



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
 1450 Northeast Second Avenue
 Miami, FL 33132

BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM

BID NO. 112-EE06

BID TITLE Lawn Equipment, Power

Direct all inquiries to Procurement Management Services:
 BUYER NAME: G. Jackson
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: gjackson@dadeschools.net
 PHONE: (305) 995-2345
 FAX NUMBER 305-523-2214
 TDD PHONE (305) 995-2400

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM on May 16, 2006 in room 351, School Board Administration building, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL., 33132, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids may not be withdrawn for 120 days after opening. (Refer to Instructions to Bidders, para. IV.B.)

THE SUBMISSION OF THE BID BY THE VENDOR, ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD OF THE BID BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST SAID AWARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A BINDING, ENFORCEABLE CONTRACT. UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED IN THE BID DOCUMENTS, NO OTHER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE ISSUED.

I. A. BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid; and I certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.

B. Vendor certifies that it satisfies all necessary legal requirements as an entity to do business with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

II. INDEMNIFICATION

The Bidder shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the indemnities (as hereinafter defined) against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever kind or nature including, but not by way of limitation, attorney's fees and court costs arising out of bodily injury to persons, including death, or damage to tangible property arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Contract (including goods and services provided thereto) by or on behalf of the Bidder, whether or not due to or caused in part by the negligence or other culpability of the indemnity, excluding only the sole negligence or culpability of the indemnity. The following shall be deemed to be indemnities: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and its members, officers and employees.

III. PERFORMANCE SECURITY, is required on this bid. YES NO

Refer to INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, para. VII., and VI.

IF PERFORMANCE SECURITY IS REQUIRED, PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE TO BE FURNISHED:

Performance Bond Check (Cashier's, Certified, or equal)

**An original, manual signature is required on the Bidder Qualification Form.
 (Bidder is requested to use blue ink)
 (Do not use pencil)**

Legal Name of Vendor _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____
Telephone No. _____ **E-mail address** _____
By: Signature (Original)
 Of Authorized Representative _____ **Date** _____
Name (Typed or Printed)
 Of Authorized Representative _____ **Date** _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONE OF SILENCE

The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public schools enacts a Cone of Silence from issuance of a solicitation to written recommendation of award. All provisions of School Board Rule 6Gx13-8C-1.212 apply.

I. PREPARATION OF BIDS

A. BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM qualifies the bidder and the bid and must be completed and submitted as page 1 of the bid.

1. PERFORMANCE SECURITY. The form of performance security the bidder will submit, when required to do so, must be furnished. Performance security shall not be submitted with the bid.

2. BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION. Bid must contain an original manual signature from an authorized representative. An unsigned bid will be considered non-responsive.

B. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Defines conditions of the bid.

1. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. Any inconsistency in this bid shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- A. Specifications
- B. Special Conditions
- C. Instructions To Bidders

2. FOR M/WBE designated bids. The SPECIAL CONDITIONS- Minority/Women owned and controlled Business Participation Statement and the M/WBE Certification Application MUST be completed and SUBMITTED with the bid if the bidder is not certified by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Failure to submit the completed application with the bid will be considered non-responsive.

C. BID PROPOSAL FORM. Defines requirement of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted as page 2 and subsequent pages, if any, of the bid. The bidder should indicate his/her name in the appropriate space on each page.

1. ITEM SPECIFICATION. Specifying a certain brand, make or manufacturer is to denote the quality, type, and standard of the article desired. Articles offered must be new merchandise only, of equal or superior grade. On blank lines provided, the bidder is requested to insert the brand name, manufacturer's number and other information necessary to sufficiently identify article offered. Failure to do so may prevent consideration of the item. Also, refer to paragraph X. Packaging.

2. PRICES. Prices are requested in units of quantity specified in the bid specifications. In case of a discrepancy in computing the total amount of bid, UNIT PRICE quoted will govern. All prices bid shall include delivery F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (bidder pays and bears freight charges. Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims) and shall include all cartage, drayage, packing, etc., delivered to and unloaded at the receiving station at the site designated in BID PROPOSAL FORMS and there received by the designated agent of the Board.

3. TAXES. The Board does not pay Federal Excise and State taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The applicable tax exemption number is shown on the purchase order. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvement of Board-owned real property as defined in Chapter 192 of the Florida Statutes.

