

# Solicitation Number: RFP #031121

# CONTRACT

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc., 9335 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28269 (Vendor).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. Sourcewell issued a public solicitation for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services from which Vendor was awarded a contract.

Vendor desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities).

## 1. TERM OF CONTRACT

A. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.

B. EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION. This Contract expires April 30, 2025, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 22. This Contract may be extended up to one additional one-year period upon request of Sourcewell and with written agreement by Vendor.

C. SURVIVAL OF TERMS. Articles 11 through 14 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract.

## 2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

A. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES. Vendor will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Vendor's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new/current model. Vendor may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Vendor's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. WARRANTY. Vendor warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Vendor warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Vendor's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that is effective past the expiration of the Vendor's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS. Upon Contract execution, Vendor will make available to Sourcewell a means to validate or authenticate Vendor's authorized dealers, distributors, and/or resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services related to this Contract. This list may be updated from time-to-time and is incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Vendor's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current version of this list.

# 3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced as stated in Vendor's Proposal.

When providing pricing quotes to Participating Entities, all pricing quoted must reflect a Participating Entity's total cost of acquisition. This means that the quoted cost is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Participating Entity's requested delivery location.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS. All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Vendor must permit the Equipment and Products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to Sourcewell or its Participating Entities. Participating Entities reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable

time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery.

Vendor must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on Equipment and Products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Sourcewell may declare the Vendor in breach of this Contract if the Vendor intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Participating Entity will notify the Vendor as soon as possible and the Vendor will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Participating Entity.

B. SALES TAX. Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Vendor with valid taxexemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a taxexempt entity.

C. HOT LIST PRICING. At any time during this Contract, Vendor may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Vendor determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcewell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities.

## 4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS

Vendor may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcewell Contract Administrator. This form is available from the assigned Sourcewell Contract Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcewell contract number;
- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing

restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and be incorporated by reference.

## 5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Vendor understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Vendor is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Vendor's employees may be required to perform work at governmentowned facilities, including schools. Vendor's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

## 6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING

A. ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to Vendor that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Vendor. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Vendor. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration of this Contract; however, Vendor performance, Participating Entity payment, and any applicable warranty periods or other Vendor or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Vendor's acceptable forms of payment are included in Attachment A. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM. Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Vendor, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entitles may require the use of a Participating Addendum; the terms of which will be worked out directly between the Participating Entity and the Vendor. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements) not addressed in this Contract, the Participating Entity and the Vendor may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

D. TERMINATION OF ORDERS. Participating Entities may terminate an order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Vendor in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Participating Entity fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the goods to be purchased;

2. Federal, state, or provincial laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Participating Entity's requirements; or

3. Vendor commits any material breach of this Contract or the additional terms agreed to between the Vendor and a Participating Entity.

E. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE. The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

## 7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

A. PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE. Vendor will assign an Account Representative to Sourcewell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcewell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcewell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. BUSINESS REVIEWS. Vendor must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcewell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

## 8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT

A. CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT. Each calendar quarter, Vendor must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Vendor must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Customer Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Customer Physical Street Address;
- Customer City;
- Customer State/Province;
- Customer Zip Code;
- Customer Contact Name;
- Customer Contact Email Address;
- Customer Contact Telephone Number;
- Sourcewell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcewell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Vendor.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell, the Vendor will pay an administrative fee to Sourcewell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Vendor may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted price to offset the Administrative Fee.

The Vendor will submit payment to Sourcewell for one percent (1%) multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Vendor's name and Sourcewell-assigned contract number in the memo; and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcewell's banking institution per Sourcewell's Finance department instructions. Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Vendor agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Vendor is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcewell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Vendor in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

# 9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Vendor's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Vendor's Proposal. If Vendor's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Vendor must promptly notify Sourcewell in writing.

## 10. AUDIT, ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE

A. AUDIT. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by Sourcewell or the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

B. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the Vendor nor Sourcewell may assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior consent of the parties and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

C. AMENDMENTS. Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been fully executed by the parties.

D. WAIVER. If either party fails to enforce any provision of this Contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the right to enforce it.

E. CONTRACT COMPLETE. This Contract contains all negotiations and agreements between Sourcewell and Vendor. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party. For any conflict between the attached Proposal and the terms set out in Articles 1-22, the terms of Articles 1-22 will govern.

F. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES. The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their

respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

## **11. LIABILITY**

Vendor must indemnify, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees, arising out of the performance of this Contract by the Vendor or its agents or employees; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications.

## **12. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES**

Vendor and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Vendor under this Contract.

If the Vendor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell and Sourcewell will assist with how the Vendor should respond to the request.

## **13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT**

## A. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. Grant of License. During the term of this Contract:

a. Sourcewell grants to Vendor a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use theTrademark(s) provided to Vendor by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's relationship with Vendor.

b. Vendor grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Vendor's Trademarks in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Vendor's relationship with Sourcewell.

2. Limited Right of Sublicense. The right and license granted herein includes a limited right of each party to grant sublicenses to its and their respective distributors, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively "Permitted Sublicensees") in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing the Parties' relationship to Participating Entities. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article. Each party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.

3. Use; Quality Control.

a. Sourcewell must not alter Vendor's Trademarks from the form provided by Vendor and must comply with Vendor's removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.

b. Vendor must not alter Sourcewell's Trademarks from the form provided by Sourcewell and must comply with Sourcewell's removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.

c. Each party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other party's Trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such party's use of the Trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching party, the breaching party has 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.

4. As applicable, Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell and its Participating Entities against any and all suits, claims, judgments, and costs instituted or recovered against Sourcewell or Participating Entities by any person on account of the use of any Equipment or Products by Sourcewell or its Participating Entities supplied by Vendor in violation of applicable patent or copyright laws.

5. Termination. Upon the termination of this Contract for any reason, each party, including Permitted Sublicensees, will have 30 days to remove all Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other party's name or logo (excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of vendors which may be used until the next printing). Vendor must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

B. PUBLICITY. Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Vendor individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. MARKETING. Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Materials should be sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract.

D. ENDORSEMENT. The Vendor must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

## 14. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

Minnesota law governs this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

## **15. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

## **16. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Contract is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both Sourcewell and Vendor will be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of performance, it will not be affected by such declaration or finding and must be fully performed.

## **17. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES**

A. PERFORMANCE. During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Vendor will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.

Escalation. If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Vendor may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Vendor will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
 Performance while Dispute is Pending. Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Vendor must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Vendor fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed will be borne by the Vendor.

B. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES. Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

- 1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
- 2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

Written notice of default and a reasonable opportunity to cure must be issued by the party claiming default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

• Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or

• Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

## **18. INSURANCE**

A. REQUIREMENTS. At its own expense, Vendor must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.
 Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.
 Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below: Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident \$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance*. Vendor will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$2,000,000 aggregate for Products-Completed operations

\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance*. During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance*. During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain umbrella coverage over Workers' Compensation, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits: \$2,000,000

5. *Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance*. During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain coverage for network security and privacy liability. The coverage may be endorsed on another form of liability coverage or written on a standalone policy. The insurance must cover claims which may arise from failure of Vendor's security resulting in, but not limited to, computer attacks, unauthorized access, disclosure of not public data – including but not limited to, confidential or private information, transmission of a computer virus, or denial of service.

Minimum limits: \$2,000,000 per occurrence \$2,000,000 annual aggregate

Failure of Vendor to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcewell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Vendor must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Vendor to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Vendor of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE. Vendor agrees to list Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Vendor's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Vendor, and products and completed operations of Vendor. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds.

D. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION. Vendor waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other

insurance applicable to the Vendor or its subcontractors. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Vendor or its subcontractors. Where permitted by law, Vendor must require similar written express waivers of subrogation and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

E. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY/SELF-INSURED RETENTION. The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

## **19. COMPLIANCE**

A. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. LICENSES. Vendor must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Vendor conducts with Sourcewell and Participating Entities.

# **20. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

Vendor certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Vendor declares bankruptcy, Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Vendor further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcewell if this certification changes at any time.

# 21. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS

Participating Entities that use United States federal grant or FEMA funds to purchase goods or services from this Contract may be subject to additional requirements including the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200. Participating Entities may also require additional requirements based on specific funding specifications. Within this Article, all

references to "federal" should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list only applies when a Participating Entity accesses Vendor's Equipment, Products, or Services with United States federal funds.

A. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. §, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor." The equal opportunity clause is incorporated herein by reference.

B. DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3148). When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by nonfederal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. Vendor must be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

C. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of

not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. This provision is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671Q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 require the non-federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Vendor certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

F. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689). A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. §180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. § 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. § 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

G. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352). Vendors must file any required certifications. Vendors must not have used federal appropriated funds to pay any

person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Vendors must disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award. Vendors must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

H. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Vendor further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 for a period of 3 years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

I. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

J. BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy American Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy American Act must follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

K. ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336). Vendor agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor's discharge of its obligations under this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

L. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322). A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. § 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

#### **22. CANCELLATION**

Sourcewell or Vendor may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Vendor's Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

Sourcewell

Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc.

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# **RFP 031121 - Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services**

## **Vendor Details**

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#### Specifications

#### Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives

**General Instructions** (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Please do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; mark "NA" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *	
1	Proposer Legal Name (and applicable d/b/a, if any):	Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc.	*
2	Proposer Address:	9335 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 500 Charlotte, NC 28269	*
3	Proposer website address:	www.husqvarnagroup.com	*
4	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Jeff Dewosky VP Sales 9335 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28269 jeff.dewosky@husqvarnagroup.com	*
5	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Jake Breig Government Sales Manager 9335 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 500, Charlotte NC 28269 jake.breig@husqvarnagroup.com 704-340-7367	*
6	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Michelle Miller Contracts Manager 9335 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28269 michelle.miller@husqvarnagroup.com	

## Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength

Line Item	Question	Response *	
7	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	Husqvarna is a world leader in outdoor power products for forestry, lawn and garden care. In the 325 years we have been in business, we have built a brand that is respected by professionals and homeowners alike.We are the world's largest producer of outdoor power equipment and deliver the widest range of products in the industry – from hand-held products like chainsaws, brush cutters, leaf blowers, and trimmers to our zero turn and robotic mowers. Our professional range of lawn maintenance products are distinguished by solutions that promote productivity, safety and sustainability. High-performance battery-powered products and services such as the Husqvarna Fleet Service™ system are important elements in our commercial lawn and garden segment. We strive to be the preferred partner in the commercial lawn and garden segment, with innovative products and first class customer service and technical support.	*
8	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	In the event of an award for the Grounds Maintenance Equipment category, Husqvarna intends to utilize both this contract as well as the Firefighting Equipment & Rescue tools contract to sell through to public agencies. We recently began actively training our sales staff and dealer network on the Sourcewell contract and will continue to do so for the Grounds Maintenance Equipment contract.	*
9	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Please see Husqvarna's 2019 Annual Report attached to demonstrate our financial strength.	*
10	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	Husqvarna's market share for the solutions we are offering varies greatly depending on the product line. Our market share for zero turn mowers is roughly 3-5%, while our market share for commercial handheld equipment is 25-35%.	*
11	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	At this time, we do not have the data to report market share within Canada. We would expect that the Canadian market share would align similarly with US market share.	*
12	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No.	*
13	How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization. a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned? b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?	Husqvarna is best described as a manufacturer. Husqvarna is comprised of several different salesforces, two of which are primarily focused on selling to and training our extensive dealer network. Our territory managers maintain relationships with each of our approximately 5000 authorized dealers within North America to ensure they are aware of new sales tools, products, and other happenings within the industry. Ultimately, Husqvarna's authorized dealer network assists Husqvarna in selling and delivering product to end users such as public agencies and private consumers.	*
14	If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.	Not Applicable.	*
15	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	Not Applicable	*

#### Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success

Line Item	Question	Response *	
16	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	Not Applicable.	*
17	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	Less than 1%	*
18	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	Less than 1%	*
19		AEPA - \$150,000 annually NASPO ValuePoint - \$50,000 annually NC State Contract - \$120,000 annually SC State Contract - \$150,000 annually FL State Contract - New Contract, sales TBD GA State Contract - New Contract, sales TBD AL State Contract - New Contract, sales TBD	*
20	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	Husqvarna partners with 3 main partners to assist with sales to the Federal level (Earle Kinlaw & Associates, Wrigglesworth Enterprises, and Federal Contracts Corp). Each partner holds their respective GSA Contract. Estimated sales volume across all three partners for 2021 will be \$1M.	*

#### Table 4: References/Testimonials

Line Item 21. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
South Carolina Department of Transportation	Tracey Henderson	804-432-4358	*
Amador Ranger District	Jeff Griffin	209-295-5950	*
Onondaga County, NY	Jim Cerio	315-435-3451	*

#### Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers

Line Item 22. Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *
South Carolina Department of Transportation	Government	South Carolina - SC	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	\$5,000-\$10,000	\$450,000
Massachusetts Department of Transportation	Government	Massachusetts - MA	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	\$5,000	\$150,000
Bayside State Prison	Government	New Jersey - NJ	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	\$1,000	\$185,000
City of Coronado	Government	California - CA	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	\$10,000	\$200,000
US Army, Fort Bragg	Government	North Carolina - NC	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	\$50,000	\$300,000

#### Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
23	Sales force.	Husqvarna has 70 Territory Managers across the United States who are responsible for maintaining and developing partnerships with dealers. The Territory Managers are also responsible for training dealers and educating on current events within Husqvarna. Additionally, Husqvarna has a team of sales personnel within our corporate office who help brand conversions within dealers, public agencies, landscapers, and other end users. The goal is always to educate and sell end users on the additional value Husqvarna products bring to the table	*
24	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	Husqvarna has an extensive authorized dealer network made up of over 5000 dealers across both the United States and Canada. Many times our authorized dealers have sales representatives that call on public agencies within their local regions.	*
25	Service force.	Husqvarna has multiple pieces to our service force. First and foremost, Husqvarna relies on our authorized dealer network to provide service work to Husqvarna customers. In order to become a Husqvarna dealer, the dealer is responsible for completing a training course to become a certified servicer. Secondly, Husqvarna has a Tech Team and Service department internally. Often, this team assists the dealer network with uncommon repairs or issues. On top of their normal responsibilities, the Tech Team will assist end users to ensure they are provided the solutions that are required.	*
26	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	Husqvarna has both an in-house customer service team, a 3rd party customer service group (Directly), and our Authorized Dealers and Retailers. Typically, our Customer Service team located at our corporate office provides solutions for our authorized dealers and retailers. Directly, our 3rd party partner provides solutions and service for our e-commerce residential customers. Lastly, our Authorized dealer network provides solutions for all professional-type customers, including public agencies. While we monitor and track response times, we'd prefer not to disclose those at this time.	*
27	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	We intend to serve all of the United States and all of Canada.	*
28	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	We intend to serve all of the United States and all of Canada.	*
29	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	N/A. We intend to serve all sectors of Sourcewell membership.	*
30	Identify any Sourcewell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for- profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	Not Applicable. It is our intent to lead with the Sourcewell contract when able.	*
31	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	Our only requirements for Members is Hawaii, Alaska, and US Territories would be an increased freight charge as compared to the freight charges when shipping to the contiguous 48 states and Canada.	*

## Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *	
32	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<ol> <li>Direct Mailers/Emails – Husqvarna will create Husqvarna and Sourcewell branded mailers/emails to be distributed directly to Sourcewell Members. From a high level, these communications will be intended to announce Husqvarna as a Sourcewell awarded vendor, as well as provide details on where to get additional information to use the contract. Husqvarna has both in-house and contract graphic designers that produce content, advertisements, graphic materials, etc.</li> <li>Government Webpage – Upon becoming a Sourcewell awarded vendor, Husqvarna will begin to develop a webpage to be included on Husqvarna.com. The webpage will display the second contract Husqvarna has been awarded, provide categories of equipment applicable to the contract, and provide additional details on how to participate in using the contract.</li> <li>Outbound Calling – After adding a second Sourcewell contract to our portfolio, Husqvarna intends to utilize our inside sales team to begin outbound calling to agencies within the Sourcewell awarded vendor, understand each agency's needs, and promote usage of the Sourcewell contract in order to fulfill these needs.</li> <li>Trade Shows As trades shows begin to kick off again now that Covid-19 is beginning to settle, Husqvarna intends to carry Sourcewell materials to each show attended to provide to public agencies as relationships develop. As stated previous, it is our goal to lead with the Sourcewell contract when able.</li> </ol>	*
33	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	Husqvarna has began to use a platform, called Eloqua, in order to develop and score leads virtually. Eloqua is a marketing platform that tracks clicks and interactions with Husqvarna communications as they are sent out. Husqvarna will continue to use Eloqua to develop leads for our sales team to pursue and close on using the Sourcewell contract.	*
34	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	Husqvarna believes that a contract should ultimately form a partnership between the vendor and Sourcewell. With that being said, we would hope Sourcewell would include Husqvarna in marketing materials, on their website, and in communications while attending trade shows and other types of industry conferences.	*
35	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	Not at this time.	*

