

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

IFB No. 337-24

GOLF GPS SPRAY TANK SYSTEM WITH CHASSIS

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SECTION A: SCHEDULE, PURCHASING ANALYST OF RECORD, AND GENERAL SUMMARY OF NEEDS**A.1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

The following is a list of important items, dates, and times that pertain to this solicitation. All times listed below are in reference to the local Thornton, Colorado time.

<u>Solicitation Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Proposal Issued	July 17, 2024	
Deadline to Submit Additional Questions	July 23, 2024	11:00 P.M.
Response to Written Questions	July 25, 2024	
Proposal Due Date	July 31, 2024	11:00 P.M.

A.2 PURCHASING ANALYST OF RECORD:

The Purchasing Analyst of Record for this solicitation will be the central point of contact throughout the solicitation process. All questions and inquiries must be submitted in writing via a direct email to the Purchasing Analyst. No communication is to be directed to any other Thornton personnel.

The Purchasing Analyst of Record's contact information is as follows:

Name: Andrew Miskell, CPPB
Title: Senior Purchasing Analyst
Email: Andrew.Miskell@ThorntonCO.gov

A.3 GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROCUREMENT NEEDS:

The City of Thornton, CO ("Thornton") is seeking Proposals from interested firms for the purchase of a new model golf sprayer with a GPS system and options, with the body being mounted to a four-wheel drive utility task vehicle ("UTV") chassis for the Thorncreek golf course.

SECTION B: CURRENT STATE, SCOPE OF WORK, AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**B.1 CURRENT STATE:**

Thornton benefits from our proximity to downtown Denver, the Denver International Airport, and the foothills of the beautiful Rocky Mountains, known to locals as the “Front Range”. Thornton is a home-rule city of almost one hundred fifty thousand plus (150,000+) citizens located northeast of Denver in Adams County, Colorado, which includes four (4) wards. Thornton is projected to become the 5th largest city in Colorado within the next few years, with population growth projections exceeding two hundred forty thousand (240,000) citizens by 2065. Thornton is currently governed by an elected City Council of eight (8) members and its operations are managed by a City Manager who serves at the pleasure of the City Council.

Within the City of Thornton, the City owns, operates, and maintains a golf course known as Thorncreek. This municipal course is a public course open to all members of the public with membership dues. As part of Thorncreek's operations are various vehicles, equipment, etc. that is maintained by the Superintendent and his staff, also known as “Golf”, including an onsite mechanic.

In an ongoing effort to continually look for avenues to find equipment that is optimal for use, Golf has been provided funding by the Thornton Budget Office to procure a one (1) new golf spray tank that has a GPS system included with the tank, along with a four-wheel drive UTV chassis. This solicitation's purpose is to find and award a Vendor for the equipment listed herein, as well as a procurement avenue for any replacement wear and tear parts.

B.2 SCOPE OF WORK – GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Proposing Vendors may propose their own make and model as an approved equivalent; however, Thornton has identified an initial product as our standard of quality that all proposing Vendors will need to meet or exceed in order to be considered as an approved equivalent.

Thornton has identified the Ninja GPS Spray Control system, which is mounted to a long chassis, four-wheel drive RTV-X1140 UTV, as Thornton's standard of quality. Thornton will review all proposed makes and models during the evaluation process, and it shall be at Thornton's sole discretion if a proposed make and model meets or exceeds the stated standard of quality.

Proposing Vendors may download the Ninja product specifications from the following hyperlink: <https://www.frostserv.com/live/products/spray-equipment/kubota-powered-gps-sprayer/>.

Thornton's anticipated needs for this solicitation will include, at a minimum, the following items that have been listed below:

- UTV chassis, which includes:
 - Turf tire conversation ROPS with sun shade;
 - High flow hydraulic system; and
 - QAI engineered suspension.

- Pin mount spray system, which includes:
 - 200-gallon low profile tank;
 - 15-gallon clean water rinse tank with solution tank rinse nozzles and pump;
 - SS hydraulic driven pump with high capacity filter;
 - High volume jet agitation;
 - Titan manual rewind hose reel of 50-feet of 5/8" hose with hydra spray gun;
 - 20-foot electric/hydraulic x-fold boom, with LED boom lighting; and
 - Rear camera and monitor.

- Ninja GPS System, which includes:
 - Ninja water proof monitor Explorer joystick with IBX computer;
 - Complete cable package with twelve (12) Seletron devices;
 - Hypro Ultra Lo Drift nozzles WiFi SD card;
 - Novatel Smart7 receiver;
 - TerrastarC-Pro unlock.