II. SUBMITTING OF BIDS

A. BID FORMS AND ENVELOPES. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Board and in sealed envelopes.

Envelopes must be clearly marked with bid number, bid title and bid opening.

B. ERASURES OR CORRECTIONS. When filling out the bid proposal form, bidders are required to complete bid proposal in ink.

1. Use of pencil is prohibited.
2. Do not erase or use correction fluid to correct an error.
3. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink.

Those bids for individual items that do not comply with items 1, 2 and 3 above will be considered non-responsive for that item(s).

C. PLACE, DATE AND HOUR. Bids shall be submitted by U.S. Mail, Courier/Express Service, or deposited in the BID BOX located in Room 351, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Bids received after the date and hour specified in the BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM will not be considered.

D. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES. Section 287.133(2)(a) Florida Statute. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

E. SUBMITTING A "NO BID." If not submitting a bid at this time, return the form entitled "NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS." Failure to respond, either by submitting a bid or the "NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS" form for three consecutive times, may result in the company being removed from the School Board's bid list.

F. AVAILABILITY OF BID INFORMATION. Immediately following the public opening, bids will be read, upon request, and then compiled in a tabular form, a copy of which will be available for examination in Procurement Management Services.

III. CANCELLATION OF BIDS OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

An invitation for bids may be canceled, in whole or in part, as may be specified in the solicitation, when it is in the best interest of the Board. The reasons shall be made a part of the master bid file.

A. Prior to opening, a solicitation may be canceled in whole or in part, prior to the date and hour specified in the Bidder Qualification Form for receipt of bids, when the Assistant Superintendent, Procurement Management Services, determines in writing, that such action is in the best interest of the Board for reasons including, but not limited to:

1. The Board no longer requires the supplies, services, or construction;
2. The Board no longer can reasonably expect to fund the procurement;
3. A review of a valid protest filed by a bidder as may be determined by the administrative staff; or
4. Proposed amendments to the solicitation would be of such magnitude that a new solicitation is desirable.

B. When a solicitation is canceled prior to opening, notice of cancellation shall be sent to all businesses solicited, via facsimile or mail, and bids or proposals returned to the vendor unopened.

The notice of cancellation shall:

1. Identify the solicitation;
2. Briefly explain the reason for cancellation; and
3. Where appropriate, explain that an opportunity will be given to compete on any future re-solicitation for procurements of similar supplies, services, or construction.

IV. CHANGE OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

A. **PRIOR TO BID OPENING.** Should the bidder desire to change or withdraw his/her bid, he/she shall do so in writing. This communication is to be received by the District Director, of Procurement Management, Room 352, School Board Administration Building, prior to date and hour of bid opening. The bidders name, the bid number, the bid title and the date the bid is due must appear on the envelope.

B. **AFTER BID OPENING.** After bids are opened, they may not be changed, nor withdrawn, for 90 days after the determined opening date, unless otherwise specified on the "BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM."

C. **FAILURE TO ACCEPT BID AWARD.** Bidders who, prior to the Bid Award by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, indicate that they are unable to accept the bid award shall either:

1. Pay to the Board, as liquidated damages, an amount equal to 5% of the unit price bid, times the quantity, or \$10, whichever amount is larger, or
2. Lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of 14 months from the date the Board acts on the withdrawn bid.

V. PROTESTS TO CONTRACT SOLICITATION OR AWARD

A. The Board shall provide notice of a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation, contract award, or exceptional purchase by electronic posting which can be accessed at the district's website www.dadeschools.net.

B. Any person who is adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision. With respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation, including any provisions governing the methods of ranking bids, proposals, or replies, awarding contracts, reserving rights of further negotiation, or modifying or amending any contract, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the solicitation. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of these proceedings. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods established herein.

C. All notice of protests will be reviewed by Procurement Management Services, who will offer the protesting bidder the opportunity to meet and discuss the merits of the protest. If the protest is not resolved, the bidder may seek an administrative hearing pursuant to §120.57 Fla. Stat., by filing a formal written protest within 10 days after filing the notice of protest. Petitions for hearing pursuant to §120.57 Fla. Stat., must be filed in accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.064.

VI. AWARDS

A. **RESERVATION FOR REJECTION OR AWARD.** The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities, and to request rebids. The Board reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid or, if an alternate bid is accepted, on such terms as are specified for the alternate bid, whichever manner is in the best interest of the Board.

