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Request for Proposals for Grounds Maintenance Provider

For

Commercial Programs

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APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM MARCH 3, 2025 TO APRIL 4, 2025

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Executive Summary

The Connecticut Green Bank (Green Bank) was established by Connecticut's General Assembly on July 1, 2011. The Green Bank's vision is a planet protected by the love of humanity. The Green Bank's mission is to confront climate change and provide all of society with a healthier and more prosperous future by increasing and accelerating the flow of private capital into markets that energize the green economy. For more information about the Connecticut Green Bank, please visit www.ctgreenbank.com.

The Green Bank's Grounds Maintenance Provider (Provider) Request for Proposals (RFP) is the primary vehicle through which the Green Bank will identify a company or companies to conduct grounds maintenance services at commercial sites in the Green Bank's portfolio. The Green Bank will screen and evaluate all RFP Responses and will select the Applicant(s) that best meets the RFP requirements.

Section 1 – Introduction

1.1. Objectives of this RFP

To continue to properly maintain the Green Bank and its affiliate(s) own ground mount solar arrays (the "Sites") in the state of Connecticut, the Green Bank is required to conduct grounds maintenance at the Sites. Grounds maintenance includes grass mowing, outlined in Attachment A – Scope of Services.

The selected Provider's primary responsibilities will be as follows:

- Provide qualified field technicians capable of mowing and/or herbicide treatments.
- Before leaving a site, verify with before and after photos that the mowing and/or herbicide treatment has been completed.
- Maintain a complete and accurate list of all completed maintenance and send invoices to the Green Bank accordingly.

Under this RFP, the Green Bank intends to select a Provider that is able to perform grounds maintenance on large scale commercial sites and is available to travel to sites across the State of Connecticut. To properly maintain the statewide fleet of Sites, the Green Bank reserves the right to choose additional Providers. If an Applicant does not meet the minimum criteria or does not include all required documentation listed in Section 2 of this RFP, additional information may be requested by the Green Bank. The RFP response for a particular Applicant will not be evaluated by the Green Bank staff until all required documents have been submitted to the Green Bank's satisfaction.

The RFP Application is available on the following Green Bank web page:

http://www.ctgreenbank.com/about-us/open-rfps

1.2. Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be established companies in good financial standing and must demonstrate to the Green Bank's satisfaction that they can maintain the Sites specified in Section 1.1. Applicants must also demonstrate experience with grounds maintenance.

Section 2 – Application Process

2.1. RFP Schedule

RFP Responses will be accepted through April 4, 2025. The Provider's services may be retained at Green Bank's sole discretion. The Green Bank reserves the right to change the schedule as needed. All Applicant submissions are due at 5:00PM on the dates specified.

Description	Date
RFP Released	Monday, March 3, 2025
Due date for RFP questions	Friday, March 21, 2025
RFP Final Responses Due	Friday April 4, 2025
Contractor Award Notification	Friday, May 2, 2025

2.2. Required Documentation

All Applicants must provide the following documentation to be considered for Green Bank approval:

- 1. **Complete set of RFP Response Forms** Please see Section 3, RFP Response Format, for detailed information.
- 2. **Financial Information** Provide upon request.
- 3. Experience with grounds maintenance Provide upon request.
- 4. **General Liability Insurance Information** All Applicants must carry at least \$1 million in general liability insurance to be selected as the Provider. The provider must also not be under active sanction by any state office of consumer protection.

2.3. RFP Response Process

The RFP Response process is as follows:

- A complete RFP response will be submitted by the Applicant to the Green Bank at solarassetmanagement@ctgreenbank.com
- The Green Bank will send an email notifying the Applicants that their application has been received.
- The Green Bank will review the RFP Response application and request missing documentation if applicable. If the RFP Response application is not completed, the Green Bank will send an email notifying Applicants that their application has been rejected.
- The Green Bank may contact the Applicant with questions and request a meeting to discuss specific plans for meeting the grounds maintenance needs.
- The Green Bank will evaluate all complete applications and will send an email notifying Applicants if their application has been selected or not.