## Table 8: Value-Added Attributes

Line Item	Question	Response *	
36	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	Typically, upon delivery of a product, our dealers will educate and train the end user of how to properly use the product, remain safe while using the product, and provide basic maintenance instructions. Additionally, Husqvarna has a full suite of training resources that are available to Sourcewell Members upon request. These resources include instruction on identification of products and components, operation and maintenance, and higher level servicing type information.	*
37	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	• With the Husqvarna Carbon Footprint Calculator, professional landscapers can better understand the CO2 impact of their machine fleet. Via machine sensors and build-in connectivity, the new tool is part of Husqvarna Fleet Services™. It collects data from the machine fleet, tracks equipment performance and identifies ways to improve productivity. The carbon footprint is broken down into application area, product category, engine type and location. We have made the sale of battery/electrical powered equipment, as opposed to gaspowered equipment, a strategic priority for our entire. Group. This initiative has paid off, with doubledigit growth compared to 2015. Currently, about 27% of our products sold are either battery- or electrical-powered, compared to 11% in 2015.	*

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	38		<ul> <li>Husqvarna, between 2015 – 2018, has reduced the carbon footprint of our products by 10% through product efficiency and a broader offering of electric products.</li> <li>Husqvarna has increased its use of renewable electricity in manufacturing to 86% in 2018 making significant progress towards achieving our 90% target in 2020. One example is</li> </ul>	,
			the installation of solar panels at our Changzhou factory in China, which will generate approximately 30% of the site's total electricity. • Husqvarna helps cities achieve their sustainability objectives by cooperating with municipalities on a variety of projects such as the annual Husqvarna Silent City conference that has become an important event to promote green landscaping and to develop more sustainable solutions for professional green space maintenance. • With the Husqvarna Carbon Footprint Calculator, professional landscapers can better understand the CO2 impact of their machine fleet. Via machine sensors and build-in connectivity, the new tool is part of Husqvarna Fleet Services <sup>™</sup> . It collects data from the machine fleet, tracks equipment performance and identifies ways to improve productivity. The carbon footprint is broken down into application area, product category, engine type and location. • We have made the sale of battery/electrical powered equipment, as opposed to gaspowered equipment, a strategic priority for our entire. Group. This initiative has paid off, with double-digit growth compared to 2015. Currently, about 27% of our products sold are either battery- or electrical-powered, compared to 11% in 2015. • Husqvarna Group has been included in the FTSE4Good Global index and in FTSE4Good Europe Index since 2006. FTSE confirms that Husqvarna Group has been independently assessed according to the FTSE4Good criteria, and has satisfied the requirements to become a constituent of the FTSE4Good criteria, and has satisfied the requirements to become a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index Series. Companies in the FTSE4Good Index Series have met stringent environmental, social and governance criteria, and are positioned to capitalize on the benefits of responsible business practice. • Husqvarna Group has been part of the STOXX® Global ESG Leaders indices since 2014. The STOXX Global ESG Leaders index offers a representation of the leading global	*
			companies in terms of environmental, social and governance criteria. STOXX is owned by Deutsche Börse Group and SIX Group.	
	39	Identify any third-party issued eco- labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	Please see response to Question 38.	*
	40	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Serveral of our authorized dealers have Small Business certifications and Veteran Business certifications. We have attached a sampling of our dealers located in Virginia that have their small business certifications to provide some insight on the nature of our authorized dealer's businesses.	*
	41	company, your products, or your	Husqvarna places an emphasis in offering premium customer service. With that in mind, it is our expectation to respond quickly to all requests, comments, and concerns in order to best serve our customers.	*

#### Table 9: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
42	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	We have included the 2021 Husqvarna Warranty Statement, attached, for your review.	*
43	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Please see the 2021 Husqvarna Warranty Statement, attached.	*
44	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	No.	*
45	Are there any geographic regions of the United States or Canada (as applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	Husqvarna's authorized dealer network is resposible for providing maintenance and warranty repairs. At this time, we believe we have dealer coverage across the US and Canada to provide service and warranty repair work as required.	*
46	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	Husqvarna is the manufacturer. All products included in our proposal are covered by the 2021 Husqvarna Warranty Statement.	*
47	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Please see the 2021 Husqvarna Warranty Statement for information regarding the return and exchange of equipment.	*
48	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	At this time, we are not offering any service contracts alongside our finished goods and accessories.	*