B. **NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED ACTION** will be posted on the District's website 7-10 days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

C. **OFFICIAL AWARD DATE.** Awards become official upon the Board's formal approval of the award.

D. **PURCHASE ORDERS.** Purchase orders mailed to successful bidders are the official notification to deliver materials described therein, and the time allowed for delivery begins with the date of the purchase order. In the event that the successful bidder fails to deliver the materials in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and purchase order, the bidder shall be considered to be in default of the contract and subject to the default provisions stated in Instructions to Bidders, Section VI. E.

E. **DEFAULT.** A vendor who fails to perform according to the terms of the contract (bid) shall be considered in default. In the event of default, which may include, but is not limited to poor performance and/or non-performance, a vendor shall either (1) pay liquidated damages of 10 percent of the unit price of the item(s) awarded times the quantity when no purchase order has been issued, 10 percent of the purchase order when a purchase order has been issued or \$100, whichever is greater or (2) lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of 14 months from date of termination of award by the Board. Bidders that are determined ineligible may request a hearing pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes, and School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.064.

F. The intent of the bid documents is to include only the written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work by the Bidder. The bid documents shall not be construed to create an entitlement to any other scope of work except as specified herein.

VII. PERFORMANCE SECURITY (FOR SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ONLY)

A. **PURPOSE.** A performance bond or check may be required to guarantee performance.

B. **BONDING COMPANY.** Performance Bonds shall be written through a reputable and responsible surety bond agency licensed to do business in the State of Florida and with a surety company or corporation meeting both of the following specifications:

1. Awards Greater than \$500,000

A minimum rating in the latest revision of Best's Insurance Reports of:

<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Rating by A.M. Best</u>
\$ 500,000.01 to \$ 2,500,000	None
\$ 2,500,000.01 to \$ 5,000,000	B + or NA-3
	No Minimum Class
\$ 5,000,000.01 to \$10,000,000	A- Class IV
\$10,000,000.01 or more	A- Class V

Current certificate of authority as acceptable surety on Federal Bonds in accordance with the latest edition of the United States Treasury Department Circular 570 entitled "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" shall be accepted for an amount not exceeding the underwriting limitation thereon.

2. Awards of \$500,000 or Less

Bonds shall be written with a surety company or corporation meeting the qualifications as set forth in Paragraph VII.B. above or the qualifications set forth in section 287.0935, Florida Statutes.

C. **AMOUNT.** When required as defined herein, the firm or individual(s) to whom an award has been made shall execute and deliver to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a Performance Bond, Cashier's/Certified Check, or equal.

1. Awards less than \$200,000 shall be exempt from performance security.

2. Performance security shall not be required, unless otherwise defined in the bid specifications. If performance security is required, it shall equal 100% of the award amount.

D. **RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE SECURITY.** Return to the Awardee of his/her cash security, or notification to the Awardee and the bonding company to cancel the performance bond, will be made when all goods/services have been accepted and invoices have been approved for payment.

VIII. SAMPLES

When bid samples are required, the buyer will notify bidder to submit samples of the items bid in accordance with the following procedures:

A. All samples must be identified with the bidder's name, bid number, item number, and product name and number. Where non-compliance with this requirement is noted, said item may be considered as being unidentifiable and may not be eligible for consideration in the award recommendation.

B. All samples are to be delivered within 7 calendar days after receipt of notification from buyer, unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions of the bid. If the bidder does not submit samples by the date and time indicated by the buyer, the bid submitted for that item may not be considered for award.

C. Bidder must obtain, from Materials Testing and Evaluation, a signed receipt acknowledging delivery of samples. Bidder shall include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of sample receipt when submitting samples by mail or delivery service. The bidder will receive the original copy of the receipt and the duplicate copy will remain with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools receiving department as the file copy. Bidder shall be solely responsible for delivery of samples and for retaining sample delivery receipts, which must be presented in any dispute regarding receipt of bid samples.

D. Samples should be delivered to the following address:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MATERIALS TESTING AND EVALUATION
7040 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33144
Telephone Number: 786-275-0780

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will not be responsible for samples sent to a location other than the location mentioned in the bid.