2.4. Evaluation Process

The information provided in each RFP Response will be evaluated first for completeness and consistency with the documentation requirements outlined above. The Green Bank may reject incomplete applications or may ask the Applicant for additional information to complete the application, at the Green Bank's sole discretion. The Green Bank reserves the right to select no Providers, one, or multiple Providers, at its sole discretion.

RFP Responses will be evaluated based on the following criteria and **anticipated weightings** indicated below, but subject to change at Green Bank's sole discretion:

• Financial – 15%

- Financial condition of the Provider.
- Proof of the ability to complete the grounds maintenance, including the financial capacity to pay for truck rolls and equipment usage prior to Green Bank reimbursement.

Capability – 50%

- Proof of expertise in grounds maintenance.
- Proof of Provider staff capable of coordinating with all parties, including systems and methods for scheduling appointments with Site contacts, providing invoices to the Green Bank, and others.
- Reputation and capability of the Applicant as evidenced by a combination of customer references, peer review/recognition, or other objective evidence. The Green Bank's will assess the Provider's likelihood of success in being able to meet the RFP objectives.

Feasibility – 35%

 Proof of a scalable workforce in Connecticut, or the ability to hire technicians in a timely fashion. Cost estimate for each type of maintenance outlined in Attachment A, including service, truck roll, and equipment costs. Reference any general pricing structure for the project and associated volume discounts, if applicable.

Section 3 - RFP Response Format

This section outlines the content and format requirements for all RFP Responses. The Green Bank may contact the Applicant to clarify or obtain any information inadvertently omitted from an RFP Response. All RFP Responses must address the requirements outlined in the following sections of this RFP.

3.1. Application Delivery

RFP Responses will only be accepted in electronic format and must be submitted to solarassetmanagement@ctgreenbank.com. RFP Responses must be submitted as complete packages, not piecemeal (e.g., one PDF file that includes all forms, except confidential information). Confidential material must be in a separate PDF, labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" in the title of the document, and clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL" on each page as it prints in accordance with Section 5 of this RFP. Applications are subject to the CT Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as described in section 17 of the example Standard Professional Services Agreement, provided in Exhibit A.

3.2. Application Content Requirements

An RFP Response will include a complete set of forms, and all additional documentation as required.

This RFP and all required forms are posted on the following Green Bank Web page:

http://www.ctgreenbank.com/about-us/open-rfps

3.3. RFP Response Form Details

Details regarding the RFP Response Form are provided below.

3.5.1. Form A – Applicant Information, Key Services, and Costs

Form A is posted on the Green Bank Web page:

http://www.ctgreenbank.com/about-us/open-rfps

Section 4 – Services and Deliverables

4.1. Functionality

The service and deliverable requirements include, but are not limited to:

Specific

- Maintain 12 Green Bank commercial Sites outlined in Attachment A.
- The Provider will be responsible for providing equipment, arranging appointments, and coordination to complete the maintenance.
- Before dispatching technicians, the Provider must contact the site owner for approval. The schedule should indicate that all target dates will be met, based on the maintenance timing dates provided by the Green Bank. The schedule must be approved by the Green Bank.
- The Provider may quote one or more sites for service.

4.2. Timeliness of Services and Warranty / Guarantee

The Provider will be responsible for ensuring timely completion of grounds maintenance and notifying the Green Bank in advance of any expected delays in completing the required tasks. The Provider must seek approval for work that is delayed.

Section 5 - Terms and Conditions of RFP Participation

5.1. Reserved Rights.

Green Bank reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals received in response to the RFP, to waive irregularities or to cancel or modify the RFP in any way, and at any time the Green Bank chooses, in its sole discretion, if Green Bank determines that it is in the interest of Green Bank.

5.2. Further Reserved Rights.

Green Bank further reserves the right to make awards under this RFP without discussion of the proposals received. Proposals should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a technical, qualifications, and price standpoint. Green Bank reserves the right not to accept the lowest priced proposal.

