

**MASTER AGREEMENT #112624****CATEGORY: Grounds Maintenance Equipment and Related Attachments****SUPPLIER: Deere & Company**

This Master Agreement (Agreement) is between Sourcewell, a Minnesota service cooperative located at 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Deere & Company, 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513 (Supplier).

Sourcewell is a local government and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) offering a Cooperative Purchasing Program to eligible participating government entities.

Under this Master Agreement entered with Sourcewell, Supplier will provide Included Solutions to Participating Entities through Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Program.

**Article 1:
General Terms**

The General Terms in this Article 1 control the operation of this Master Agreement between Sourcewell and Supplier and apply to all transactions entered by Supplier and Participating Entities. Subsequent Articles to this Master Agreement control the rights and obligations directly between Sourcewell and Supplier (Article 2), and between Supplier and Participating Entity (Article 3), respectively. These Article 1 General Terms control over any conflicting terms. Where this Master Agreement is silent on any subject, Participating Entity and Supplier retain the ability to negotiate mutually acceptable terms.

- 1) **Purpose.** Pursuant to Minnesota law, the Sourcewell Board of Directors has authorized a Cooperative Purchasing Program designed to provide Participating Entities with access to competitively awarded cooperative purchasing agreements. To facilitate the Program, Sourcewell has awarded Supplier this cooperative purchasing Master Agreement following a competitive procurement process intended to meet compliance standards in accordance with Minnesota law and the requirements contained herein.
- 2) **Intent.** The intent of this Master Agreement is to define the roles of Sourcewell, Supplier, and Participating Entity as it relates to Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- 3) **Participating Entity Access.** Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Program Master Agreements are available to eligible public agencies (Participating Entities). A Participating Entity's authority to access Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Program is determined through the laws of its respective jurisdiction.
- 4) **Supplier Access.** The Included Solutions offered under this Agreement may be made available to any Participating Entity. Supplier understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Agreement is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience. Supplier will educate its sales and service forces about Sourcewell eligibility requirements and required documentation. Supplier will be responsible for ensuring sales are with Participating Entities.

- 5) **Term.** This Agreement is effective upon the date of the final signature below. The term of this Agreement is four (4) years from the effective date. The Agreement expires at 11:59 P.M. Central Time on January 31, 2029, unless it is cancelled or extended as defined in this Agreement.
- a) **Extensions.** Sourcewell and Supplier may agree to up to three (3) additional one-year extensions beyond the original four-year term. The total possible length of this Agreement will be seven (7) years from the effective date.
- b) **Exceptional Circumstances.** Sourcewell retains the right to consider additional extensions as required under exceptional circumstances.
- 6) **Survival of Terms.** Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, the obligations of this Agreement will continue through the performance period of any transaction entered between Supplier and any Participating Entity before the termination date.
- 7) **Scope.** Supplier is awarded a Master Agreement to provide the solutions identified in RFP #112624 to Participating Entities. In Scope solutions include:
- a) Lawn and garden equipment for all types of lawn, field and turf care, golf course, landscape, sidewalk, walking path, and parking lot maintenance, and snow removal;
- b) Irrigation and aeration equipment, systems, parts, and installation; and
- c) Beach and waterfront maintenance equipment and accessories.
- 8) **Included Solutions.** Supplier's Proposal to the above referenced RFP is incorporated into this Master Agreement. Only those Solutions included within Supplier's Proposal and within Scope (Included Solutions) are included within the Agreement and may be offered to Participating Entities.
- 9) **Indefinite Quantity.** This Master Agreement defines an indefinite quantity of sales to eligible Participating Entities.
- 10) **Pricing.** Pricing information (including Pricing and Delivery and Pricing Offered tables) for all Included Solutions within Supplier's Proposal is incorporated into this Master Agreement.
- 11) **Not to Exceed Pricing.** Suppliers may not exceed the prices listed in the current Pricing List on file with Sourcewell when offering Included Solutions to Participating Entities. Participating Entities may request adjustments to pricing directly from Supplier during the negotiation and execution of any transaction.
- 12) **Open Market.** Supplier's open market pricing process is included within its Proposal.
- 13) Supplier Representations:**
- i) **Compliance.** Supplier represents and warrants it will provide all Included Solutions under this Agreement in full compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

- ii) **Licenses.** As applicable, Supplier will maintain a valid status on all required federal, state, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of Supplier's business with Participating Entities. Participating Entities may request all relevant documentation directly from Supplier.
- iii) **Supplier Warrants.** Supplier warrants that all Included Solutions furnished under this Agreement are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Supplier warrants the Solutions are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended.
- 14) **Bankruptcy Notices.** Supplier certifies and warrants it is not currently in a bankruptcy proceeding. Supplier has disclosed all current and completed bankruptcy proceedings within the past seven years within its Proposal. Supplier must provide notice in writing to Sourcewell if it enters a bankruptcy proceeding at any time during the term of this Agreement.
- 15) **Debarment and Suspension.** Supplier 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 any Participating Entity. Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Agreement. Supplier further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcewell if this certification changes at any time during the term of this Agreement.
- 16) **Provisions for non-United States federal entity procurements under United States federal awards or other awards (Appendix II to 2 C.F.R § 200).** Participating Entities that use United States federal grant or other federal funding to purchase solutions from this Agreement 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 have additional requirements based on specific funding source terms or conditions. Within this Section, all references to "federal" should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list applies when a Participating Entity accesses Supplier's Included Solutions with United States federal funds.
- i) **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all agreements 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.
- ii) **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 non-federal 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. Supplier must comply with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

iii) **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, 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 Agreement. Supplier certifies that during the term of an award for all Agreements by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Supplier must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

iv) **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. Supplier certifies that during the term of an award for all Agreements by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Supplier must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

v) **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). Supplier certifies that during the term of this Agreement it will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

vi) **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. Supplier 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.

vii) **BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352).** Suppliers must file any required certifications. Suppliers 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. Suppliers 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. Suppliers must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

viii) **RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent applicable, Supplier must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Supplier 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.

ix) **ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE.** To the extent applicable, Supplier 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.

x) **BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE.** To the extent applicable, Supplier 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.

xi) **ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336).** Supplier agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Supplier that are directly pertinent to Supplier's discharge of its obligations under this Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The

right also includes timely and reasonable access to Supplier's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

xii) **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.

xiii) **FEDERAL SEAL(S), LOGOS, AND FLAGS.** The Supplier cannot use the seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Federal agency officials without specific pre-approval.

xiv) **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.** The U.S. federal government is not a party to this Agreement or any purchase by a Participating Entity and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Participating Entity, Supplier, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement or any purchase by an authorized user.

xv) **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS.** The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. § 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Supplier's actions pertaining to this Agreement or any purchase by a Participating Entity.

xvi) **FEDERAL DEBT.** The Supplier certifies that it is non-delinquent in its repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowance, and benefit overpayments.

xvii) **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** The Supplier must notify the U.S. Office of General Services, Sourcewell, and Participating Entity as soon as possible if this Agreement or any aspect related to the anticipated work under this Agreement raises an actual or potential conflict of interest (as described in 2 C.F.R. Part 200). The Supplier must explain the actual or potential conflict in writing in sufficient detail so that the U.S. Office of General Services, Sourcewell, and Participating Entity are able to assess the actual or potential conflict; and provide any additional information as necessary or requested.

xviii) **U.S. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224.** The Supplier, and its subcontractors, must comply with U.S. Executive Order 13224 and U.S. Laws that prohibit transactions with and provision of resources and support to individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

xix) **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT.** To the extent applicable, Supplier certifies that during the term of this Agreement it will comply with applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.216.

xx) **DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS.** To the extent applicable, Supplier certifies that during the term of this Agreement, Supplier will comply with applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.322.