E. PAYMENT FOR SAMPLES. The Board will buy no samples and will assume no cost incidental thereto.

F. RETURN OF SAMPLES. Samples not destroyed in testing may be claimed by unsuccessful bidders 14 days after bid award date and by successful bidders 14 days after final payment; but the Board will assume no responsibility for samples not claimed within the time specified, and it will pay for no samples damaged in testing.

G. EVALUATION AND TEST RESULTS. If a sample submitted for testing does not comply, the buyer will advise the bidder to contact Materials Testing and Evaluation for further details.

IX. SUBSTITUTIONS

Should the bidder find it necessary to use a material, equipment, product or system other than specified, the bidder shall secure from the Board, through Procurement Management Services, written approval for the use of the alternate materials, equipment, product or system. The Board is not obligated to approve requests for substitutions and has the discretion to require the bidder to provide the materials as specified in the bid documents. In no case shall the bidder be entitled to additional time and/or money arising out of the Board's failure to approve requests for substitutions.

X. PACKAGING

A. TYPE. If packaging is different from that specified, the bidder must note the manner and amounts in which packaging is to be made; otherwise the successful bidder shall furnish packaging as specified. All packaging, wrapping and bundling shall be adequate to insure that materials will be received in undamaged condition. The Board assumes no responsibility for damages of any kind incurred in transit.

B. CONTAINER IDENTIFICATION. The following identification shall be printed, stenciled or legibly written in a conspicuous location on each shipping container:

1. BID NUMBER AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER
2. VENDOR'S NAME AND/OR TRADEMARK
3. NAME(S) OF ITEM(S) CONTAINED
4. ITEM NUMBER(S) WITH QUANTITY(IES)

XI. PURCHASES BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

With the consent and agreement of the successful bidder(s), purchases may be made under this bid by Miami Dade County, Florida, and other governmental agencies or political subdivisions within the State of Florida. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions stated herein. This agreement in no way restricts or interferes with the right of any State of Florida Agency or political subdivision to rebid any or all of these items.

XII. RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports recycling and recommends the use of recycled products where possible. Vendors are requested to submit a letter, along with their bid, indicating whether each item bid and/or its packaging contains pre-consumer or post-consumer waste, and if the product and/or packaging may be recycled.

XIII. ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages the use of environmentally safe products.

XIV. DELIVERY AND BILLING

A. DELIVERY. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, deliveries shall be made as follows: Schools and Departments - 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Merchandise shall be uncrated at the receiving station of the designated delivery point and received there by a designated agent of the Board. A delivery ticket, or one copy of the invoice, prepared as indicated below, shall accompany each delivery.

B. RECEIVING INSPECTION AND TESTING. Delivered items which do not fulfill all requirements will be rejected. Rejected items shall be removed and replaced promptly by the vendor, at no cost to the purchaser.

C. INVOICES. Each invoice shall be issued by the successful bidder and shall be submitted in DUPLICATE to the Accounts Payable Section, P.O. Box 01-2570, Miami, Florida 33101. To be considered for payment, each invoice must show the following information, which appears on the Purchase Order:

1. Purchase Order Number
2. Item Descriptions
3. Quantities and Units
4. Price Extensions
5. Total price of all items on invoice

D. PAYMENT. Unless otherwise specified by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, payment will be made only after delivery, authorized inspection, and acceptance. Payment will be made only to the successful bidder, unless otherwise requested, in writing, by the successful bidder and accepted by Miami-Dade County Public Schools Administration. When bidders are directed to send invoices to a school, the school will make directed payment to the bidder.

XV. NO GRATUITY POLICY

It is the policy of Procurement Management Services not to accept gifts, gratuities, or favors of any kind, or of any value whatsoever, from vendors, members of their staffs, or families.

XVI. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE/FEDERAL REGULATIONS

A. All contracts involving federal funds will contain certain provisions required by applicable sections of Title 34, Section 50.36(i) and Section 85.510 Code of Federal Regulations and are included by reference herein. The vendor certifies by signing the bid that the vendor and his/her principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions and may, in certain instances, be required to provide a separate written certification to this effect.

During the term of any contract with the Board, in the event of debarment, suspension, proposed debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions, the vendor shall immediately notify the Assistant Superintendent, Procurement Management Services, in writing. Vendors will also be required to provide access to records, which are directly pertinent to the contract and retain all required records for three years after the Board makes final payment.

