



**BIDDERS NEED NOT RETURN THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL**

Project Name: **Oak Park Public Work's Rain Garden**

Project Number: **21-5**

Location: **Public Works Center at 201 South Boulevard**  
**Oak Park, IL 60302**

Submitted to the President and Board of Trustees

By: **City Escape Garden & Design, LLC**  
Contractor's Name

**3022 W. Lake Street**  
Address

**Chicago, IL 60612**  
City



## Notice to Bidders

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### Time and Place of Opening of Bids

The Village of Oak Park --Office of the Village Engineer, 201 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois 60302-- will receive electronic proposals until **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021** for Project: 21-5, Oak Park Public Work's Rain Garden. Bids will be received and accepted, and bid results posted via electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service.

### Description of Work

Name: Oak Park Public Work's Rain Garden

In general, the improvements consist of site grading and excavation, erosion control, installing amended soils and gravel pathways, installing landscape plantings for creating a rain garden, and all appurtenant work thereto.

### Bidders Instructions

1. Plans and proposal forms may be obtained via the electronic service starting on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Plans and proposal forms can be found at <https://www.oak-park.us/your-government/budget-purchasing/requests-proposals> or at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) under login using QuestCDN number 7499464 for a non-refundable charge of \$30.00. Contractors must purchase bid documents and be shown on the Bidder's Planholder List in order to bid. Bids received from contractors who are not in the Bidder's Planholder List will be rejected. The Village of Oak Park reserves the right to issue plans and specifications only to those contractors deemed qualified. No bid documents will be issued after 4:00 p.m. on the working day preceding the date of bid opening. The electronic VirtuBid™ online bidding platform for this specific project will be opened approximately one week prior to the bid opening date.
2. At the bid opening, all proposals must be accompanied by a proposal guaranty in the amount of 5% of the bid amount. The proposal guaranty shall be in the form of a bid bond executed by a corporate surety company or a bank cashier's check.

3. If this proposal is accepted and the undersigned fails to execute an agreement and contract bond within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award, it is hereby agreed that the bid bond or check shall be forfeited to the Village.
4. The awarding authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in Article 102.01 of the 2016 "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction," prepared by the Illinois Department of Transportation.
5. The work to be performed pursuant to this Proposal is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.
6. Bidders need not return the entire proposal when bids are submitted. Portions of the proposal that must be returned include the following:
  - a. Proposal Cover
  - b. Notice to Bidders
  - c. Contract Proposal (I)
  - d. Bid Form (Pricing) (II)
  - e. Proposal Bid Bond (III)
  - f. Contractor's Certification (IV)
  - g. Tax Compliance Affidavit (V)
  - h. Fair Employment Practices Affidavit of Compliance (VI)
  - i. Village of Oak Park EEO Report (VII)
  - j. Participation Statement
    - SCHEDULE C: Village of Oak Park Letter of Intent From MBE/WBE to Perform as a Subcontractor, Supplier, and/or Consultant
    - SCHEDULE D: Village of Oak Park M.WBE Participation
  - k. Certificate of Compliance with Multi Project Labor Agreement (MPLA)
7. The bidder is specifically advised that the Village is a Subgrantee of a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) grant, pursuant to an agreement entered into and between the MWRDGC and the Village. The Contract will be subject to the requirements of the Multi-Project Labor Agreement. A copy is on file at the offices of the Engineer and may be requested from the Engineer. The Contractor shall execute the form entitled "Certificate of Compliance with Multi Project Labor Agreement (MPLA)" as found in the Bid Proposal Submittal Packet.

8. The MWRDGC requires that contractors entering into contracts shall have a performance bond and a payment bond. The Contractor shall furnish a satisfactory performance bond in the sum of the amount of the contract in dollars guaranteeing the proper completion of the work and the maintenance of the work during the period of one (1) year from and after the date of the completion and acceptance of the same. The Contractor shall furnish a satisfactory payment bond in the full amount of the Contract guaranteeing payment of all material used and for all labor performed

By Order of

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Bill McKenna, Village Engineer



## Proposal

### RETURN WITH BID

Proposal of City Escape Garden & Design, LLC

for the Project: 21-5, Oak Park Public Work's Rain Garden as noted herein and the performance of all appurtenant work thereto.

1. The plans for the proposed work are those prepared by Terra Engineering, Ltd.
2. The specifications referred to herein are those prepared by the Department of Transportation and designated as 2016 "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" and the "Supplemental Specifications" there to, the "Standard Specifications for Water and Sewer Construction in Illinois", and the "Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices", adopted and in effect on the date of invitation of bids.
3. In the Standard Specifications, replace "the Department" with the "Village of Oak Park" and "Regional Engineer" with "Village Engineer."
4. The undersigned agrees to substantially complete all work by July 2, 2021 unless additional time is granted in accordance with the specifications.
5. Accompanying this proposal is either a bid bond on the Village Bond form or a proposal guaranty check, complying with the specifications, made payable to the Village of Oak Park. The amount of the ~~bid bond~~ check is 5% of bid proposal (\$ 3,665.00).
6. If this proposal is accepted and the undersigned fails to execute a contract and contract bond as required, it is hereby agreed that the Bid Bond or check shall be forfeited to the awarding authority.
7. A bid will be declared unacceptable if a total price is not shown.
8. The undersigned firm certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, nor has the firm made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record, nor has an official, agent, or employee of the firm committed bribery or attempted bribery on behalf of the firm and pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official of the firm. The undersigned firm further certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid-rotating.
9. This Contract is subject to "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the State, County, City or any other public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works". (see Special Provision for details).

