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Dear City of Ann Arbor,

A. Professional Qualifications

PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC. is located at the above address in Westland, Michigan. The company operates as an LLC. and is compliant with all State regulations and tax filings. It was established in 2016 and is woman-owned by Laura Dobbs. It is certified through WBE-2301188 and WOSB-231199. Our sister company, PPM Landscape Contractors, INC., was established in 2000 by Bryan Dobbs. The operation of a landscape company and tree service provides a unique benefit to all of our customers as we are qualified to examine the forest and the landscape and work to preserve the mutualistic relationship that exists between them.

We offer many tree and landscape services that our local communities demand to help sustain natural and urban forests. Bryan Dobbs, Manager of Sales and Operations, is an ISA-certified arborist and ISA-certified municipal Arborist (MI-4139 AM). He is also Michigan Oak Wilt Certified- 060 and ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. In addition, he is in his senior year at Michigan State University, working part-time in the forestry program. He performs tree evaluations, structures the daily crews, and meets with city officials to organize and manage tree care projects for other municipalities. We have had great success with all of our municipalities in terms of completing tree projects timely and efficient.

We understand that being organized and responsive is a key element that municipalities require, and we believe those traits separate PPM from our competitors. PPM Tree Service has the latest professional equipment to do any job safely. We have three 70' bucket trucks purchased new from Altec in the last few years. We are the only tree company in southeastern Michigan to own and operate the BIK 126' knuckle-boom crane truck. Using a grapple saw to prune the limbs; this unit can safely remove the most hazardous trees. We are equipped with much more to remove the toughest of trees efficiently. Tree pruning and safety are important to PPM, and our staff abides by all ISA standards and follows the Michigan OSHA and ANSI standards and recommendations. Other personnel that are key to the success of completing tree pruning and removal for The City of Ann Arbor include:



Steve Saylor is our Senior Sales Representative and Project Manager. He has been with PPM Tree Service, LLC. for the last eight years and worked for PPM Landscape Contractors, INC. for many years prior. Steve helps organize the crews, cover the scope of work, and follow up with post-site inspections for quality control.

Davis Snyder is one of our ISA Certified Arborists and bucket truck operators who will play an important role in managing daily pruning activities. He will direct a 5- to 6-man crew to meet daily goals effectively.

Steve Dickerson is a PPM tree pruner and part of our sales team. He will be onsite, providing his skills as needed to help manage the daily activities safely and efficiently.

We work very hard to keep the details at the forefront of every project. We value all of our relationships and believe that we are as good as our last completed project. Each project is an opportunity to prove our reliability and quality of work.

B. Past Involvement with Similar Projects

We have attached a list of references that includes all current municipalities to which PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC. has provided project service. These projects include removing large easement trees for the City of Westland for the last five years. We have also helped maintain infrastructure during storms and other emergency-related service demands. We have cleared and pruned trees within a forest to help create a dog park in 2023. We cleared a multi-acre land project for them in 2018, consisting of large tree removal and stump/ root grinding. There are many other tree projects that PPM has completed for the city over the years.

In 2023, PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC. was contracted by Ypsilanti Township to remove tree debris throughout most of the city after a major ice storm and later after a tornado that touched down. We provided cleanup crews for more than a month to help get the township residents back to normal function. We have provided tree service to the city as an on-call service.

PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC., recently completed its second large tree project for Canton Township and has served as an on-call service provider for the last two years.

PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC., has been a subcontractor for B&M Ashman as its primary tree pruner for Comcast service lines for the last six years. We provide emergency service line pruning along with routine vegetation management.

PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC., has provided all types of tree removal and pruning services for the Washtenaw County Water Department for the last four years. We serve as an on-call tree emergency vendor in addition to routine tree removal, land clearing near watersheds, and routine tree maintenance.



In 2023, PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC., secured a tree contract with the City of Romulus as their tree contract vendor. We have helped with emergency tree removal and scheduled removal of easement trees.

In 2023, PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC., Completed a tree project for Van Buren Township. It was a two-week project removing easement trees and grinding stumps/roots. We serve as an on-call tree service provider.

C. Proposal Work Plan

We plan to implement the RFP work plans for this contract as we coordinate other municipality work plans. The planning begins in our office, where key staff members manage the project. We look at the project and then schedule crews to meet contract deadlines. We plan for a systematic approach that can be monitored qualitatively and quantitatively. Tree services provided will be inspected by the onsite crew leader and our post-site managers for quality of work and cleanup. Once work has been completed and confirmed internally, we will report to our city contact every week or the recommended reporting timeframe. We understand that incidents can occasionally occur, and those will be reported to our city contact immediately. We believe communication is key to obtaining a successful outcome. We provide cell phone numbers and direct emails to communicate effectively anytime or at night. Storms and emergencies can occur on weekends, holidays, and in the middle of the night; we do our best to respond to all situations to the best of our ability.

We have had great success partnering with all of our local municipalities to provide them with superior service. Our goal is to build a lasting relationship that will continue for many years.