



City of Aurora, IL
Purchasing
Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing
44 E Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60502

[SEMPER FI LANDSCAPING, INC.] RESPONSE DOCUMENT REPORT

ITB No. 25-232R

Mastodon Lake Shoreline Restoration - Rebid

RESPONSE DEADLINE: March 11, 2026 at 11:00 am

Report Generated: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. Response

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company:

Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.

Email:

julie@semperfi.land

Contact:

Juliet Quilt

Address:

10744 Route 47
Yorkville, IL 60560

Phone:

(630) 518-8484

Website:

N/A

Submission Date:

Mar 11, 2026 10:47 AM (Central Time)

ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

No addenda issued

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Bid Deposit*

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Bid Deposit MUST be uploaded electronically with submission through the City's E Procurement System, OpenGov. Upon notification from the City, Bidder's must deliver ORIGINAL Bid Deposit within three (3) business days.

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2. Resume of Ecologist*

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The successful bidder will have a qualified ecologist, who has knowledge in native prairie restoration, on staff as a direct employee. The ecologist must oversee all shoreline grading, stone installation, seeding, perennial and shrub planting and supervise the maintenance of the native vegetation for conformance with the contract documents and specifications for the full maintenance period.

Failure to provide required qualifications may result in disqualification of the bid at Owner's discretion.

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3. BEP Utilization Plan*

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Bidders must submit a BEP Utilization Plan with their bid. See Section 3.12 SP A.11 Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Participation Requirements.

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4. Contact Information*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [COA Contact Information.docx](#)

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5. References*

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Include Municipality, Address, Phone Number, Contact Person, Date of Project for each reference

Project: **Seavey Ditch & Lake Charles Restoration**

Client: Village of Vernon Hills

Client Address: 490 Greenleaf Dr., Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Contact: Christopher Venatta

Contact Phone: 847-367-3726

Project Completion Date: November 2025

Project: **Lake Opeka Shoreline Restoration**

Client : Des Plaines Park District, Des Plaines, IL

Client Address: 1015 Howard Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Contact: Paul Cathey

Contact Phone: 847-391-5088

Project Completion Date: November 2024

Project: **Sugar Creek Golf Course Creek Restoration Project**

Client: Elmhurst Park District

Client Address: 375 W. First Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126

Contact: Brian McDermott

Contact Phone: 630-993-8180

Projected Completion Date: May of 2023

Project: **Buffalo Creek Wetland Mitigation Project**

Client: Lake County Division of Transportation

Client Address: 600 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048

Contact: Jeff Dayson

Contact Phone: 847-377-7400

Project Date: Construction completed in August of 2018

6. Sub-Contractor List*

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Please provide the following information for each subcontractor. If you do not have subcontractors, please write "N/A"

Company:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Contact Person:

A3 Environmental Consultants

3030 Warrenville Rd. Suite 418

Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 507-9002

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7. Eligibility*

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By signing this Proposal, the Proposer hereby certifies that they are not barred from bidding on this Proposal as a result of a violation of Article 33E, Public Bids of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1).

Confirmed

8. Bidder's Tax Certification*

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The Bidder's Executing Officer, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that all statements made herein are made on behalf of the Bidder, that this despondent is authorized to make them and that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Bidder deposes, states and certifies that Bidder is not barred from contracting with any unit of local government in the State of Illinois as result of a delinquency in payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Bidder is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate statute, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax, all as provided for in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1.