**Special Note: The Prevailing Wage Act / Federal Requirements require maintaining and submitting Certified Payroll records monthly for all entities working on this project.**

10. Proposal Guaranty Check:

**Attach Cashier's Check or Certified Check Here**

In the event that one proposal guaranty check is intended to cover two or more proposals, the amount must be equal to the sum of the proposal guaranties that would be required for each individual proposal.

If the proposal guaranty check is placed in another proposal; state below where it can be found.

The proposal guaranty check will be found in the proposal for: Village of Oak Park

**Project: 21-5, Oak Park Public Work's Rain Garden**

11. The undersigned submits herewith this schedule of prices covering the work to be performed under this contract:



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**BID FORM (Pricing)**

The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor and materials required to complete the Project: 21-5, Oak Park Public Work's Rain Garden in accordance with the contract plans and attached specifications and at the price indicated below.

**TOTAL LUMP SUM COST:** \$ 73,290.60

Connie Rivera,

(Type Name of Individual Signing)

being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that the bidder on the above Bid is organized as indicated below and that all statements herein made on behalf of such bidder and that their deponent is authorized to make them, and also deposes and says that deponent has examined and carefully prepared their Bid from the Plans and Specifications and has checked the same in detail before submitting this Bid; that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Signature of bidder authorizes the Village of Oak Park to verify references of business and credit at its option.

Signature of bidder shall also be acknowledged before a Notary Public or other person authorized by law to execute such acknowledgments.

Dated: February 10/2021

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
Organization Name (Seal - If Corporation)

By:

Connie Rivera, 3022 W. Lake St. Chicago, IL 60612  
Authorized Signature Address

773.638.2000

Telephone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2021.

Anemarie Aiello  
Commission  
Notary Public

Expires on 11/3/2022





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III

**Village of Oak Park, IL  
Proposal Bid Bond**

WE City Escape Garden & Design, LLC - 3022 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60612  
as PRINCIPAL, and Selective Insurance Company of America

40 Wantage Avenue, Branchville, NJ 07890 as SURETY,

are held and firmly bound unto the Village of Oak Park, IL (hereafter referred to as "VOP") in the penal sum of 5% of the total bid price, or for the amount specified in Article 102.09 of the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" in effect on the date of invitation for bids. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly to pay to the VOP this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the said PRINCIPAL is submitting a written proposal to the VOP acting through its awarding authority for the construction of the work designated as the above section.

THEREFORE if the proposal is accepted and a contract awarded to the PRINCIPAL by the VOP for the above-designated section and the PRINCIPAL shall within fifteen (15) days after award enter into a formal contract, furnish surety guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work, and furnish evidence of the required insurance coverage, all as provided in the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" and applicable Supplemental Specifications, then this obligation shall become void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN THE EVENT the VOP determines the PRINCIPAL has failed to enter into a formal contract in compliance with any requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, then the VOP acting through its awarding authority shall immediately be entitled to recover the full penal sum set out above, together with all court costs, all attorney fees, and any other expense of recovery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective officers this

11th day of February A.D. 20 21

PRINCIPAL

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
(Company Name)

CITY ESCAPE GARDEN & DESIGN LLC  
(Company Name)

By: Connie Rivera  
By: Connie Rivera, Managing Member

(Signature & Title)

(Signature & Title)

(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names, and authorized signatures of each contractor must be affixed.)

SURETY

Selective Insurance Company of America  
(Name of Surety)

(Signature of Attorney-in-Fact) Jason A. Braatz, Attorney-in-Fact

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
COUNTY OF Waukesha

I, Melissa Babiak, a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify  
that Connie Rivera and Jason A. Braatz

(Insert names of individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL & SURETY.)

who are each personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL and SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that they signed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notary seal this 11th day of February A.D. 20 21

NOTICE

1. Improper execution of this form (i.e. missing signatures or seals or incomplete certification) will result in bid being declared irregular.
2. If bid bond is used in lieu of proposal guaranty check, it must be on this form and must be submitted with bid.

My commission expires May 31, 2023

Melissa Babiak  
Notary Public



**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**, a New Jersey corporation having its principal office at 40 Wantage Avenue, in Branchville, State of New Jersey ("SICA"), pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of its By-Laws, which state in pertinent part:

The Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Corporate Secretary may, from time to time, appoint attorneys in fact, and agents to act for and on behalf of the Corporation and they may give such appointee such authority, as his/her certificate of authority may prescribe, to sign with the Corporation's name and seal with the Corporation's seal, bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking, and any of said Officers may, at any time, remove any such appointee and revoke the power and authority given him/her.

does hereby appoint **Jason A Braatz**

, its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, full authority to execute on SICA's behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued by SICA in the course of its business, and to bind SICA thereby as fully as if such instruments had been duly executed by SICA's regularly elected officers at its principal office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding the sum of: **\$3,000,000.00**

Signed this 11th day of February, 2021

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: 

Brian C. Sarisky

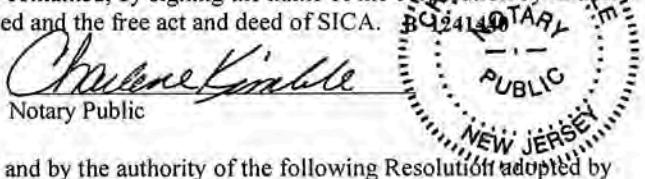
Its SVP, Strategic Business Units, Commercial Lines



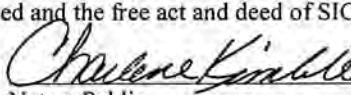
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY :**

:ss. Branchville

**COUNTY OF SUSSEX :**

On this 11th day of February, 2021 before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Brian C. Sarisky, who acknowledged himself to be the Sr. Vice President of SICA, and that he, as such Sr. Vice President, being ~~authorized~~ to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as Sr. Vice President and that the same was his free act and deed and the free act and deed of SICA. 