5.3. Applicant Representations.

Proposals must be signed by an authorized officer of the Applicant. Proposals must also provide name, title, address and telephone number for individuals with authority to negotiate and contractually bind Applicant, and for those who may be contacted for the purpose of clarifying or supporting the information provided in the proposal.

5.4. Applicant's Costs.

Green Bank will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any proposer in conjunction with the preparation or presentation of any proposal with respect to this RFP.

5.5. No Commitment.

Green Bank's selection of an Applicant through this RFP is not an offer and Green Bank reserves the right to continue negotiations with the selected Applicant until the parties reach a mutual agreement. The Green Bank reserves to right to select additional Applicants depending on workload and availability.

5.6. Professional Service Agreement.

Applicant will execute a Professional Service Agreement (PSA) as set forth in the attached example form, Exhibit A. If the Applicant does not agree with any of the specific terms set forth in the PSA, the Applicant must set forth such terms and rationale in your response to this RFP.

GREEN BANK IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN SECTIONS 16-245N OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES. GREEN BANK SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF ANY SORT HEREUNDER, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, IF FOR ANY REASON OR NO REASON A BINDING AGREEMENT IS NOT ENTERED INTO WITH ANY PROPOSER. IN MAKING ITS SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, GREEN BANK MAY CONSIDER ANY AND ALL FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH GREEN BANK, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DEEMS RELEVANT, THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH SHALL BE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF GREEN BANK.

STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Standard Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made on INSERT DATE ("Effective Date"), by and between the CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK ("Green Bank"), a quasi-public agency of the State of Connecticut, having its business address at 75 Charter Oak Avenue, Suite 1-103, Hartford, CT 06106, and INSERT NAME ("Consultant"), having its business address at INSERT ADDRESS. Green Bank and Consultant together are the Parties and each individually is a Party to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, INSERT SUMMARY LANGUAGE AS NECESSARY; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, Green Bank and Consultant, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. <u>Scope of Services.</u> Consultant shall provide Green Bank with professional consulting services ("Services") as detailed in [Attachment A][described below] ("Scope of Services"), which is incorporated into this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions in this Agreement and the terms and conditions in the Proposal, this Agreement shall control.

[INSTEAD OF AN ATTACHMENT, YOU MAY DROP-IN THE SCOPE OF SERVICES.]

- 2. Period of Performance. Green Bank agrees to retain Consultant, and Consultant agrees to perform the Services under this Agreement, beginning on the Effective Date and ending twelve (12) months from the Effective Date ("Period of Performance"), unless earlier terminated in accordance with Section 8 of this Agreement. The Parties can extend the Period of Performance only by a written amendment to this Agreement signed and dated by Green Bank and Consultant.
- 3. Payment. Green Bank agrees to pay Consultant for the Services performed within the Scope of Services of this Agreement, but in an amount not-to-exceed INSERT AMOUNT inclusive of hourly fees and any other expenses. The person(s), and their title and their hourly rate, performing the Services under this Agreement are [set forth in the Scope of Services][as follows]:

INSERT NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) INSERT HOURLY RATE

THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE MODIFIED BY THE PARTIES ONLY BY A WRITTEN AMENDMENT SIGNED AND DATED BY GREEN BANK AND CONSULTANT <u>PRIOR</u> TO ANY SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

4. <u>Invoices.</u> Consultant shall submit itemized monthly invoices with detailed accounting for hourly fees and expenses. Out of pocket expenses shall be billed at cost with receipt. Expenses above \$75.00 are subject to the Green Bank's prior written

approval [only if applicable, otherwise remove]. All invoices shall be subject to Green Bank's approval for conformity with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. For approved invoices, Green Bank will pay Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt by Green Bank of an invoice. Consultant agrees to include the PSA #, which can be found at the top of this Agreement, on all invoices submitted to Green Bank in connection with Services performed under this Agreement. Invoices shall be submitted to:

