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1.0	INTRODUCTION		
1.01	The Thames Valley District School Board (hereafter referred to as the TVDSB) invites interested parties to submit sealed submissions in response to this bid document. The TVDSB is one of the largest public school boards in the Province of Ontario and is comprised of all public schools within the counties of Elgin, Middlesex, and Oxford. The TVDSB is the employer of approximately 8,000 staff and operates 186 schools with an estimated enrolment of 77,000 students.		
1.1	PURPOSE		
1.1.1	The purpose of this bid document is to provide interested parties with sufficient information to enable them to prepare and submit bids for consideration by the TVDSB for grass cutting services, subject to the conditions herein.		
2.0	BID DEFINITIONS AND INFORMATION		
2.1	DEFINITIONS		
2.1.1	The following words are used throughout this bid document and bidders should note these conditions when completing their bid submission.		
2.1.1.1	The word " MUST " shall mean bidders " must " include the required information in bid submission. Failure to include the required information will deem submission noncompliant .		
2.1.1.2	The word " SHOULD " shall mean bidders " should " include the required information in bid submission.		
2.1.1.3	The word " NONCOMPLIANT " shall mean bid submissions will be eliminated from further evaluation if the submission does not include the required information.		
2.1.1.4	The word " SUBCONTRACTOR " shall mean a person, firm or company hired by the bidder(s) or the successful bidder(s) to perform any portion or all of this bid.		
2.1.1.5	The word " QUALIFIED " shall mean a bidder who is compliant and has included the required information in their bid submission.		
2.1.1.6	BID IRREGULARITY: A deviation between the requirements (terms, conditions, specifications, special instructions) of a bid response for the purposes of this bid; bid irregularities are further classified as major irregularities or minor irregularities. The classification of what is a major irregularity or a minor irregularity shall be the sole discretion of the TVDSB.		
2.1.1.6.1	Major Irregularity: A deviation from the bid request which affects the price, quality, quantity or delivery, and is material to the award. If the deviation is permitted, the bidder could gain an unfair advantage over competitors. The TVDSB will reject any bid submission which contains a major irregularity.		
2.1.1.6.2	Minor Irregularity: A deviation from the bid request which affects form, rather than substance. The effect on the price, quality, quantity or delivery is not material to the award. If the deviation is permitted or corrected the bidder would not gain an unfair advantage over competitors. The TVDSB may permit the bidder to correct a minor irregularity.		

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2.2	STRUCTURE OF THIS BID		
2.2.1	Bidders must use the electronic bidding file (setup.exe) which is available on the internet at:		
2.2.1.1	www.tvdsb.on.ca		
2.2.1.2	"Board"		
2.2.1.3	"Purchasing "		
2.2.1.4	"Bids"		
2.2.1.5	Scroll to the end of the document, click		
2.2.1.6	"Proceed to inquiry/download page".		
2.2.1.7	Proceed to the bid, click		
2.2.1.8	"New" Icon		
2.2.1.9	The setup.exe file contains an Appendices File with the following Worksheets:		
2.2.1.10	Worksheet A: Terms and Conditions in Excel format - Electronic response is preferred.		
2.2.1.11	Worksheet B: Requirements in Excel Format - Electronic response is preferred.		
2.2.1.12	Worksheet C: Pricing by Zone in Excel Format - Electronic response is preferred.		
2.2.1.13	Worksheet D: Pricing for Sportsfields only in Excel format - Electronic response is preferred.		
2.2.1.14	Appendix A: Permission for Grass Cutting		
2.3	RETURN LOCATION		
2.3.1	Sealed bid submissions must be returned to:		
2.3.2	"Tenders Clerk"		
2.3.3	Tenders Clerk's box, Basement, Education Centre		
2.3.4	Thames Valley District School Board		
2.3.5	1250 Dundas Street		
2.3.6	London, Ontario		
2.3.7	N5W 5P2		
2.3.8	The bid submission envelope should show the bid document name, number, return date and time (as set out in Section 9.6 - Labeling of Envelope and diskette or CD).		
2.3.9	The bid submission must be returned to the "Tenders Clerk" for your bid submission to be accepted.		
2.3.10	Delivery to the "Tenders Clerk" is the responsibility of the bidder.		
2.3.11	Submissions received by electronic transmission (i.e. fax or email) will not be accepted.		
2.3.12	Late bids will be returned to the bidder, unopened, if a return address is included on the submission envelope.		
2.4	IMPORTANT DATES		
2.4.1	ISSUE DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 2010		
2.4.2	QUESTIONS: Monday, January 18, 2010		
2.4.4	MANDATORY MEETING: Tuesday, April 6, 2010		
2.4.5	MANDATORY SITE VISIT: Thursday April 15, 2010		