#### **Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
49	What are your payment terms (e.g., net 10, net 30)?	Husqvarna prefers Net 30 terms with our public agency customers.	*
50	Do you provide leasing or financing options, especially those options that schools and governmental entities may need to use in order to make certain acquisitions?	Although typically we have little requests for leasing and financing, we are capable of providing financing solutions if necessary.	*
51	Briefly describe your proposed order process. Include enough detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcewell as described in the Contract template. For example, indicate whether your dealer network is included in your response and whether each dealer (or some other entity) will process the Sourcewell participating entities' purchase orders.	Husqvarna intends to support contract ordering in two separate ways. First, we are capable of taking orders direct and shipping the equipment to the Sourcewell Member directly. Secondly, the Sourcewell Member can place orders directly with Husqvarna authorized dealers. In this situation, our dealer network will report back to Husqvarna for sales made through the contract. At which point, Husqvarna will take the sales data and process quarterly sales reporting accordingly.	*
52	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	Husqvarna does accept P-card procurement. There is no additional cost for placing an order with a P-card.	*

#### Table 11: Pricing and Delivery

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as desribed in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
53	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcewell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcewell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Please see our proposed contract pricing attached in "2021 Husqvarna - Sourcewell GME Pricing". We have proposed to discount our Z500 Zero Turn Mowers at 30% off current list price, all other finished goods at 20% off, and attachments and accessories at 15% off list price. Within the price file, you will see product category and discount off list price described.	*
54	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	Z500 Zero Turn Mowers - 30% off list price Handheld Finished Goods - 20% off list price Wheeled finished goods (excluding Z500s) - 20% off list price. Specialty Equipment - 20% off list price. Automowers - 20% off list price Attachments/Accessories - 15% off list	*
55	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	We currently provide a volue discount structure for our Z500 zero turn mowers as described below. 3-5 units - 1% additional 6-7 units - 2% additional 8+ units - 3% additional	*
56	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	Husqvarna will not supply products or equipment that is outside of our product catalog. We intend to only supply Husqvarna OEM equipment and accessories.	*
57	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre- delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	Depending on the method of acquisition, there may be an additional charge for Pre-Delivery Inspection. If the Sourcewell member decides to purchase Husqvarna Professional grade product directly from the manufacturer, we are obligated and require a pre- delivery inspection. For handheld equipment such as chainsaws and brushcutters, the PDI is never more than \$75. For commercial zero turn mowers, the PDI rate typically falls between \$300-600, depending on the model. When a Sourcewell member decides to purchase through an authorized dealer, PDI charges will be at the discretion of the dealer.	*
58	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	When purchasing products direct from Husqvarna, freight charges will be passed through to the Sourcewell Member. Freight charges vary depending on the unit. However, handheld units require \$13/unit in freight and wheeled units (zero turns) require between \$219- 247/unit in freight. Additionally, a freight charge of \$15 per order for attachments and accessories will be passed through to the Sourcewell member, when ordering direct from the manufacturer. These charges will not be passed to the Member when purchasing direct from an Husqvarna authorized dealer.	*
59	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Freight for Alaska and Hawaii will be determined at the time of sale and added to the order as a separate line item.	*
60	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	Dependent on the classification of the product (Professional, or Nonprofessional) the product can be delivered in multiple ways. For nonprofessional products, Husqvarna's preference is to ship the equipment direct to the end user. For Professional products, we prefer to utilize our dealer network to preform a pre-delivery inspection and delivery. With the personal delivery, this allows a Husqvarna representative to provide operators manuals and call out safety features to be aware of during operation.	*

## Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
	departments.	We included a volume discount structure on Z500s as a value add to Sourcewell members.

#### Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee

Line Item	Question	Response *	
62	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcewell.	For orders that Husqvarna sells directly, orders will be processed under one account for Sourcewell. At the end of each calendar quarter, Husqvarna pulls a report of sales through the cooperative contract, and calculates administrative fees based upon recorded orders. For transactions booked through our authorized dealer network, our dealers receive a rebate for 50% of the discount off list price. We intend to track these rebates as they are claimed to understand total orders flowing through the contract, and to calculate the proper administrative fee for each calendar quarter.	*
63	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcewell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	Husqvarna is willing to pay Sourcewell an administrative fee of 1-2% of sales per calendar quarter for facilitating, managing, and promoting use of the contract.	*

## Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Line Item	Question	Response *	
64	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	Husqvarna is offering our full line for this contract, using a percentage discount from category pricing schedule. Included in our line up is a full range (meaning residential to commercial grade) of zero turn mowers, stand-on mowers, riding lawn mowers, walk behind mowers, robotic lawn mowers, chainsaws, forestry clearing saws, pole saws, power cutters, stump grinders, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, leaf blowers, edgers, brushcutters, aerators, dethatchers, sod cutters, seeders, sprayers, and of course our full line of battery powered outdoor power equipment.	*
65	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	Outdoor Power Equipment, zero turn mowers, stand-on mowers, riding lawn mowers, walk behind mowers, robotic lawn mowers, chainsaws, forestry clearing saws, pole saws, power cutters, stump grinders, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, leaf blowers, edgers, brushcutters, aerators, dethatchers, sod cutters, seeders, sprayers	*

#### Table 14B: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Indicate below if the listed types or classes of equipment, products, and services are offered within your proposal. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered *	Comments	
66	Lawn and garden equipment, tools, attachments, and accessories	© Yes ⊂ No	Lawn & Garden equipment is our primary offering for this contract.	*
67	Irrigation systems, equipment, parts, and related installation and maintenance services	ି Yes ଜ No	N/A	*
68	Beach and waterfront maintenance equipment and accessories	୦ Yes ଜ No	N/A	*
69	Accessories, parts, and services related to the solutions described above, including maintenance or repair, and warranty programs	ତ Yes ୮ No	Maintenance and Repair work to be facilitated through our authorized dealer network.	*

#### **Table 15: Industry Specific Questions**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
70	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	Husqvarna would track several items that are related to both marketing, training, and sales efforts. From a sales perspective, we would track quarterly sales to ensure that each quarter sales revenue through the contract is growing. This effort is assisted by our inside sales team, education of our authorized dealer network, and marketing campaigns and materials. Secondly, we would track training/education of our authorized dealer network. We realize that a portion of this contract's success comes from a large network of dealers and representatives selling through the contract. Because of this, it is imperative to train and educate our sales teams on the contract. Lastly, we would track marketing materials and key marketing milestones. Examples of these milestones include one page flyers, awareness on the Husqvarna government webpage, and email blast campaigns to kick off the contract.	*
71	Describe the serviceability of the products included in your proposal (parts availability, warranty and technical support, etc.).	From a service perspective, Husqvarna leans on our authorized dealer network to provide warranty and technical support in most cases. Additionally, Husqvarna prides ourselves on maintaining parts inventory on common service items to allow shipment to both our dealers and end users as quickly as possible (ussually within 1-2 business days).	
72	Describe advancements reflected in the equipment or products offered in your proposal, such as safety, longevity or life cycle cost measures.	Husqvarna has always had an innovative approach to our products with the end user/operator at the forefront of the design features. More recently, we have placed emphasis on our commercial battery handheld equipment as it is greener for the environment, safer to use as compared to petrol powered equipment, and cheaper to operate over a multiple year time frame (comparing battery products to handheld). Husqvarna has researched the cost benefit of battery fuel vs petrol fuel, and ultimately the cost savings can be up to 25% over a 2 year time frame.	

#### Table 16: Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Line Item 73. NOTICE: To identify any exception, or to request any modification, to the Sourcewell template Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must submit the exception or requested modification on the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form immediately below. The contract section, the specific text addressed by the exception or requested modification, and the proposed modification must be identified in detail. Proposer's exceptions and proposed modifications are subject to review and approval of Sourcewell and will not automatically be included in the contract.

Contract Section	Term, Condition, or Specification	Exception or Proposed Modification

#### **Proposer's Affidavit**

#### PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

- 1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
- 2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
- 3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
- 4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
- The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
- 6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
- 7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
- The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are
  acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and
  related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
- 9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
- 10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
- 11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
  - a. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at: <u>https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf;</u>
  - Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <u>https://sam.gov/SAM/;</u> or

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c. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

➡ By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Jacob Breig, Government Sales Manager, Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc.

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

#### Yes @ No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

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