**Charlene Kimble**  
Notary Public of New Jersey  
My Commission Expires 6/2/2021

  
Notary Public

The power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of SICA at a meeting duly called and held on the 6th of February 1987, to wit:

"RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Selective Insurance Company of America authorizes and approves the use of a facsimile corporate seal, facsimile signatures of corporate officers and notarial acknowledgements thereof on powers of attorney for the execution of bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking."

**CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify as SICA's Corporate Secretary that the foregoing extract of SICA's By-Laws and Resolution are in force and effect and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant to and in accordance with the By-Laws is valid.

Signed this 11th day of February, 2021.

  
Michael H. Lanza, SICA Corporate Secretary



Important Notice: If the bond number embedded within the Notary Seal does not match the number in the upper right-hand corner of this Power of Attorney, contact us at 973-948-3000.

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## IV

### CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS

- A. The undersigned hereby certifies that said vendor is not barred from bidding on the aforementioned contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of Article 33E of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park - Village Code relating to "Bidding Requirements".
- B. The individual or entity making the foregoing proposal of bid certifies that he/she is not barred from contracting with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administrated by the Department of Revenue unless the individual or entity is contesting, in accordance with procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. The individual or entity making the proposal or bid understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the contract and allows the Municipality to recover all amounts paid to the individual or entity under the Contract in Civil action.
- C. The undersigned firm certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois and the Village of Oak Park, nor has the firm made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record, nor has an official, agent, or employee of the firm committed bribery or attempted bribery on behalf of the firm and pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official of the firm. The undersigned firm further certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid-rotating.
- D. The undersigned firm certifies that it is in compliance with House Bill 3337 which creates a Drug Free Workplace Act for Illinois with an effective date of January 1, 1992.

Organization Name

(Seal - If Corporation)

By: Connie Rivera  
Authorized Signature

3022 W. Lake St. Chicago, IL 60612  
Address

773-638-2000  
Telephone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 2021

Anemarie Aiello  
Notary Public

In the State of IL.

My Commission Expires: 11-3-22



(Complete Applicable Paragraph Below)

(a) Corporation LLC  
The Vendor is a corporation, which operates under the legal name of  
City Escape Gardens & Design, LLC and is organized and existing  
under the laws of the State of Illinois.

The full names of its Officers are:

President Managing Member - Connie Rivera

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

The corporation does have a corporate seal. (In the event that their proposal is executed by a person other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation that permits the person to execute the offer for the corporation.)

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(b) Partnership

Name, Signature and Addresses of all Partners

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The partnership does business under the legal name of

\_\_\_\_\_, which name is registered with  
the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the county of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(c) Sole Proprietor

The Vendor is a Sole Proprietor whose full name is

\_\_\_\_\_. If the Vendor is operating under  
a trade name, said trade name is \_\_\_\_\_,  
which name is registered with the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the county of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sole Proprietor

**Owner and / or Company Officer Information:**

Please provide the Name, Social Security Number, Drivers License Number and State of Issuance of Company Owner and / or Officers.

Name

Title

SS#

Drivers License

State

CONNIE L. RIVERA MANAGING MEMBER 378-58-0302 R 160-1125-2837 IL

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**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION**

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC, as part of its proposal on a contract for  
(name of contractor)

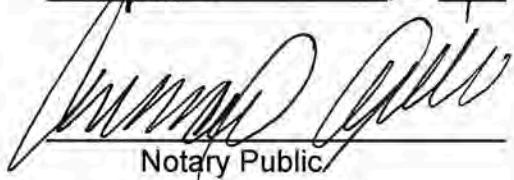
Oak Park Public Works Rain Garden to the Village of Oak Park, hereby  
(general description of item(s) proposal on)

certifies that said contractor is not barred from proposing on the aforementioned contract as a result of a violation to either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of Article 33E of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to "Proposing Requirements".

By: Connie Rinne  
(Authorized Agent of Contractor)

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of

Sept, 2021.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



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CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION (cont.)

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC, as part of its proposal on a contract for  
(name of contractor)

Oak Park Public Works Rain Garden to the Village of Oak Park, hereby  
(general description of item(s) proposal on)

certifies that said contractor is in compliance with House Bill 3337 which creates a Drug  
Free Workplace Act for Illinois with an effective date of January 1, 1992.

By: Connie Finne  
(Authorized Agent of Contractor)

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of

Feb, 2021

Anemarie Aiello  
Notary Public



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**TAX COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT**

Connie Rivera, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he/she is Managing Member of  
(partner, officer, owner, etc.)

