

Request for Legislation

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into one or more requirement contracts for labor, materials and equipment necessary to perform tree trimming services for a period of two (2) years for the division of Cleveland Public Power.

Background/Purpose:

Cleveland Public Power is responsible for trimming or clearing of trees, brush, saplings and other vegetation in close proximity to energized distribution power lines located on public and/or private right-of-ways, along with initial clearing of vegetation as needed for extension of electric service.

Scope of Work/Commodities/Services:

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to trimming, re-clearing trees, brush, saplings, around energized distribution lines located in public and private rights of way. Generally such work includes:

- Cutting back tree branches and foliage from electrical lines.
- Maintaining clear right-of-ways on public and private properties.
- Removal of brush, trees, saplings and other vegetation in close proximity to energized distribution lines.
- Removal of shrubs and trees.

Justification/Urgency:

Tree trimming is essential to providing reliable electric service to Cleveland Public Power customers. Without timely trimming of trees, branches and limbs grow into or fall down on energized electric lines and cause outages for CPP customers. Without clearance of tree limbs, every time there is a storm or there are high winds, tree limbs above electric wires are subject to coming in contact with overhead electrical lines causing system outages or worse yet tree limbs falling, knocking energized lines to the ground and creating a safety hazard to CPP customers as well as to the citizens of Cleveland.

Anticipated Costs and funding source:

The estimated cost of the two year contract is \$850,000.00. The funding source is the CPP operating budget.

Schedule or Term of Contract:

Legislation is to lead to a requirement contract or contracts for the period of two (2) years.

Current Contract:

Vendor	Address	Services/Work performed (current contract)	Contract Info
Vancuren Services, Inc.	10555 Kinsman Road, PO Box 91, Newbury, Ohio 44065	Tree Trimming Services	Contract #: MA 2019-49 Awarded Amt: \$1,643,904.00 Expended to date: 581,541.00 Contract Exp Date: 7/22/21

CSB Participation on the Current Contracts:

Goals: 20%; Actual CSB Participation: 12.2% *See Below

Ullman Oil FBE \$200,000.00

If there is no CSB participation, explain why here:

*OEO determined that although VanCuren Services failed to meet the established goals set for this bid project; VanCuren did demonstrate a good faith effort to subcontract where possible and practical.

Previous Contract:

Vendor	Address	Services/Work performed (current contract)	Contract Info
Vancuren Services, Inc.	10555 Kinsman Road, PO Box 91, Newbury, Ohio 44065	Tree Trimming Services	Contract #: MA 2015-35 Awarded Amt: \$1,666,767.25 Expended Amt: \$1,251,170.63 Contract Exp Date: 3/26/19

CSB Participation on the Current Contracts:

Goals: 20%; Actual CSB Participation: 0% *See Below

The Markey Group CSB/FBE/LPE \$4,000.00

If there is no CSB participation, explain why here:

*OEO determined that the Markey Group was not serving a commercially useful function by providing uniforms for this contract as uniforms were not part of the specification for this bid project. However, VanCuren had documented their efforts in contacting other certified firms; therefore, OEO determined that VanCuren had demonstrated a good faith effort to meet the goal set for this project.