's acknowledgement that subjective criteria may be used in the evaluation of Proposals. Award shall be made to the responsive and responsible Proposer determined to be the most advantageous to the Library. Price, although an important consideration, will not be the sole determining factor.

RFP & PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

All questions regarding this RFP must be sent to procurement@columbuslibrary.org and must reference the RFP Identification Number and title of the RFP no later than **5:00 p.m. seven (7) days prior to the proposal due date. CML will post written responses to all properly received questions no later than five (5) days prior to the proposal due date.** .

Answers to all questions will be documented and posted on the "Doing Business with the Library" page of the Library's Web site at www.columbuslibrary.org/about/doing-business.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. CML will form an evaluation committee to review and evaluate proposals. The following criteria weights will be assigned:
 - a. Quality of the Proposer’s proposal – 700 Points
 - b. Total Cost – 300 Points
 - c. Total Allowable Points - 1,000 points
2. CML may invite any or all Proposers to present an oral presentation on the specifics of their technical and/or price submission. Proposers will be provided with sufficient notice to prepare.
3. Members of the CML evaluation committee may choose to retain their original technical score following the oral presentation or may choose to re-score any or all Proposers following oral presentations. The final score will be collected and recorded by the CML procurement staff.:

I. Evaluation of Quality of Proposer’s Proposal:

a. Members of the CML evaluation committee will utilize a zero (0) to five (5) scale to evaluate each proposal. Members of the evaluation committee will apply the scoring formula outlined below:

Zero (0)	Unsatisfactory	Does not conform to CML requirements.
One (1)	Poor	Conforms to CML requirements in a limited manner.
Two (2)	Satisfactory	Generally meets CML requirements with limitations.
Three (3)	Good	Meets CML requirements as written.
Four (4)	Excellent	Meets and generally exceeds CML requirements as written.
Five (5)	Outstanding	Exceeds CML requirements in all aspects.

b. Members of the CML evaluation committee will review the completeness and comprehensiveness of all proposals. CML will place emphasis on the quality and comprehensiveness of the proposal, including the understanding of the requirements by the Proposer, Proposer’s qualifications, quality of the proposed solution, organizational history and capacity, experience, and references.

c. CML will calculate the weighted technical score in the following manner:

$(\text{Proposer's Total Score} / \text{Total Maximum Points}) \times 700 \text{ Points} = \text{weighted technical score}$

Example:

$((\text{Proposer's Total Score (60)} / \text{Total Maximum Points (100)}) \times 700 \text{ Points} = 420 \text{ Points (of a possible 700)})$

Example:

$(\text{Lowest Responsive Price Proposal (\$100,000)} / (\text{Proposer's Proposal Submission (\$110,000)}) \times 300 \text{ Points} = 273 \text{ Points (of a possible 300)})$

d. The Total Composite Score will be comprised of the Technical Proposal Score + Cost Score which will not exceed 1,000 points.

II. Evaluation of Proposer's Cost Proposal:

1. CML will rank costs on a relative basis to determine the cost score.
2. CML will calculate the Proposer's cost score after the technical evaluation committee has concluded their review. The Proposer's cost score will be assigned in the following manner:

$$\text{(Lowest Responsive Price Proposal / Cost of Proposer's Proposal Submission)} \times 300 \text{ Points} = \text{Total Cost Score}$$

Example:

$$\text{(Lowest Responsive Price Proposal (\$100,000) / Proposer Proposal Submission (\$110,000))} \times 300 \text{ Points} = 273 \text{ Points (of a possible 300).}$$

The Total Composite Score will be comprised of the Technical Proposal Score + Cost Score which will not exceed 1,000 points.

Contract Award

The Library is not, by virtue of issuing this RFP, obligated to enter into a Contract and reserves the right to not issue a Contract as a result of this solicitation.

CML will enter into negotiations with the Proposer with the highest composite score following the final technical scoring by the evaluation committee. The selected Proposer will be invited to negotiate a contract with CML. The contents of the selected proposal, together with the RFP and any formal questions and answers generated during the proposal process, will be incorporated with and made part of the final contract as developed by CML. Should negotiations fail to result in a signed contract within thirty (30) days, CML reserves the right to terminate negotiations and select the Proposer whose proposal is determined to be the next most advantageous to CML.