Article 2: Sourcewell and Supplier Obligations

The Terms in this Article 2 relate specifically to Sourcewell and its administration of this Master Agreement with Supplier and Supplier's obligations thereunder.

- 1) **Authorized Sellers.** Supplier must provide Sourcewell a current means to validate or authenticate Supplier's authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers which may complete transactions of Included Solutions offered under this Agreement. Sourcewell may request updated information in its discretion, and Supplier agrees to provide requested information within a reasonable time.
- 2) **Product and Price Changes Requirements.** Supplier may request Included Solutions changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to Sourcewell. At a minimum, the request must:
 - Identify the applicable Sourcewell Agreement number;
 - Clearly specify the requested change;
 - Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
 - Individually list all Included Solutions affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
 - Include a complete restatement of Pricing List with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Included Solutions offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

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

- 3) **Authorized Representative.** Supplier will assign an Authorized Representative to Sourcewell for this Agreement and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Authorized Representative will be responsible for:
 - Maintenance and management of this Agreement;
 - Timely response to all Sourcewell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
 - Participation in reviews with Sourcewell.

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

- 4) **Performance Reviews.** Supplier will perform a minimum of one review with Sourcewell per agreement year. The review will cover transactions to Participating Entities, pricing and terms, administrative fees, sales data reports, performance issues, supply chain issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

- 5) **Sales Reporting Required.** Supplier is required as a material element to this Master Agreement to report all completed transactions with Participating Entities utilizing this Agreement. Failure to provide complete and accurate reports as defined herein will be a material breach of the Agreement and Sourcewell reserves the right to pursue all remedies available at law including cancellation of this Agreement.
- 6) **Reporting Requirements.** Supplier must provide Sourcewell an activity report of all transactions completed utilizing this Agreement. Reports are due at least once each calendar quarter (Reporting Period). Reports must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter. Supplier may report on a more frequent basis in its discretion. Reports must be provided regardless of the amount of completed transactions during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Supplier must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Participating Entity Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Participating Entity Physical Street Address;
- Participating Entity City;
- Participating Entity State/Province;
- Participating Entity Zip/Postal Code;
- Sourcewell Participating Entity Account Number;
- Transaction Description;
- Transaction Purchased Price;
- Sourcewell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Transaction was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Supplier.

If collected by Supplier, the Report may include the following fields as available:

- Participating Entity Contact Name;
- Participating Entity Contact Email Address;
- Participating Entity Contact Telephone Number;

- 7) **Administrative Fee.** In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell, Supplier will pay an Administrative Fee to Sourcewell on all completed transactions to Participating Entities utilizing this Agreement. Supplier will include its Administrative Fee within its proposed pricing. Supplier may not directly charge Participating Entities to offset the Administrative Fee.
- 8) **Fee Calculation.** Supplier's Administrative Fee payable to Sourcewell will be calculated as a stated percentage (listed in Supplier's Proposal) of all completed transactions utilizing this Master Agreement within the preceding Reporting Period. For certain categories, a flat fee may be proposed. The Administrative Fee will be stated in Supplier's Proposal.
- 9) **Fee Remittance.** Supplier will remit fee to Sourcewell no later than 45 calendar days after the close of the preceding calendar quarter in conjunction with Supplier's Reporting Period obligations defined herein. Payments should note the Supplier's name and Sourcewell-assigned Agreement number in the memo; and must be either mailed to Sourcewell above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcewell's banking institution per Sourcewell's Finance department instructions.

- 10) **Noncompliance.** Sourcewell reserves the right to seek all remedies available at law for unpaid or underpaid Administrative Fees due under this Agreement. Failure to remit payment, delinquent payments, underpayments, or other deviations from the requirements of this Agreement may be deemed a material breach and may result in cancellation of this Agreement and disbarment from future Agreements.
- 11) **Audit Requirements.** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by Sourcewell and the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Agreement. Supplier agrees to fully cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Agreement to ensure compliance with pricing terms, correct calculation and remittance of Administrative Fees, and verification of transactions as may be requested by a Participating Entity or Sourcewell.
- 12) **Assignment, Transfer, and Administrative Changes.** Supplier may not assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Sourcewell. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Sourcewell reserves the right to unilaterally assign all or portions of this Agreement within its sole discretion to address corporate restructurings, mergers, acquisitions, or other changes to the Responsible Party and named in the Agreement. Any prohibited assignment is invalid. Upon request Sourcewell may make administrative changes to agreement documentation such as name changes, address changes, and other non-material updates as determined within its sole discretion.
- 13) **Amendments.** Any material change to this Agreement must be executed in writing through an amendment and will not be effective until it has been duly executed by the parties.
- 14) **Waiver.** Failure by Sourcewell to enforce any right under this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver of such right in the event of the continuation or repetition of the circumstances giving rise to such right.
- 15) **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement represents the complete agreement between the parties for the scope as defined herein. Supplier and Sourcewell may enter into separate written agreements relating specifically to transactions outside of the scope of this Agreement.
- 16) **Relationship of Sourcewell and Supplier.** This Agreement does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as employee, independent contractor, master-servant, or principal-agent.
- 17) **Indemnification.** Supplier must indemnify, defend, save, and hold Sourcewell, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees incurred by Sourcewell, arising out of any act or omission in the performance of this Agreement by the Supplier 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 design, condition, or performance of Included Solutions under this Agreement. Sourcewell's responsibility will be governed by the State of Minnesota's Tort Liability Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466) and other applicable law.
- 18) **Data Practices.** Supplier and Sourcewell acknowledge Sourcewell is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. As it applies to all data created and

maintained in performance of this Agreement, Supplier may be subject to the requirements of this chapter.

19) **Grant of License.**

a) **During the term of this Agreement:**

- i) **Supplier Promotion.** Sourcewell grants to Supplier a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use the trademark(s) provided to Supplier by Sourcewell in advertising, promotional materials, and informational sites for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's Agreement with Supplier.
- ii) **Sourcewell Promotion.** Supplier grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Supplier's trademarks in advertising, promotional materials, and informational sites for the purpose of marketing Supplier's Agreement with Sourcewell.