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2.4.6	RETURN DATE and TIME: prior to 12:00:00 local time Wednesday, February 3, 2010		
2.5	QUESTIONS		
2.5.1	All questions pertaining to this bid document are to be addressed to: Barbara Murch, by Fax (519) 452-2399 or email b.murch@tvdsb.on.ca . The TVDSB reserves the right to distribute a notice of content of any inquiry and the TVDSB's response to all other registered bidders. All questions pertaining to this bid document must be submitted in writing.		
2.5.2	Questions concerning the terms and conditions of the bid document, whether made orally or in writing, to any individual other than indicated above, may at the sole discretion of the TVDSB, render your submission noncompliant. Direct questions in written form only to: Barbara Murch.		
2.5.3	Should any questions raised by a bidder necessitate an addendum to this bid document, the addendum will be posted to the TVDSB Web Site.		
2.6	SITE VISIT		
2.6.1	A mandatory site visit is required. Successful bidders must visit each awarded site prior to 15 April, 2010 to become aware of local needs and site conditions.		
3.0	CONTRACT TERM / PRICING / TAXES / DELIVERY / PAYMENT		
3.1	CONTRACT TERM		
3.1.1	The term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year, commencing in the Spring of 2010 and unless otherwise provided herein, terminating on November 30, 2010.		
3.1.2	The TVDSB may, at the end of this contract term, extend the contract for a period of two years in (1) one year increments and will advise the bidder in writing, of their intentions, not later than 30 days prior to November 30, 2010.		
3.1.3	Bidders must state if your company would agree to extending this contract with the same terms and conditions for a second year ending November 30, 2011.		
3.1.4	Bidders must state if your company would agree to extending this contract with the same terms and conditions for a third year ending November 30, 2012.		
3.2	PRICING		
3.2.1	Bidders must complete the pricing section in Worksheet C -Pricing by Zone and Worksheet D - Pricing for Sportsfields Only.		
3.2.2	All charges must be included in the cost of the location. Prices quoted must be for services exactly as specified and in Canadian Funds, unless otherwise indicated.		
3.2.2.1	Bidders must state in Worksheet C - Pricing by Zone and Worksheet D - Pricing for Sportsfields Only, the pricing to be per cut, per location.		

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3.2.2.2	As indicated in Worksheet D, the bidder must state the cost of additional grass cuts on specified sports fields. The specified sports fields must be cut every five (5) school days, or once (1) a week. The sports field includes all grass inside the track.		
3.2.3	Prices must include travel. NO AWARDS WILL BE MADE TO FIRMS QUOTING TRAVEL TIME EXTRA.		
3.2.4	Prices must remain in force for the initial term of the contract - one (1) year, commencing in the spring of 2010 and ending November 30, 2010.		
3.2.5	Bidders should state if your company would agree to extending this contract with the same terms and conditions for a second year ending November 30, 2011.		
3.2.6	Bidders should state if your company would agree to extending this contract with the same terms and conditions for a third year ending November 30, 2012.		
3.2.7	Price increases during the contract term are subject to the approval of the TVDSB and will be limited to proof of manufacturers' industry increases in written form from the successful bidder.		
3.2.8	This contract may be awarded on a per location basis or on the best cost of various groupings. The groupings will be determined by the TVDSB. Each bidder agrees to the award on this basis.		
3.2.8.1	Bidders should state any further discount, as a percentage, if all locations are awarded to your company.		
3.3	TAXES		
3.3.1	GST and PST: Where applicable, Goods & Services Tax and Provincial Sales Tax must be shown separately as extras on all invoices in accordance with Canadian and Provincial Government regulations.		
3.4	INVOICING/PAYMENT TERMS		
3.4.1	Invoicing is to be once per month using this contract number #31 as the purchase order number.		
3.4.2	Successful contractor(s) will forward separate invoices, in detail by site, directly to the Facility Services Zone Offices for approval and payment purposes. Sportsfields are to be invoiced separately. Invoices will bear the school's name.		
3.4.3	If subcontracted by the successful bidder, billing will bear the successful bidder's signature.		
3.4.4	Applicable taxes should be shown as separate line items on all invoices.		
3.4.5	Bidders should indicate any specific payment terms. It is generally expected that payment will be 45 days from receipt of invoice.		
3.4.5.1	Bidders should state percentage discount for early payment and net payment terms.		
4.0	SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS		
4.1	QUALITY		
4.1.1	Any service or work ordered, which, in the opinion of the TVDSB, does not completely fulfill the specifications must be completed at the expense of the successful bidder(s) and be replaced immediately with the services or work that fulfills the specifications or sample quality.		