All Proposer's that respond will receive notification if they have been selected or not.

SCOPE OF WORK

Definitions

1. "Walkways" means any sidewalk surface connecting to CML's property. Currently available Branch maps of areas of responsibility are included in Appendix C.
2. "Deadline for snow removal" means the time where all snow and or ice should be removed from the CML property.
3. "Snow Incident" is defined as the period beginning when snowfall warrants the dispatch of the Contractor to complete snow removal services and concludes when the snowfall ceases and all snow is removed from the CML locations, which will be the deadline for snow removal or four (4) hours after the snowfall concludes, whichever is earlier.

Example- If the contractor is dispatched by CML for snow removal in Region 1 at 10:00 PM and the snowfall ends at 5:00 AM, the snow incident period is 10:00 PM – 8:00 AM.

Example- If the contractor is dispatched by CML for snow removal in Region 1 at 7:00 AM and the snowfall ends at 1:00 PM, the snow incident period is 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Project Requirements

1. **For snowfall less than one inch (1")**, the Contractor shall wait for verbal or written approval from the CML Authorized Personnel prior to dispatching crews to perform snow removal. The Library may direct the Contractor to commence snow-plowing at some or all locations, after a one (1) inch snowfall, but reserves the right to alter this minimum on an "as needed" basis. The deadline during business hours is four (4) hours after the snow stops to have each Region completed. **The Library will NOT pay for snow removal for snowfall less than one inch (1") that occurs without authorization.**
2. **For snowfall greater than one inch (1")**, the Contractor shall automatically commence the snow-plowing process, without the need for verbal approval from the CML Authorized Personnel. All CML locations must be thoroughly plowed and treated for ice no later than deadline for snow removal listed herein or four (4) hours after the conclusion of the snow incident on the day of the storm, if the snowfall or ice accumulation occurs during the operational hours of the CML location.
3. For preparation of an ice storm, pretreating with salt / calcium chloride may be necessary. The Contractor will contact CML Management Staff for specific branch locations to treat. Expectation during any type of ice storm is that all walk ways are reasonably clear of ice to prevent any slips, trips, or falls from our customers or employees. The initial pre-treatment needs to be completed prior to the winter storm hitting the area. Pay special attention not to over treat the parking lots and sidewalks.
4. Sidewalks shall be treated with calcium chloride only **after** clearing all fallen snow. **Note: CML has several new buildings with freshly poured concrete curbs and sidewalks. Please take extra care to prevent damage.**
5. Handicap parking spaces and ramps are to be cleared on every trip, regardless of the scope of other activities. **At no time is plowed snow to be left in a handicap space.**

6. **Driveway markers (orange fiberglass steaks with reflective tape) may be used to indicate areas that should not be plowed, such as the corners of sidewalks, landscaping beds, and other hardscape items. CML Management will indicate where these devices should be used. The markers will be purchased by the awarded contractors and installed prior to the first snow and be removed once the snow season has concluded.**
7. The Contractor shall be responsible for any and all damage to irrigation heads, parking blocks, bollards, planters, sidewalks, or curbs as a result of plowing and snow removal activity. If the Contractor damages any CML property, the Contractor shall immediately notify CML. All repairs for damages by the Contractor will be at no cost to CML and will be completed in a time an manner directed by CML.
8. Areas for which the snow Contractors are responsible for plowing, shoveling and salting is defined on the attached branch maps. (Appendix C)
9. Snow may be stacked in accordance with good plowing practice, where it causes the least interruption of normal traffic flow. If snow is stacked inappropriately, Contractor may be asked to move the snow at no charge to CML.
10. The Contractor shall be equipped with a cellular phone with photo and video capability to report snow and ice conditions at CML locations via SMS text message and email. At the conclusion of each snow-removal activity at each location, the Contractor shall notify the CML Authorized Personnel via email to pmsnowgroup@columbuslibrary.org.
11. The Contractor shall provide real-time updates to CML Authorized Personnel about the status of snow removal at each CML facility via email. CML requires the Contractor to send (1) email for each location and continue to add to the email thread for that particular location for each snow incident, with pictures and narrative updates. Each email thread must be submitted with the Contractor's invoice for the snow incident and will be the sole proof of services to substantiate payment. (An example is below).

