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July 5, 2023

Ava V. opra+request-46819-de4b96xx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

Re: OPRA Request No. 10335, "Landscape Maintenance at Cedar Grove"

Dear Ms. Ava,

The OPRA Office of Essex County received your Open Public Records Act (hereafter "OPRA") request on June 22, 2023. The official Custodian of Records, George Seylaz, received your OPRA request on June 22, 2023 and therefore, the deadline for the County's response to your request concludes on July 3, 2023. Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

"This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (Bid Tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for Landscape Maintenance at Cedar Grove Park that was submitted on 10/29/20.

Below is an example of the format we are looking for that the engineer usually creates at the completion of the bid:

BIDDER 1 BIDDER 2	
Item	Description QNT UNIT AMOUNT UNIT AMOUNT

Please send all documents electronically.

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Thanks,
PPA”

The Dept of Purchasing has produced ten (10) pages of records which are responsive to your request and same are enclosed with this response letter. These records are being provided to you in their properly redacted form, the legal justifications for which are set forth below. Additionally, the Dept of Purchasing indicates that there is no bid tally, including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for landscape maintenance at Cedar Grove Park that was submitted on 10/29/20. Bid tabulation only has been provided. It is well established that OPRA allows a custodian of records to either deny access to or redact that information which is exempt from access, under OPRA or any other law. Truland v. Borough of Madison, GRC Complaint No. 2006-88 (September 2007).

Additionally, OPRA places an express obligation on a public agency’s production and disclosure of documents and mandates that...

“A **public agency has a responsibility** and an **obligation to safeguard** from public access a citizen's **personal information** with which it has been **entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy.**”

N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, emphasis added.

You will notice that any home addresses and telephone numbers, and email addresses and Tax I.D. or Social Security numbers have been redacted from the records being provided to you. This information was entrusted to Essex County with the expectation that it remain confidential and the disclosure of same would violate reasonable expectations of privacy. Accordingly, same has been lawfully redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.

As all responsive records are provided with this letter, OPRA Request No. 10335 is now considered closed.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the OPRA Office of Essex County to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at xxx@xxx.xxxxxx.xx.xx, or at the web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other

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questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Regards,

George Seylaz

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OPRA Custodian of Records

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FOR: Landscape Maintenance - Cedar Grove park

Bid File Number: 20-189

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BID#20-189 - PROPOSAL FORM AND PRICING WORKSHEET
PARK LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT CEDAR GROVE PARK

The undersigned has read and understands the scope of work and services specified herein and promises to provide such services and related products for the contract period of April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022 (eighteen (18) months of service) for the price listed below.

Please fill in the unit monthly cost as well as the eighteen (18) month cost for providing Landscaping Maintenance Services at Cedar Grove Park as described in these bid specifications.

Unit cost per month: \$ 7,500.00

18-month Cost: \$ 131,400.00

VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME Charles Maynard Landscaping and Construction

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 10/27/20

PRINT NAME Charles Maynard TITLE OWNER

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TAX I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE [REDACTED] FAX [REDACTED]

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Unit cost per month: \$ 123,000

18-month Cost: \$ 6,833.33

VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME Green Valley Landscape Design and Maintenance LLC

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Patrick McKenna DATE 10/14/2020

PRINT NAME Patrick McKenna TITLE Owner

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX NUMBER: —

TAX I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE [REDACTED] FAX —

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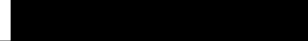
Unit cost per month: \$ 7065. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

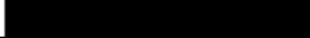
18-month Cost: \$ 127,170. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

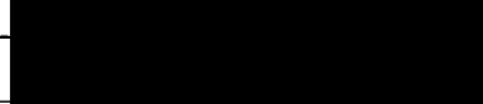
VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME Custom Care Services Inc.

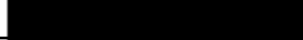
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE  DATE 10/25/20

PRINT NAME Stephen M. Weinstein TITLE President

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  FAX NUMBER: 

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Unit cost per month: \$ 7,700.00

18-month Cost: \$ 138,600.00

VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME LTI, INC
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Fred Paradise DATE 10/19/20
PRINT NAME FRED PARADISE TITLE President
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX NUMBER [REDACTED]
TAX I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
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Unit cost per month: \$ 8300 —

18-month Cost: \$ 149,400 —

VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME Donofrio & Son Inc

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 10/26/20

PRINT NAME Diane Donofrio TITLE PRES

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] FAX NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TAX I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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Unit cost per month: \$ 15,200

18-month Cost: \$ 273,600

VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME Faircut Services LLC

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 10/20/20

PRINT NAME Conner Evans TITLE Owner

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] FAX NUMBER: N/A

TAX I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [Redacted]

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Unit cost per month: \$ 6,722.22

18-month Cost: \$ \$121,000.00 - \$120,999.96
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VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME Shauger Property Services, Inc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Linda M. Spahle DATE 10/29/2020

PRINT NAME Linda M. Spahle TITLE Acting Secretary

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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Unit cost per month: \$ 7,222.23

18-month Cost: \$ 130,000.14

VENDOR'S COMPANY NAME LTNS General Contracting, LLC

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 10/21/2020

PRINT NAME Luis Morales TITLE Owner

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] FAX NUMBER: [Redacted]

TAX I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [Redacted]

ADDRESS: [Redacted]

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