Urban Trees Grant Program RFQ for Tree-Planting Service Providers

Qualifications

1. **Contact information:**
   CITYGREEN
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2. **Company's Mission and Profile:**

   CITYGREEN's mission is educating and informing at-risk and underserved communities about the individual health and community benefits of large native trees and planting trees resistant to known pests and pathogens for long-term benefits to people, wildlife, and the planet.

   CITYGREEN's most recent work has been encouraging collaborations between high school students and senior homeowners. CITYGREEN was established in 2018, with a mission to reduce air pollution, increase health awareness, expand environmental education, career exploration for at-risk youth who face barriers to traditional employment, and adults unemployed, under-employed, or unskilled.

   CITYGREEN is led by Charles Boston, an environmental engineer, professional arborist, and sustainable landscape instructor. CITYGREEN is structured by a supportive team of experts and specialists in arboriculture, agriculture, education, and horticulture.

   CITYGREEN's annual budget has ranged from 45K - 95K. In 2021 CITYGREEN lead and or assisted in 145 projects, with an average of 375 trees planted and or pruned annually over the past two years.

3. **Type of services and fee structure:**

   CITYGREEN'S provides sustainable landscape education, tree planting, and pruning services. Our fees are generally determined by the size of the project and are quoted after a free site visit to

assess the project site, the species and size of tree planted, the age and condition of the tree, and or the scope of work provided by the customer. However, our prices are competitive and often negotiable as we encourage labor by community members. We provide discounts for all first-responders, veterans, seniors, educators, and homeowners with disabilities.

4. **Service area:**

   Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

5. Key Staff:

   Charles Boston - Professional Arborist, Environmental Engineer, Sustainable Landscape Instructor

   James Savage, Phd Master Arborist - Advisor/Consultant/Mentor

   Amos Twitty, Maryland Tree Expert - Advisor/Consultant/Mentor

   Dan Olsen, Maryland Tree Expert - Advisor/Consultant/Mentor

6. **Experience:**

   CITYGREEN is supported by over 100 years of collective experience amongst consultants and Charles Boston. Charles brings over 15 years professional experience in urban agriculture and forestry, community development, workforce development, and project management.

   Charles, who obtained his love for trees and the outdoors in the late 1980's in the Boy Scouts of America and the State of Maryland, Forestry Camps in Allegany County, Maryland. In 2013, after tree removal contracts with the District of Columbia, Urban Forestry Administration ended, Charles decided to resume his post-secondary education studying Urban Forestry, Plant Science, and Landscape Architect at the Institute of Applied Agriculture at University of Maryland, College Park.

   In 2014, Charles joined the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, (WMATA) where he was tasked with equipment operation and landscape maintenance. Charles now supervises crews that maintain the Authority's landscape, which includes hundreds of flower beds, trees, and shrubs throughout ninety-seven stations across D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. As a Supervisor, Charles has co-directed and managed several large scale projects.

   In 2017, Charles began working with the District Department of the Environment through the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, under the RiverSmart Homes program.

   In 2021, Charles established the Native Tree Farm & Research and resumed studies in urban forestry and agribusiness at Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland.

   In 2022, Charles established an Arboriculture Pre-Apprenticeship and Engineering Environmental Sustainability program for students at H.D. Woodson Senior High School and Friendship Collegiate Public Charter High School in Washington, DC. Charles is currently in advanced discussions with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) to offer a similar program at three selective schools through their Career and Technical Education department.

7. **Past Failure:**

   CITYGREEN has not experienced failures planting trees in urban areas. This is largely due to strict growing practices, through inspection of nursery stock, tree planting sites, and community awareness. CITYGREEN understands the conditions of urban communities being served. We take pride in prioritizing community engagement, community-based planting, and the ability to correlate the need of planting trees beyond canopy coverage and or carbon sequestration.

8. **Key specialties:**

   Community engagement, extensive knowledge of native trees, large scale tree plantings, tree placement, irrigation system installation and maintenance, foliage and soil analysis.

9. **Method of Evaluation:**

   CITYGREEN has always followed American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 standard practices for plantings and transplanting and adhere to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Best Management Practices. CITYGREEN will continue this practice and engage experts, specialists, and trainers where appropriate with relation to the Urban Tree Planting Program.