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC.  
(contractor)

The individual or entity making the foregoing proposal or proposal certifies that he/she is not barred from contracting with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Department of Revenue unless the individual or entity is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. The individual or entity making the proposal or proposal understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the contract and allows the municipality to recover all amounts paid to the individual or entity under the contract in civil action.

Connie Rivera

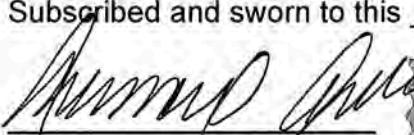
(Name of Contractor if the Contractor is an Individual)

(Name of Partner if the Contractor is a Partnership)

(Name of Officer if the Contractor is a Corporation)

The above statement must be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public.

Subscribed and sworn to this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2021.

  
Notary Public



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### **Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises Requirements:**

The Village of Oak Park in an effort to reaffirm its policy of non-discrimination, encourages and applauds the efforts of contractors and subcontractors in taking affirmative action and providing Equal Employment Opportunity without regard to race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, handicap unrelated to ability to perform the job or protected veteran's status.

#### **Reporting Requirements:**

The following forms must be completed in their entirety, notarized and included as part of the bid proposal document. Failure to respond truthfully to any question on this list or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of your bid.

- VI. Fair Employment Practices Affidavit of Compliance
- VII. Village of Oak Park E.E.O. Report (2 Pages)

#### **Disadvantaged Business Participation Reporting**

In an effort to reaffirm its commitment to DBE participation the Village of Oak Park asks each general contractor bidding on Public Works Projects to report on their utilization of Minority and Women Business Enterprises. Please list the MBE/WBE companies working as sub-contractors and/or suppliers on the DBE participation statement included herewith. Feel free to make additional copies of this form if necessary and include with your bid.

**FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES  
AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE**

NOTE: Their affidavit must be executed and submitted with the signed proposal form. No proposals can be accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park unless said affidavit is submitted concurrently with the proposal.

Connie Rivera, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that  
(name of person making the Affidavit)

Managing Member of City Escape Garden & Design<sup>LLC</sup> and that he/she  
(Title or Office) (Name of Company)

has the authority to make the following affidavit; that he/she has the knowledge of the Village of Oak Park Ordinance relating to Fair Employment Practices and knows and understands the contents thereof; that he/she certifies hereby that City Escape Garden  
(Name of

& Design, LLC is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined by Section 2000  
(company)

(E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Federal Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 which are incorporated herein by reference.

Connie Rivera

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of

Sept, 2021  
Connie Rivera  
Notary Public



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## VII

### VILLAGE OF OAK PARK E.E.O. REPORT

Please fill out the form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on their form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of proposal. An incomplete form will disqualify your proposal. For assistance in completing this form, contact Village Engineer Bill McKenna at (708) 358-5722.

1. Vendor Name: City Escape Garden & Design, LLC
2. Check here if your firm is:  
 MBE  
 WBE  
 DBE  
 Non-MBE/WBE

*\*Note if your firm is an M/WBE please fill out the attached affidavit (copies of all certification letters must be included)*

3. What is the size of the firm's current stable work force?  
51 Number of full-time employees  
5 Number of part-time employees

4. Similar information will be requested of all subcontractors working on their contract. Forms will be furnished to the low responsible bidder or contractor with the notice of contract award, and these forms must be completed and submitted to the Village before the execution of the contract by the Village.

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VII (Continued)  
**VILLAGE OF OAK PARK**  
**EEO REPORT**

Vendor Name City Escape Garden Design, LLC  
 Total Employees

Job Categories	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	Males				Females				Total Minorities
				Black	Hispanic	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	
Officials & Managers	6	3	3									0
Professionals												
Technicians												
Sales Workers	9											
Office & Clerical	1		1									
Semi-Skilled												
Laborers	40											40
Service Workers												
TOTAL												
Management Trainees												
Apprentices												

This completed and notarized report must accompany your bid. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your bid will be disqualify you from consideration.

An EEO-1 Report may be submitted in lieu of this report.

CONNIE RIVERA (Name of Person Making Affidavit), being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the MANAGING MEMBER (Title or Officer) of CITY ESCAPE GARDEN & DESIGN LLC and that the above EEO Report information is true and accurate and is submitted with the intent that it be relied upon. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2021.

Connie Rivera  
 (Signature)

2-10-21  
 (Date)



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## Participation Statement

### (1) Instructions

Refer to: Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation Program Vendor Handbook.

**Submit: Schedule C and Schedule D with Bid Documents, see pages 23-26 of the Vendor Handbook).**

SCHEDULE C:

**VILLAGE OF OAK PARK LETTER OF INTENT FROM MBE /WBE  
TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER AND/OR CONSULTANT**

M/WBE Firm: City Escape Garden & Design Contract #: Project # 21-5

Address: 3022 W. Lake St. City/State/Zip: Chicago, IL 60612

Contact Person: Connie Rivera Phone: 773.638.2000 Fax: 773.638.2002

Certification Expiration Date: 12.16.2023 Race/Gender: White / Female

Will the M/WBE firm be subcontracting any of the performance of this contract to another firm?

No [ ] Yes – Please attach explanation.

Proposed Subcontractor:

The undersigned M/WBE is prepared to provide the following Commodities and or Services for the above named Project/Contract:

Prime Contractor

Indicate the **Total Dollar Amount**, the **Percentage**, and the **Terms of Payment** for the above-described Commodities/Services:

73,290.60 100% 30 days terms of payment

(If more space is needed to fully describe the M/WBE Firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets.)