Connecticut Green Bank
75 Charter Oak Avenue
Suite 1-103
Hartford, CT 06106
Atta: Accounts Bayable Department

Attn: Accounts Payable Department

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL GREEN BANK ACCEPT INVOICE(S) SUBMITTED BY CONSULTANT WHICH THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE INVOICE(S) EXCEEDS THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

- **5.** <u>Subcontracting or Assignment.</u> Consultant shall not subcontract, assign, or delegate any portions of the Services under this Agreement to any other person or entity not identified in Section 3, above, without prior written approval from Green Bank.
- **6.** <u>Independent Contractor.</u> Consultant understands that it is acting as an independent contractor and shall not hold itself out as representing or acting in any manner on behalf of Green Bank except within the Scope of Services of this Agreement or any other active agreements between Green Bank and Consultant.
- 7. <u>Disclosure of Information.</u> Consultant agrees to disclose to Green Bank any information discovered or derived in the performance of the Services required under this Agreement. Consultant shall not disclose to others any such information, any information received or derived in performance of this Agreement, or any information relating to Green Bank without the prior written permission of Green Bank, unless such information is otherwise available in the public domain.
- **8.** <u>Termination.</u> (a) This Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving ten (10) business days prior written notice to the other Party. In the event of such termination, Green Bank shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of the Agreement for the Services actually performed prior to the date of termination.
- (b) If this Agreement is not renewed at the end of this term, or is terminated for any reason, the Contractor must provide for a reasonable, mutually agreed period of time after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, all reasonable transition assistance requested by Green Bank, to allow for the expired or terminated portion of the services to continue without interruption or adverse effect, and to facilitate the orderly transfer of such services to Green Bank or its designees. Such transition assistance will be deemed by the Parties to be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except for those terms or conditions that do not reasonably apply to such transition assistance. Green Bank will pay the Contractor for any resources utilized in performing such transition assistance at the most current rates provided by this Agreement. If there are no established contract rates,

then the rate shall be mutually agreed upon. If Green Bank terminates this Agreement for cause, then Green Bank will be entitled to offset the cost of paying the Contractor for the additional resources the Contractor utilized in providing transition assistance with any damages Green Bank may have otherwise accrued as a result of said termination.

9. <u>Indemnification and Limitation of Liability.</u> Consultant agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless Green Bank, its officers, directors, and employees against all damages, liabilities, or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, to the extent caused by the Consultant's negligent performance of professional services under this Agreement and that of its sub-consultants or anyone for whom the Consultant is legally liable.

Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for indirect, incidental, punitive, special, or consequential damages arising out of this Agreement, even if the Party has been informed of the possibility of such damages, including but not limited to, loss of profits, loss of revenues, failure to realize expected savings, loss of data, loss of business opportunity, or similar losses of any kind. However, this limitation shall not apply to damages of any kind related to criminal, intentional, reckless, or grossly negligent conduct or omissions on the part of either Party.

- **10.** Quality of Service. Consultant shall perform the Services with care, skill, and diligence in accordance with the applicable professional standards currently recognized by his/her profession, and shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, completeness, and coordination of all work product and/or Services furnished under this Agreement. If Consultant fails to meet applicable professional standards, Consultant shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in any work product and/or Services furnished under this Agreement.
- 11. <u>Severability.</u> In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be excessively broad, then that provision shall be reformed and construed by limiting and reducing it to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- **12.** <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties hereto, and supersedes any previous agreement or understanding. This Agreement may not be modified or extended except in writing executed by the Parties.
- 13. Governing Law. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. All disputes which arise in connection with, or in relation to, this Agreement or any claimed breach thereof shall be resolved, if not sooner settled, by litigation only in Connecticut or the Federal Court otherwise having subject matter jurisdiction over the dispute and not elsewhere, subject only to the authority of the Court in question to order changes of venue. To this end, Consultant waives any rights it may have to insist that litigation related to this Agreement to which Consultant is a party be had in any venue other than the above court, and

covenants not to sue Green Bank in court other than the above courts with respect to any dispute related to this Agreement.