Confirmed

9. Bidder's Certification*

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I/We hereby certify that:

- A. A complete set of bid papers, as intended, has been received, and that I/We will abide by the contents and/or information received and/or contained herein.
- B. I/We have not entered into any collusion or other unethical practices with any person, firm, or employee of the City which would in any way be construed as unethical business practice.
- C. I/We have adopted a written sexual harassment policy which is in accordance with the requirements of Federal, State and local laws, regulations and policies and further certify that I/We are also in compliance with all other equal employment requirements contained in Public Act 87-1257 (effective July 1, 1993) 775 ILCS 5/2-105 (A).
- D. As applicable, I/We are in compliance with the most current "Prevailing Rate" of wages for laborers, mechanics and other workers as required by the State of Illinois Department of Labor.
- E. I/We operate a drug free environment and drugs are not allowed in the workplace or satellite locations as well as City of Aurora sites in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of January, 1992.
- F. The Bidder is not barred from bidding on the Project, or entering into this contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code, or any similar offense of "bid rigging" or "bid rotating" of any state or the United States.
- G. As applicable, I/We will submit, for all contracts in excess of \$25,000.00, a certificate indicating participation in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor.
- H. I/We will abide by all other Federal, State and local codes, rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes.

Confirmed

10. Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Aurora Training Program Cer...](#)

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11. Union/Apprenticeship Requested Documentation*

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Please provide verification letter like sample attached.

- [Apprenticeship Program Lett...](#)

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12. Local Vendor Preference Application*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [COA 2024 Local Preference V...](#)

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13. Standard City of Aurora Contract*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Sample Standard Contract IT...](#)

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14. Additional Information

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PRICE TABLES

BASE BID

Pay Item Code	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total
Z0013798	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT	1	LUMP SUM	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
6700100	MOBILIZATION	1	LUMP SUM	\$25,700.00	\$25,700.00
SPECIAL	EARTH EXCAVATION SPECIAL - SHORELINE SHAPING	1,073	FT	\$69.00	\$74,037.00
21400100	GRADING AND SHAPING DITCHES	125	FT	\$38.00	\$4,750.00
SPECIAL	PIPE CULVERTS TO BE CLEANED - 12"	22	FT	\$35.00	\$770.00
20201200	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL	50	CY	\$48.00	\$2,400.00
28000400	PERIMETER EROSION BARRIER	3,757	FT	\$4.00	\$15,028.00
28000305	TEMPORARY DITCH CHECKS	200	FT	\$15.00	\$3,000.00
25100115	MULCH, METHOD 2	1	ACRE	\$3,136.00	\$3,136.00
28000250	TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL SEEDING	100	POUND	\$4.25	\$425.00
28000500	INLET AND PIPE PROTECTION	18	EACH	\$150.00	\$2,700.00
SPECIAL	COIR LOG - TOE OF SLOPE PROTECTION	2,275	FT	\$14.70	\$33,442.50
2101100	TREE TRUNK PROTECTION	10	EACH	\$250.00	\$2,500.00
X2010400	STUMP REMOVAL ONLY	80	UNIT	\$155.00	\$12,400.00
X0322671	TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	2	EACH	\$2,985.00	\$5,970.00

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Pay Item Code	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total
28100705	STONE RIPRAP, CLASS A4	236	SY	\$170.00	\$40,120.00
SPECIAL	LIMESTONE OUTCROPPING	4	EACH	\$5,600.00	\$22,400.00
K0012950	HERBICIDE APPLICATION	6.22	ACRE	\$450.00	\$2,799.00
SPECIAL	NATURAL STONE BOULDERS (12" DIA MIN.)	197	SY	\$190.00	\$37,430.00
XX006144	SEEDING (SPECIAL) , MESIC PRAIRIE	2.58	ACRE	\$6,097.00	\$15,730.26
XX006145	SEEDING (SPECIAL), WET MESIC	3.64	ACRE	\$6,267.00	\$22,811.88
SPECIAL	SEEDING - AURORA MIX	1	ACRE	\$7,542.00	\$7,542.00
K0013030	PERENNIAL PLANTS, WETLAND TYPE, 2" DIAMETER BY 4" DEEP PLUG	3,200	EACH	\$6.70	\$21,440.00
K0013000	PERENNIAL PLANTS, PRAIRIE TYPE, 2" DIAMETER BY 4" DEEP PLUG	3,800	EACH	\$6.70	\$25,460.00
25301700	SHRUBS - CORAL BERRY, 5 GAL CONTAINER	55	EACH	\$115.00	\$6,325.00
SPECIAL	PERIMETER EXCLUSION BARRIER - WILDLIFE EXCLUSION	6,694	FT	\$1.90	\$12,718.60
25100630	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET, S75	7,405	SY	\$2.34	\$17,327.70
25100635	HEAVY DUTY EROSION CONTROL BLANKET - C125-BN	1,468	SY	\$3.20	\$4,697.60
25100635	HEAVY DUTY EROSION CONTROL BLANKET - SC150-BN	4,972	SY	\$2.91	\$14,468.52
25100125	MULCH, METHOD 3	1	ACRE	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
SPECIAL	SELECTIVE MOWING STAKES SPECIAL	36	EACH	\$114.00	\$4,104.00