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4.1.2	The successful bidder(s) must carry out all work to the satisfaction of the TVDSB. All trade work is to be performed by appropriately certified staff.		
4.2	REQUIREMENTS		
4.2.1	The requirements are detailed in Worksheet B - Requirements .		
4.2.2	For each requirement as described in Worksheet B - Requirements , bidders must place a response in the appropriate column.		
4.3	LIST OF EQUIPMENT		
4.3.1	The TVDSB will take into consideration the bidder's ability to perform the work bid based on the equipment listed by the contractor in Worksheet B - Requirements.		
4.3.1.1	Bidders must list the quantity and equipment that the bidder will have available to perform the work.		
4.3.2	Prior to awarding this tender, it is the TVDSB's discretion to come and inspect the bidder's equipment.		
4.4	CONTACT PEOPLE		
4.4.1	Bidders should indicate your contact person(s) name and 24-hour telephone number(s), designate telephone, cell phone, pager, etc.		
4.5	ENVIRONMENT		
4.5.1	Bidder(s) should include a detailed description of any environmental initiative and how your program would be implemented and benefit TVDSB.		
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5.1	GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS		
5.1.1	Any response submitted to the bid is IRREVOCABLE for 120 days.		
5.1.2	A bidder who has already submitted a bid may submit an addendum in writing and signed by the bidder at any time up to the official closing time. No facsimiles shall be accepted. The last submission shall supersede and invalidate all previous submissions by that bidder as it applies to this bid. Addenda must be submitted to the "Tenders Clerk" in the same manner and within the same time constraints as the bid submission.		
5.1.3	A bidder may withdraw the bid at any time up to the official closing time by letter bearing his/her signature as it is in the submission. Withdrawal requests received after the closing date shall not be permitted. Submission withdrawals must be submitted to the "Tenders Clerk" in the same manner and within the same constraints as a bid submission.		
5.1.4	The issuance of this call for bids shall not constitute any obligation on the part of the TVDSB to any firm or individual who submits a bid.		
5.1.5	The bidder should have satisfactorily fulfilled all relevant obligations as required under the terms and conditions of any previous award in order to be considered as an acceptable bidder.		

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5.1.6	The laws of the Province of Ontario shall govern in any dispute occasioned as a result of the performance or non-performance and/or workmanship of a contract issued pursuant to the bid and any dispute arising out of the issuance of and response to this bid.		
5.1.7	The TVDSB reserves the right to withdraw the award of the contract to a successful bidder(s) within 30 days of the award if in the opinion of the TVDSB the successful bidder(s) is unable or unwilling to enter into a form of contract satisfactory to the TVDSB. The TVDSB shall be entitled to do so without any liability being incurred by the TVDSB to the bidder		
5.1.8	The lowest or any bid submission may not necessarily be accepted. The TVDSB reserves the right to decline any or all bid submissions, or to cancel the bid call in whole or in part at any time prior to making an award, for any reason, or no reason, without liability being incurred by the TVDSB to any bidder for any expense, cost, loss or damage incurred or suffered by the bidder as a result of such withdrawal.		
5.1.9	All costs associated with the preparation of the bid submission will be solely the responsibility of the bidder.		
5.1.10	The TVDSB reserves the right to decline or purchase one or all items in this bid from one supplier or from multiple suppliers.		
5.1.11	All of the terms and conditions of this bid are deemed to be accepted by the bidder and incorporated into the bidder's proposal submission. It is the TVDSB's intention that the Terms and Conditions stated in this bid and the successful bidder's response to this bid will form the contract between TVDSB and the successful bidder(s). Any conflict in the wording of the bidder's invoice and/or sales agreement and the wording of the terms and conditions of this proposal, shall be resolved in favour of the TVDSB and shall be deemed to be incorporated into the bidder's invoice and/or sales agreement.		
5.1.12	The successful bidder(s) must not at any time subcontract any portion of its contract with the TVDSB nor shall it assign the contract without the written permission of the TVDSB. The successful bidder(s) must not, at any time, change subcontractors approved by the TVDSB without written permission of the TVDSB.		
5.1.13	While the TVDSB has used considerable efforts to ensure an accurate representation of information in this bid document, the information contained herein is contained solely as a guideline for bidders. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the TVDSB, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive. Nothing in this bid document is intended to relieve bidders from forming their own opinions and conclusions in respect to the matters addressed in this bid document.		

