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Notice of Request for Bids
For the City of Biddeford's Main Street Flowers

Notice is hereby given that the City of Biddeford Public Works Department is requesting sealed bids for flowers. Bids must be received by the Department of Public Works by **2:00pm January 28, 2019** at 371 Hill Street, Biddeford, Maine, 04005.

Bids shall state the cost of all flowers and planting of hanging baskets. Soil, fertilizer, placement and planting of flowers will be the responsibility of the City of Biddeford.

We are in the third year of placing planters and hanging baskets along Main Street and several adjoining side streets. Below is some general info, including "learnings" from the past two years along with detailed specs for flowers at the end of this document:

- 124 planter boxes already owned by the City; approximately 30"lx20"wx13"d.
 - More than half of the planters are in all day sun; plants for these must be heat and sun tolerant.
 - Approximately 30 of the planters get part sun (morning sun/afternoon shade)
 - Approximately 30 of the planters are in mostly shade
 - Have used a good mix of colors and varieties to be more interesting and less symmetrical
- 34 hanging baskets placed on light poles
 - Must be sun and heat tolerant as majority get all day sun, although about half are partially shaded by buildings in the afternoon
 - Hanging baskets are hung on lamp posts from the corners of Adams and Lincoln Streets to Water Street. Old lamp posts on the other end of town (from City Hall to Elm Street) cannot support the weight of Hanging Baskets. This will be revisited after that end of Main Street has been redone.
 - These hang 8-9 feet off the ground; therefore, it's harder to do maintenance, especially in the middle and at the top of the plants. Plans to do mid-summer maintenance will be developed.
- There are several small areas (parks) in highly visible locations that have a few permanent/stone planters and space for inground plantings. These:
 - are mostly in shade with part sun
 - prefer a mix of perennials with some annuals for quick color

- had a soil test done; recommendation was to add lime which will be done by the City in spring if we are going to do in-ground plantings in these areas.
- Consider the following:
 - Planters are placed Memorial Day weekend and will stay out as long as the plants look good (typically till early to mid October). Plants that will provide all-season blooming would be best.
 - Less is more - limit the number of plants in each planter to eight.
 - Good balance of number of plant varieties in each planter - limit to three.
 - Height, width and texture of various plants in one planter; have good balance so height and width of some plants don't crowd out or block the sun from shorter/smaller plants.
 - Hardiness of plants - issues with trash, cigarette butts, drinks, etc. are often tossed into planters as well people sitting on edges or placing bags/backpacks on them.

Interested parties may obtain copies of the bid documents from the City of Biddeford's Public Works Department at 371 Hill Street, Biddeford Maine, 04005, or by calling the Biddeford Public Works Department (207) 282-1579.

Bids received after the designated date (**2:00pm January 28, 2019**) will not be accepted.

All bids will be required to remain valid for a period of (30) days.

The City of Biddeford reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to make any awards or any rejections in what it alone considers to be in the best interest of the City.

If there are any questions on the bid package, please contact Jeff Demers at the Biddeford Public Works Department (207) 282-1579.

Planter Combinations:

Planter Sun Combo #1 (42)

- Geranium Rocky Mtn Pink 6.5" pot (2) = 90 total
- Supertunia Royal Velvet 4.5" pot (3) = 140 total
- Cali Lemon Slice 4.5" pot (3) = 140 total

Planter Sun Combo #2 (42)

- Geranium Rocky Mtn White 6.5" pot (2) = 90 total
- Supertunia Royal Magenta 4.5" pot (3) = 140 total
- Scaevola Dark Blue 4.5" pot (3) = 140 total

Planter Shade Combo #1 (20)

- Coleus French Quarter 4.5" pot (2) = 40 + 5 extra for ground planting
- Lobelia Techno Heat Dark Blue 4.5" pot (3) = 70 total
- New Guinea Impatient Sonic Lilac 4.5" pot (3) = 70 total

Planter Shade Combo #2 (20)

- Coleus Vino 4.5" pot (3) = 40 + 5 extra for ground planting
- Torenia Summer Wave Large Violet 4.5" pot (3) = 70 total
- New Guinea Impatient Sonic Light Lavender 4.5" pot (3) = 70 total

Hanging Basket Combinations:

16" metal Hanging Basket Combo #1 (15)

- HB Lemonade Combo Mix 10" (refer to note below)

16" metal Hanging Basket Combo #2 (15)

- HB Night in Pompei Combo Mix 10" (refer to note below)

12" plastic Hanging Baskets #3 (4)

- HB Combo Mix (TBD) 10" (these 4 will hang criss-cross on one lamp post and should be in 12" plastic baskets, not 16" like the others noted above). Maybe do these in a red, white and blue combo?

24"x24" on street "calming" Planters (16)

- 12" Hanging baskets (8 each of Hanging Basket Combo #1 and #2 above)

In-ground Planting at Island near Mechanics Park (10)

- 16" Hanging baskets (5 each of Hanging Basket Combo #1 and #2 above)

Cement Planters by City Hall:

- Geranium Colioper Dark Red 4.5” pot (15)
- Scaveola Whirl Wind White 4.5” pot (15)
- Petunia Sanguna Dark Blue 4.5” pot (15)

Additional Plants for in-ground plantings:

- 2 8” Red Fountain Grass

Totals:

Flowers Pots = 1,155

- 6.5” pots = 180
- 4.5” pots = 975

Hanging Basket Combos (16”) = 56

Hanging Basket Combos (12”) = 4

Specifics re: where Hanging Baskets will be placed:

- (30) metal Hanging Baskets (15 each of combos #1 & #2 above) to be planted in 16” Gardman Coco Lined Hangers (purchased by the City in 2018); lined with plastic and drain holes added. Vendor will plant the flowers in these Hanging Baskets.
- (4) 10” Hanging Baskets #3 Combo Mix (TBD) will be placed in the ground on the island by Mechanics Park, adding several accent plants (TBD) as needed
- (16) 10” Hanging Baskets (8 each of combos #1 & #2 above) to be planted in the 16 large cobblestone “street calming” planters (these will be planted by the City)
- (10) additional 10” Hanging Baskets (5 each of combos #1 & #2 above) to be planted at the island near Mechanics Park by the City