- One (1) year of Pro error correction software service.

- GIS map service with map creation for typical 18-hole golf course that includes tees, fairways, greens, practice areas, etc.

- Visio Turf Display Kit, with boom leveling control and option.

- An autosteer option of Polaris for B400S/MDU-4, which includes a mechanical drive unit MDU-G4, and mounting kit for a MDU-G4.

B.3 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:

Quantities listed are Thornton's best estimate and do not obligate Thornton to order or accept more than Thornton's actual requirements during the period of this Agreement, as determined by actual needs and availability of appropriated funds. It is expressly understood and agreed that the resulting Agreement is to supply Thornton with its complete actual requirement of the materials specified in this proposal for the Agreement period.

B.4 F.O.B. POINT:

Prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination and delivered, as required, to the following points:

**Thorncreek Golf Course
13555 Washington Street
Thornton, CO 80241**

B.5 DELIVERY CONSIDERATIONS:

All deliveries shall be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

B.6 TITLING OF EQUIPMENT:

The awarded Vendor shall be responsible for filing and providing all title and/or manufacturer's statement of origin ("MSO") paperwork. Vendor proposed pricing shall be inclusive of all titling and paperwork costs.

Upon approved receipt of goods, the trailer and all materials shall become property of Thornton.

All title and paperwork shall be made out to:

**Thornton, City of
9500 Civic Center Drive
Thornton, CO 80229**

B.7 WARRANTY OF EQUIPMENT:

All equipment and parts sold to Thornton by the awarded Vendor shall carry a minimum of one (1) year of comprehensive warranty. Warranty coverage shall not begin until Thornton has confirmed receipt of the goods and that all goods are in proper working order.

B.8 INVOICING REQUIREMENTS:

Thornton's Accounts Payable Division is the only division within Thornton that issues payments to Vendors whom have submitted invoices. Thornton only issues payments from invoices and will not issue payments to Vendors off of quotes.

The Vendor must be capable of providing invoices that include the following details:

- Invoice number;
- Invoice date;
- Itemized charges, including unit of measurement;
- Total charge;

- Service date(s) or service period; and
- Delivery location (Building name and address).

Thornton's standard payment terms are net thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt of an invoice. All invoices submitted shall be emailed to AP.Invoices@ThorntonCO.gov. In lieu of email, physical copies may be submitted to City of Thornton – Accounts Payable, 9500 Civic Center Drive, Thornton, CO 80229-4326. Invoices sent to anyone other than Accounts Payable are not considered to be properly submitted and will not be paid until they are properly submitted.

B.9 PROCUREMENT CARDS PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

Awarded Vendors may be asked to have the capability of accepting Thornton's authorized Procurement Card as a method of payment. No price changes or additional fee(s) may be assessed when accepting the Procurement Card as a form of payment. Vendors unable to comply with this requirement are asked to indicate such exception on Vendor letterhead. This exception will be taken into consideration during the evaluation of the received proposals.

B.10 PALLET CHARGE:

All pallets supplied shall be non-returnable, no deposit.

B.11 VENDOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT:

Thornton may administer a Vendor performance management program as part this proposal. The purpose of this program is to create a method for documenting and advising Thornton of exceptional performance or any problems related to the purchased goods and services.

B.12 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:

Thornton encourages the proper use of cooperative purchasing and reserves the right to make results of this solicitation available to other governmental agencies seeking like equipment, goods, or services. Other agencies using this solicitation must do so according to regulations established by their individual organizations and accept sole responsibility for its use. The terms and conditions of any resulting transaction shall be exclusively between the buyer and the seller. Buyers and sellers using this solicitation in a cooperative or "piggy-back" fashion, agree to defend and hold harmless Thornton from any dispute or action arising from its use.

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SECTION C: PRICING AND PROPOSAL ITEMS**C.1 PRICING INFORMATION:**

This section shall include a description of the proposed costs and prices. All pricing information shall be limited solely to this section of your proposal. This section should address all requirements set forth in Section B as well as any other items pertinent to your proposal pricing such as additional discounts for increased quantities, service requirements, etc. The requirements have been developed to allow Thornton to uniformly evaluate prices submitted for the work. Accordingly, you should follow these instructions carefully and provide all data requested in the formats specified herein and in any referenced attachments.

