

Verge cutting and Vegetation Management. 18th, November. 2024

Having contacted several Parish and Town Councils across Oxfordshire and surrounding Counties with little success and poor responses following issuing of Expressions of Interest to various horticulturally based Local Authority contractors.

The tender information issued equally to all who expressed an interest being brief to gauge the interest.

As follows:

Wallingford Town Council, is seeking to employ a specialist appropriately qualified contractor to undertake horticultural services.

Briefly, Wallingford Town Council are looking to have a single one 1no cut of existing verges in the next month with all cuttings arisings completely removed from site. Further cuts to commence from March 2025. Total from March 2025 within that new financial year including March cut. Four . 4 no. cuts. Approximate areas. Minimum. Grass cutting (Urban) 30,458 Metres squares. Further details to supplied if agreement is of interest.

The contractor is to have in place the following:

All insurances of works, plant, public liability etc to be included.

All site specific RAMS relating to all activities to be included.

All welfare to be included.

All licences/ Traffic Management to be included.

Subsequent day work rates fully detailed. Operatives, plant etc.

A bid being received 13th, November. 2024 from Oxford Direct Services. ODS. ODS are a subsidiary company owned and managed by Oxford City Council. As below.



QUOTATION

QUOTE REFERENCE: DQTE-1701

QUOTE DATE: 12/11/2024

TO:

CUSTOMER REF:

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Grounds Maintenance	A single one cut of existing verges in the next month with all cuttings arisings completely removed from site	£1,550.00
SUBTOTAL		£1,550.00
VAT		£310.00
TOTAL		£1,860.00

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This bid at this stage relates to a single one cut of existing verges will all cuttings' arisings being completely removed based Minimum. Grass cutting (Urban) 30,458 Metres squares. Being £1,550.00 subject to VAT.

The figure appears to be extremely competitive and AH has asked ODS to qualify that this will cover the entire meterage of 30, 458 metres square as stipulated in the agreement signed between Wallingford Town Council and Oxfordshire County Council. Please read below:

RE: Verge cutting



Jason ELDRIDGE <Jason.Eldridge@odsgroup.co.uk>

To Estates; Richard Hurst; Estate Assistant; queries

Cc Rita Cabrita; Richard Hurst

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Hi Arthur,

I can confirm that quote of £1,550 + VAT covers the 30,458 metre area below.

Regards
Jason

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Estates

To Jason ELDRIDGE; Richard Hurst; Estate Assistant; queries
Cc Rita Cabrita; Richard Hurst; Parks Staff, Wallingford Town Council

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Hi Jason,

Thank you for your responses. Wallingford Town Council on consideration are pleased to accept you quotation as submitted for the sums of £1,550 + VAT to provide a one off final cut of verges, collect and dispose of the arisings for the Wallingford Town Council based on 30,458 metres square. With a further view to provide your keenest quotation to undertake, commencing March 2025, first cut of the new season followed by three 3no further cuts throughout 2025 with the final cut taking place in November 2025.

Please do let me know how you wish to progress and arrange pre start contract meetings, site visits, inductions etc.

Thank you.

Regards,

Arthur Hodsdon

AH is in the process of arranging contract meetings between Wallingford Town Council and ODS to progress this.

AH awaits a further tender return relating to the bid request and will report back on this once received.

Once the initial cut and associated is completed and reviewed for quality, performance and Best Value. Wallingford Town Council may then wish to consider a further invitation to ODS to discuss and tender for Vegetation Management across the Estate based on performance relating to The Verges contract, all being subject to a site specific Vegetation Management specification being drafted and issued.