From: ****[mailto:*****@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 5:24 AM
To: ##PM-SNOW-GROUP <PMSNOWGROUP@columbuslibrary.org>
Subject: Whetstone 3/21 @ 5:24 AM



12. Any contractor who is awarded a Contract under this Agreement may be asked to complete work in another region as needed. The Contractor will be compensated for work completed outside of its designated region.

Equipment and Supplies

1. Rock salt may be used on **parking lots only**. Care must be taken to prevent salt distribution to adjacent turf and flower bed areas. Calcium chloride or magnesium chloride are to be used on walkways.
2. All ice melt products must be spread by a hand spreader or walk behind spreader. Spreaders shall have adjustable guards to prevent excessive salt or calcium being spread on the grass areas.
3. Truck mounted salt spreaders may be used for the open areas of the parking lots. Over salting of any area is not allowed, CML may ask the snow removal Contractor to remove excess ice melt or a credit if the amount of charged salt cost is excessive.
4. If any parking blocks, bollards, planters, signs, or removable curbing are moved during the plowing process the Contractor will put these devices back in place and make necessary repairs. **Note: CML has several new buildings with freshly poured concrete curbs and sidewalks. Please take extra care to prevent damage.**
5. The Contractor must ensure that all Contractor owned and/or leased equipment is in good working order and manpower is/will be available to ensure timely completion of the work. In the event of mechanical breakdown, Contractor will immediately notify CML Management Staff so that another Contractor may be substituted. CML reserves the right to bring in non-listed secondary snow removal contractors as needed.
6. The snow removal company shall use their own employees and vehicles.
Note: Subcontracting of CML's snow removal contract is not allowed.

CML Authorized Personnel

1. CML's authorizing agents for snow removal approval are the CML Director of Property Management, CML Operations Manager, CML Custodial Supervisor, or other employees designated in writing by the CML Director of Property Management that will be tasked with managing these services.

Locations

The list below represents the locations that will require snow removal services. Locations are subject to change, modification, addition, or omission by CML. All notices of modifications to list below will be made in writing by CML.

Location Name	Address	City	Deadline for Snow Removal
Region 1			
Northern Lights	4093 Cleveland Ave	Columbus	8:00 AM
Karl Road	5590 Karl Road	Columbus	8:00 AM
Linden	2223 Cleveland Ave	Columbus	8:00 AM
Whetstone	3909 N. High Street	Columbus	8:00 AM
Region 2			
Main Library	96 S. Grant Avenue	Columbus	8:00 AM
Franklinton	1061 W. Town Street	Columbus	8:00 AM
Northside	1423 N. High Street	Columbus	8:00 AM
Parsons	1113 Parsons Avenue	Columbus	8:00 AM
Region 3			
Hilltop	511 S. Hague Ave	Columbus	8:00 AM
Dublin	75 N. High Street	Dublin	8:00 AM
Hilliard	4500 Hickory Chase Way	Hilliard	8:00 AM
Region 4			
Gahanna (under construction)	310 Granville Street	Gahanna	8:00 AM
New Albany	200 Market Street	New Albany	8:00 AM
Shepard	850 N. Nelson Road	Columbus	8:00 AM
Whitehall	4445 E. Broad Street	Columbus	8:00 AM
Region 5			
Livingston	3434 E. Livingston Ave	Columbus	8:00 AM
Marion-Franklin	2740 Lockbourne Road	Columbus	11:00 AM
Driving Park	1422 E. Livingston Ave	Columbus	8:00 AM
Martin Luther King	1467 E. Long Street	Columbus	8:00 AM
Region 6			
Canal Winchester	115 Franklin Street	Canal Winchester	11:00 AM
Reynoldsburg (under construction)	1402 Brice Road	Reynoldsburg	8:00 AM
Southeast	3980 S. Hamilton Road	Groveport	8:00 AM
South High	3540 S. High Street	Columbus	8:00 AM

For the purpose of the Project, no single Contractor will be awarded work for more than two 2) Regions. If submitting a Proposal for more than one region, the Contractor must indicate the priority order in which it would wish to have the Regions awarded.