Pay Item Code	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total
SPECIAL	MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE	5	YEAR	\$11,750.00	\$58,750.00
X7010216	TRAFFIC CONTROL AND PROTECTION, (SPECIAL)	1	LUMP SUM	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
20101700	SUPPLEMENTAL WATERING	3	MONTH	\$3,400.00	\$10,200.00
TOTAL					\$526,183.06

ITEMS ORDERED BY ENGINEER

Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
SPECIAL	ITEMS ORDERED BY ENGINEER	Lump Sum	\$50,000.00

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Bid Bond

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.
10744 Route 47
Yorkville, IL 60560

SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.
P.O. Box 14498
Des Moines, IA 50306

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

City of Aurora
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60505

BOND AMOUNT: * TEN PERCENT OF ACCOMPANYING BID *****

PROJECT:

(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)

Bid #25-232R Mastodon Lake Shoreline Restoration - Rebid

The Contractor and Surety are bound to the Owner in the amount set forth above, for the payment of which the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, as provided herein. The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Owner accepts the bid of the Contractor within the time specified in the bid documents, or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Owner and Contractor, and the Contractor either (1) enters into a contract with the Owner in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Owner the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Owner and Contractor to extend the time in which the Owner may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids specified in the bid documents, and the Owner and Contractor shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.


If this Bond is issued in connection with a subcontractor's bid to a Contractor, the term Contractor in this Bond shall be deemed to be Subcontractor and the term Owner shall be deemed to be Contractor.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

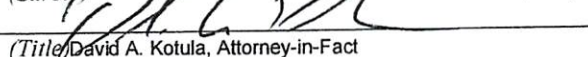
Signed and sealed this 11th day of March, 2026


(Witness)

Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. (Seal)
(Principal)


(Title) Robert Velazquez, President

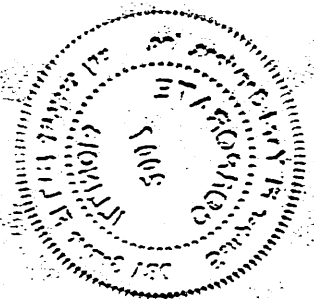
Merchants National Bonding, Inc. (Seal)
(Surety)


(Title) David A. Kotula, Attorney-in-Fact

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STATE OF IL

COUNTY OF WILL

I, Brandie Catlin, Notary Public of Will County, in the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that David A. Kotula Attorney-in-fact, of the Merchants National Bonding, Inc., who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the Merchants National Bonding, Inc., for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Lockport in said County, this 11th day of March A.D. 2026.



Brandie Catlin

Brandie Catlin

Notary Public

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™ POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, an assumed name of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Brian DiPaola; David A Kotula

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

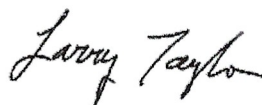
In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner - Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 2nd day of June, 2025.

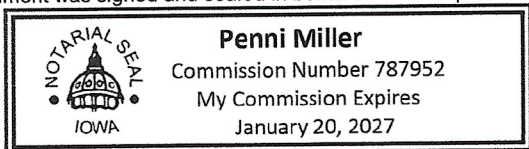


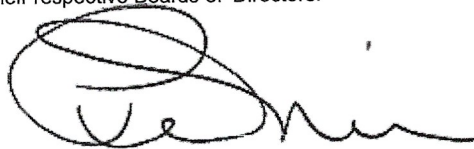
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By 
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 2nd day of June, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.