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

c) **Use; Quality Control.**

- i) Neither party may alter the other party's trademarks from the form provided and must comply with removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
- ii) 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. Each party may make written notice to the other regarding misuse under this section. The offending party will have 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the issue or the license/sublicense will be terminated.

d) **Termination.** Upon the termination of this Agreement 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 suppliers which may be used until the next printing). Supplier must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

20) **Venue and Governing law between Sourcewell and Supplier Only.** The substantive and procedural laws of the State of Minnesota will govern this Agreement between Sourcewell and Supplier. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Agreement between Sourcewell and Supplier will be in court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Minnesota. This section does not apply to any dispute between Supplier and Participating Entity. This Agreement reserves the right for Supplier and Participating Entity to negotiate this term to within any transaction documents.

- 21) **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both parties will be relieved from all obligations arising from that provision. If the remainder of this Agreement is capable of being performed, it will not be affected by such determination or finding and must be fully performed.
- 22) **Insurance Coverage.** At its own expense, Supplier must maintain valid insurance policy(ies) during the performance of this Agreement 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:
- a) **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** Supplier 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 Agreement.
 - \$1,500,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage
 - \$1,500,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
 - \$2,000,000 aggregate for products liability-completed operations
 - \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 - b) **Certificates of Insurance.** Prior to execution of this Agreement, Supplier must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Agreement. 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 provided to in an alternative manner as directed by Sourcewell. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf. Failure of Supplier to maintain the required insurance and documentation may constitute a material breach.
 - c) **Additional Insured Endorsement and Primary and Non-contributory Insurance Clause.** Supplier agrees to list Sourcewell, including its officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Supplier's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Supplier, and products and completed operations of Supplier. 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.** Supplier 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 Agreement or other insurance applicable to the Supplier 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 Supplier or its subcontractors. Where permitted by law, Supplier 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 Agreement can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.
- 23) **Termination for Convenience.** Sourcewell or Supplier may terminate this Agreement upon 60 calendar days' written notice to the other Party. Termination pursuant to this section will not relieve the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement for any transactions entered with Participating Entities through the date of termination, including reporting and payment of applicable Administrative Fees.
- 24) **Termination for Cause.** Sourcewell may terminate this Agreement upon providing written notice of material breach to Supplier. Notice must describe the breach in reasonable detail and state the intent to terminate the Agreement. Upon receipt of Notice, the Supplier will have 30 calendar days in which it must cure the breach. Termination pursuant to this section will not relieve the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement for any transactions entered with Participating Entities through the date of termination, including reporting and payment of applicable Administrative Fees.

Article 3: Supplier Obligations to Participating Entities

The Terms in this Article 3 relate specifically to Supplier and a Participating Entity when entering transactions utilizing the General Terms established in this Master Agreement. Article 1 General Terms control over any conflict with this Article 3. Where this Master Agreement is silent on any subject, Participating Entity and Supplier retain the ability to negotiate mutually acceptable terms.

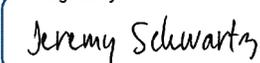
- 1) **Quotes to Participating Entities.** Suppliers are encouraged to provide all pricing information regarding the total cost of acquisition when quoting to a Participating Entity. Suppliers and Participating Entities are encouraged to include all cost specifically associated with or included within the Suppliers proposal and Included Solutions within transaction documents.
- 2) **Shipping, Delivery, Acceptance, Rejection, and Warranty.** Supplier's proposal may include proposed terms relating to shipping, delivery, inspection, and acceptance/rejection and other relevant terms of tendered Solutions. Supplier and Participating Entity may negotiate final terms appropriate for the specific transaction relating to non-appropriation, shipping, delivery, inspection, acceptance/rejection of tendered Solutions, and warranty coverage for Included Solutions. Such terms may include, but are not limited to, costs, risk of loss, proper packaging, inspection rights and timelines, acceptance or rejection procedures, and remedies as mutually agreed include notice requirements, replacement, return or exchange procedures, and associated costs.
- 3) **Applicable Taxes.** Participating Entity is responsible for notifying supplier of its tax-exempt status and for providing Supplier with any valid tax-exemption certification(s) or related documentation.
- 4) **Ordering Process and Payment.** Supplier's ordering process and acceptable forms of payment are included within its Proposal. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment to Supplier and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.
- 5) **Transaction Documents.** Participating Entity may require the use of its own forms to complete transactions directly with Supplier utilizing the terms established in this Agreement. Supplier's

standard form agreements may be offered as part of its Proposal. Supplier and Participating Entity may complete and document transactions utilizing any type of transaction documents as mutually agreed. In any transaction document entered utilizing this Agreement, Supplier and Participating Entity must include specific reference to this Master Agreement by number and to Participating Entity's unique Sourcewell account number.

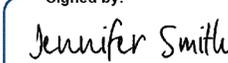
- 6) **Additional Terms and Conditions Permitted.** Participating Entity and Supplier may negotiate and include additional terms and conditions within transaction documentation as mutually agreed. Such terms may supplant or supersede this Master Agreement when necessary and as solely determined by Participating Entity. Sourcewell has expressly reserved the right for Supplier and Participating Entity to address any necessary provisions within transaction documents not expressly included within this Master Agreement, including but not limited to transaction cancellation, dispute resolution, governing law and venue, non-appropriation, insurance, defense and indemnity, force majeure, and other material terms as mutually agreed.
- 7) **Subsequent Agreements and Survival.** Supplier and Participating Entity may enter into a separate agreement to facilitate long-term performance obligations utilizing the terms of this Master Agreement as mutually agreed. Such agreements may provide for a performance period extending beyond the full term of this Master Agreement as determined in the discretion of Participating Entity.
- 8) **Participating Addendums.** Supplier and Participating Entity may enter a Participating Addendum or similar document extending and supplementing the terms of this Master Agreement to facilitate adoption as may be required by a Participating Entity.

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Deere & Company

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 Jeremy Schwartz
 Title: Chief Procurement Officer
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RFP 112624 - Grounds Maintenance Equipment and Related Attachments

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Specifications

Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives (Not Scored)

General Instructions (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; respond “N/A” if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Table 1 Specific Instructions. Sourcewell requires identification of all parties responsible for providing Solutions under a resulting master agreement(s) (Responsible Supplier). Proposers are strongly encouraged to include all potential Responsible Suppliers including any corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, D.B.A., and any other authorized entities within a singular proposal. All information required under this RFP must be included for each Responsible Supplier as instructed. Proposers with multiple Responsible Supplier options may choose to respond individually as distinct entities, however each response will be evaluated individually and only those proposals recommended for award may result in a master agreement award. Unawarded entities will not be permitted to later be added to an existing master agreement through operation of Proposer’s corporate organization affiliation.