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5.1.14	The TVDSB may accept or waive a minor irregularity, or where practical to do so the TVDSB may as a condition of bid acceptance request a bidder to correct a minor irregularity with no change in bid price. Items of non compliancy on any bid submissions which do not strictly comply with the provisions, procedures and requirements of this bid, or are incomplete, ambiguous, or which contain errors, alterations, misleading information, omissions, or irregularities of any kind, may be rejected and disqualified at the discretion of the TVDSB. All bidders agree to provide all such additional information as, and when requested, at their own expense, provided no bidder in supplying any such information shall be allowed, in any way to change the pricing or other cost quotations originally given in its bid submission or in any way materially alter or add to the solution originally proposed.		
5.1.15	All TVDSB policies, procedures and regulations must be adhered to by the successful bidder(s).		
5.1.15.1	Smoking is prohibited in all TVDSB buildings and on all TVDSB property.		
5.1.15.2	Some TVDSB sites are equipped with video surveillance cameras.		
5.1.15.3	The successful bidder(s) is obliged to cooperate with all recycling and environmental procedures and initiatives established by government, the TVDSB and each school.		
5.1.16	The successful bidder(s) will reimburse the TVDSB for any damages through negligence or willful acts of any of the successful bidder(s)' employees or contracted staff.		
5.1.17	The successful bidder(s)' employees and contracted staff shall not be considered TVDSB employees and shall not represent themselves as an agent of the TVDSB nor be eligible for any of the benefits provided to TVDSB employees.		
5.1.18	The TVDSB reserves the right to demand the removal of any successful bidder's employees or contracted staff engaged in this contract if, in the TVDSB's opinion, their conduct has been of an unacceptable nature.		
5.1.19	The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for seeing that regular supervision is maintained over all working personnel. It is the bidder's responsibility to see that all their activities are properly coordinated with the TVDSB's operations and modify assignments as required.		
5.1.20	This bid document is being issued pursuant to the TVDSB's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.		
5.2	CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT / LOSS OF SERVICE		
5.2.1	The TVDSB reserves the right to terminate this contract within 30 days written notice if, in its opinion, the successful bidder(s) fails to meet the terms and conditions of the contract. Notwithstanding the termination of the contract, the successful bidder(s) shall remain responsible for its obligations under this contract up to the date of termination. The TVDSB reserves the right to commence an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the successful bidder(s) for damages that result from the breach of the terms and conditions of the contract, by the successful bidder(s).		

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5.2.1.1	In the event that a school or site is sold, the TVDSB will give 30 days prior notice to the contractor responsible for the site. The contracted service will continue until the closing date of the sale.		
5.2.1.2	Contractors are responsible for providing grass cutting service for any closed school or site until the new owner takes possession.		
5.2.2	The TVDSB shall have the right to retain and set off from any monies payable to the successful bidder(s) under the contract the total outstanding amount from time to time and for all damage claims by the TVDSB or any third parties arising out of this contract which have not been resolved by the successful bidder(s) or its insurer.		
5.2.3	The TVDSB reserves the right to withhold monies owing under a contract to the value of the obligation to a maximum of the monies owing to the successful bidder(s) for any indebtedness of the supplier that may impact on the TVDSB.		
5.2.4	The successful bidder(s) shall be responsible for ensuring continuous delivery of the goods and services in the event of a labour disruption by either, the successful bidder(s), the TVDSB's staff or third party interruptions.		
5.2.5	In the event that the successful bidder(s) becomes insolvent, and/or the successful bidder(s) is unable or unwilling to provide the contracted service for a period of more than 30 consecutive days during the period of the contract, the TVDSB shall have the right to replace the successful bidder(s) with another service provider suitable to the TVDSB in addition to all of its other rights pursuant to the term of this bid.		
5.3	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT		
5.3.1	Bidders agree that all documentation and information contained in any bid submissions and any addendum that becomes the property of the TVDSB shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to an application pursuant to a Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request for disclosure. Notwithstanding that a bid submission or an addendum may contain a trade secret of the bidder, intellectual property right of the bidder, or scientific, technical, commercial, pricing or other financial or labour relations information or any other similar secret.		
5.3.2	A bidder specifically consents to the disclosure of any and all information contained in their bid submission or any addendum pursuant to a request for disclosure pursuant to a Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and such consent shall be considered a consent given pursuant to Subsection 10(2) of the said Act. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the bidder assigns all rights, titles and interests that they have in the bid submission, and any addendum to the TVDSB, including the right to copy and/or publish the same as the TVDSB sees fit, notwithstanding that no request for disclosure is made pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.		
5.3.3	All bidders agree not to disclose any information provided by the TVDSB in this bid document to any third party without the written consent of the TVDSB.		