Prime Bidder/Proposer declares and affirms that the facts and representations set forth herein are true and correct and no material facts have been omitted.

Connie Rivera

Signature (M/WBE)

Connie Rivera

Print Name

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC

Firm Name

2.10.2021

Date

Connie Rivera

Signature (Prime Bidder/Proposer)

Connie Rivera

Print Name

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC

Firm Name

2.10.2021

Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this

10<sup>th</sup> day of

Feb

, 2021,

  
Anemarie Aiello  
Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires on

11-3-22



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**SCHEDULE D:**  
**VILLAGE OF OAK PARK**  
**M/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT**

Contract #: Project # 21-5 Contract Value: \$ 73,290.60

Contact Person: Connie Rivera Phone: 773-638-2000 Fax: 773-638-2002

Description of Commodities/Services to be provided by the Bidder/Proposer on this Contract:  
All necessary work - operating as prime contractor

Any questions regarding compliance with these requirements should be directed to:

Finance Department  
The Village of Oak Park, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302  
PHONE: 708.358.5460, FAX: 708.358.5105.

I, Connie Rivera (print name) hereby agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions to submit, as part of this bid/proposal, a detailed M/WBE Participation Plan with and at the time and place of the submissions of this bid/proposal; that the M/WBE Participation Plan is an element of bidder/proposer responsiveness and responsibility; and are incorporated as part of the contract; that heirs, executors, and administrators or assigns and any other persons or entities claiming by or through the bidder/proposer including but not limited to insurance companies, bonding companies, or sureties are bound by this agreement; and do declare and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the facts and representations set forth in this M/WBE Participation Affidavit are true and correct, and that no material facts have been omitted.

Connie Rivera  
Signed  
City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
Firm Name (Print)  
773-638-2000      773-638-2002  
Phone                      Fax

Connie Rivera, Managing Member  
Name and Title (Print)  
3022 W. Lake St.  
Firm Address (Print)  
Chicago, IL 60612  
City/State/Zip

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2021,

Amelia Mello  
Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)



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**SCHEDULE D:**  
**M/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT**

M/WBE firms may participate in the performance of this contract, either DIRECTLY or INDIRECTLY, as:

Prime Bidders/Proposers; Joint Venture Partners; Subcontractors; and/or Suppliers.

Name of M/WBE Firm: <i>City Escape Garden</i>		Race / Gender: <i>White / Female</i>
Address: <i>3022 W. Lake St. &amp; Design, LLC</i>		
City/State/Zip: <i>Chicago, IL 60612</i>		
Telephone No.: <i>773.638.2000</i>		Fax: <i>773.638.2002</i>
Contact Person: <i>Connie Rivera</i>		
Dollar Amount: \$ <i>73,290.60</i>	% <i>100</i>	Schedule C attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of Commodity/Service:  <i>Directly as Prime Bidder/Proposer</i>		

Name of M/WBE Firm:	Race / Gender:	
Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Telephone No.:	Fax:	
Contact Person:		
Dollar Amount: \$	%	Schedule C attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Description of Commodity/Service:		

Name of M/WBE Firm:	Race / Gender:	
Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Telephone No.:	Fax:	
Contact Person:		
Dollar Amount: \$	%	Schedule C attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Description of Commodity/Service:		

Total MBE \$		%
Total WBE \$	<i>73,290.60</i>	%
Grand Total MBE \$		%
Grand Total WBE \$	<i>73,290.60</i>	%

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The undersigned affirms that the foregoing statements are true and correct and include all material information necessary to identify and explain the terms and operations of our joint venture and the intended participation of each partner in the undertaking. Further, the undersigned covenants and agrees to provide to the Village of Oak Park current, complete and accurate information regarding actual joint venture work and the payment therefore, and any proposed changes in any provision of the joint venture agreement, and to permit the audit and examination of the books, records and files of the joint venture, or those of each partner relevant to the joint venture by authorized representatives of the Village of Oak Park.

Any material misrepresentation will be grounds for terminating any contract which may be awarded and for initiating action under federal and state laws concerning false statements.

Note: If after filing this Schedule B and before the completion of the joint venture's work on the project, there is any change in the information submitted, the joint venture must submit a revised version of this document to the Village of Oak Park either directly, or through the prime contractor if the joint venture is a subcontractor.

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
Name of MBE/WBE Partner Firm Connie Rivera Name of non-MBE/WBE Partner Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant Connie Rivera, Managing Member Signature of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Affiant Connie Rivera, Managing Member Name and Title of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_  
2/10/2021 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the above signed  
officers \_\_\_\_\_  
(names of affiants)

personally appeared and, known to me are the persons described in the foregoing Affidavit, acknowledged that they executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Connie Rivera  
Signature of Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
Commission Expires: 11-3-2022  


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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE  
WITH MULTI-PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (MPLA)**

I/WE City Escape Garden & Design, LLC, hereby acknowledge that I/WE  
(Name of company)

have read the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Multi-Project Labor Agreement. I/WE and all my/our subcontractors certify that we are in compliance with the Agreement in that I/WE and all my/our subcontractors have agreed to be bound by and operate under a current collective bargaining agreement with a union or labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department and the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, or their affiliates which have jurisdiction over the work to be performed pursuant to this Contract, (hereafter referred to as a "participating trade group").

