

SECTION 1.3

PROPOSAL

1.3.01 THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL IS HEREBY MADE TO:

**THE CITY OF MASON
6000 MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD
MASON, OH 45040**

1.3.02 STIPULATED AMOUNT: The Undersigned hereby proposes and agrees to furnish all the necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools and services necessary for the **City-Wide Landscaping and Irrigation** project for the City of Mason, Ohio, in accordance with the Specifications, and Contract Documents as prepared by the City of Mason Public Works Department and in accordance with the unit prices bid in the Proposal.

1.3.03 ADDENDA: The Undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum Number

Dated

ADDENDUM # 1

MARCH 14, 2005

1.3.04 KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The undersigned has examined the site of the proposed work, the Specifications and other Contract Documents and understands the conditions of the work to be performed.

1.3.05 CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: The Undersigned hereby acknowledges the time to complete the Contract and the subsequent damages thereof in accordance with Section 1.2, Article 1.2.12 and 1.2.13 of these Contract Documents. The Undersigned agrees to substantially complete the work by December 30, 2006.

1.3.06 COMPLIANCE OF THE CONTRACTOR: The Undersigned hereby agrees that he will comply with all the State Statutes relating to the liability insurance, working hours, state worker's compensation insurance, OSHA safety regulations, minimum wages, and sanitary regulations which in any way may affect those engaged or employed for the work of the Project.

1.3.07 PROPOSAL GUARANTY AND CONTRACT BOND: The Undersigned has submitted a Proposal Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 1.2, Article 1.2.09 of these Contract Documents.

1.3.08 EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: Within ten (10) days from the official **NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT**, the Undersigned agrees to execute the form of Agreement, included as one of the Contract Documents, in accordance with the Contract Documents.

1.3.09 OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Undersigned understands that the Owner reserves the right to award or reject a Proposal in accordance with Section 1.2, Article 1.2.01, Sub-Paragraph i.

1.3.10 PROPOSAL: As attached hereto: Sheet 1

1.3.11 THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IS HEREBY RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

GROUND MASTERS, INC.
CONTRACTOR

Gary J. Kuyh BY Vic Presala TITLE

131 COMMERCE BLVD.
BUSINESS ADDRESS

LOVELAND CITY OH STATE 4540 ZIP CODE

3/17/05
DATE

STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

(To be submitted by the Bidder to the City Public Works Director).

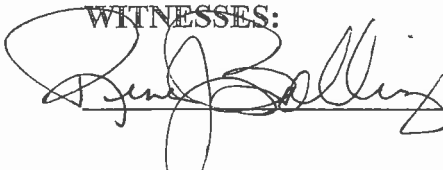
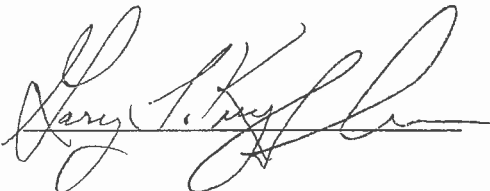
All questions must be answered and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. Questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit additional information if he so desires.

1. Name of Bidder: GROUNDMASTERS, INC.
2. Permanent main office address: 131 COMMERCE BLD., LOVELAND, OH 45140
3. When Organized? JULY 1980
4. If a corporation, where incorporated? STATE OF OHIO
5. How many years have you been engaged in construction work under your present firm name or trade style? 25 YEARS
6. List the contracts you currently have on hand: (Schedule these, showing gross amount of each contract and the anticipated dates of completion).
We currently have over 700 contracts in effect totaling gross amounts in excess of \$18,000,000.00. These contracts are available for review at our corporate office upon request.
7. List the general character of work performed by you in the past.
See Attached Capability Statement
8. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? If so, where and why?
No
9. Have you ever defaulted on a contract? If so, where and why?
No
10. List the more important contracts recently completed by you, stating approximate cost of each, and the month and year completed.
SEE ATTACHED LISTING
11. List your major equipment owned and available for this project.
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE
12. List recent experience in work of a nature similar to this project.
STREETS OF WEST CHESTER
13. List all full-time and part-time employees you currently have on staff. Estimate the amount of additional employees you will be required to hire in order to complete this project.
ATTACHED LISTING OF EMPLOYEES - NO ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES WOULD NEED TO BE HIRED. SEE ATTACHED CORPORATE AND BRANCH STRUCTURE.