Qualifications

1. At the time of the proposal submission, the Contractor shall have a minimum of three (3) years' experience in snow and ice removal or a related field and shall be currently providing those services.
2. Experience as an employee, subcontractor, agent, or principal of another organization that is not submitting a response to this solicitation shall not be accepted to meet this requirement.
3. The Contractor shall provide three (3) references for work similar to that which has been described in these specifications for at least three (3) consecutive years of the proposal submission date. These references shall include the project manager's name, company name, phone number, email address, and a brief description of the work performed.
4. If applicable, the Contractor shall appoint a member of the project team to serve as the project manager and single point of contact for the CML engagement. This employee shall be empowered to take actions on behalf of the Contractor upon request of CML.

Compensation

1. The Contractor shall submit a fixed, not to exceed price, for the following items:
 - a. Pretreatment of CML parking lots, including the application of apply calcium.
 - b. Application of salt to CML parking lots, hand shovel of the sidewalks and application calcium.
 - c. Plow parking lot areas less than one inch (1") of snow, snow removal of all sidewalks and application of salt and/or calcium on all surfaces.
 - d. Plow parking lot areas between one (1") and four inches (4") of snow, snow removal of all sidewalks and application of salt and/or calcium on all surfaces.
 - e. Plow parking lot areas greater than (4") of snow, snow removal of all sidewalks and application of salt and/or calcium on all surfaces.
2. The Contractor shall submit invoices for each snow event as defined herein. The Contractor shall include the relevant email documentation to substantiate that services were provided. If snow removal services are billed, the Contractor shall include a report from an independent third party forecasting organization that certifies the total snow accumulation for the zip code of the CML location that received services.
3. All invoices shall be for per snow event as defined herein and may contain line items for pre-treatment, application of salt and/or calcium, and snow removal.
4. For all services, the Contractor shall submit a fixed price for all services, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, labor, statutory payroll taxes, social security, Medicare, vehicles, fuel, communications equipment, insurance, tools, other equipment, consumable materials, overhead, general and administrative expense, and Contractor profit.
5. **Invoices must be submitted to accountspayable@columbuslibrary.org for payment no later than seven (7) calendar days after the work is performed. Invoices received past**

this timeframe will not be accepted. At the Library's discretion CML can approve and issue payment within 30 calendar days of receipt. CML is a tax exempt entity.

**Columbus Metropolitan Library
Procurement Department
Standard Contract Terms and Conditions**

Contract Components, Entirety, Changes Interpretation

Contract Components: This contract consists of this document, the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, the Special Contract Terms and Conditions (if any), the specifications or scope of work (SOW), and any written amendments to this document, valid Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) purchase orders or other ordering documents (together referred to as the "Contract").

Entire Agreement; Parties to the Contract: This contract is the entire agreement between the individual or entity selected to provide equipment, supplies and/or services on the basis of a SOW submitted to CML in response to a request (referred to as the Contractor in these Terms and Conditions) and Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML).

Contract Changes: Waivers, Changes or Modifications to this Contract must be made in writing and signed by both parties. If a party to this Contract does not demand strict performance of any item of this Contract, the party has not waived or relinquished any of its rights; the party may at any later time demand strict and complete performance of the term.

Contract Orders: CML will order supplies or services under this Contract from the Contractor directly. The Contractor may receive purchase orders by telephone, facsimile, electronically or in person by authorized employees of CML. The Contractor is not required to fill an order date more than 30 days beyond the date of Contract expiration, termination or cancellation, unless the Contract provides for a quarterly delivery or quarterly service. Under a Contract that provides for quarterly delivery, the Contractor is not required to fill an order with a delivery date of more than 90 days beyond the date of Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.

Standard Invoice and Payment

Invoice: The Contractor shall submit invoices to accountspayable@columbuslibrary.org. The invoice must be a proper invoice to receive consideration for payment. A "proper Invoice" is defined as being free of defects, discrepancies, errors or other improprieties. Improper invoices will be returned to the Contractor noting the areas of discrepancy.