State the name of the participating trade group(s) that your firm is currently signatory with in order to comply with the MPLA: (e.g.: Operating Engineers 150).

(Identify all such participating unions or labor organizations. Attach a separate sheet if necessary);  
City Escape

**If your firm is not currently signatory with a participating union or labor organization, complete the following:**

City Escape does not

I intend to comply with the MPLA by

Entering into a collective bargaining agreement with the following participating trade group(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Identify all such participating unions or labor organizations. Attach a separate sheet if necessary);

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
Name of Company or Corporation

By: Connie Rinere  
Signature of Authorized Officer

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised April 2018

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**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**February 5, 2021**

**OAK PARK PUBLIC WORKS RAIN GARDEN**

**PROJECT NO. 21-5**

**VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

**201 SOUTH BLVD**

**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**PROPOSAL DUE DATE: 11:00 AM, February 11, 2021**

This addendum forms a part of the Contract Documents and amends the original documents and the Plans and Special Provisions. Where any part of the contract documents is amended, the unaltered provisions are to remain in effect.

**This is the only notice you receive, with no follow up by mail. Confirmation of this addendum will be verified on QuestCDN at time of submittal.**

- 1. Contractors are *NOT* required to be prequalified by IDOT for this project**
- 2. All proposals shall be submitted electronically through QuestCDN online service. Do not deliver any paper copies of proposals**
- 3. Special Provisions General Requirement #5. Insurance requirement amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the overstricken language to reduce the coverage limits from \$5,000,000 to \$2,000,000 as follows:**
  - a. The Contractor shall name the Village of Oak as additionally insured under the Contractor's general liability insurance policy in accordance with Article 107.27. Insurance coverage or the limits of liability specified in Article 107.27(d) Umbrella Liability shall be revised according to the limits specified.**
    - i. (1) Each Occurrence Limit \$5,000,000 ~~\$2,000,000~~**
    - ii. (2) Aggregate Limit \$5,000,000 ~~\$2,000,000~~**

The bid date has not changed. Bid date is February 11, 2021 at 11am.

This addendum needs to be signed and included with your bid when uploading to QuestCDN. Failure to properly acknowledge this addendum as noted above may result in disqualification of the associated bid.

End of Addendum No. 1

I acknowledge the receipt of Addendum No. 1 for the referenced project:

Signed: Connie Rivera  
Name Connie Rivera

Name of Company City Escape Garden & Design, LLC



CITY-C1

OP ID: CB

## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
03/27/2020

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERs NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Oaklane Insurance Agency 333 Highway 83 Suite 200 Mundelein, IL 60060 John Brandl	847-393-7922	CONTACT John Brandl NAME: PHONE 847-393-7922 (A/C, No, Ext): E-MAIL ADDRESS:	FAX 847-393-7798 (A/C, No):
		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Cincinnati Insurance Company	NAIC # 10677
		INSURER B:	
		INSURER C:	
		INSURER D:	
		INSURER E:	
		INSURER F:	

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY			ENP0380161	04/01/2020	04/01/2021	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000,000
	CLAIMS-MADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR					DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$ 500,000
	E & O						MED EXP (Any one person)	\$ 10,000
	Pollution						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 1,000,000
GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000,000	
POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$ 2,000,000	
OTHER:						Pollution	\$ 100,000	
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY			EBA0380161	04/01/2020	04/01/2021	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$ 1,000,000
	ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS					BODILY INJURY (Per person)	\$
	Hired AUTOS ONLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY					BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$
	EXCESS LIAB						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$
A	UMBRELLA LIAB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR		ENP0380161	04/01/2020	04/01/2021	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 5,000,000
	EXCESS LIAB		CLAIMS-MADE				AGGREGATE	\$ 5,000,000
	DED		RETENTION \$					\$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY							
ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y/N		N/A	EWC0573128	04/01/2020	04/01/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE	OTH-ER
If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below							E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$ 500,000
							E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	\$ 500,000
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ 500,000
A	Property Section			ENP0380161	04/01/2020	04/01/2021	BLDG	2,040,567
							BPP	530,450

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, ITS OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ADDITIONAL INSURED IN REGARD TO GENERAL LIABILITY AND AUTO LIABILITY AS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

VILLOOK  Village of Oak Park 123 Madison St Oak Park, IL 60302	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

CITY OF CHICAGO

JAN 23 2019

Connie L. Rivera  
**City Escape Garden & Design, LLC**  
3022 W. Lake Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Dear Ms. Rivera:

We are pleased to inform you that **City Escape Garden & Design, LLC** is recertified as a **Woman-Owned Business Enterprise** ("WBE") by the City of Chicago ("City"). This **WBE** certification is valid until **12/16/2023**; however, your firm's certification must be revalidated annually. In the past the City has provided you with an annual letter confirming your certification; such letters will no longer be issued. Therefore, we require you to be even more diligent in filing your **annual No-Change Affidavit 60 days** before your annual anniversary date.

It is now your responsibility to check the City's certification directory and verify your certification status. As a condition of continued certification during the five year period stated above, you must file an annual No-Change Affidavit. Your firm's **annual No-Change Affidavit** is due by **12/15/2019, 12/15/2020, 12/15/2021, and 12/15/2022**. Please remember, you have an affirmative duty to file your **No-Change Affidavit 60 days** prior to the date of expiration. Failure to file your annual No-Change Affidavit may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification.