B. For all contracts involving Federal funds in excess of \$10,000, the Board reserves the right to terminate the contract for cause, as well as for convenience, by issuing a certified notice to the vendor.

XVII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Bidders shall comply with all federal, state of Florida and local laws applicable to it and the performance of its obligations under this bid.

XVIII. BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of sections 1012.32, 1012.465, and 435.04, Florida Statutes (2004) as well as with the requirements of HB 1877, The Jessica Lunsford Act (2005), effective September 1, 2005, Bidder agrees to certify under oath and penalty of perjury by completing the attached Sworn Statement Pursuant to Sections 1012.32, 1012.465, and 435.04, Florida Statutes (2004) and HB 1877, The Jessica Lunsford Act (2005), which is incorporated fully herein by reference, that Bidder and all of its employees who provide or may provide services under this Agreement have completed all background screening requirements as outlined in the above-referenced statutes.

Additionally, Bidder agrees that each of its employees, representatives, agents, subcontractors or suppliers who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present, who have direct contact with students or who have access to or control of school funds must meet level 2 screening requirements as described in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes, and further upon obtaining level 2 clearance, must obtain a required Board issued photo identification badge which shall be worn by the individual at all times while on Board property when students are present.

Bidder agrees to bear any and all costs associated with acquiring the required background screening - including any costs associated with fingerprinting and obtaining the required photo identification badge. Bidder agrees to require all its affected employees to sign a statement, as a condition of employment with Bidder in relation to performance under this Agreement (bid), agreeing that the employee will abide by the heretofore described background screening requirements, and also agreeing that the employee will notify the Bidder/Employer of any arrest(s) or conviction(s) of any offense enumerated in s. 435.04, Florida Statutes within 48 hours of its occurrence.

Bidder agrees to provide the Board with a list of all of its employees who have completed background screening as required by the above-referenced statutes and who meet the statutory requirements contained therein. Bidder agrees that it has an ongoing duty to maintain and update these lists as new employees are hired and in the event that any previously screened employee fails to meet the statutory standards. Bidder

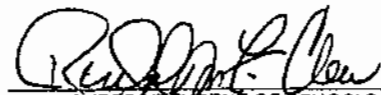
further agrees to notify the Board immediately upon becoming aware that one of its employees who was previously certified as completing the background check and meeting the statutory standards is subsequently arrested or convicted of any disqualifying offense. *Failure by Bidder to notify the Board of such arrest or conviction within 48 hours of being put on notice and within 5 business days of the occurrence of a qualifying arrest or conviction, shall constitute grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement(bid) by the Board.*

Failure by Bidder to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement (bid) and default entitling the Board to utilize the provisions of section VI. E of this bid as well as entitling the Board to terminate the Agreement(bid) immediately with no further responsibility for the Board to make payment or perform any other duties under this Agreement (bid).

XIX. COMPLIANCE WITH SCHOOL CODE

Bidder agrees to comply with all sections of the Florida K-20 Education Code, Title XLVIII, Florida Statutes as it presently exists, and further as it may be amended from time to time. Further Bidder agrees that failure to comply with the Florida K-20 Education Code shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement (bid) and may result in the termination of this Agreement (bid) by the Board.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: _____

AFFIX
POSTAGE
HERE

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUREAU OF PROCUREMENT AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
ROOM NO. 352 BID BOX
1450 N.E. 2ND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33132

BID NO.: 112-EE06
BID TITLE: Lawn Equipment, Power
BID OPENING DATE: May 16, 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management

NOTICE OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

NO BID

If not submitting a bid at this time, for informational purpose only, detach this sheet from the bid documents, complete the information requested, fold as indicated, staple, affix postage and return address, and mail. **NO ENVELOPE IS NECESSARY.**

NO BID SUBMITTED FOR REASON(S) CHECKED AND/OR INDICATED:

Our company does not handle this type of product/service.
We cannot meet the specifications nor provide an alternate equal product.
Our company is simply not interested in bidding at this time.
OTHER, (Please specify) _____

We do not want to be retained on your mailing list for future bids for this type or product and/or service.

Signature _____
Title _____
Company _____

NOTE: Failure to respond, either by submitting a bid or this completed form, may result in your company being removed from the School Board's bid list. To qualify as a respondent to the bid, vendor must submit a *NO BID*.