Notary Public

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 11th day of March, 2026.




Secretary

Rubi Rivera

Ecological Division Project Manager

Professional Profile

Started with Semper Fi in April as a Landscape Maintenance team member, where a growing passion for ecological restoration led to a transition into the Ecological Restoration division. Demonstrated strong work ethics, initiative, and problem-solving skills, which quickly earned a promotion to Crew Chief. Continued excellence and leadership contributed to another advancement into the role of Ecological Project Manager, supporting the company's growth and mission in sustainable land management.

Training and Certifications:

- Chicago Wilderness Fire
- S130/S190
- S290, Burn Boss Certified by the IDNR
- IC-100B (Incident Command/Management)
- Illinois DNR Certified Prescribed Fire - Burn Boss
- Chainsaw Safety Training and Maintenance
- Illinois Department of Agriculture Licensed Pesticide Applicator (Right of Way endorsement)
- Native Plant Identification
- Site Assessment
- Habitat Restoration
- Site Stewardship and Management/Budgeting
- OSHA 30 - General Industry
- Continued Education in Plant Identification

Core Competencies:

- Habitat Restoration & Vegetation Management
- Crew Leadership & Training
- Invasive Species Identification & Removal
- Native Planting & Site Stewardship
- Selective & Broadcast Herbicide Application
- Safety Compliance & Equipment Operations
- Project Documentation & Mapping
- Client & Contractor Communication
- Public Relations Management

Projects:

**District Wide Impacted Sites Vegetation Maintenance Project – Forest Preserve
District of
DuPage County, Wheaton, IL (CURRENT)**

Rubi served as a Crew Leader on the DuPage Impacted Sites contract. She has led crews, designated work, allocated equipment, written site prescriptions, and performed required work on these sites. Rubi is familiar with and trained to use heavy equipment such as tractors, skid loaders, forestry mowers, brush hog attachments, and various other machinery and implements necessary to fulfill the role of an operator in ecological restoration. Rubi has over 5 years of experience in ecological restoration and is an asset for our ecological restoration crews. She is familiar with plant ID, woody, and herbaceous, native and non-native. Rubi has been responsible for daily administrative tasks related to the scope of work and running field crews or operating equipment on the sites.

Will County Forest Preserve District 2025

Led site assessments to plan equipment and logistics for vegetation management. Managed crews to meet ecological goals, safety standards, and deadlines. Utilized GIS for mapping and project tracking. Served as Certified Burn Boss, overseeing prescribed burns and crew operations. Coordinated with clients to align project objectives and provide updates.

Buffalo Creek – Long Grove, IL (2018-Current)

Rubi served as Crew Leader for the Buffalo Creek restoration site. This project was a collaboration between several stakeholders and designed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. There was a total of 5 years of maintenance on this project, and Rubi was a participant from the beginning as a tech to leading crews on site. Rubi also designed the maintenance planning for each year and implemented adaptive management where needed to ensure the project met the restoration goals year over year.

Forked Creek Restoration – Wilmington, IL (2020-2023)

This project involved a streambank reconstruction. A retaining wall was built using gabion baskets and envirolock bags. Plugs were installed in the envirolock bags to create a natural buffer along the streambank and the homeowner's property. Vegetation management lasted for 3 years post construction. Rubi was the crew leader for the vegetation management portion of this project as well.

TC 183 Restoration – Woodridge, IL (2020-2023)

Rubi served as Crew Leader for the Woodridge Restoration Project. This project involved tree planting in utility corridors, vegetation management, tree removal,

seed and plug installation and maintenance of the installed trees and shrubs. For this project, Rubi was the crew leader on site. She scouted the site ahead of the scheduled maintenance days to ensure all aspects of the maintenance work were planned for.