14. List all sub-contractors you intend to utilize on this project. List the percentage (by cost) of work you intend to sub-contract on this project. List all relevant projects in which you have managed a similar percentage of sub-contractors. **NONE WILL BE USED**
15. List background and experience of the principal members of your organization, including the officers. **ATTACHED**
16. Give bank reference(s). **KEY BANK, 525 VINE ST., CINCINNATI, OH 45202, DAVID BRIGGS**
17. Please furnish financial statement. **ATTACHED**
18. The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information requested by the City in verification of recitals comprising this statement of Bidder's Qualifications.

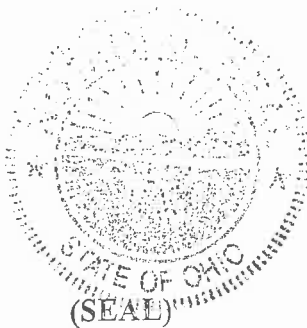
I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing statements attached hereto including any supplemental data, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

WITNESSES:

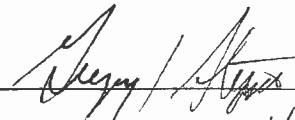
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STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
 COUNTY OF Hamilton)

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence the 17 day of March, 2005.



GREGORY J. STEPPE
 Notary Public
 in and for the State of Ohio
 My Commission Expires
 Feb 27, 2008

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 NOTARY PUBLIC, Hamilton County
 My Commission Expires: 2/27/08



GroundMasters

Landscaping Your Image.

Capability Statement

GroundMasters, Inc. has provided landscape & grounds services for the Commercial Real Estate market for over 25 years. Owned and operated by local residents of Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Florence, Lebanon, and Louisville, we are ready to assist in any of your grounds & landscape needs.

Our team of professionals takes pride in recognizing a client's individual needs and delivering the best service the market has to offer.

The enthusiasm, honesty and integrity of our management team & branch structure are the foundation of our success....all aimed at providing timely and open communication to service the client's needs. Our team members listen to customers to understand their situation & then present recommendations for service. Ultimately, this is a people business & we have attracted the best in the industry. Our success is a direct reflection of the people we work for....GroundMasters, Inc. client portfolio reads like the "Who's Who" in Commercial Real Estate.

GroundMasters, Inc. has service centers in Cincinnati (3), Columbus, Dayton, Florence, Lebanon and Louisville. These centrally located facilities enable us to provide cost effective, timely service for Building Owners and Managers having multiple properties spread over a 200 mile stretch, from Louisville, Kentucky to Columbus, Ohio (over 4000 square miles!). We are currently servicing approximately 70,000,000 square feet. This type of consistent, convenient service is what today's real estate market and tenants demand.

GroundMasters, Inc. offers comprehensive landscape and grounds services. No other company offers the kind of single-source accountability available....we guarantee it! Our services are designed and managed to deliver superior results through every season of the year.

GroundMasters, Inc. understands the importance of "Image" relative to "Real Estate". Our clients know that the work we do adds value, pride and a positive image to their property. We strive to find out what's important to the client and consistently provide it. Our client is the ultimate judge of what we do.



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The Mission Statement of GroundMasters, Inc.:

To be the best run commercial grounds care firm in our market with the ability to grow our business profitably through developing a highly motivated and trained staff that is ready to meet the needs of our most important asset....***Our Customer!***

The GroundMasters, Inc. Vision:

To be a distinguished national leader in the green industry; dominating our region from a strong corporate center and multiple branch locations; managed by an aggressive, unified and motivated leadership team. Our daily goals are to:

- **Delight our customers...**
- **Have fun and promote teamwork...**
- **Provide outstanding quality through training...**
- **Maintain control of costs...**
- **Be efficient & effective in everything we do
Operationally & administratively...**
- **Hold ourselves accountable and measure our
Performance...**
- **Communicate well with our employees, customers
And the community...**
- **Grow and develop our people.**

10. List the more important contracts recently completed by you, stating the approximate cost of each, and the month and year completed.