Payment: In consideration for the Contractor's performance, CML will pay the Contractor at the rate specified in the contract. *Payments will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT).* For all transactions, the Contractor must have a valid W9 form on file with the Finance Department. The completed form should be mailed to: Finance Department, Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 South Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Payment Due Date: CML will pay invoices 30 days after it has received an invoice for supplies and services it has received and accepted, unless otherwise indicated herein.

Taxes: Columbus Metropolitan Library is exempt for all federal, state and local taxes as CML is part of Franklin County Government and has a 501 nonprofit status.

Term of Contract: This contract is effective upon the projected beginning date of the Contract Cover Page or upon signature of CML by the Fiscal Officer, whichever comes later in time. This

Contract will remain in effect until the Contract is fully performed by both parties or cancelled in accordance with the Terms found herein.

Contract Renewal: This contract may be renewed solely at the discretion of CML for a period of one month. Any further renewals will be by agreement of both parties, any number of times for any period of time. The cumulative time of all renewals may not exceed two years.

Delivery

F.O. B. The Place of Destination: The Contractor must provide the supplies or services under this Contract F.O.B., the place of delivery/destination, unless otherwise stated. The address of delivery will be specified by the purchase order or other ordering document. Freight will be prepaid unless otherwise stated.

Time of Delivery: If the Contractor is not able to deliver the supplies or services on the date and time specified by CML ordering department on the ordering document, the Contractor must coordinate an acceptable date and time for delivery. If the Contractor is not able to, or does not, provide the supplies or services to an ordering department by the time and date agreed upon, CML may obtain any remedy provided below or any other remedy at law.

Minimum Orders-Transportation Charges: For purchase orders placed that are less than the stated minimum order, the transportation will be prepaid and added to the invoice by the Contractor to the delivery location designated in the ordering documents. Shipment is to be made by private or commercial freight service, airmail, water, parcel post, express or commercial package delivery, whichever is the most economical and expeditious method for proper delivery of the item. Failure of the Contractor to utilize the most economical mode of transportation shall result in the Contractor reimbursing CML the difference between the most economical mode of transportation and the mode of transportation used by the contractor. Failure to reimburse CML shall be considered a default.

Contract Cancellation: Termination: Remedies

Contract Cancellation: If a Contractor fails to perform any one of its obligations under this Contract, it will be in default, and CML may cancel this Contract in accordance with this section. The cancellation will be effective on the date delineated by CML.

- A. **Contract Performance is Substantially Endangered:** If the Contractor's default is substantial and cannot be cured within a reasonable time, or if CML determines that the performance of the contract is substantially endangered through no fault of CML, CML may cancel this Contract by written notice to the Contractor.
- B. **Cancellation by Unremedied Default:** If a Contractor's default may be cured with a reasonable time, CML will provide written notice to the Contractor specifying the default and the time within which the Contractor must correct the default. If Contractor fails to cure its default in the time required, CML may cancel this Contract by providing written notice to the Contractor. If CML does not give timely notice of

default to Contractor, CML has not waived any of its rights or remedies concerning the default.

- C. Cancellation by Persistent Default: CML may cancel this Contract by written notice to Contractor for defaults that are cured but persistent. "Persistent" means three or more defaults. After CML has notified Contractor of its third default, CML may cancel this Contract without providing Contractor with an opportunity to cure, if the Contractor defaults a fourth time. CML shall provide written notice of the termination to the Contractor.
- D. Cancellation for Financial Instability: CML may cancel this Contract by written notice if Contractor does not pay its subcontractors and material suppliers within 10 days of payment to the Contractor by CML. To the extent permitted by law, CML may cancel this Contract by written notice to Contractor if a petition in bankruptcy or similar proceedings has been filed by or against the Contractor.

Contract Termination: CML may terminate this Contract for convenience after issuing 30 days written notice to the Contractor.

Remedies for Default:

- A. Actual Damages. The Contractor is liable to CML for all actual and direct damages caused by the Contractor's default. CML may buy substitute supplies or services, from a third party, for those that were to be provided by the Contractor, and CML may recover the costs associated with acquiring substitute supplies or service, less any expenses or costs saved by the Contractor's default, from the Contractor.
- B. Deduction of Damages for Contract Price. CML may deduct all or any part of the damages resulting from Contractor's default from any part of the price still due on the Contract, after CML has provided prior written notice to Contractor of such default and intent to deduct damages from the Contract Price.