ComEd Vegetation Management – Springfield, Peoria, Bloomington, Aurora, Naperville, Dekalb, Joliet IL (2019-2022)

Rubi served as Crew Leader for the Semper Fi restoration crew that has helped steward and maintain ComEd rights of way throughout Illinois. Duties included project management, budgeting (\$250,000), crew allocation, management and tracking of selective herbicide application acres, formal documentation of Monarch butterfly habitat and right-of-way, documentation of threatened and endangered birds nesting over thousands of treated acres, scheduling, correspondence with the client, and public interaction interfacing.

Mendota Streak Bank Restoration – Mendota, IL (2021-2022)

Rubi served as Crew Leader for the Mendota Streambank Restoration project. With her previous experience and participation on similar projects, Rubi was the crew leader on this job. This project involved the creation and restoration of a naturalized streambank using Envirolock bags. Plugs were installed in the spaces between the bags. Soil was added to the turf line adjacent to the bags. The added soil was graded to encourage positive drainage to the creek through the designated flow path to prevent the carving and erosion of the newly placed soil. Shrubs were installed along the perimeter. Maintenance on the installed turf, shrubs and plugs continued for 3 years.

Clark and Pine – Indiana Department of Natural Resources: Gary, IN (2017-2019)

Rubi served as Crew Leader for the Semper Fi restoration crew that has helped steward and maintain this Indiana Nature Preserve. The project included clearing, selective herbicide application to invasive species in a dune and swale ecosystem.

Professional Experience:

February 2025-present

Ecological Division Project Manager, Semper Fi Land Inc. Yorkville, Illinois

March 2022- February 2025

Project Supervisor, Semper Fi Land Inc. Yorkville, Illinois

April 2018 – March 2022

Crew Chief, Semper Fi Land Inc. Yorkville, Illinois

Project supervisor 2022



**STATE OF ILLINOIS
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
UTILIZATION PLAN**

Version 25.1

**Utilization Plan Part I:
Bidder/Offeror Signed Commitment**

The undersigned bidder/offeror submits this Utilization Plan (U-Plan) as part of its bid or offer in accordance with the requirements of bid solicitation number _____ and the requirements of the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) and/or Veterans Business Program (VBP). The solicitation contains a goal that 28 % of the value of the contract will be performed by BEP certified vendors as defined by the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI). The solicitation contains a goal that 0 % of the value of the contract will be performed by Veteran Business Program (VBP) certified vendors as defined by CEI.

The U-Plan consists of the following four parts, to be completed and returned as instructed in this Commitment. No alterations or substitutions of this U-Plan will be permitted. A U-Plan must be completed and submitted for any assigned BEP and/or VBP goal:

Part I: Bidder/Offeror Signed Commitment

Part II: Subcontractor Participation Agreement(s)

Part III: Good Faith Effort (GFE) (Action Checklist, Contact Log and Supporting Documentation)

Part IV: U-Plan Terms and Conditions (Terms and Conditions apply to all available checkbox options below.)

The undersigned bidder/offeror acknowledges that (1) the bidder/offeror has read, understands, and agrees to all BEP/VBP policies, rules and procedures as defined in the Terms and Conditions in Part IV of this U-Plan and (2) the bidder/offeror hereby affirms (select appropriate option(s) below):

- Bidder/offeror is a BEP/VBP certified firm registered in at least one of the solicitation's NIGP Code(s) and will fully meet the goal through self-performance. (If checked, submit this signed Part I Commitment only.)

- Bidder/offeror has identified BEP/VBP certified subcontractor(s) to fully meet the assigned BEP/VBP goal. Only BEP/VBP certified subcontractors registered in at least one of the NIGP Code(s) identified in the solicitation may be used to meet the BEP/VBP goal. Subcontractors that are dually BEP and VBP certified may only be counted towards either goal, not both. (If checked, complete and submit the signed Part I Commitment and signed Part II Subcontracting Participation Agreement(s) (PA). A signed PA must be submitted for each subcontractor.)