14. Non-Discrimination.

- a. For purposes of this Section, "Contractor", "contractor" and "Consultant" shall have the same meaning, "Contract", "contract" and "Agreement" shall have the same meaning and other otherwise undefined terms have the meaning ascribed to them in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60g.
- b. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60:
 - 1. The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the Performance of this Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status of a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents Performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status of a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved;
 - the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (the "Commission");
 - 3. the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment:
 - 4. the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a- 68f and with each

- regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and
- 5. the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.
- c. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60a:
 - The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of this Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation;
 - 2. the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Contract or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;
 - 3. the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; and
 - 4. the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56.
- d. Pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4a-60 and subsection (b) of section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor, for itself and its authorized signatory of this Contract, affirms that it understands the obligations of this section and that it will maintain a policy for the duration of the Contract to assure that the Contract will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such sections. The Contractor and its authorized signatory of this Contract demonstrate their understanding of this obligation by either (A) having provided an

affirmative response in the required online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the contractor understands its obligations under such sections, or (B) initialing this nondiscrimination affirmation in the following box:

- **15.** Consulting Agreements Representation. Pursuant to section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Consultant makes the representations set forth in the Consulting Agreements Representation (OPM Form 2) attached hereto.
- 16. Campaign Contribution Restriction and Certification. For all state contracts, defined in section 9-612 of the Connecticut General Statutes as having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement represents that they have received the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and inform principals of the contents notice. See https://seec.ct.gov/Portal/data/forms/ContrForms/seec form 10 final.pdf. The Consultant makes the representations set forth in the Campaign Contribution Certification (OPM Form 1) attached hereto.
- 17. Occupational Safety and Health Act Compliance. Consultant certifies it (1) has not been cited for three or more willful or serious violations of any occupational safety and health act or of any standard, order or regulation promulgated pursuant to such act, during the three-year period preceding the date of the Agreement, provided such violations were cited in accordance with the provisions of any state occupational safety and health act or the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and not abated within the time fixed by the citation and such citation has not been set aside following appeal to the appropriate agency or court having jurisdiction or (2) has not received one or more criminal convictions related to the injury or death of any employee in the three-year period preceding the date of the Agreement.
- 18. <u>Large State Contract Representation for Contractor</u>. Pursuant to section 4-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Consultant, for itself and on behalf of all of its principals or key personnel who submitted a bid or proposal, represents:
 - a. That no gifts were made by (A) the Consultant, (B) any principals and key personnel of the Consultant, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, or (C) any agent of the Consultant or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, to (i) any public official or State employee of the State agency or quasi- public agency soliciting bids or proposals for State contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for State contracts or the negotiation or award of State contracts, or (ii) any public official or State employee of any other State agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such State agency or quasi-public agency;

- b. That no such principals and key personnel of the Consultant, or agent of the Consultant or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the Consultant to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the Consultant to provide a gift to any such public official or State employee; and
- c. That the Consultant is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.
- 19. <u>Large State Contract Representation for Official or Employee of Quasi-Public Agency</u>. Pursuant to section 4-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Green Bank official or employee represents that the selection of the most qualified or highest ranked person, firm or corporation was not the result of collusion, the giving of a gift or the promise of a gift, compensation, fraud or inappropriate influence from any person.
- **20.** <u>Limitation on Recourse.</u> All liabilities and obligations of Green Bank under this Agreement are subject and limited to the funding available under Connecticut law.
- **21. Non-impairment and Assessment**. As a further inducement for the Consultant to enter into this Agreement, subsection (h) of section 16-245n of the Conn. General Statutes is incorporated into this Agreement.
- **22.** <u>Freedom of Information Act.</u> Green Bank is a "public agency" for purposes of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). This Agreement and information received pursuant to this Agreement will be considered public records and will be subject to disclosure under the FOIA, except for information falling within one of the exemptions in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections § 1-210(b) and § 16-245n(d).