Force Majeure: If CML or Contractor is unable to perform any part of its obligation under this Contract by reason of force majeure, the party is excused from its obligations, to the extent that its performance is prevented by force majeure, for the duration of the event. The party must remedy with all reasonable dispatch the cause preventing it from carrying out its obligations under this Contract. The term "force majeure" means without limitation: Acts of God, such as epidemics, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, washouts, droughts, and any other severe weather; explosions; arrests; restraint of government and people; strikes; and any other like events or any other cause that could not be reasonable foreseen in the exercise of ordinary care, and that is beyond the reasonable control of the party.

CML Consent to Assign or Delegate: The Contractor may not assign any of its rights under this contract unless CML consents to the assignment or delegation in writing. Any purported assignment or delegation made without CML's written consent is void.

Indemnification: Contractor will indemnify CML, its employees, members of the Board of Trustees, and its Officers and administrators for any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, costs, judgments, expenses, liabilities that may arise out of, or are related to, the Contractor's performance under this Contract, including the performance by Contractor's employees and agents and any individual or entity for which the Contractor is responsible.

Confidentiality: Contractor may learn of information, documents, data, records and other material that is confidential in the performance of this Contract. Contractor may not disclose any information obtained by it as a result of the Contract without written permission from CML.

Contractor must assume that all CML information, documents, data, records or other material is confidential.

Publicity: Contractor and any of its subcontractors may not use or refer to this Contract to promote or solicit Contractor's or subcontractor's supplies or services. Contractor and its subcontractors may not disseminate information regarding this Contract, unless agreed to in writing by CML.

Governing Laws; Severability: The Laws of the State of Ohio govern this Contract, and venue for any dispute will be exclusively with the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio. If any provision of the Contract or the application of any provision is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, the remaining provisions of the Contract will remain in full force and effect to the extent that the remaining provisions continue to make sense.

Workers Compensation: The Contractor shall carry Workers' Compensation Liability Insurance as required by Ohio law for any work to be performed within the State of Ohio. Failure to maintain Workers Compensation Liability Insurance for the duration of the contract and any renewal hereto will be considered a default.

Automobile and General Liability Requirements: During the term of the Contract and any renewal hereto, the Contractor, and any agent of the Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain a policy of automobile liability and commercial general liability insurance as described in this clause. Copies of the respective insurance certificates shall be filed with the Procurement Department within seven (7) calendar days after notification by the CML of its selection of the Contractor to provide the specified supplies and/or services. Failure to submit the insurance certificates within the time period may result in the Contractor being considered in default. Said certificates are subject to the approval of the CML Procurement Manager and shall contain a clause or endorsement providing thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation, non-renewal or decrease in coverage will be given to the Procurement Manager. Failure of the Contractor to maintain this coverage for the duration of the Contract, and any renewals, thereto may be considered a default.

Automobile Liability: Automobile Insurance is required for anyone coming onto CML branches and/or property to deliver goods or perform services using a vehicle, which is owned, leased, hired, or rented by the Contractor. Any Contractor, broker, or subcontractor who will be on CML property, but not delivering goods or performing services, is required to carry Automobile Liability Insurance that complies with the state and federal laws regarding financial responsibility. Automobile liability insurance, including hired, owned, and non-owned vehicles used in connection with the Work, shall have a combined single limit coverage covering personal injury, bodily injury (including death) and property damage of not less than \$2,000,000 per accident.

Commercial General Liability: Insurance coverage with a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate and a \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit for bodily injury, personal injury, wrongful death and property damage. The defense cost shall be outside of the policy limits. Such policy shall designate CML as an Additional Insured, as its interest may appear. The policy shall also be endorsed to include a blanket waiver of subrogation. The certificate shall be endorsed to reflect a per project/per location General Aggregate limit of \$2,000,000. If the Contractor uses an umbrella/excess policy to meet the required limits, it is understood that the policy shall follow from per project/per location basis. It

is agreed upon that the Contractor's commercial general liability insurance shall be primary over any other coverage. The Procurement Department reserves the right to approve all policy deductibles and levels of self-insurance retention.