Vendor Information Sheet



1A. _____
Federal Employer Identification Number

Or _____
Owner's Social Security Number

1B. _____
Name of Firm, Individual(s), Partners or Corporation

_____ Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

2. Telephone/Fax/Contact Person

_____ Telephone number

_____ Fax number

_____ Contact Person

_____ E-mail address

3. Ownership Disclosure

If the contract or business transaction is with a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or joint venture, the full legal name and business address shall be provided for the chief officer, director, or owner who holds, directly or indirectly the majority of the stock or ownership. If the contract or business transaction is with a trust, the full legal name and address shall be provided for each trustee and each beneficiary. **Post Office addresses are not acceptable.**

Name	Title	Address	Gender	Race-ethnicity	Stock Ownership

NOTE: The information provided by the vendor on this form should be consistent with that provided on the "Vendor's Application". All vendors must have a current vendor's application on file with M-DCPS, and have provided information and/or be familiar with M-DCPS' policy regarding the following: (a) Employment Disclosure, (b) Drug Free Workplace, (c) Family Leave Policy, (d) Code of Business Ethics, (e) Conflict of Interest, (f) Perception, (g) Gratuities, and (h) Business Meals. Failure to provide M-DCPS a current vendor application may cause the vendor not to be awarded any new business with M-DCPS. Vendor applications can be downloaded at: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
SWORN STATEMENT - NEW CONTRACTS

ATTACHMENT A
SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1012.465,
FLORIDA STATUTES AS AMENDED BY
HB 1877, THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Fl

(Hereinafter "Board" or "School Board") by _____

(Print individual's name and title)

for _____
(Print Name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

and its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____
If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number (SSN) of the individual signing this sworn statement and so indicate.

2. I, _____, am duly authorized to make this
(Print individual's name and title)
sworn statement on behalf of _____
(Print Name of entity submitting sworn statement)

3. I understand that during the 2005 Legislative Session, House Bill 1877, The Jessica Lunsford Act (hereinafter "The Act" or "Act") was passed and approved by Governor Bush on May 2, 2005, with an effective date of September 1, 2005.

Initials

4. I understand that the Act amends the background screening requirements of section 1012.465, Florida Statutes (2004) for all non-instructional school district employees or “contractual personnel” by requiring all non-instructional school district employees or contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present to undergo and pass “level 2 background screening,” and further I understand the Act defines “contractual personnel” to include any vendor, individual, or entity under contract with the Board.
5. I understand that pursuant to section 1012.465, Florida Statutes as amended by the Act, non-instructional school district employees or contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present, who have direct contact with students or who have access to or control of school funds must meet level 2 screening requirements as described in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes.
6. I understand that as a _____ (eg. a private bus

Type of entity

service contractor) all contractual personnel, as defined in section 1012.465, Florida Statutes, must meet level 2 screening requirements as outlined in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes in order to do business with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
7. I understand that “level 2 screening requirements,” as defined in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes means that fingerprints of all contractual personnel must be obtained and submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing.
8. I understand that the School Board will implement local procedures to comply with level 2 screening requirements, as defined in sections 1012.32 and 435.04. I understand that my company must comply with these local procedures as they are developed.
9. I understand that any costs and fees associated with the required background screening will be borne by my company.
10. I understand that any personnel of the contractor found through fingerprint processing and subsequent level 2 background screening to have been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to any offense outlined in Section 435.04, Florida Statutes (or any similar statute of another jurisdiction), shall not be permitted to come onto school grounds or any leased premises where school-sponsored activities are taking place when students are present, shall not be permitted direct contact with students, and shall not be permitted to have access to school district funds.

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11. I understand that the failure of any of the company's or my affected personnel to meet level 2 screening standards as required by section 1012.465, Florida Statutes, may disqualify my company from doing business with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
12. I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct in relation to the company for which I am submitting this sworn statement. I further certify that this statement is being given knowingly and voluntarily by me on behalf of my company.

The company submitting this sworn statement agrees to be bound by the provisions of SECTIONS 1012.32, 1012.465, AND 435.04 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES AS AMENDED BY HB 1877, THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT 2005.

I CERTIFY THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH ONE (1) ABOVE BINDS THE COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 1012.32, 1012.465, AND 435.04, FLORIDA STATUTES.

(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day or _____, 20__.