Any omissions in this proposal shall be identified by each Vendor and incorporated into their proposal including any omissions for hardware, service, support, software, travel, shipping, etc. which is necessary to the success of the project. All items must be identified as a separate line item with pricing and included as part of this RFP, unless otherwise requested by Thornton. Thornton will not increase any subsequent Agreement or purchase order (neither dollar amount or time) for items not included in the submitted proposal documents. Thornton reserves the right to purchase part or the entire proposal.

C.2 PRICING:

All prices quoted shall be firm and fixed for the award and initial purchase of the spray tank with GPS and UTV chassis.

C.3 PROPOSAL ITEMS:

The pricing form for this RFP will be in a Microsoft Excel format, with a free-type ability for the Vendor to complete the form. The form is under separate cover and is entitled "337-24 IFB Appendix No. 2 Pricing Form".

Proposing Vendors are to note that they are to complete all sections of this pricing form spreadsheet that have a white fill color background. All items are priced as a delivered price, however, there is a line item for "dealer set-up" for any additional fees such as titling. Any "dealer set-up" charges shall be billed as an individual price. If this line item is left as "\$0.00", Thornton will proceed as though there are no proposed costs from the Vendor for that line item. No separate delivery charges shall be accepted by Thornton.

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SECTION D: PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS, EVALUATION, AND AWARD**D.1 PROPOSAL POSTED LOCATIONS:**

This Invitation for Bid (IFB) has been posted publicly to the following locations:

- BidNet® Direct: www.BidNetDirect.com
- Thornton's Purchasing website: <https://solicitations.thorntonco.gov/solicitations>

Thornton currently uses BidNet Direct® and its own website to distribute official records for all copies of publicly posted proposals for viewing. Both websites operate as a free to view and download option for prospective Vendors

Upon request by a Proposing Vendor, the Purchasing Division will also make this solicitation available for viewing at the Contracts and Purchasing Division office. The address for the office is located on the cover page.

D.2 PROPOSAL QUESTIONS:

Thornton shall not be bound by and the Vendor shall not request or rely on any oral interpretation or clarification of this proposal. Therefore, any questions regarding this proposal are encouraged and must be submitted in writing by email to the Purchasing Analyst of Record listed within this solicitation.

Questions received up to deadline to submit question in the Schedule of Events will be answered in writing per the Schedule of Events. Answers to questions from any Vendor will be provided to all Vendors.

D.3 ADDENDA:

In the event it becomes necessary to revise, change, modify or cancel this Proposal or to provide additional information, addenda will be issued and made available on BidNet Direct and on Thornton's website. It is the responsibility of the proposer/ contractor to confirm that they have acquired all addenda related to this proposal and they have reviewed/ complied with the requirements therein.

D.4 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:

Submission of proposals for this solicitation may be done electronically through a Vendor portal (currently done via BidNet Direct®). Proposals can be submitted at www.bidnetdirect.com, but shall not be completely submitted later than the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Events.

If you experience problems with BidNet Direct®, please call 1-800-835-4603 for assistance. There is no charge by BidNet Direct® for this service.

Proposing Vendors who are unable to submit a proposal through BidNet®, may request to submit a physical copy of their proposal for consideration. A proposing Vendor shall email the Purchasing Analyst of Record prior to the question due date listed in the Schedule of Events, for instructions on where and how to submit their physical proposal. All physical proposal submissions shall be submitted and recorded no later than the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Events.

D.5 DOCUMENTS FOR FINAL VENDOR SUBMISSION:

Proposing Vendors are solely responsible to ensure that their submission is complete and responsible prior to a final submission. As a reminder this proposal contains the following documents that will require completion by the proposing Vendor:

- 1) Section C.3 – Proposal Items.
- 2) All additional technical information in support of your proposal.
- 3) A current copy of your company’s W-9.
- 4) Section E.1 – Acceptance of Conditions and Addenda Acknowledgement Form:
 - a. Include a current copy of your Thornton Business License if you are claiming the Local Vendor Consideration.
- 5) Section E.2 – References and Authorization Release Forms.

It is not necessary for a proposing Vendor to submit this entire RFP document that has been provided by Thornton with the Vendor’s response. Only the above-mentioned items are currently required with your proposal submission. Thornton reserves the right to request any clarification, ask any questions, or request additional documents that may aid in the evaluation of your proposal.

D.6 LATE PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:

Proposing Vendors are expected to allow adequate time to upload a complete submission for consideration through the Vendor portal (currently BidNet Direct®). The Vendor portal will not allow a Vendor to modify, save, nor upload their proposal after the submittal date and time have passed. It is **highly recommended** that as a proposing Vendor you do not wait until the last minute to submit your proposal.