Turner Construction – The Drake Center – Landscape/Irrigation - \$103,000 – 12/2003

Miller Valentine – MOC 2 & MOC 3 – Landscape/Irrigation - \$95,000 – 11/2003

Hunt Construction – Iams Hayflick – Landscape/Irrigation - \$274,027 – 11/2004

Byrd Enterprises/Dayton National Cemetery – Landscape Maintenance - \$884,000 – 12/2004



GroundMasters, Inc.
 Custom Portrait
 Book

For the Period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Asset ID	Acquisition Date	Book Cost	Depreciation This Period	Ending Accum Depr	Asset Deletions	Additional First Year Depr
<i>Location: Blue Ash, OH</i>						
000002	Backhoe Snow Push #1 1/3/2000	4,025	232	4,025	0	0
000003	Backhoe Snow Push #2 1/3/2000	4,025	232	4,025	0	0
000031	Kubota Loader 1/4/1999	4,871	0	4,871	0	0
000037	Pressure Washer 2/8/1999	2,801	0	2,801	0	0
000038	1999 Ford Truck 2/15/1999	32,324	0	32,324	0	0
000043	300 Gal Skid Tank #2 1/6/2000	1,218	70	1,218	0	0
000044	Salt Spreader #3 2/15/1999	1,993	0	1,993	0	0
000045	Salt Spreader #4 2/15/1999	1,993	0	1,993	0	0
000046	550 Gal Skid Tank 1/6/2000	1,386	80	1,386	0	0
000050	Salt Spreader #5 2/15/1999	1,993	0	1,993	0	0
000070	Tanks 3/1/1992	963	0	963	0	0
000073	2000 Ford F350 #1 4/17/2000	28,486	1,641	28,486	0	0
000078	Trailer #1 4/25/2000	6,890	397	6,890	0	0
000096	Setup truck #40 3/17/1999	6,440	0	6,440	0	0
000098	10 Blowers 3/25/1996	3,400	0	3,400	0	0
000099	5 2-cycle Recyclers 3/14/1996	3,350	0	3,350	0	0
000101	Toro Multipro 5500 6/15/1996	29,786	0	29,786	0	0
000103	3 72" Toro G'Masters 6/15/1996	49,948	0	49,948	0	0
000109	Lazer Z Mower 6/1/2000	8,692	501	8,692	0	0
000113	00 Ford F450 #54 6/15/2000	35,688	2,056	35,688	0	0
000120	Exmark mower-Central 6/5/2000	8,692	501	8,692	0	0
000136	2000 Yukon (2-tone) 6/29/2000	42,575	2,452	42,575	0	0
000138	Western Snow Plow #2 7/1/2000	3,048	176	3,048	0	0
000139	2000 Ford F250 P-Up 8/7/2000	28,470	1,640	28,470	0	0
000147	Salt Pen 11/1/1988	1,602	0	1,602	0	0
000167	Truck setup - #58 9/1/2000	8,447	487	8,447	0	0
000180	Packaged Compressor 4/8/1997	1,974	0	1,974	0	0
000214	Truck setup-2 tons					