Line Item	Question	Response *
1	Provide the legal name of the Proposer authorized to submit this Proposal.	Deere & Company
2	In the event of award, is this entity the Responsible Supplier that will execute the master agreement with Sourcewell? Y or N.	Yes
3	Identify all subsidiaries, D.B.A., authorized affiliates, and any other entity that will be responsible for offering and performing delivery of Solutions within this Proposal (i.e. Responsible Supplier(s) that will execute a master agreement with Sourcewell).	No other suppliers will execute a master agreement with Sourcewell
4	Provide your CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM):	CAGE Code: 0XWZ3 UEID Number: FNSWEDARMK53
5	Provide your NAICS code applicable to Solutions proposed.	333111, 333112
6	Proposer Physical Address:	2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513
7	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.deere.com
8	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):	Jennifer Smith - Contract Administrator 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513 GovContractSupport@JohnDeere.com 800-358-5010 Ext. 2652
9	Proposer’s primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Jennifer Smith - Contract Administrator 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513 GovContractSupport@JohnDeere.com 800-358-5010 Ext. 2652
10	Proposer’s other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Adrienne Larson, Sr. Strategic Account Manager 10789 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061 LarsonAdrienneL@JohnDeere.com 913-310-8085

Table 2A: Financial Viability and Marketplace Success (50 Points)

Line Item	Question	Response *
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11	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested Solutions.	<p>We Run For All. We innovate on behalf of humanity. It doesn't matter if you've never driven a tractor, mowed a lawn, or operated a dozer. With our role in helping produce food, fiber, fuel and infrastructure, we work for every single person on the planet.</p> <p>Deere & Company, founded in 1837 (collectively known as John Deere), began as a simple one-man blacksmith. Today is has grown into a corporation that does business around the world. The company is guided by the same core values established by its founder: integrity, quality, commitment and innovation. John Deere produces intelligent, connected machines and applications that are helping revolutionize the agriculture and construction industries. Our easy-to-use products and solutions deliver results our customers see in the field, on the job site, and in their pockets.</p> <p>Deere & Company at a glance: https://www.deere.com/assets/pdfs/common/ourcompany/deere-&-company-at-a-glance.pdf</p>	*
12	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	If awarded, John Deere will be able to offer a wide array of products that fall within the scope of the products requested in this RFP. John Deere will continue to grow its successful partnership and relationship with Sourcewell to provide its members the best option for acquiring our Ground Maintenance Equipment and Related Attachments.	*
13	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. DO NOT PROVIDE ANY TAX INFORMATION OR PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.	Please see Deere & Company's 2023 Annual Report that has been uploaded as part of our proposal.	*
14	What is your US market share for the Solutions that you are proposing?	John Deere considers its market share data to be proprietary information. While we do not publicly release market share information, John Deere holds a top-level market share position across our entire Ag & Turf product portfolio in the US.	*
15	What is your Canadian market share for the Solutions that you are proposing?	John Deere considers its market share data to be proprietary information. While we do not publicly release market share information, John Deere holds a top-level market share position across our entire Ag & Turf product portfolio in the Canada.	*
16	Disclose all current and completed bankruptcy proceedings for Proposer and any included possible Responsible Party within the past seven years. Proposer must provide notice in writing to Sourcewell if it enters a bankruptcy proceeding at any time during the pendency of this RFP evaluation.	Not Applicable	*
17	<p>How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer the question that best applies to your organization, either a) or b).</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>John Deere is a manufacturer (b).</p> <p>John Deere has a dedicated governmental sales department (SABD) based out of Cary, NC. All employees of this group are full time John Deere employees. We have 4 Strategic Account Managers responsible for state governmental sales in their respective geographies, dedicating 100% of their time to grow the John Deere governmental sales business. The account managers work with John Deere dealers to provide training and a greater understanding of the contracts and selling process.</p> <p>John Deere has a nationwide dealer network. The dealer network is independently owned and operated businesses. The John Deere dealers will deliver and service the products being offered in the RFP.</p> <p>Upon contract award, the John Deere dealers can become an authorized seller on our contract. The dealers would have to successfully complete a contract training program administered by our account managers. The dealers would agree to the contract's terms and conditions and sign a dealer agreement. We do retain the right to sell directly if the dealer does not complete training and accept the contract's terms and conditions.</p>	*
18	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.	Deere & Company maintains all licenses and certifications necessary to conduct its business in the United States and Canada.	*

19	Disclose all current and past debarments or suspensions for Proposer and any included possible Responsible Party within the past seven years. Proposer must provide notice in writing to Sourcewell if it enters a debarment or suspension status any time during the pendency of this RFP evaluation.	There are no suspensions or debarments.	*
20	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years.	<p>2024</p> <p>World's Most Ethical Companies – Ethisphere Institute World's Most Admired Companies – Fortune World's Best Companies of 2024 – Time Excellence 1000 Index – ranked #9 – Newsweek The Civic 50 Honoree 2024 – Points of Light</p> <p>2023</p> <p>Sourcewell Legacy Award Winner Ranked #3 for Brand Reputation - Axios/Harris Poll 100 World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute America's Best Large Employers - Forbes 100 Most Influential Companies - Times World's Most Admired Companies – Fortune</p> <p>2022</p> <p>World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute 50 Most Community-Minded Companies - The Civic 50 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) Innovation Awards AE50 Awards for Innovation</p> <p>2021</p> <p>World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute Most Admired Companies - Fortune Most Influential Black Corporate Directors for 2021 - Savoy Social Responsibility Award - Fast Company</p> <p>2020</p> <p>World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute Most Innovative Product Engineering Designs - AE50 Awards Best Global Brands - Interbrand Best CES Sustainability Award - GadgetMatch Best Place to Work - Glassdoor</p>	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years?	Due to proprietary information, we would prefer not to provide the sales volume history of government agencies. We can assure you that we are a partner who is fully aligned with governmental customer purchase requirements. With a dedicated governmental sales department that works solely with public agencies and our dealer network, we continue to increase our sales volume in this key segment.	*
22	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years?	Due to proprietary information, we would prefer not to provide the sales volume history of government agencies. We can assure you that we are a partner who is fully aligned with governmental customer purchase requirements. With a dedicated governmental sales department that works solely with public agencies and our dealer network, we continue to increase our sales volume in this key segment.	*
23	List all state, cooperative purchasing agreements that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these agreement over the past three years?	<p>John Deere currently holds over 110 government contracts consisting of federal, state, county and cooperative contracts. The full list can be found at www.deere.com.</p> <p>Sales volumes are not publicly shared on any of these contracts.</p>	*
24	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?	<p>John Deere currently holds GSA, AFNAF and DLA contracts.</p> <p>Sales volumes are not publicly shared on any of these contracts.</p>	*