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5.4	HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILD LABOUR LAWS		
5.4.1	Any infringement on human rights, but namely those of children, is of considerable concern to the TVDSB. Bidders wishing to do business with the TVDSB are asked to promote the purchase of goods from companies that operate in full compliance with the laws of their respective countries and with all applicable child labour laws, rules and regulations related to hiring, wages, hours worked, overtime and working conditions.		
5.4.2	Bidders should indicate your firm's policy and present practices and procedures in place to encourage promotion of this objective.		
5.4.3	For bidders information the web site address of the International Labour Organization and its objectives toward the abolition of child labour is:		
5.4.3.1	http://www.ilo.org		
5.4.3.2	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/comp/child/policy/towards.htm		
5.5	HEALTH, SAFETY REGULATIONS		
5.5.1	All equipment requiring approval (Hydro One, C.S.A., ULC., etc.) must be completely assembled and must bear label showing approval of assembly prior to delivery. The TVDSB shall not accept any equipment that has not been inspected and approved. If not so approved, the TVDSB reserves the right to invoice the successful bidder(s) for the cost of certification/replacement.		
5.5.2	Every person who supplies any machine, device, tool, equipment or service to the TVDSB must ensure that the machine, device, tool, equipment or service complies with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations of Industrial Establishments. The burden of proof rests with the supplier.		
5.5.3	The Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministry of Health provides regulations specifying which substances/ products are not acceptable. If applicable, the successful bidder(s) must supply MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS providing us with the breakdown of components for any products used in our facilities with every shipment.		
5.5.4	The Occupational Health and Safety Act describes the responsibilities of an employer. The TVDSB requires contractors maintain procedures, training and enforcement so that the responsibilities are carried out at our workplace. The contract shall abide by and strictly adhere to the regulations and conditions set out and laid down by the most current versions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1990, Chapter 0-1. Their workers must be trained in WHIMS in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Act Regulations. They must adhere to all of the TVDSB's Health and Safety Policy, Procedures and Guidelines and Municipal Bylaws.		
5.5.5	The TVDSB reserves the right to request a copy of a bidder's Health & Safety Policy, Procedures and Guidelines.		
5.6	WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE BOARD		

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5.6.1	The successful bidder(s) must ensure that all workers are covered by the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board for the duration of this contract.		
5.6.2	The successful bidder(s) must furnish a Certificate of Clearance from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board as evidence that all returns have been made and all necessary assessments have been paid as required, or levied, by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. This certification is to be furnished prior to the commencement of this contract. The good standing must be maintained throughout the contract. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board Certificate is updated every sixty (60) days. The TVDSB reserves the right to request proof of coverage any time throughout the duration of the contract.		
5.6.3	All workplace injuries or accidents on TVDSB property must be reported by the successful bidder(s) to the TVDSB's representative within 24 hours.		
5.7	COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE		
5.7.1	The successful bidder(s) must be covered by Commercial General Liability Insurance throughout the term of the contract. Each bidder must state if it has Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage.		
5.7.2	Each bidder should show proof with the submission of this bid that upon the award of this contract that it will be covered by Commercial Liability Insurance coverage with limits of \$5 million per occurrence for liability (by way of primary coverage and/or Umbrella Coverage and/or otherwise), arising at law for damages caused by reason of bodily injury (including death) or damage to property by its employees or subcontractors. If the bidder does not presently have \$5 million per occurrence of Commercial Liability Insurance coverage, the bidder shall provide a written assurance from his insurer or agent on the insurer's or agent's letterhead that liability insurance limits will be increased to \$5 million per occurrence from the commencement of the contract should the contract be awarded to the bidder. The successful bidder(s) further agrees to maintain good standing throughout the term of the contract. The TVDSB reserves the right to request proof of coverage any time throughout the duration of the contract.		
5.7.2.1	This liability policy shall contain the following coverage:		
5.7.2.2	Personal Injury & Property Damage		
5.7.2.3	Non-Owned Automobile Liability		
5.7.2.4	Owners and Contractors Protective Coverage		
5.7.2.5	Contractual Liability		
5.7.2.6	Broad Form Property Damage		
5.7.2.7	Products & Completed Operation Insurance		
5.7.2.8	Contingent Employees Liability		
5.7.2.9	Cross Liability Clause and Severability of Interest Clause		