Because only the particular information falling within one of these exemptions can be withheld by Green Bank pursuant to an FOIA request, Consultant should specifically and in writing identify to Green Bank the information that Consultant claims to be exempt. Consultant should further provide a statement stating the basis for each claim of exemption. It will not be sufficient to state generally that the information is proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. A convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with General Statutes §1-210(b) and § 16-245n(d) must be provided.

Consultant acknowledges that (1) Green Bank has no obligation to notify Consultant of any FOIA request it receives, (2) Green Bank may disclose materials claimed by Consultant to be exempt if in its judgment such materials do not appear to fall within a statutory exemption, (3) Green Bank may in its discretion notify Consultant of FOIA requests and/or of complaints made to the Freedom of Information Commission concerning items for which an exemption has been claimed, but Green Bank has no obligation to initiate, prosecute, or defend any legal proceeding, or to seek to secure any protective order or other relief to prevent disclosure of any information pursuant to an FOIA request, (4) Consultant will have the burden of establishing the availability of any

FOIA exemption in any such legal proceeding, and (5) in no event shall Green Bank or any of its officers, directors, or employees have any liability for the disclosure of documents or information in Green Bank's possession where Green Bank, or such officer, director, or employee, in good faith believes the disclosure to be required under the FOIA or other law.

23. Execution and Facsimile. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts (including those delivered by facsimile or other electronic means), and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, shall together constitute but one and the same agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

CONSULTANT

INSERT NAME INSERT TITLE



Representation to accompany a purchase of service contract with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-81(a) and 4a-81(b).

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. If the bidder or contractor has entered into more than one such consulting agreement, use a separate form for each agreement. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. If the bidder or contractor has not entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Mark the fields below with "Not Applicable (N/A)". Sign and date the form on the second page in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public.

Submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

Pursuant to section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor represents that it has not entered into any consulting agreements in connection with this Contract, except for the agreements listed below. "Consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information, or (C) any other similar activity related to such contracts. "Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the date such contract is executed in accordance with the provisions of section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Consultant's Name and	d Title	Name of Firm (if applicable	
Start Date	End Date	Cos	
The basic terms of the	consulting agreement are:		
Description of Services	s Provided:		
Is the consultant a for	mer State employee or former public official?	YES	NO
If YES:Name of F	ormer State Agency	Termination Da	ate of Employment

SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION ON NEXT PAGE

<u>Contractor</u>		
Contractor Name:		
Name of Signatory (print):		
Title of Signatory:		
The undersigned, being the person signin Agreements Representation provision in t subject to the penalties of false statemen	his Contract is true to the best of my	
Signature		
Sworn and subscribed before me on this _	day of, 20	
	Commissioner of the Superior Court	_
	or Notary Public	
	My Commission Expires	_



STATE OF CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Written or electronic certification to accompany a bid or proposal or a non-competitive contract with a value of \$50,000 or more, pursuant to C.G.S. § 9-612.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of submission of your bid or proposal (if no bid or proposal—submit this completed form with the earliest submittal of any document to the state or quasi-public agency prior to the execution of the contract), and if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier.

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□ Initial Certif	ication
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CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:

I certify that neither the contractor or prospective state contractor, nor any of its principals, have made any contributions to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any party committee, exploratory committee, candidate for state-wide office or for the General Assembly, or political committee authorized to make contributions to or expenditures to or for, the benefit of such candidates, in the previous four years, that were determined by the State Elections Enforcement Commission to be in violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of Section 9-612 of the General Statutes, without mitigating circumstances having been found to exist concerning such violation. Each such certification shall be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the certification, subject to the penalties of false statement. If there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification not later than thirty days after

the effective date of any such change or upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a state contract, whichever is earlier.