- Bidder/offeror cannot fully meet the goal but has submitted a Good Faith Effort (GFE) and hereby requests a waiver or reduction of the goal to ____%. (If checked, submit the signed Part I Commitment, completed Part III Good Faith Effort, and if requesting a reduction, the signed Part II Subcontractor Participation Agreement(s).)

The undersigned bidder/offeror understands that all subcontractors identified in this U-Plan and Participation Agreement(s) must be certified with CEI BEP/VBP in at least one of the NIGP Code(s) identified in the solicitation at the time of the bid/offer submission.

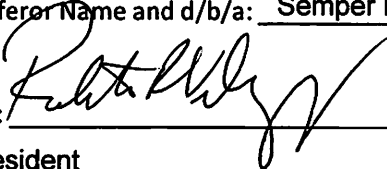
All bidders/offerors and subcontractors shall perform only Commercially Useful Functions (CUF) through direct participation as defined in Part IV of this U-Plan. The bidder/offeror and subcontractors

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understand that compliance with all tenets of the U-Plan is mandated, and this U-Plan will become a part of the contract, if awarded. Failure to carry out the requirements of this U-Plan is considered a material breach of the resulting contract, which may result in the termination of the contract or such other remedy as the Procuring Institution deems appropriate.

Bidder/offeror Name and d/b/a: Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.

Signature:  _____

Print: Roberto R Velazquez

Title: President

Email Address: info@semperfi.land

Telephone: (630) 518-8484

Date: 03/10/26



Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion
Nina Harris, Chairperson
Alexandria Wilson, Acting Executive Director
115 South LaSalle Street, Suite 4N, Chicago, IL 60603

09/03/2020
Semper Fi Land, Inc.
205 Gordon Road
Sugar Grove, Illinois, 60554

Re: Business Enterprise Program Certification

Dear Roberto R. Velazquez,

Congratulations! After reviewing your information, we are pleased to inform you that your firm has been granted certification under the Business Enterprise Program for minorities, women, and persons with disabilities (BEP). The Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) was created to maximize supplier diversity, equity, and inclusion by ensuring access to contracting opportunities. CEI develops procedures and initiatives that make procurement processes inclusive, fair, and equitable while providing support, education, and mentorship.

Certification Type: Minority Business Enterprise

Certification Date: 09/03/2020

Certification Expiration Date: 09/03/2027

Certification Renewal Date: 09/03/2026

CEI will email you 90 days before your certification anniversary date to remind you to complete your annual No Change Affidavit (NCA) to maintain continued certification. You are responsible for ensuring that the contact email address in the system is accurate and up to date and that the email account is checked regularly so you do not miss any important notifications.

Certified firms are encouraged to notify CEI's BEP certification unit within two weeks if any of the following changes occur:

- Ownership changes.
- Changes in control.
- Changes in the host agency's certification status.

Please review the following list carefully to ensure all relevant NIGP codes are included. Your firm's name will only appear in CEI's certified vendor directory as a BEP-certified vendor in the specialty area(s) of:

910 - 01 - Acoustical Ceilings and Walls: Cleaning, Installation, Restoration, Maintenance and Repair

Services, Including Panel Wall Systems, 926 - 40 - Ecological Services, 961 - 96 - Non-Professional Services (Not Otherwise Classified), 968 - 72 - Snow and Ice Removal Services, 988 - 14 - Erosion Control Services, 988 - 36 - Grounds and Roadside Maintenance: Mowing, Edging, Plant, Not Tree Trimming, etc., 988 - 52 - Landscaping, Including Design, Fertilizing, Planting, etc., Not Grounds Maintenance or Tree Trimming Services

Four Chief Procurement Officers (CPOs) exercise the State of Illinois procurement authority. Each CPO has a separate bulletin that publishes the State's solicitations and bidding opportunities for each portfolio. CEI strongly recommends that all State-certified vendors register with each procurement bulletin to ensure notification of all relevant prime and subcontractor bidding opportunities.

