

Terms of the RFP provide the right for the City to renew the contract for as many as two additional annual mowing seasons, provided the City and Contractor agree and funds are made available for this purpose. If the Contract is extended, prices may be adjusted at the beginning of each annual period by an amount not-to-exceed the latest available Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

It is recommended that a contract for Landscaping Services for Highway 52 at Research Parkway be awarded to Champion Landscapes, Inc. in the annual amount of \$166,200 with the option to extend for two additional years, for a total potential value of \$498,600.

This is a new expense that was planned for, where the FY 2024-25 operations budget will appropriate funds to cover this contract through June 30, 2025, with contract extensions subject to future budget appropriations. The state (NCDOT) partially subsidizes the maintenance of the many miles of state roads within the city limits. The reimbursement amount for this year is \$242,991; however, very little of that amount will go toward this contract.

M/WBE comment: The bid opportunity was advertised on the city website and bid invitations were sent to 37 companies, including 16 local and 16 M/WBE businesses. See Exhibit B for a complete list of businesses notified and Exhibit C for Workforce Demographics.