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Appendix 1

Please complete Table 1 and Table 2 below as part of your submission information.

Table 1 - Services Provided

Complete the third and fourth columns of this table. You and can add any additional comments in the fifth column. If you provide additional services you feel are relevant to the audience described in the RFQ, please use the "other" line(s) below and identify your service(s) in the Summary column. Contractors providing native trees to grantees are strongly encouraged to source stock that has been grown in the State of Maryland. Trees sourced out of state, moved to MD for a short period of time, and then re-sold may not likely survive. Therefore, in the Comments column in row 3 below, please indicate your source(s) of trees (either specific nurseries/growers or general source state/region).

Service	Summary	Does contractor provide the service? (Yes or No)	Fee structure for service	Service-provider Comments
1) Tree planting site identification	Identifying the best planting sites available in a community or in a particular location (i.e., church or school grounds); identifying the type of planting: street lawn, tree pit, cluster planting that is possible at the site	YES	FREE	Schedule consultation: https://calendly.com/citygreen-1/consult-install
2) Species selection	Identifying the most appropriate species for the site	YES	FREE	Schedule consultation: https://calendly.com/citygreen-1/consult-install Price dependent on size, species, and quantity.
3) Tree purchasing	Obtaining trees from nurseries/growers	YES	Price Per tree	Price dependent on tree size, species, quantity, and how prepared for transplanting. Schedule consultation: https://calendly.com/citygreen-1/consult-install

4) Utilities and other restrictions	Identifying utilities, other infrastructure and/or ordinance restrictions to take into consideration when selecting a tree-planting site	YES	FREE	Schedule consultation: https://calendly.com/citygreen-1/consult-install
5) Impervious removal	Creating tree planting pits/tree cells within sidewalks and other impervious areas; fully removing sidewalks or other impervious areas	NO	N/A	N/A
6) Site preparation	Cleaning up the site (i.e., trash or invasive plant removal); preparing the soil, applying soil conditioner/amendment, and ensuring that the right soil volume is available for root growth; Installing root barriers	YES	Price Per-hour	Schedule consultation: https://calendly.com/citygreen-1/consult-install
7) Planting	Planting the tree(s); providing appropriate tree root preparation and care at time of planting; staking the tree(s); installing tree shelters or fencing for lawn mower or deer protection; installing tree grates for tree protection as needed; applying mulch	YES	Price Per-tree	Price dependent on planting difficulty, tree size, tree species, and quantity. Schedule consultation: https://calendly.com/citygreen-1/consult-install
8) Maintenance	Watering, mulching, pruning, checking for disease or damage during the first two years after planting	YES	Price Per-hour	$65.00-$105.00 based on service. One-hour minimum, materials and labor included.
9) Warranty – 1 year	Re-planting if a tree dies within 1 year	YES*	FREE	For warranty guarantee the dead tree must remain where planted until foliage and or soil analysis performed, or the tree is removed by us.
10) Warranty – 2 years	Re-planting if a tree dies within 2 years	YES*	FREE	For warranty guarantee the tree must remain where planted until foliage and or soil analysis performed, or the tree is removed by us.

11) Other				
12) Other				
13) Other				
14) Other				

Table 2 – Company's Service Area

Please indicate the Maryland jurisdictions where the company provides services by writing "Yes" or "No" in the **Service column** below. Feel free to add any additional relevant information under the **Comments column**.

Jurisdiction	Service Area (Yes or No)	Comments
Allegany County	NO	
Anne Arundel County	NO	
Baltimore City	NO	
Baltimore County	NO	
Calvert County	YES	
Caroline County	NO	
Carroll County	NO	
Cecil County	NO	
Charles County	YES	
Dorchester County	NO	
Frederick County	NO	
Garrett County	NO	
Harford County	NO	
Howard County	NO	
Kent County	NO	
Montgomery County	YES	
Prince George's County	YES	
Queen Anne's County	NO	
Somerset County	NO	
St. Mary's County	NO	
Talbot County	NO	
Washington County	NO	
Wicomico County	NO	
Worcester County	NO	