All Campaign Contributions on behalf of any party committee, exploratory committee, candidate for state-wide office or for the General Assembly, or political committee authorized to make contributions to or expenditures to or for, the benefit of such candidate, for a period of four years prior to signing the contract or date of the response to the bid, whichever is longer, include:

Contribution Date	Name of Contributor	Recipient	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
Sworn as true statement.	to the best of my knowledge	and belief, subject to the	penalties of fa	lse
Printed Contr	actor Name	Printed Name of Autho	rized Official	
Signature of A	Authorized Official			
Subscribed an	d acknowledged before me this	day of		
	Co	mmissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)	
			My Con	mmission Expires

Attachment A

Scope of Services

[attached on following page]

Attachment A - Scope of Services

Site name	Site Address	Herbicide Treatment	# Mows	Timing of mow(s)
Colchester HA (SSHP)	283 Westchester Road, Colchester, CT, 06415	1 Treatment Early November	per year 0	n/a
CSCU Quinebaug	742 Upper Maple Street, Danileson, CT, 06239		4	Early/mid May, June/July pre grad, mid-August, early October
SCSU West	501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT, 06515	1 Herbicide Treatment Late August	4	Early/mid May, June/July pre grad, mid-August, early October
CSCU Western Grasso	43 Lake Avenue Extension, Building 43, Danbury, CT, 06811		4	Early/mid May, June/July pre grad, mid-August, early October
Fairfield Tennis Center	15 Old Dam Road, Fairfield, CT, 06824		2	Early June and late September
Hospital for Special Care Array Marian Heights Array Prudence Crandall Array	(Multi-Array Site) 314 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT,06053		2	Early June, Late September
Monsignor Bojnowski 1 & 2 Array	(Multi-Array Site) 532 Burritt Street,	1 Herbicide Treatment Late August	2	Early June,
St. Lucians Array	New Britain, CT, 06053	Herbicide not applied to St. Lucian's	2	Late September
Bristol HA Site 2	81 Grove Avenue, Bristol, CT, 06010		2	Early June, mid October
Samuel Staples School	515 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT, 06612		2	Same time as June cut for CSCU, mid October

Attachment B

Aerial Images of Area to be Maintained

[attached on following pages]

Attachment B

Aerial Images of Area to be Maintained

1. Colchester HA (SSHP)
Herbicide Treatment Applied ~10 FT Around and Underneath the Array



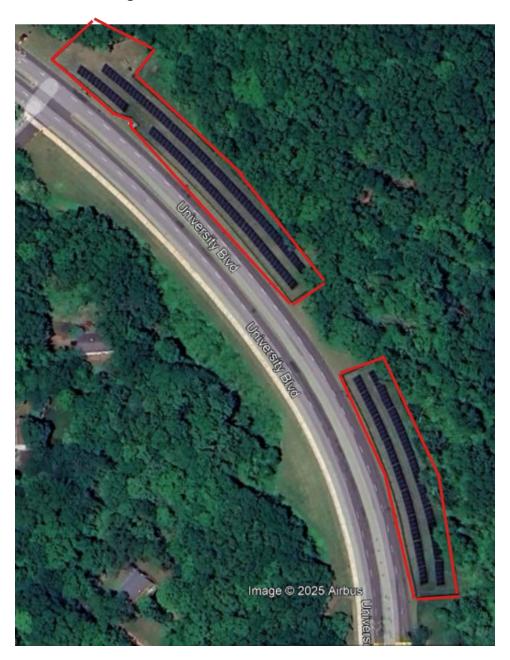
2. CSCU Quinebaug Area within Fencing



3. SCSU West Area within Fencing



4. CSCU Western Grasso Area within Fencing



5. Fairfield Tennis Center Area within Large Array's Fencing (Small Array is Decommissioned)



6. Hospital for Special Care/Marian Heights/Prudence Crandall (Multi-Array Site) ~15 FT Clearance Around Arrays



7. Monsignor Bojnowski/St. Lucians (Multi-Array Site)
Area Within Fencing *Special Attention – Black Weed Matting May Require
Weedwhacker at Monsignor Array*





8. Bristol HA Site 2



9. Samuel Staples School Area Within Fencing