Late Proposals will not be accepted. Sole responsibility rests with the Proposing Vendor to ensure that its Proposal is completely uploaded through the Vendor portal or are received in the Purchasing Office prior to the submission deadline. Proposals that are left in a “Draft” status in the Vendor portal will not be accepted by Thornton for consideration.

All physical proposals received in the Purchasing Office after the submittal date and time will be immediately rejected without consideration.

D.7 AWARDS:

Award will be made on an "all or none" basis. Prices must be shown for each item listed. Proposals submitted without individual item prices listed will be considered as non-responsive and rejected.

D.8 ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:

Submissions in response to this proposal shall remain valid until an award has been made to a proposing Vendor.

D.9 POST AWARD PURCHASE ORDER:

The resulting award from this proposal will be a purchase order (PO) generated by Thornton's Contracts and Purchasing Division.

D.10 STANDARD PROPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Thornton maintains a standard set of proposal considerations and terms and conditions for proposals that are non-federally funded and are not through a cooperative awarded process. These considerations are static between each proposal process. It is the sole responsibility of the proposing Vendor to have read all proposal considerations. A copy of these standard proposal considerations and terms and conditions have been uploaded with this proposal document as a separate cover.

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SECTION E: REQUIRED VENDOR SIGNATURE FORMS

E.1 ACCEPTANCE AND ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM:

1) Vendor indicates acceptance of the following conditions:
City of Thornton Charter Section 7.4 prohibits Thornton from issuing a Purchase Order to firms which employ certain family members of employees unless the Thornton Council determines it is in Thornton's best interest. For the purposes of this Charter Section, a domestic partner shall be considered equivalent to a family member. The Vendor attests to the following:

No City Council Member, member of a board or commission, Municipal Judge, City Manager, City Attorney, or employee of the City of Thornton, or any such person's family member, domestic partner, or person assuming a relationship being the substantial equivalent of the above, has an existing or pending, direct or indirect, financial, pecuniary or personal interest in the proposing firm or this Invitation for Bid, except as follows: (list, if any) _____

2) The undersigned Vendor, having examined the Proposal Documents, and having full knowledge of the product and/or services requested and described herein, hereby proposes that it will fulfill the obligations contained herein specifications set forth; and that it will furnish all required products and pay all incidental costs all in strict conformity with these Proposal Documents, for the stated prices as payment in full. Yes No

3) I acknowledge receipt of any and all published addenda and a copy of the sample Agreement as provided by Thornton : Yes No

4) I acknowledge that I have submitted all items and documents as required of the final proposal submission Yes No

Proposing Vendor's Name: _____

Date: _____

Submitted By (Printed): _____

Submitted By (Signature): _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____



E.2 REFERENCES AND AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM:

REFERENCE AUTHORIZATION FORM

By: _____, A Corporation
(Proposing firm) A Partnership whose address is _____
An Individual (Circle One)

Proposing firm has submitted a sealed Proposal to the City of Thornton (Thornton) for this solicitation.

Proposing firm hereby authorizes Thornton to perform such investigation of proposing firm as Thornton deems necessary to establish the qualifications, responsibility, trustworthiness, and financial ability of the proposing firm. By its signature hereon, the proposing firm authorizes Thornton to obtain reference information concerning the proposing firm and releases the party providing such information named above and Thornton from any and all liability to the proposing firm as a result of any reference information provided.

Proposing firm further authorizes Thornton to discuss and release any and all information regarding the Proposing firm’s performance on its forthcoming services related to this project or other past projects upon receiving a request for such information. Proposing firm releases Thornton from any and all liability associated with such a release of information.

Proposing firm further waives any right to receive copies of reference information provided to Thornton. A copy or facsimile of this executed Reference Authorization and Release Form may be used with the same effectiveness as an original.

Proposing Vendor’s Name: _____

Date: _____

Submitted By (Printed): _____

Submitted By (Signature): _____

Title: _____

REFERENCE FORM

Vendors shall complete at least three (3) references in relation to the products/services proposed in this solicitation. Vendors may add more than three (3) references if desired, but are not required to do so.

1. Company Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____
Office Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

2. Company Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____
Office Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

3. Company Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____
Office Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

SECTION F: AUTHORIZATION FOR SOLICITATION POSTING**F.1 PURCHASING MANAGER FORM:**

All communications regarding this solicitation shall be directed to the Purchasing Analyst of Record listed within this solicitation in Section A.2 – Purchasing Analyst of Record.

This solicitation has been reviewed and approved for a public posting by the Thornton Purchasing Manager.

Megan deGrood, CPPB
Purchasing Manager