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5.7.3	Upon an award to the successful bidder(s) by the TVDSB, the successful bidder(s) shall be required to submit certification in a form satisfactory to the TVDSB of the above-mentioned coverage to protect the TVDSB against claims for property damages and personal injuries, including accidental death, caused by the successful bidder(s) or its employees or subcontractors during the performance of its obligations under the contract.		
5.7.4	The successful bidder(s) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the TVDSB from and against any and all liability for loss, damage and expense, which the TVDSB may suffer or for which the TVDSB may be held liable by reason or injury (including death) or damage to any property arising out of negligent or willful acts on the part of the successful bidder(s) or any of its representatives or employees or subcontractors in the execution of the work performed or from defects in the equipment supplied.		
5.8	MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE		
5.8.1	Bidders must state if its own vehicles and/or those vehicles owned by its employees or subcontractors shall operate on the property of the TVDSB.		
5.8.2	In the event of an affirmative answer to 5.8.1, the successful bidders must be covered by Automobile Liability Insurance through the term of the Contract. If the bidder's employees or subcontractors will operate their own vehicles during the contract then they must maintain the same Automobile Liability Coverage as the bidder. Each bidder must state if it or its employees or subcontractors have Automobile Liability Insurance Coverage. Sub clauses also subsection 5.8.3 to subsection 5.8.4 applies to those employees or subcontractors who operate their own automobiles on the property of the TVDSB.		
5.8.3	Bidders should show proof with the submission of this bid, that upon the award of this contract that it will be covered by Automobile Liability Insurance with coverage limits of \$2 million (Commercial and \$1million on all personally owned vehicles)per occurrence for liability arising at law for damages caused by reason or bodily injury (including death) or damage to property by its employees or subcontractors. If the bidder does not presently have \$2 million per occurrence of Automobile Liability Insurance Coverage, the bidder shall provide a written assurance from his insurer or agent on the insurer's or the agent's letterhead that liability insurance limits will be increased to \$2 million for Commercial Vehicles and \$1 million personally owned vehicles per occurrence from the commencement of the contract and annually thereafter for the term of the contract, should the contract be awarded to the bidder. The successful bidder(s) further agrees to maintain that good standing throughout the term of the contract.		
5.8.3.1	The TVDSB reserves the right to request proof of coverage anytime throughout the duration of the contract. This liability policy shall contain the following coverage:		
5.8.3.2	Third Party Liability Coverage in the form of OAP-1		

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5.8.4	Upon an award to the successful bidder(s) by the TVDSB, the successful bidder(s) shall be required to submit certification in a form satisfactory to the TVDSB of the above-mentioned coverage to protect the TVDSB against claims for property damage and personal injuries, including accidental death, caused by the successful bidder(s) or its employees or subcontractors during the performance of its obligations under the contract by way of the ownership or operation of an automobile.		
5.8.5	The successful bidder(s) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend, the TVDSB from and against any and all liability for loss, damage and expense, which the TVDSB may suffer or for which the TVDSB may be held liable by reason of injury (including death) or damage to any property arising out of negligence on the party of the successful bidder(s) or any of its representatives or employees by way of the ownership or operation of an automobile.		
6.0	BIDDER PROFILE		
6.1	REFERENCES		
6.1.1	NEW bidders must provide a minimum of three references where you have successfully provided goods and or services similar to this bid document. The reference must contain the following information:		
6.1.1.1	Reference 1 - Company Name:		
6.1.1.2	Reference 1 - Address:		
6.1.1.3	Reference 1 - Contact Name:		
6.1.1.4	Reference 1 - Phone Number:		
6.1.1.5	Reference 1 - Fax Number:		
6.1.1.6	Reference 1 - e-mail address:		
6.1.1.7	Reference 2 - Company Name:		
6.1.1.8	Reference 2 - Address:		
6.1.1.9	Reference 2 - Contact Name:		
6.1.1.10	Reference 2 - Phone Number:		
6.1.1.11	Reference 2 - Fax Number:		
6.1.1.12	Reference 2 - e-mail address:		
6.1.1.13	Reference 3 - Company Name:		
6.1.1.14	Reference 3 - Address:		
6.1.1.15	Reference 3 - Contact Name:		
6.1.1.16	Reference 3 - Phone Number:		
6.1.1.17	Reference 3 - Fax Number:		
6.1.1.18	Reference 3 - e-mail address:		
6.2	ADMINISTRATION & ORGANIZATION		