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000216	10/3/2000 Setup truck #61	4,229	244	4,229	0	0
000218	10/1/2000 00 Ford F350-#61	4,186	241	4,186	0	0
000225	10/1/2000 00 Ford F-750 #62	29,294	1,687	29,294	0	0
000322	11/21/2000 Pull Tarps	48,243	2,779	48,243	0	0
000326	3/31/1996 Snow Vehicle	1,528	0	1,528	0	0
000328	1/13/1997 1997 Ford F350-#26	2,963	0	2,963	0	0
000329	2/28/1997 1997 Ford F350-#29	27,553	0	27,553	0	0
000332	3/28/1997 1997 Ford Van	27,553	0	27,553	0	0
000333	6/6/1997 Equipment for #26 and 29	24,955	0	24,955	0	0
000354	3/28/1997 Pressure Washer	18,164	0	18,164	0	0
000355	2/18/1998 Cabinet-Brass parts	484	0	484	0	0
000371	2/20/1998 24' Kubota Trailer-#8	861	0	861	0	0
000373	8/6/1998 Trailer #25	3,700	0	3,700	0	0
000378	5/3/1999 1997 Kabota Tractor	3,275	0	3,275	0	0
000381	8/6/1998 1994 Pulverizer	20,000	0	20,000	0	0
000383	8/6/1998 Flower Racks-Trailer	700	0	700	0	0
000419	5/28/1999 Yamaha Generator	3,986	0	3,986	0	0
000420	8/6/1998 Wacker Compactor	800	0	800	0	0
000422	8/6/1998 1994 Toro 325D 72"	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
000428	8/6/1998 16 ft Trailer	7,000	0	7,000	0	0
000431	2/1/2000 95 Ford SD Dump #2	750	43	750	0	0
000442	4/30/1995 52" Scag #1	35,019	0	35,019	0	0
000443	3/25/1999 52" Scag #2	4,558	0	4,558	0	0
000445	3/25/1999 95 Ford SD Dump #4	4,558	0	4,558	0	0
000471	4/30/1995 18' Trailer	35,019	0	35,019	0	0
000477	1/1/1999 10' Trailer	1,020	0	1,020	0	0
000480	1/1/1999 2001 Ford F350 Truck - #64	510	0	510	0	0
000499	1/10/2001 Tiger Leaf Attach #1	29,294	3,225	28,890	0	0
000500	12/1/1998 Tiger Leaf Attach #2	2,173	0	2,173	0	0
	12/1/1998	2,173	0	2,173	0	0

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000503	Truck #49 Setup 8/1/1999	2,062	0	2,062	0	0
000535	Truck setup 7/8/1999	6,343	0	6,343	0	0
000563	84 Ford F600-#63 1/1/1999	8,747	0	8,747	0	0
000564	1999 Forklift 4/27/1999	19,400	0	19,400	0	0
000580	Truck setup - #62 1/1/2001	16,197	1,417	13,187	0	0
000610	Truck setup 1/16/2001	16,197	1,417	13,187	0	0
000670	Upgrade to Harley Rake equipment 3/1/2001	3,074	269	2,503	0	0
000760	John Deere 250 Skid Loader 4/9/2001	32,540	3,700	31,154	0	0
000770	John Deere 244 Wheel Loader 4/9/2001	60,529	6,882	57,951	0	0
000780	Turf Tracer 52 #3301 5/1/2001	6,095	693	5,835	0	0
000790	Turf Tracer 52 #3401 5/1/2001	6,095	693	5,835	0	0
000800	Turf Tracer 52 #3601 5/1/2001	6,095	693	5,835	0	0
000810	Turf Tracer 52 #3701 5/1/2001	6,095	693	5,835	0	0
000820	Exmark LZ 72 #2201 5/1/2001	9,010	1,024	8,626	0	0
000950	2001 Covered Trailer #37 7/18/2001	5,150	582	4,786	0	0
000960	2001 Covered Trailer #38 7/18/2001	5,150	582	4,786	0	0
000970	2001 Covered Trailer #39 7/18/2001	5,150	582	4,786	0	0
000980	2001 Covered Trailer #40 7/18/2001	5,150	582	4,786	0	0
001060	2001 Ford F550 (Truck #72) 11/6/2001	54,666	5,980	49,429	0	0
001070	2001 Exmark Turf Tracer 36" 11/1/2001	4,134	452	3,738	0	0
001250	2002 Toyota Tundra-#CP18 11/19/2001	29,225	3,197	26,425	0	0
001300	2002 Ford F250 Truck #73 2/4/2002	37,654	4,338	31,147	0	0
001350	36 inch Exmark 2/1/2002	4,134	476	3,420	0	0
001590	2002 48" walk behind #0002 4/1/2002	4,684	540	3,875	0	0
001600	2002 52" walk behind #0102 4/1/2002	5,474	631	4,528	0	0
001610	2002 52" walk behind #0202 4/1/2002	5,474	631	4,528	0	0
001620	2002 52" walk behind #0302 4/1/2002	5,474	631	4,528	0	0
001630	2002 52" walk behind #0402 4/1/2002	5,474	631	4,528	0	0
001640	2002 52" walk behind #0502 4/1/2002	5,474	631	4,528	0	0
001650	2002 52" walk behind #0602	5,474	631	4,528	0	0