Contract Compliance: The participating CML branches and departments will be responsible for the administration of the Contract and will monitor the Contractor's performance and compliance with the terms, conditions and specifications of the Contract. If a branch or department observes any infraction such shall be documented and conveyed to the Contractor for immediate correction. If the Contractor fails to rectify the infraction, the department/branch will notify the Procurement Department in order to resolve the issues. These terms and conditions will be used by the Procurement Department to resolve the issues.

Warranties: Unless otherwise stated, all supplies shall be new and unused. All products shall carry manufacturer's warranties in addition to implied warranties. The Contractor warrants all supplies to be free from defects in labor, material, and workmanship (manufacturing) and be in compliance with the contract specifications.

ADDITIONAL TERMS:

1. This Contract represents the entire agreement of the parties hereto, and may not be amended except in writing signed by both parties.
2. All times referenced herein are Columbus, Ohio local times.
3. *CML is not responsible for any work or services provided by Contractor prior to the issuance of a P.O. by CML.*
4. Contractor will supply its own tools and materials.
5. Contractor will make arrangements for EFT (electronic funds transfer).
6. A completed W9 form is required on file with CML prior to CML issuing payment for services provided by Contractor. The W9 form can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>. Please fill out the form and return with the signed contract to the Procurement Department of the Columbus Metropolitan Library at 96 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215 or email: procurement@columbuslibrary.org.

Appendix A
Snow Removal Services for 2022-2025
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COST PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

The Proposal Cost Submission Form can be found as a separate link located under the link to this RFP on the CML *Doing Business with the Library* Web page.

Offeror shall submit this form in electronic format using the Excel Format exactly as provided herein.

Appendix B
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Offeror's Diversity & Inclusion Participation Form

A completed Offeror's Diversity & Inclusion Participation Form or documentation of good faith efforts must accompany the completed Form of Proposal or Bid Form.

_____ ("Offeror") submits the following information regarding its levels of MBE/WBE Participation:

List all MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers, with contract amounts, that Offeror will use for its work on the Project. (Continue list on additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

Name of Subcontractor / Supplier	MBE or WBE	Subcontract Amount
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
	A. TOTAL AMOUNT OF MBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTS	\$
	PROPOSED TOTAL	\$
	B. PERCENTAGE OF DIVERSITY PARTICIPATION* (A ÷ B x 100)	%

The Offeror's commitment of total workforce hours for Minority Workforce participation on the project is: _____%.

The Offeror's commitment of total workforce hours for Women Workforce participation on the project is: _____%.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing and/or attached statements and information are true and correct. The undersigned will immediately notify the Owner in the event that any of the information provided in this Diversity & Inclusion Participation Form changes in any material way.

By: _____ Date: _____

Print Name and Title: _____

***If the Offeror does not indicate that it has achieved the Diversity & Inclusion Participation Goal set forth in the Instructions to Offerors, the Offeror must attach to this Form, a narrative, including exhibits, demonstrating and certifying that good faith efforts, as set forth in the Instructions to Offerors, were actively and aggressively undertaken by the Offeror, to reach such goals.**

Appendix C
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Branch Maps

Appendix D
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Acknowledgement of Addenda

Project Description: Snow Removal Services 2019 through 2022

Instructions: The respondent is to complete Part I or Part II of this form, whichever is applicable, and sign and date this form. This form serves as the respondent's acknowledgment of the receipt of the Addenda to this solicitation which may have been issued by the CML prior to the Proposal Due Date and Time.

Part I: Check Box if Applicable:

Listed below are the dates of issue for each Addendum received in connection with this solicitation.

Addendum # 1, dated: ___/___/___ Addendum # 2, dated: ___/___/___

Addendum # 3, dated: ___/___/___ Addendum # 4, dated: ___/___/___

Addendum # 5, dated: ___/___/___ Addendum # 6, dated: ___/___/___

Part II: Check Box if Applicable: NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS COMPETITIVE SEALED BID.

NOTE: THE BIDDER MUST SIGN AND COMPLETE THIS FORM

Company Name: _____

Authorized Representative:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____