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6.2.1	The TVDSB reserves the right at any time after the closing date, to request from any bidder evidence of its financial standing and stability, including that of each of its officers, directors and principals. All bidders agree to provide at their own expense all such above-related information as may be requested by the TVDSB within four (4) days of the date of any such request.		
6.2.2	Bidders are required to list any and all pending or ongoing legal claims or disputes where the bidder could individually or in combination with other claims, suffer a potential economic loss greater than \$100,000.00.		
6.2.3	Bidders should state if their employees service sites wearing uniforms.		
6.2.4	Bidders should state if their employees carry photo identification.		
6.2.5	Bidders should state if the staff involved in the execution of this contract are employees or sub-contractors.		
7.0	BID SUBMISSION		
7.1	BIDDER'S RESPONSE GUIDE		
7.1.1	Each bid submission should be structured using only the criteria identified in this bid document. When submitting bids, bidders should use the same numbering format, as on this bid document.		
7.1.2	The bid submission must include:		
7.1.2.1	Printed and signed copies of all Worksheets.		
7.1.3	One Diskette or CD with file names:		
7.1.3.1	Worksheet A: Terms and Conditions Response in Excel format - Electronic response required		
7.1.3.2	Worksheet B: Pricing by Zone in Excel format - Electronic response required		
7.1.3.3	Worksheet C: Requirements in Excel format - Electronic response required		
7.1.3.4	Worksheet D: Pricing for Sportsfields only in Excel format - Electronic response required		
7.1.3.6	Appendix A: Permission for Grass Cutting		
7.1.4	It is the bidders responsibility to ensure that the necessary "files" are on the diskette or CD.		
7.1.5	Failure to respond in electronic format will deem the bid noncompliant.		
7.1.6	All bid documents should be submitted in an envelope marked with the bid name and number (as set out in Section 9.6 - Labeling Instructions).		
7.1.7	Bidders' submissions should include page numbers for ease of reference by committee members.		
7.1.8	The specifications and pricing section of the bid submission should not make reference to supplemental materials.		
7.1.9	Supplemental materials will not qualify as substitutes for direct responses to the bid's requirements unless specifically requested.		
8.0	AWARD		
8.1	EVALUATION PROCESS		
8.1.1	An evaluation committee will be established to evaluate bid submissions.		

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8.1.2	All bid submissions will first be evaluated on their compliance with the requirements of this bid document.		
8.1.3	All compliant bid submissions will be evaluated by a TVDSB evaluation committee based on the following evaluation criteria:		
8.1.3.1	Price		
8.1.3.2	Compliance with Specifications		
8.1.4	Compliant bidders may be requested to make a presentation of their bid for clarification only. No alteration of your submission will be permitted. Notification will be given to qualified bidders as to the time and place. The presentation shall be at the expense of the bidder.		
8.1.5	Delivery, lead times, service, performance record, and the value of the overall award will also be taken into consideration when awarding this contract.		
8.1.6	The determination of equal quality will be based on our internal professional opinions.		
8.2	AWARD AND NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT		
8.2.1	The results of this bid will be posted to the TVDSB web site as soon as decisions have been made:		
8.2.1.1	www.tvdsb.on.ca		
8.2.1.2	"Board"		
8.2.1.3	"Purchasing"		
8.2.1.4	"Bids"		
8.2.1.5	Scroll to the end of the document, click		
8.2.1.6	"Proceed to inquiry/download page".		
8.2.1.7	Proceed to the Bid, click		
8.2.1.8	"Results - Check Mark"		
8.2.1.9	View documents in PDF format.		
8.2.2	All bid files are available for downloading at no charge from the TVDSB web site.		
8.3	MANDATORY MEETING		
8.3.1	There will be a mandatory meeting for successful bidders on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the TVDSB Facility Services Office, 951 Leathorne Street, London, Ontario. Failure to attend this meeting may result in bid disqualification.		
8.4	SITE VISIT		
8.4.1	The successful bidder(s) must visit the Charge Custodian and tour each site awarded prior to April 15, 2010 each year to introduce themselves and to become aware of local needs and site conditions.		
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9.0	ELECTRONIC BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS		
9.1	DOWNLOADING BID DOCUMENTS		
9.1.1	All documents are available from the TVDSB Web Site at www.tvdsb.on.ca		
9.1.2	Click "Purchasing Department"		
9.1.3	"Bids"		
9.1.4	Read instructions		
9.1.5	Click "Proceed to Inquiry/Download page"		
9.1.6	Click on the "Name of the Bid" to view documents in PDF format.		
9.1.7	Click on the "NEW" logo to download the executable files for preparing and submitting your bid.		
9.1.8	All bid files are available for downloading at no charge from the TVDSB web site.		
9.2	PRINTING COPIES OF BID DOCUMENTS		
9.2.1	To print a working copy of any bid document - Click on the "name of the Bid" to print documents in PDF format.		
9.3	COMPUTER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS		
9.3.1	To use the electronic system, bidders must have the following equipment:		
9.3.1.1	Microsoft Windows, version 95 or greater		
9.3.1.2	2.5 MB available hard drive space		
9.3.1.3	3 ½ 1.44 MB diskette drive or CD Burner.		
9.4	INSTALLATION OF BID PROGRAM ONTO YOUR COMPUTER:		
9.4.1	The TVDSB has made every effort to ensure the files are free of any virus and are functional. However, in safe computing practice, you are responsible for checking the files on your own virus checker to ensure it is free of any virus.		
9.4.2	Download the executables from our Web Site as shown above. Double click on the "NEW" logo for the executable file. Follow the instructions.		
9.4.3	The bid files are installed into a default directory called C:\LBTENDER. When the installation process is complete, a box will appear with a "Remove Thames Valley District School Board Tender icon"; please close this box. When the setup is complete, click close.		
9.4.4	To begin the Bid Program:		
9.4.4.1	Go to Windows Explorer		
9.4.4.2	Click on C:\ drive		
9.4.4.3	Open the folder "lbtender"		
9.4.4.5	The following file will be installed in the C:\lbtender directory: Appendices.xls. This file includes the following Worksheets:		
9.4.4.6	Worksheet A: Terms and Conditions Response in Excel format - Electronic response required		
9.4.4.7	Worksheet B: Pricing by Zone in Excel format - Electronic response required		
9.4.4.8	Worksheet C: Requirements in Excel format - Electronic response required		
9.4.4.9	Worksheet D: Pricing for Sportsfields Only in Excel format - Electronic response required		