Table 2B: References/Testimonials

Line Item 25. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
University of Georgia Procurement	Megan Sheridan	706-542-7083	*
Orange County Procurement	Carlos Corona	714-667-9694	*
State of Indiana - Sourcewell Participating Addendum	Stephanie Nelson	317-234-0963	*

Table 3: Ability to Sell and Deliver Solutions (150 Points)

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 *
26	Sales force.	<p>Our sales force would include both the John Deere Government Sales group and our independent dealer network.</p> <p>John Deere has a dedicated governmental sales department based in Cary NC that focuses 100% of their time on the sales and processing of agriculture and turf equipment purchases to governmental and other public agencies. We have a total of 5 Strategic Account Managers, one of which is dedicated strictly to federal sales. The 4 remaining account managers are responsible for state governmental sales in their respective geographies, dedicating 100% of their time to grow the John Deere governmental sales business. The account managers work with John Deere dealers to provide training and a greater understanding of the contracts and selling process.</p> <p>The John Deere dealers can also become an authorized seller on our contract and would be able to accept Purchase Orders and Invoice Sourcewell members. The dealers would have to successfully complete a contract training program administered by our account managers. The dealers would agree to the contract's terms and conditions and sign a dealer agreement. The dealers would be responsible for delivering and supporting the equipment purchased.</p> <p>In relation to the new Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance contract, the account managers would promote the contract to state purchasing agents who either do not have their own purchasing contract or have product gaps in their contract.</p>
27	Describe the network of Authorized Sellers who will deliver Solutions, including dealers, distributors, resellers, and other distribution methods.	<p>John Deere has a nationwide independent dealer network offering best-in-class parts, service, and support. We know the government customer and make everything easy, from the initial purchase to service and support. Our dealer network, with over 1,700 locations nationwide, would be responsible for delivering and servicing the equipment sold to end users using this contract. John Deere dealers offer a combination of afterhours service (varies by dealer) and online support (online parts ordering system), which gives end-users the service needed to avoid costly downtime. The John Deere parts ordering system is available for all dealers and gives them access to over 800,000 unique parts which are ready to ship overnight, if needed. Most dealers also offer some form of mobile maintenance service, which provides on-site service. Dealer technicians are factory-trained on the service and support of the products offered in this RFP</p>
28	Service force.	<p>John Deere has a nationwide independent dealer network offering best-in-class parts, service, and support. We know the government customer and make everything easy, from the initial purchase to service and support. Our dealer network, with over 1,700 locations nationwide, would be responsible for delivering and servicing the equipment sold to end users using this contract. John Deere dealers offer a combination of afterhours service (varies by dealer) and online support (online parts ordering system), which gives end-users the service needed to avoid costly downtime. The John Deere parts ordering system is available for all dealers and gives them access to over 800,000 unique parts which are ready to ship overnight, if needed. Most dealers also offer some form of mobile maintenance service, which provides on-site service. Dealer technicians are factory-trained on the service and support of the products offered in this RFP.</p>
29	Describe the ordering process. If orders will be handled by distributors, dealers or others, explain the respective roles of the Proposer and others.	<p>We will have two processes in which Sourcewell members can order products.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dealer Direct - John Deere dealers who have completed training and certified by the Government Sales group would be an authorized seller on our contract. The dealer would be able to quote, accept purchase orders and invoice the Sourcewell member directly. The Government Sales group has a sales reporting process to capture the sale and report it to Sourcewell. 2. Deere Direct - Our dealer network has the ability to quote a Sourcewell member. John Deere would still be the vendor and the PO would still be made out to John Deere. The dealer would upload the quote and PO to the Government Sales Order Processing for audit. Once audited, we will send the dealer confirmation to deliver the equipment. John Deere will invoice the member upon delivery of the product. The Government Sales group has a sales reporting process to capture the sale and report it to Sourcewell.

30	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.	<p>The support of the equipment takes place through the John Deere dealer network. While customer service varies within the dealer network, the consistent training that is offered by John Deere Company to dealer technicians and parts personnel helps provide each agency with a similar customer experience. Should there be a need for equipment service, it will be the Sourcewell member's responsibility to contact the delivering dealer for service. The member can also work with other dealers, if necessary, as warranty and service work can be performed by any authorized John Deere dealer. In the event of service issues that cannot be solved by the John Deere dealer, the dealer works with John Deere Company's dealer technical assistance center for elevated support.</p> <p>As far as the John Deere Government Sales Department, we have an entire department of approximately 25 people dedicated to government sales. This includes an Order Management Team, that within an average of 15 days of submission, audits and processes the PO to verify contract pricing and verify the items quoted are eligible for the contract. Contract Administrators in the department ensure contract compliance is maintained.</p>	*
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities.	<p>John Deere will serve Sourcewell member entities in the United States. The nationwide John Deere dealer network is able to provide products and services throughout the United States.</p> <p>Equipment Delivery Time After Receipt of Order (ARO) is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grounds Maintenance Equipment - 90 to 365 days after receipt of order. 2. Related Attachment and Accessories - 90 to 365 after receipt of order. 	*
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	John Deere will serve Sourcewell member entities in Canada. The Canadian John Deere dealer network is able to provide products and services throughout Canada.	*
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed agreement.	John Deere will serve the entire United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and Canada.	*
34	Identify any account type of Participating Entity which will not have full access to your Solutions if awarded an agreement, and the reasoning for this.	John Deere will serve all Sourcewell member entity sectors.	*
35	Define any specific requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	John Deere has assigned dealer in Hawaii and Alaska. Factory to dealer freight and local delivery by the dealer will be quoted as a separate line item and paid by the Sourcewell member.	*
36	Will Proposer extend terms of any awarded master agreement to nonprofit entities?	John Deere will serve all Sourcewell member entity sectors.	*

Table 4: Marketing Plan (100 Points)

