



Devon Ave. SSA #43 Sidewalk Litter and Weed Removal Request for Proposals (RFP)

Proposals are due by 5:00pm **December 24**, 2020 via email to cplante@rpba.org

Introduction

The Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA), service provider for the Devon Avenue Special Service Area SSA #43 (Devon SSA), is seeking proposals for sidewalk litter and weed removal services for the Devon SSA district (see Exhibit A “Devon SSA Map”).

Project Scope

Please provide your approach and cost for providing the sidewalk pressure washing services for the following scenarios:

1. Litter Removal Services for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Contractor agrees to provide litter removal services—defined as picking up loose trash, leaves, and sweeping loose debris along sidewalks, curbs, planters, tree pits, and gutters, and emptying City of Chicago trash cans and big-belly solar compactors and disposing in an approved city dumpster, for the public property described in paragraph 1.a below, at the times described in paragraph 1.b. below. It includes all intersections up to but not including the alley.

- a. **Area to Be Cleaned.** The area includes both sides of Devon Ave. between Kedzie and Damen, and Western Ave. between Arthur and Granville. Intersecting streets will receive cleaning services up to the mouth of the alley.
- b. **Frequency of Services.** Contractor will provide the above services 6 days a week, during the months of January through April (excluding Tuesdays). During the months of May through October, Contractor will provide services 7 days a week and twice on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. During the months of November through December, Contractor will resume service on 6 days a week (excluding Tuesdays). In the event that the one of the above mentioned days is a recognized Contractor holiday (New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Martin Luther King Day) the work shall be performed prior to, or immediately following, the holiday.

- c. **Materials.** In providing the street cleaning services described above, Contractor agrees to equip each street cleaner with appropriate personal protective equipment as well as brooms, barrels, shovels and garbage bags as necessary.

2. Weed Removal Services.

Contractor will remove the grass and weeds from the gutter and sidewalk including fence lines and tree beds/grates of the area described in 1(a). This service will include 3 applications of non-residual herbicide to kill weeds and 2 removals of dead weeds (1-2 weeks after 2nd and 3rd sprayings). All waste material will be gathered and hauled away. This service will provide a weed-free environment throughout the growing season (April through November 2021).

- a. **Frequency of Services:** Contractor will provide the services described above according to the following schedule:
 - i. Herbicide application for weed abatement will be performed initially in April and then two subsequent sprayings as needed.
 - ii. Physical removal of dead weeds will be performed 1-2 weeks after 2nd and 3rd sprayings to allow time for the herbicide to penetrate the roots.
 - iii. Route will be maintained weed free throughout the growing season (April - October).
- b. **Materials:** While providing the services listed above, Contractor will provide and utilize the following materials: backpack sprayer and non-residual herbicide for weed abatement, line trimmers, pruner, lopper, brooms, shovels, and waste cans.

3. Sidewalk Powerwashing (3x per year)

Powerwashing of all sidewalks including crosswalks on Devon Ave. from Bell Ave. to California Ave. At each corner cleaning is extended down the street to the nearest alley opening or five concrete block lines (approx. 25 feet). Following pressure washing, the contractor will rinse down all walls, windows, light poles and/or other fixtures that are directly adjacent to the area(s) being serviced approximately four feet up to remove any dirt and debris that has blown up during the cleaning process. This will not be considered a thorough cleaning, but rather a rinse down of all superficial debris.

- a. **Frequency of Services:** Contractor will provide the services described above three times during the year, initially in April and again in July and September.
- b. **Materials:** Services should include application of a biodegradable degreaser, via low pressure spray (and/or dense fiber masonry brush) to the area to be serviced to remove dirt, grime, gum and deeply encrusted build up and surface agitation if necessary, to break the static tension and a 3000 psi hot water (200 degrees) rinse to remove all surface build up. Remove all gum and transferable stains using #684 Drain Maintainer, distributed by 1st AYD Corp., Elgin, IL. on residual shadow stains from gum can be offered on this same scope of work. Some shadowing may remain from gum oils seeping into the concrete, but staining will lighten with time and repeated cleanings

Cost Breakdown

Please itemize the monthly cost for the sidewalk litter removal and the cost for weed removal and powerwashing, then show the total charges.

RFP Proposal Questions & Submission

Questions may be submitted **by 5:00pm Thursday, December 17, 2020** to Cindy Plante, Devon SSA Program Manager at cplante@rpba.org or call 773-508-5885.

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EXHIBIT A: DEVON SSA DISTRICT - sidewalks are within the blue boundary