Personally known _____

OR Produced Identification _____

Notary Public -State of _____

(Type of Identification)

My commission expires _____

(Printed typed or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BID PROPOSAL FORM (FORMAT A)

TO: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA

BID 112-EE06	BUYER G. Jackson	PAGE SC 1
TITLE Lawn Equipment, Power		

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bid is to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, for the purchase of estimated requirements for the items listed. The term of the bid shall be for one year from the date of award, and may, by mutual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the successful bidder(s), be extended for two additional one year periods, and if needed, 90 days beyond the expiration date of the final contract period. Procurement Management Services, may if considering to extend, request a letter of intent to extend from the successful bidder(s), prior to the end of the current contract period. All prices shall be firm for the term of the contract. The successful bidder(s) agrees to this condition by signing its bid.
2. **SPECIFICATIONS:** If an item is to be considered as an equal to the specified item, complete technical specifications, together with illustrative materials providing brand name and model number of the item, are requested to accompany bid. Non-compliance with this condition may cause the item not to be considered for award.
3. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL:** The use of a manufacturer's brand name, trade name, or model is for reference purposes only and should not be interpreted as a statement of preference. Bids will be accepted on these and comparable products, provided the quality of the product meet or exceed the quality of the products listed. Brands bid as equal should pass a field performance evaluation test.
4. **AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE:** All vendors submitting bids must be an authorized factory distributor and/or service representative and must be capable of providing evidence of being an authorized service representative and/or distributor.
5. **ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:** The estimated quantities provided in the bid proposal are for bidders's guidance only. No guarantee is expressed or implied, as to quantities that will be used during the contract period. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida is not obligated to place an order for any given amount, subsequent to the award of this bid. Estimates are based upon M-DCP'S actual usage during a previous contractual period, and include an additional ten percent to cover unanticipated increases in requirements.
6. **DELIVERIES:** Delivery shall be completed within 30 days after receipt of purchase order. All deliveries will be made to schools and departments as indicated on each purchase order.
7. **WARRANTY:** The warranty for equipment, after delivery and acceptance by the school or department, shall be for one year or manufacturer's warranty, whichever is greater. The successful vendor will be responsible for repairing each unit during the warranty period, at no cost to the Board. Vendor agrees to repair and return equipment within five (5) days from receipt of request or provide a temporary replacement.
8. **SAMPLES:** Samples for alternative items bid on "or equal" products must be available for bid evaluation after bid opening. Vendors will be notified in writing if samples are required for testing.

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9. **SAFETY:** All equipment must have all applicable safety guards and safety attachments.
10. **UNAUTHORIZED SHIPMENT/SUBSTITUTION:** Unauthorized substitutions and shipments shall be grounds for termination. Vendors shall be considered in default of the contract and shall lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of fourteen (14) months from the date of termination by the Board.
11. **ERASURES AND STRIKEOUTS:** When filling out the bid proposal form, bidders are requested to use typewriter or black ball point pen.
1. Use of pencil is prohibited.
 2. Do not erase or use correction fluid to correct an error.
 3. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink.
- Those bids for individual items that do not comply with items 1, 2 and 3 above will be considered non-responsive for that item(s).
12. **VENDOR INFORMATION SHEET:** All bidders are requested to complete the attached Vendor Information Sheet. In order to conduct new business under this bid, M-DCPS requires that the vendor(s) have a current vendor application on file. The information on both documents must be consistent. Failure to comply with this condition may cause the vendor(s) not be awarded any new business. Vendor applications can be downloaded at <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>
13. **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE:** Any person, firm, corporation or joint venture, with a business location in Miami-Dade County, Florida, which is submitting a bid, shall meet the County's Occupational License Tax requirements in accordance with Chapter 8A, Article IX of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Bidders with a location outside Miami-Dade County shall meet their Occupational Tax requirements. A copy of the license is requested to be submitted with the Bid Proposal. If the Bidder has already complied with this requirement, a new copy is not required while the license is valid and in effect. It is the Bidder's responsibility to resubmit a copy of a new license after expiration or termination of the current license. Non-compliance with this condition may cause the bid not to be considered for award.
14. **CONE OF SILENCE:** A Cone of Silence is applicable to this solicitation. Any inquiry, clarification or information regarding this bid must be requested in writing by FAX or E-mail to:

Mr. Greg Jackson, Buyer
 Procurement Management
 Fax #305-523-2214
 E-mail: gjackson@dadeschools.net

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A copy of this written request must be sent simultaneously to:

Ileana Martinez, School Board Clerk
 Miami-Dade County Public Schools
 1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Room 268B
 Miami, Florida 33132
 Fax#305-995-1448
 E-mail: martinez@dadeschools.net

- BID ADDENDUMS:** All bidders should monitor continuously, the M-DCPS, Procurement website, for any addendums that may be posted, prior to the opening of this solicitation. The procurement website, which list all bids, addendums, and award information, is as follows: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net>, (click on) bid solicitation.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida
 Bid #112-EE06
 Lawn Equipment, Power

BID PROPOSAL FORM (FORMAT B)

Type or print in this box the complete name of the bidder:
 Bid #112-EE06
 Title: Lawn Equipment, Power
 Buyer: G. Jackson

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SHADED AREAS

NAME OF BIDDER:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	MANUFACTURER & MODEL NUMBER
	VENDOR SHALL INDICATE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, IF GREATER THAN ONE YEAR				
1	Edger, Power, walk-behind, minimum engine power: 3HP, steel base, approximately 10" X 2" X 1/2" blade or 9" triple blade (3 tips), ball bearing wheels, controls on the handle (adjustment of depth), blade guard. Approved brands: Power Trim 200, Husqvarna LE 389 or equal.	25	Each		
2	Hedge Trimmer, approximately 30" single-sided cutting blade, gas engine, minimum engine power: 1.1 HP, minimum displacement: 22.5 cc, electronic ignition, centrifugal clutch. Approved brands: Shindaiwa HT231-30 or equal.	25	Each		
3	Blower, Leaf, hand-held, gasoline engine, electronic ignition, minimum engine displacement: 21.2 cc, built in metal stand, metal impeller, minimum average air volume: 310 cu. ft. per minute, maximum air speed: 150 miles per hour. Approved brands: Echo PB-210 or equal.	25	Each		
4	Trimmer, monofilament, loop handle, gasoline engine, minimum engine displacement: 25.4 cc, maximum overall length: 75", minimum fuel capacity: 13.5 oz., maximum weight: 12.5 lbs., straight shaft. Approved brands: Stihl FS80R or equal.	25	Each		
5	Mower, riding, cutting width: 30", minimum engine power: 9 HP, electric starting, transmission: 5 forward - 1 reverse speeds, all steel mower deck, minimum of five (5) cutting height positions, cutting heights approximately 1 1/2" to 4", pneumatic tires front and rear, 12 volt battery, equipped with mulching kit. Approved brands: Snapper 3012523BVE or equal.	25	Each		
6	Mower, power, non-self propelled, minimum 5 HP engine, push drive, oversized rear wheels approximately 16" with ball-bearings, front wheels approximately 8" diameter with ball bearings, cutting swath 21" minimum, mulching kit included (not mounted). Acceptable brands: Sarlo L621-2 or equal.	5	Each		
	Items 7 and 8 will be awarded on a total low bid basis. Both items must be compatible and made by the same manufacturer. Vendor must bid both items.				
7	Midsized mower, cutting deck: 44"; with a foam-filled seat attachment bolted to an all steel frame, two-wheeled stand-on sulky; electric start; transmission: 5 speeds; minimum engine power: 17 HP, and drum or band brakes. Approved brands: Toro 30327 with electric start and assembled Jungle Jim's Accessory Products, Jungle wheels JJ-1000 & seat attachment JJ-1100 or equal.	15	Each		
8	Mulching kit for 44" mower, Toro 59220 or equal.	15	Each		

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NAME OF BIDDER:

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	Items 9 and 10 will be awarded on a total low bid basis. Both items must be compatible and made by the same manufacturer. Vendor must bid both items.				
9	Midsized mower, cutting deck: 52"; with a foam-filled seat attachment bolted to an all steel frame, two-wheeled stand-on sully; electric start; transmission: 5 speeds; minimum engine power: 17 HP; and drum or band brakes. Approved brands: Toro 30342 with electric start and assembled Jungle Jim's Accessory Products, Jungle wheels JJ-1000 & seat attachment JJ-1100 or equal.	15	Each		
10	Mulching kit for 52" mower, Toro 59225 or equal.	15	Each		