Line Item	Question	Response *
37	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>John Deere currently uses several forms of marketing to target the governmental and public customer segment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have created a website where we prominently advertise the cooperative contracts we currently hold. 2. Each year, the company produces a purchasing guide for government equipment. This purchasing guide, available in both print and electronic Flash Drive format, is used by the John Deere dealer network to promote the products. 3. John Deere also prints detailed marketing brochures for the products being offered in this RFP. This literature is made available to dealers and includes features and benefits and equipment specifications. <p>A sample of marketing materials have been uploaded for review and include: Government Municipal Lease Literature, Government Sales Folder Packet and Government Sport Turf Banner.</p>
38	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	<p>John Deere's public website, www.deere.com, provides detailed product information for the products being offered in this RFP. Customers are able to view information on product features, specifications, and accessories. Utilizing www.deere.com, Sourcewell members would be able to "build-their own" product. Customers choose the product category and subsequent product options to configure their desired piece of equipment. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail List Price is shown. The website will not show the Sourcewell contract discount, but if the Sourcewell member knows the discount on the particular product category, they will be able to determine their purchase price.</p> <p>Through our Marketing Communications group, John Deere is also active promoting our brand and customer relationships on;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facebook - www.facebook.com/JohnDeereUSCA 2. Twitter - https://twitter.com/JohnDeere 3. YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/user/JohnDeere 4. Instagram - instagram.com/johndeere
39	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting agreements arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded agreement into your sales process?	<p>Sourcewell, the John Deere Government Sales group and the dealer network will all play a critical role in promoting this new contract. Sourcewell's role will be to continue to promote the John Deere brand to Sourcewell members, so they understand cooperative purchasing and the benefits of becoming a member. John Deere Government sales role will be to promote the Sourcewell contract to the dealer network and properly train dealers on the sales process (quoting, ordering and delivery of products), ensure entities are Sourcewell members and assist nonmembers on how to become a member. The dealers' role will be to partner with the Sourcewell member to identify the correct product and solution based on the application and use of the equipment being purchased. Continued communication between all three areas is critical for success and sales growth with this new contract.</p>
40	Are your Solutions available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	<p>We currently use e-procurement systems in North Carolina and Virginia (eVA) because we are contractually required to do so. The system does provide the state a constant record of sales activity, however, administratively, e-procurement is not a seamless process for us. When it comes to John Deere equipment, there are thousands of equipment configurations. Because Deere's price pages are in pdf format, we cannot just simply upload the pricing into the e-procurement systems. We have to manually construct base machines by model and enter them individually. Doing it this way means the agency is not getting the complete picture of what we have available. For the most part, agencies still feel most comfortable with working directly with the dealer to ensure they're getting equipment that will best suit their needs.</p>

Table 5A: Value-Added Attributes (100 Points)

Line Item	Question	Response *
41	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.	<p>Training on equipment operation and safety is provided through the local dealer at the time of delivery. The dealer will provide a walk-around of the equipment and explain operation and maintenance procedures. This training is free of charge and is part of the purchase. If the entity requires additional product, service or technical training, the dealer will provide at a cost agreed to between the dealer and the entity.</p>

42	Describe any technological advances that your proposed Solutions offer.	<p>Recent technological advances that have been introduced include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New for 2024, the Q800 QuikTrac Mowers lineup updates the E Series and introduces the all-new M and R Series models with 7Iron PRO Mower Decks. These models deliver features to meet the needs of professional landscape contractors like more powerful engines, proven low maintenance decks, concrete curb clearance, all-day operation without the need to refuel, traction when its needed, comfortable operator platform, and longer warranties. 2. John Deere is working towards connecting all commercial mowers to John Deere Operations Center to enable professional landscape contractors and government agencies to manage their fleets remotely. Select model year 2024 and 2025 mowers include provisions in the wiring harness to simplify field installation of JDLINK M Modem – 4G which connects the mower to Operations Center. 3. Fastback™ PRO Rear-Discharge Mower Deck for the gas and diesel Z900 Ztrak Mowers. The rear-discharge mower deck increases productivity and improves operator comfort without sacrificing cut quality. The rear-discharge design, the chance of damage from objects being thrown from the mower deck is decreased, and minimize the amount of debris blown onto the operator. While allowing the operators to mow closely around fixed objects with either side of the deck. 4. Compact Tractor Quik-Knect™ System Awarded with 2020 AE50 Award. The Quik-Knect System was Named One of This Year's Most Innovative Products in the Food and Agriculture Industry. Quik-Knect prevents twisting or forcing to line-up the splines when attaching rear implements. Developed to help increase operator ease and enhance productivity. Operators slide the tractor and implement connectors together until they click into place. 5. Commercial Walk Behind Mowers Recognized with 2020 AE50 Award. The AE50 awards highlight the most innovative designs in product engineering. The recoil start M Series and electric start R Series Walk Behind Mowers have been a gamechanger for the commercial mowing industry. Redesigned machines directly address the primary customer needs of productivity, operator comfort, weight distribution, and frame clearance.
43	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your Solutions, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	<p>John Deere continually evaluates and identifies these initiatives and can be found in our most recently published Sustainability Report. https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/sustainability/</p> <p>John Deere green initiatives include:</p> <p>By 2026</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure 100% of new Small Ag equipment is connectivity enabled. 2. Offer an electric option in each Turf and Compact Utility Tractor product family. 3. Deliver a fully autonomous, battery-powered electric ag tractor to the market. <p>By 2030</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieve 95% recyclable product content. 2. Ensure 65% of product content is sustainable material.
44	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the Solutions included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	<p>Sustainability is foundational to the John Deere strategy. We are committed to reducing the environmental impact on 90% of new products to include emissions reductions and invest \$4 Million dollars per day in research and development. Third-party initiatives and recognition include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best of CES Sustainability Award (GadgetMatch) 2. 50 Sustainability & Climate Leader (Bloomberg) 3. World's Most Ethical Companies (Ethisphere) 4. John Deere received notification that its emissions reduction targets have been validated by Science Based Targets initiatives (SBTi). 5. John Deere acquires majority ownership in Kreisel Electric. A leading pioneer in the development of immersion-cooled battery technology. <p>John Deere continually evaluates and identifies these initiatives and can be found in our most recently published Sustainability Report. https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/sustainability/</p>
45	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?	<p>John Deere is the world's leading manufacturer of agricultural equipment. John Deere also has a strong presence in the construction and forestry industry. John Deere is a major force in the grounds maintenance and commercial landscape equipment industry. John Deere Financial is one of the largest equipment finance companies. John Deere also has the most advanced, well-trained national dealer network. All these attributes reinforce that John Deere is an organization that will provide quality products, and its dealer network will partner and support the Sourcewell participating entities for the long term.</p>

