

## **Q&A: Grounds Services for 2025-2028 RFP**

This Q&A attempts to answer questions brought up by the February 14 questions deadline, whether verbal or written, to ensure all bidders are on the same page. Not all of the description shared verbally from the walkthroughs is included here. Questions that were about information found in the RFP are generally not duplicated here, and the majority of questions here are additional information, not changing the expectation of the RFP. Unless noted otherwise in this document, to ensure fair comparison, please ensure your base bid reflects what was requested as written in the RFP. Areas of difference from what was originally noted in the RFP that should be reflected in the RFP are **highlighted in yellow.**

### **General**

- **Are these new properties?** The majority of these properties are owned and currently serviced by Tulsa Public Schools. Starting July 1, Tulsa Public Schools will no longer do the grounds maintenance, so the schools are reviewing options.
- **Does bed maintenance need to be provided?** Most properties do not have extensive beds although they likely have some shrubs and trees. Schools that have beds are either requesting minimal upkeep or are maintaining them internally.
- **Do you want all properties through one company?** Ideally yes, but that is not required.
- **Are there service time restrictions?** Tulsa Public Schools generally serviced them during the week, so schools may be used to this. Generally, we do not want service to interrupt instructional time (noise, pebbles hitting windows, etc.),
- **Could you verify the total frequency of the mowings?** All schools have listed every two weeks as the preferred frequency. However, schools may be open to suggestions and best practices from the vendors about frequency and type of service, particularly for outside of the growing season.
- **Are you open to one vendor doing both grounds and custodial?** We could be interested in one vendor doing both as long as streamlining maintains the quality. If doing this, please turn in separate bids for custodial and grounds and include any information about what might change should we choose one service versus both.
- **Does the current grounds service use any type of weed control, fertilizer, or herbicide at any of the schools?** Yes, with timing dependent on student activity
- **What is your budget or contract value?** The schools will be utilizing information, including bids from this RFP, to help shape their budgets for the coming years.

## **SITE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

### **College Bound Academy: Brookside**

N/A

### **College Bound Academy: Eastside**

N/A

### **Tulsa Honor Academy: Sheridan**

- **Are there timing limitations to services?** The soccer field is generally in use during the entirety of the school day so that would need to be done outside of school hours (generally before 7am or after 4pm on weekdays or on the weekends). Beyond that, other areas can be serviced at any time.

### **Tulsa Honor Academy: Lakewood**

- **Will the field across 3<sup>rd</sup> St. be added to the scope?** The school is still working on clarifying that. Please quote as shown in the RFP, and the school will work with the chosen vendor on pricing should the scope change.

### **KIPP Tulsa: University Prep**

- **Who maintains the beds?** Students maintain the beds, and the grounds vendor will maintain the space around them
- **Is there an expectation of service outside the fence?** Not really except some minor weed-eating

### **Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences**

- **What is the east border?** There is a low ridge, and beyond that is not maintained.
- **Is the grounds service only between May and October?** Yes.

### **Under the Canopy**

- **Do you need fertilizer or weed control?** We do not want any chemicals
- **What is the schedule?** We will regularly use the outdoor spaces and would not want service while students are using the space.
- **Will the playgrounds have mulch?** We are interested in quotes for that.
- **When will the greenhouse be added?** The goal is this fall
- **Will grounds vendor be responsible for the beds you plan to add?** No.

### **Tulsa Legacy: Primary Academy**

- **Where is the back property line?** It runs approximately perpendicular to the end of the fence by the street.

**Tulsa Legacy: Upper Academy**

N/A

**KIPP Tulsa: College Prep**

N/A