CPO Procurement Websites

The Chief Procurement Officer of General Services (CPO-GS) oversees the purchases of goods and services for roughly 65 State agencies, boards, and commissions. Learn more about CPO-GS at <https://cpo-general.illinois.gov/>.

The Chief Procurement Officer of Higher Education (CPO-HE) oversees purchasing by State universities. Learn more about CPO-HE at <https://cpo-highered.illinois.gov/>

The Chief Procurement Officer of the Capital Development Board (CPO-CDB) oversees vertical construction and construction-related services purchases. Learn more about CPO-CDB at <https://cpo-cdb.illinois.gov/>.

The Chief Procurement Officer of the Illinois Department of Transportation (CPO-IDOT) oversees horizontal construction and construction-related services purchases. Learn more about CPO-IDOT at <https://cpo-dot.illinois.gov/>.

CEI welcomes your participation in BEP and wishes you continued success. If you have any questions or comments, please email CEI.BEP.Certification@Illinois.gov or call (312) 814-4190.

Sincerely,



Carlos Gutierrez
Certification Manager

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**Utilization Plan Part II:
Subcontracting Participation Agreement**

Instructions: The bidder/offeror is required to submit a separate, signed and fully completed Participation Agreement from each BEP certified vendor or VBP certified vendor. Once signed and submitted with the bid/offer, this Participation Agreement, along with the other Parts of this U-Plan, will become a mandated part of the contract, if awarded. The bidder/offeror shall not prohibit or otherwise limit the BEP/VBP certified vendor(s) from providing subcontractor quotes to other potential bidders/offerors.

Solicitation Name: Maslodon Lake Shoreline Restoration - Rebid **Solicitation Number:** 25-232R

Name of Prime vendor: Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.
Address: 10744 Route 47
City: Yorkville
State: IL **Zip:** 60560
Telephone: (630) 518-8484 **Fax:** (630) 882-9973
Email: info@semperfi.land

Bidder/offeror's Contact responsible for compliance with this Participation Agreement:

Alisa Allen

Name of BEP/VBP Certified Vendor: A3 Environmental Consultants
Type of Certified Vendor: BEP VBP
Address: 3030 Warrenville Road, Suite 418
City: Lisle
State: IL **Zip:** 60532
Telephone: 630-507-9007 **Fax:** _____
Email: alisa.allen@a3e.com

BEP/VBP Vendor's Contact responsible for compliance with this Participation Agreement:

Alisa Allen

Type of Agreement: Services Supplies Both Services and Supplies

(a) Proposed percentage of contract to be performed by the BEP/VBP Certified Vendor 10 %
NOTE: The bidder/offeror must indicate the percentage of the estimated contract award that will be subcontracted to the certified BEP/VBP Vendor.

(b) Anticipated start date of the Certified BEP/VBP Vendor: 4/1/2026

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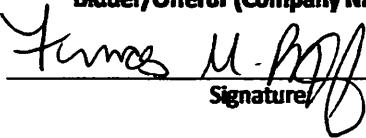

- (c) This participation agreement shall have a term date from 5/1/2026 to 10/31/2031, with a total period of 5 years and 6 months, including renewals, change orders or extensions to the underlying contract.
- (d) Description of work to be performed or goods/equipment to be provided by the BEP/VBP certified vendor. This description must include identified National Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) Code(s) in the solicitation documentation. All Participation Agreements shall be subject to Agency/PIHE approval. Any changes involving or affecting the identified BEP/VBP certified vendor, scope(s) of work and NIGP Code(s) will not be permitted without notification to the soliciting Agency/PIHE and BEP/VBP Compliance, in writing, and approval of the soliciting Agency/PIHE. (If more space is needed to fully describe BEP/VBP certified firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets)

The BEP/VBP subcontractor must be certified in at least one of the NIGP Code(s) identified in the solicitation for goal credit.

Statement of Work: Enter specific NIGP Code(s) including a detailed description of work to be performed or goods/equipment to be provided by the BEP/VBP certified vendor.