46	Describe the safety features your equipment offers such as emergency stop, operator presence control, roll over protection systems, guarding, noise reduction, stability controls, warning lights, etc.	John Deere places operator safety first when designing and introducing new safety features. All John Deere equipment - except for machines classified as 'Lawn Tractors' or 'Lawn and Garden tractors' - have a seatbelt and ROPS (external or built into the cab). John Deere riding lawn or garden tractors are all equipped with an auto-shutoff feature. When weight is taken off the seat, the mower or power take off (PTO) will immediately turn off. The tractor will not turn on again until weight is back in the seat. Guards or shields are in place to conceal the fast-moving power take off (PTO) shaft on implements to prevent any injury. John Deere implemented the engagement override valve in all 50 series and newer tractors in the early 1980s, which means the tractor will not move unless the clutch is cycled. The override valve prevents tractors that are left in gear from moving upon startup. Along with the engagement override valve, all John Deere equipment is equipped with a neutral start switch preventing equipment from starting while in gear. The colour-coded system present on all John Deere equipment from 1975 onward, indicates the related function of every switch, lever and other mechanisms. Red is associated with running the machine (key switch, shut off knob, throttle or speed control, and gear shift), black relates to the hydraulics, and yellow correlates with the PTO functions (PTO on/off, PTO speed, etc).
47	Describe any ergonomic features your equipment has such as anti-vibration, suspension and swivel seating, adjustable handles, ergonomic control layout for ease of reach, padded shoulder straps or harnesses, easy pull-start cords, etc.	John Deere has prioritized ergonomic features while designing our equipment. For the M & R Series commercial walk-behinds, hands were what was considered first when designing the controls on these machines. Hand position is important for minimum fatigue. Levers that didn't need constant force to operate. To slow down or turn, all you need to do is gently squeeze the handles. With ergonomic controls and adjustable seating, operators of all sizes can comfortably handle long hours at the controls. The John Deere Compact Tractors are designed with ergonomic features, including a comfortable seat, controls that are easily within reach, and adjustable steering wheels. Noise reduction is also considered. John Deere tractors are designed to minimize noise and vibration levels, providing a quieter and more comfortable working environment for operators.
48	Describe features your equipment offers that positively impact the environment such as low-emission engines, battery powered and electric, eco-mode settings, biodegradable fuel use, water conservation technology, solar powered charging capability, smart technology, auto-shut off/no-idling systems, etc.	John Deere has created a Product Sustainability goal where we offer machines and technology solutions that are not only more productive and efficient but also minimize the impact on the environment. Some Product Sustainability Goals include: 1. Reduce environment impact, including CO2 emissions on 90% of new products. 2. Increase the use of sustainable materials by growing remanufactured and rebuild sales by 30%. 3. Increasing recyclable, renewable and recycled content. Further we have received the following awards: Best Global Brands - Interbrand Top Ten Innovative Companies in U.S. - American Innovation Index World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute
49	Describe the serviceability of the products included in your proposal (parts availability, warranty and technical support, etc.)	The average lifespan of a residential John Deere lawn tractor is 10 years or 5000 hours. The commercial mowers are designed to be used more per week and take more abuse. A John Deere can regularly last four to five times the factory warranty if maintained and used correctly. John Deere equipment includes one copy of the operator's manual upon delivery of the equipment. Other manuals are available for purchase upon request such as the technical and parts manuals. John Deere Warranty terms are limited to years or hours used, whichever comes first, and varies by model. See the LIMITED WARRANTY FOR NEW JOHN DEERE TURF AND UTILITY EQUIPMENT at JohnDeere.com or JohnDeere.ca/TUWarranty for details.

Table 5B: Value-Added Attributes

Line Item	Question	Certification	Offered	Comment
50	Select 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 and a listing of dealerships, HUB partners or resellers if available. Select all that apply.		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	John Deere continues to proactively engage small and diverse businesses to support the economic growth of communities. Benefits of a thriving Supplier Diversity Program include: 1. Generates economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities. 2. Promotes supply base competition and creates risk mitigation options. 3. Unlocks innovation and diversity of thought. John Deere Government Sales is increasingly setting aside opportunities for small business entities. John Deere Government Sales has partnered with two small business entities to address this gap. Bravo, Inc. and The Akana Group (Akana). Bravo, Inc. is a certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business and Akana is an authorized Native American Small Business.
51		Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	The Akana Group (Akana), Akana is an authorized Native American Small Business.
52		Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	n/a
53		Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	n/a
54		Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	n/a
55		Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Bravo, Inc. is a certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business
56		Small Business Enterprise (SBE)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	The Akana Group (Akana), Akana is an authorized Native American Small Business.
57		Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	n/a
58		Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	n/a

Table 6: Pricing (400 Points)

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
59	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	John Deere's payment terms are Net 30.
60	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	John Deere offers financing and leasing options through John Deere Financial. The John Deere Municipal Lease Purchase Plan is a special low rate financing plan that is designed to provide flexibility of leasing while building equity toward ownership of the John Deere equipment. Any state or local government body or their political subdivisions may be eligible for the John Deere Municipal Lease Purchase Plan, subject to approval and if the agencies rules and guidelines allow.
61	Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded agreement (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload all template agreements or transaction documents which may be proposed to Participating Entities.	John Deere dealers use a quoting system called JDQuote2 which allows them to access the Sourcwell contract held by John Deere and apply the correct discount for equipment on contract. John Deere dealers can also become an authorized seller on our contract and would be able to accept Purchase Orders and Invoice Sourcwell members. The dealers would agree to the contract's terms and conditions and sign a dealer agreement. Examples of a Quote and Dealer Agreement are attached.

62	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcwell participating entities for using this process?	No	*
63	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcwell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcwell 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.	John Deere is offering product-category discounts. See uploaded Price Schedule and Price Pages.pdf.	*
64	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.	The percentage discount range is 4% to 24% off Current MSRP.	*
65	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	John Deere offers a Multiple Unit Discount (MUD) based on the following schedule: 3-4 units – 1% 5-6 units – 2% 7-8 units – 3% 9 units or more – 4% For sales of three or more like self-propelled equipment sold to one customer on the same purchase order qualifies for an additional discount. Implements and attachments sold with and for self-propelled ride-on machines are also eligible for multi-unit discounts, but do not count towards the total number of ride-on units, which determines the multi-unit discount percentage. Frontier Equipment is excluded from the Multiple Unit Discount.	*
66	Propose a method of facilitating “sourced” products or related services, which may be referred to as “open market” items or “non-contracted items”. 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.	John Deere will allow Sourced or Open Market items if requested by the Sourcwell member to complete the purchase of John Deere equipment awarded on the contract. Discounts will not be applied to these items. Non-contract and allied items would be sold as “open market” and the price of the item would be negotiated between the John Deere dealer and the Sourcwell Member. The non-contract/allied item would appear on the purchase order (PO) with the contract item but would be listed as ‘non-contract’. We successfully use this process on other contracts.	*
67	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.	For deliveries to Alaska, Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcwell member. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcwell member. The dealer may charge \$8.00 per loaded mile to deliver equipment from the dealership to the agency's location. The charge must appear on the quote or purchase order.	*
68	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcwell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	For deliveries to Alaska, Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcwell member. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcwell member. The dealer may charge \$8.00 per loaded mile to deliver equipment from the dealership to the agency's location. The charge must appear on the quote or purchase order.	*
69	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	For deliveries to Alaska, Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcwell member. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcwell member.	*
70	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	None	*