Your firm's five year certification will expire on **12/15/2023**. You have an affirmative duty to file for recertification **60 days** prior to the date of the five year anniversary date. Therefore, you must file for recertification by **10/15/2023**.

It is important to note that you also have an ongoing affirmative duty to notify the City of any changes in ownership or control of your firm, or any other fact affecting your firm's eligibility for certification **within 10 days** of such change. These changes may include but are not limited to a change of address, change of business structure, change in ownership or ownership structure, change of business operations, gross receipts and or personal net worth that exceed the program threshold. Failure to provide the City with timely notice of such changes may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification. In addition, you may be liable for civil penalties under Chapter 1-22, "False Claims", of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

Please note – you shall be deemed to have had your certification lapse and will be ineligible to participate as a **WBE** if you fail to:

- File your annual No-Change Affidavit within the required time period;
- Provide financial or other records requested pursuant to an audit within the required time period;

cc  
JP

- Notify the City of any changes affecting your firm's certification **within 10 days of such change; or**
- File your recertification within the required time period.

Please be reminded of your contractual obligation to cooperate with the City with respect to any reviews, audits or investigation of its contracts and affirmative action programs. We strongly encourage you to assist us in maintaining the integrity of our programs by reporting instances or suspicions of fraud or abuse to the **City's Inspector General at [chicagoinspectorgeneral.org](http://chicagoinspectorgeneral.org), or 866-IG-TIPLINE (866-448-4754)**.

Be advised that if you or your firm is found to be involved in certification, bidding and/or contractual fraud or abuse, the City will pursue decertification and debarment. In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, any person who knowingly obtains, or knowingly assists another in obtaining a contract with the City by falsely representing the individual or entity, or the individual or entity assisted is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000 or both.

Your firm's name will be listed in the City's Directory of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises in the specialty area(s) of:

**NAICS Codes:**

**424930 – Flower, Nursery Stock, and Florists' Supplies Merchant Wholesalers**

**444220 – Garden Centers**

**541320 – Landscape Architectural Services**

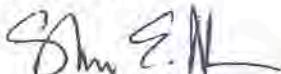
**561730 – Landscaping Services (except planning)**

**561790 – Snow Plowing Driveways and Parking Lot**

Your firm's participation on City contracts will be credited only toward **WBE** goals in your area(s) of specialty. While your participation on City contracts is not limited to your area of specialty, credit toward goals will be given only for work that is self-performed and providing a commercially useful function that is done in the approved specialty category.

Thank you for your interest in the City's Minority, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise and Business Enterprise Owned or Operated by People with Disabilities (MBE/WBE/VBE/BEPD) Program.

Sincerely,



Shannon E. Andrews   
Chief Procurement Officer

SEA/vlw



CITY OF CHICAGO

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DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

NOV. 10 2020

Connie L. Rivera  
City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
3022 W. Lake St.  
Chicago, IL 60012-1828

Dear Ms. Rivera:

The City of Chicago has reviewed your annual *No Change Affidavit* and supporting documentation and is pleased to inform you that your firm, **City Escape Garden & Design, LLC**, continues to meet the **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE")** certification program eligibility standards set forth in 49 CFR Part 26. Your next No Change Affidavit is due November 30, 2021.

This certification allows your firm to participate as a DBE in the Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP). The participating agencies include the City of Chicago, Illinois Department of Transportation, the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace.

If there is any change in circumstances during the course of your certification period that affect your ability to meet size, disadvantaged status, ownership, or control requirements or any material change in the information provided in your initial application, you must provide written notification to this agency within **thirty (30) days** of the occurrence of the change. Failure to provide this information is a ground for denial of certification based on failure to cooperate pursuant to 49 CFR 26.109(c).

Your firm's name will appear in the IL UCP DBE Directory under the following category name(s):

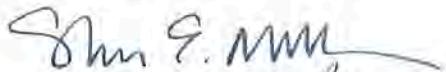
**NAICS Codes:**

**424930- Flower Nursery Stock and Florists' Supplies, Merchant Wholesalers**  
**444220- Garden Centers**  
**541320- Landscape Architectural Services**  
**561730- Landscape Services (Except Planning)**  
**561790- Snow Plowing Driveways and Parking Lots (Not Combined With Any Other Services)**

The Directory is used by prime contractors/consultants, as well as other agencies, to solicit participation of DBE firms. The Directory can be accessed on the Internet at <https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/UCP/ExternalSearch>.

Your participation on contracts will only be credited toward **DBE** contract goals when you perform in your firm's approved area(s) of specialty. Credit for participation in an area outside your specialty requires prior approval (verification of resources, expertise, and corresponding support documentation, etc.).

