

THE SUPPLY OF SEASONAL BEDDING 2023 - GOSPORT

Gosport Borough Council invites quotations for the supply and delivery of seasonal bedding plants and hanging baskets for summer and winter/spring 2023.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The species and number plants, baskets and troughs are detailed in Appendix 1. – Summer 2023 Bill of Quantities and Appendix 2 – Spring 2023-24 Bill of Quantities spreadsheets with required delivery dates.

DELIVERY

The plants are to be delivered in bed order as specified by the client in Appendices 1 and 2 along with delivery dates per location on the Beds and Permanent Planters spreadsheet tabs.

Baskets and troughs are to be delivered at the same time as the plants required for permanent planters.

Delivery is to be made to the Council Depot Grange Farm, Little Woodham Lane Gosport PO13 8AB the location as shown on the plan below by the red spot.



PLANT SPECIFICATION.

The species, variety and colour of any plant to be supplied under this Contract must be strictly in accordance with the detailed Specification contained herein and must also comply with BS 3936-7 1989 Nursery stock, specification for Bedding Plants, or equivalent.

The species, variety and colour of all plants described in Appendix 1. – Summer 2023 Bill of Quantities and Appendix 2 – Spring 2023-24 Bill of Quantities are for guidance it is anticipated that suppliers will match the plant descriptions as closely as possible.

All plants must be true to type. Any plant found not to be so must be replaced at the Supplier's expense.

All plants must be vigorous, healthy and free from pests and/or disease. Plants must be materially undamaged, uniform in size and with a well-developed and undamaged root system. Any plant found not to be so must be replaced at the Supplier's expense.

Where appropriate, plants must be floriferous and/or of good foliage colour and must show no sign of forcing or stretching. Any plant found not to be so must be replaced at the Supplier's expense.

The Supplier must particularly note that many plants will be planted in seafront garden areas which are prone to severe sea borne wind conditions. As such all plants must be fully acclimatised and well hardened off for outside planting in open ground. Plants must be grown in well ventilated production areas, without heat for at least ten days prior to dispatch unless unseasonal weather conditions prevail. All plants must be properly watered prior to dispatch and protected from drying out due to exposure to the wind or sun.

All trays must be labelled the species and variety of each plant along with bed location and number.

All plants must be grown in a peat free compost.

All plants must be supplied in a similar size container indicated within the document and where possible must be composed of robust, reusable, easily recyclable or biodegradable materials.

All plants must be fit for the purpose for which they are intended i.e. for outside planting with a reasonable expectation that they will grow true to habit with minimum losses.

QUOTATION PROCESS

Please return quotes through the SEBP/Proactis, this must be your full and final price.

Quotes are to be returned by 12:00pm on 16th February 2023.

Clarifications:

Any questions relating to this ITQ must be raised only as a clarification via the messaging function on the Proactis portal <https://sebp.due-north.com/>

Suppliers may be required to clarify their submission. Requests for clarification will be issued via the messaging function on the Proactis portal. Suppliers are required to respond to requests for clarification as requested and, no later than within 3 working days.

Evaluation

This project will be awarded on best value price.

Award

The award decision will be notified via the Proactis portal after the deadline for responses has passed and quotes have been evaluated.

GBC reserve the right to decline to make an award for all or only part of the service requirements, or to abandon or cancel the procurement process. GBC will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred as a result of following this course of action.

Any costs incurred by the service provider in responding to this ITQ or in support of activities associated with the response to this ITQ are to be borne by the service provider and are not reimbursable by GBC.