71	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed agreement with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell participating entities obtain the proper pricing.	Dealers who desire to become an authorized seller of the Sourcewell contract must complete a sales training class to ensure they understand and promote the contract per the Terms and Conditions. The dealers also sign a Dealer Agreement stating, they will abide by the contract Terms and Conditions. This process is conducted and facilitated by our Strategic Account Managers. Sourcewell members who purchase from John Deere will receive their equipment quote directly from the John Deere dealer. The dealer is able to create the quote by utilizing the contract information (discounts, contract guidelines, eligible equipment, etc.) that we have posted on our website as well as a quoting tool that we've made available to them. The member will submit their purchase order (PO) to the dealer. John Deere will be listed as the vendor on the PO and the dealer, who created the quote, will be the delivering dealer. The dealer will then upload the quote and the PO to Deere's online order management system. Our Order Management Team will then retrieve the quote and the PO and audit them based on the contract guidelines. If an issue is discovered with PO and/or quote, the Order Management Team will contact the dealer and work with the dealer and the member to get the issue resolved. The Sourcewell contract is assigned a Price Group or Bonus Code that is used capture each sale on a quarterly basis. A quarterly sales report is generated and audited by the Contract Administration group. After the audit and review is completed, the Contract Administration group submits the proper admin fee to Sourcewell.	*
72	If you are awarded an agreement, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the agreement.	Our Strategic Account Managers have sales goals and will monitor the use of the Sourcewell contract and the sales performance of the dealer groups in their assigned geographic region. Quarterly sales reports are reviewed to compare the Sourcewell contract sales growth quarter over quarter and year over year.	*
73	Provide a proposed Administration Fee payable to Sourcewell. The Fee is in consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell. The propose an Administrative Fee will be payable to Sourcewell on all completed transactions to Participating Entities utilizing this Agreement. The Administrative Fee will be calculated as a stated percentage, or flat fee as may be applicable, of all completed transactions utilizing this Master Agreement within the preceding Reporting Period defined in the agreement.	John Deere will pay Sourcewell a 1.0% admin fee on sales generated from this new contract. John Deere has been a strategic partner of Sourcewell for 14 years and we are honored to be awarded the Sourcewell Legacy Award in 2023. The Sourcewell contracts we hold are very popular and frequently used by our dealers. The utilization continues to grow and expand.	*

Table 7: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
74	The pricing offered is as good as or better than pricing typically offered through existing cooperative contracts, state contracts, or agencies.	Pricing offered in this bid is consistent with discounts offered on existing current-priced contracts held by Deere.

Table 8A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Solutions (200 Points)

Line Item	Question	Response *
75	Provide a detailed description of all the Solutions offered, including used, offered in the proposal.	<p>John Deere will offer its complete product offering that fall within the scope of this RFP. Description of the products John Deere will offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Zero Turn Radius Mowers Lawn Tractors Garden Tractors Equipment for Lawn & Garden Tractors Commercial Walk-Behind Mowers Commercial QuikTrack Mowers Commercial Zero Turn Radius Mowers Commercial Front Mowers Commercial Wide Area Mowers Equipment for Commercial Mowers Compact Utility Tractors Equipment for Compact Utility Tractors Reel Mowers Special Application Mowers Special Application Vehicles Aercore Debris Maintenance Mid-size Crossover Utility Vehicles Full-size Crossover Utility Vehicles Traditional Utility Vehicles HPX Utility Vehicles Frontier Implements and Attachments <p>Our independent dealer network will provide aftermarket services upon request.</p>
76	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	<p>See response to question 75 for categories of equipment John Deere will offer within this RFP. Only Frontier Implements and Attachments would contain further subcategories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frontier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cutting & Mowing -Hay & Forage -Landscape -Livestock -Material Handling -Planting & Seeding -Snow Equipment -Tillage -Sprayers

Table 8B: Depth and Breadth of Offered Solutions

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

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered *	Comments
77	Lawn and garden equipment for all types of lawn, field and turf care, golf course, landscape, sidewalk, walking path, and parking lot maintenance, and snow removal	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	See uploaded Price Schedule and Price Pages.pdf.
78	Irrigation and aeration equipment, systems, parts, and installation	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	No bid
79	Beach and waterfront maintenance equipment and accessories	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	No bid

Table 9: Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Line Item 80. NOTICE: To identify any exception, or to request any modification, to Sourcewell standard Master Agreement terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must submit the proposed exception(s) or requested modification(s) via redline in the Master Agreement Template provided in the “Bid Documents” section. Proposer must upload the redline in the “Requested Exceptions” upload field. All exceptions and/or proposed modifications are subject to review and approval by Sourcewell and will not automatically be included in the Master Agreement.

Do you have exceptions or modifications to propose?	Acknowledgement *
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Documents

Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as “Marketing Plan.”
 - [Pricing](#) - Price Pages.zip - Monday November 25, 2024 14:23:36
 - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - 2023-deere-company-annual-report.pdf - Wednesday November 20, 2024 17:16:04
 - [Marketing Plan/Samples](#) - Marketing Literature Samples.pdf - Wednesday November 20, 2024 17:24:07
 - WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
 - [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - Combined Quote - Dealer Agree - Invoice.pdf - Tuesday November 26, 2024 10:14:33
 - Requested Exceptions (optional)
 - [Upload Additional Document](#) - Warranty Statement Ag - Turf - Golf.pdf - Tuesday November 26, 2024 10:15:24

Addenda, Terms and Conditions

PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am an authorized representative of Proposer and have authority to submit the foregoing Proposal:

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 award.

3. The Proposer certifies that:

(1) The prices in this Proposal have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Proposer or competitor relating to-

(i) Those prices;

(ii) The intention to submit an offer; or

(iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this Proposal have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the Proposer, directly or indirectly, to any other Proposer or competitor before award unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by Proposer to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a Proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

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 is created when a current or prospective supplier is unable to render impartial service to Sourcewell due to the supplier's: a. creation of evaluation criteria during performance of a prior agreement which potentially influences future competitive opportunities to its favor; b. access to nonpublic and material information that may provide for a competitive advantage in a later procurement competition; c. impaired objectivity in providing advice to Sourcewell.

5. Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities Solutions in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting master agreement.

6. The Proposer possesses, or will possess all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver Solutions under any resulting master agreement.

7. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.

8. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:

1. 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: <https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;

2. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>; or

3. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal 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. - Jennifer Smith, Contract Administrator, Deere & Company

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 obligations contemplated in the solicitation proposal.

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.

File Name	I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable)	Pages
Addendum 6 Grounds Maintenance Eqpt RFP Tue November 12 2024 03:29 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
RFP 112624 Grounds Maintenance Equipment Pre-Proposal Recording Link Mon November 11 2024 08:17 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum 5 Grounds Maintenance Eqpt RFP Fri November 8 2024 10:31 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum 4 Grounds Maintenance Eqpt RFP Mon November 4 2024 04:03 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum 3 Grounds Maintenance Eqpt RFP Mon October 28 2024 03:53 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum 2 Grounds Maintenance Eqpt RFP Wed October 16 2024 08:40 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum 1 Grounds Maintenance Eqpt RFP Wed October 9 2024 07:54 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2