Sincerely,



Shannon E. Andrews  
Chief Procurement Officer

SEA/fn



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*Jameelah Curry*

Public Work's Rain Garden 2021 (#7499464)

02/11/2021 11:00 AM CST

**Owner:** Oak Park IL, Village of

**Solicitor: Oak Park IL, Village of**

Show Evaluation Options

**Sections shown in this color are not included in the Base Bid Total - *Mandatory* completion**

Sections shown in this color are not included in the Base Bid Total - *Optional* completion

Sections shown in this color are fixed and cannot be edited by the bidder

					City Escape		Nettle Creek Nursery Inc		Misfits Construction Company	
					ONLINE	Docs	ONLINE	Docs	ONLINE	Docs
					Accepted		Accepted		Accepted	
Line Item	Item Code	Item Description	UofM	Quantity	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension

**Base Bid Total:** **\$73,290.60** **\$106,000.00** **\$141,600.00**

## Post Prelim Bid Tabs

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**Village of Oak Park, IL  
Proposal Bid Bond**

WE City Escape Garden & Design, LLC - 3022 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60612  
as PRINCIPAL, and Selective Insurance Company of America

40 Wantage Avenue, Branchville, NJ 07890 as SURETY,

are held and firmly bound unto the Village of Oak Park, IL (hereafter referred to as "VOP") in the penal sum of 5% of the total bid price, or for the amount specified in Article 102.09 of the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" in effect on the date of invitation for bids. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly to pay to the VOP this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the said PRINCIPAL is submitting a written proposal to the VOP acting through its awarding authority for the construction of the work designated as the above section.

THEREFORE if the proposal is accepted and a contract awarded to the PRINCIPAL by the VOP for the above-designated section and the PRINCIPAL shall within fifteen (15) days after award enter into a formal contract, furnish surety guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work, and furnish evidence of the required insurance coverage, all as provided in the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" and applicable Supplemental Specifications, then this obligation shall become void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN THE EVENT the VOP determines the PRINCIPAL has failed to enter into a formal contract in compliance with any requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, then the VOP acting through its awarding authority shall immediately be entitled to recover the full penal sum set out above, together with all court costs, all attorney fees, and any other expense of recovery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective officers this

11th day of February A.D. 20 21

PRINCIPAL

City Escape Garden & Design, LLC  
(Company Name)

CITY ESCAPE GARDEN & DESIGN LLC

(Company Name)

By: Connie Rivera

By: Connie Rivera, Managing Member

(Signature & Title)

(Signature & Title)

(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names, and authorized signatures of each contractor must be affixed.)

SURETY

Selective Insurance Company of America  
(Name of Surety)

(Signature of Attorney-in-Fact) Jason A. Braatz, Attorney-in-Fact

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
COUNTY OF Waukesha

I, Melissa Babiak, a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify  
that Connie Rivera and Jason A. Braatz

(Insert names of individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL & SURETY.)

who are each personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL and SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that they signed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

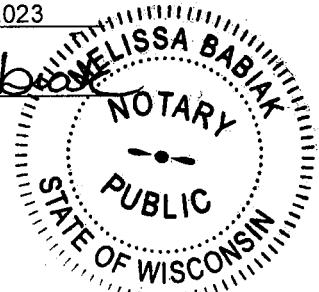
Given under my hand and notary seal this 11th day of February A.D. 20 21

My commission expires May 31, 2023

NOTICE

1. Improper execution of this form (i.e. missing signatures or seals or incomplete certification) will result in bid being declared irregular.
2. If bid bond is used in lieu of proposal guaranty check, it must be on this form and must be submitted with bid.

Melissa Babiak  
Notary Public





Selective Insurance Company of America  
40 Wantage Avenue  
Branchville, New Jersey 07890  
973-948-3000

Bond No. B 1241440

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

**SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**, a New Jersey corporation having its principal office at 40 Wantage Avenue, in Branchville, State of New Jersey ("SICA"), pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of its By-Laws, which state in pertinent part:

The Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Corporate Secretary may, from time to time, appoint attorneys in fact, and agents to act for and on behalf of the Corporation and they may give such appointee such authority, as his/her certificate of authority may prescribe, to sign with the Corporation's name and seal with the Corporation's seal, bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking, and any of said Officers may, at any time, remove any such appointee and revoke the power and authority given him/her.

does hereby appoint **Jason A Braatz**

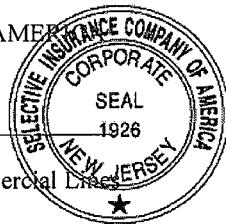
, its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, full authority to execute on SICA's behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued by SICA in the course of its business, and to bind SICA thereby as fully as if such instruments had been duly executed by SICA's regularly elected officers at its principal office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding the sum of: \$3,000,000.00

Signed this 11th day of February, 2021

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By:

Brian C. Sarisky  
Its SVP, Strategic Business Units, Commercial Lines



STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

:ss. Branchville

COUNTY OF SUSSEX :

On this 11th day of February, 2021 before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Brian C. Sarisky, who acknowledged himself to be the Sr. Vice President of SICA, and that he, as such Sr. Vice President, being authorized to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as Sr. Vice President and that the same was his free act and deed and the free act and deed of SICA. B1241440

Charlene Kimble  
Notary Public of New Jersey  
My Commission Expires 6/2/2021

Charlene Kimble  
Notary Public



The power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of SICA at a meeting duly called and held on the 6th of February 1987, to wit:

"RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Selective Insurance Company of America authorizes and approves the use of a facsimile corporate seal, facsimile signatures of corporate officers and notarial acknowledgements thereof on powers of attorney for the execution of bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking."

### CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify as SICA's Corporate Secretary that the foregoing extract of SICA's By-Laws and Resolution are in full force and effect and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant to and in accordance with the By-Laws is valid.

Signed this 11th day of February, 2021.

Michael H. Lanza, SICA Corporate Secretary



Important Notice: If the bond number embedded within the Notary Seal does not match the number in the upper right-hand corner of this Power of Attorney, contact us at 973-948-3000.

B91 (4-14)