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9.4.4.10	Appendix A: Permission for Grass Cutting		
9.4.5	To start the process open the Excel file and complete as instructed.		
9.5	THE RETURN DISKETTE OR CD:		
9.5.1	After all information has been entered:		
9.5.1.1	Copy the file Terms.xls to either a 3.5" Diskette or CD using your company's standard CD Writing program.		
9.5.1.2	Check to ensure that the "file" is on the diskette or CD. Without this file we will not be able to download your bid.		
9.5.1.3	Be sure to label your diskette or CD with company name and signature.		
9.6	LABELING OF ENVELOPE AND DISK		
9.6.1	ADDRESS BID ENVELOPE AS SHOWN BELOW:		
9.6.2	From - Company Name & Address		
9.6.3	To:OFFICE OF THE TENDERS CLERK		
9.6.4	Thames Valley District School Board		
9.6.5	EDUCATION CENTRE,		
9.6.6	1250 Dundas Street,		
9.6.7	LONDON, Ontario		
9.6.8	N5W 5P2		
9.6.9	Grass Cutting		
9.6.10	#31		
9.6.11	Return Date: 12:00:00 local time, Wednesday, February 3, 2010		
9.7	PLEASE AFFIX LABEL ON DISK AS SHOWN BELOW:		
9.7.1	THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD		
9.7.2	Grass Cutting		
9.7.3	#31		
9.7.4	Return Date: 12:00:00 local time, Wednesday, February 3, 2010		
9.7.5	Signature:		
9.7.6	Firm Name:		
10.0	SIGNATURE PAGE		
10.1	This section must be completed, signed, and included with your submission for your bid to be accepted.		
10.2	I hereby acknowledge and agree that I have read and completed all of the preceding Contract Terms and Conditions and all Appendices. All required Appendices are included in our bid submission.		
10.3	I/We the undersigned are duly authorized to execute this Bid Submission on behalf of:		
10.4	NAME (Please print):		
10.5	TITLE:		

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10.6	SIGNATURE:		
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10.8	State the legal entity that your organization operates under:		
10.8.1	Proprietorship		
10.8.2	Partnership		
10.8.3	Corporation		
10.9	If your organization is incorporated, bidders must state the jurisdiction in which the corporation was originally incorporated in:		
10.9.1	Name of each individual Partner or Correct Legal Name of Corporation:		
10.9.2	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
10.9.3	ADDRESS:		
10.9.4	INTERNET ADDRESS:		
10.9.5	TELEPHONE NO.:		
10.9.6	FAX NO.:		
10.10	If subcontracting , bidders must provide the correct legal name for any sub contractor, their full personal name and address, telephone number, fax number, as well as the name(s) of appropriate contact persons. The TVDSB may consult the bidder's subcontractor(s) regarding the execution of any portion of this contract entered into by the bidder.		
10.10.1	Firm Name:		
10.10.2	Firm Address:		
10.10.3	Telephone Number:		
10.10.4	Fax Number:		
10.10.5	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		

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