SP S.28- Monitoring and Maintenance

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES FURTHER AGREE that once signed and submitted with the bid/offer, this Participation Agreement, along with the other Parts of this U-Plan, will become a material part of the contract, and the BEP/VBP certified vendor will perform the scope of work for the percentage as indicated above. The Undersigned Parties do also certify that they did not affix their signatures to this document until all areas under Description of Service/ Supply and Fee/Cost were completed.

<p><u>Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.</u> Bidder/Offeror (Company Name and d/b/a):</p> <p><u></u> Signature:</p> <p><u>Frances M Ramirez</u> Print Name:</p> <p><u>Chief Operating Officer</u> Title:</p> <p><u>03/11/26</u> Date:</p>	<p><u>A3 Environmental Consultants</u> Certified BEP/VBP (Company Name and d/b/a):</p> <p><u></u> Signature:</p> <p><u>Alisa A Allen</u> Print Name:</p> <p><u>Owner / Manager</u> Title:</p> <p><u>3/11/26</u> Date:</p>
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WBENC

WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
NATIONAL COUNCIL

JOIN FORCES. SUCCEED TOGETHER.

hereby grants

National Women's Business Enterprise Certification

to

Advanced Environmental Concepts, Inc. DBA AEC, Inc.

who has successfully met WBENC's standards as a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE).
This certification affirms the business is woman-owned, operated and controlled and is valid through the date herein.

WBENC National WBE Certification was processed and validated by Women's Business Council - Southwest, a WBENC Regional Partner Organization.

Certification Granted: December 12, 1998
Expiration Date: December 31, 2025
WBENC National Certification Number: 234397



Authorized by Bliss Coulter, President & CEO
Women's Business Center



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Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Business & Workforce Diversity
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois 62764

September 29, 2025

CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Alisa A. Allen
A3 Environmental LLC
3030 Warrenville Rd., Ste. 418
Lisle, IL 60532

Dear Ms. Allen:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has approved the *Declaration of Eligibility (DOE)* for **A3 Environmental LLC**, and determined that the firm continues to meet DBE eligibility standards to perform work towards DBE goals.

To remain certified and in good standing, you must annually submit a *Declaration of Eligibility (DOE)*. Your firm's next affidavit is due on **September 1, 2026**. IDOT will send an affidavit form 60 days prior to that date.

Should the submitted information change, you are required to notify IDOT's Bureau of Small Business Enterprises within 30 days of the change.

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26.83(i), whenever there is a change in circumstances affecting your firm's eligibility status, your firm must provide written notification to IDOT within 30 days of the occurrence of the change. If you fail to make timely notification, it may result in the loss of your firm's certification.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 782-5490.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Lee" with a small flourish at the end.

Debra Lee
Bureau Chief
Bureau of Small Business Enterprises

Protecting Our Water Environment



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 EAST ERIE STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611-3154

312.751.5600

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martinezr@mwr.org

April 4, 2025

A3 Environmental, LLC

3030 Warrenville Rd., Ste 418

Lisle, IL 60532

Vendor Number: **5016801**

Dear **Alisa A. Allen:**

The result of our review concludes that **A3 Environmental, LLC** is certified as a **Women Business Enterprise (WBE)** eligible to fulfill **WBE** requirements on Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) contracts. Your firm is certified as of **April 3, 2025**.

It is your firm's obligation to apply for re-certification no later than **May 1, 2027**. Re-certification may be revoked if it is determined that your firm is involved in bidding irregularities, contract fraud or misrepresentation of your firm's MBE, WBE or VBE status.

Your firm will be listed in the online edition of the District's Vendor Directory. The directory is located at mwr.org: Doing Business → Affirmative Action → Affirmative Action Vendor List. Your specialty area will be shown as:

**ENVIRONMENTAL-ARCHITECTURAL
GEOTECHNICAL-SOILS
CONSULTING SERVICES
ASBESTOS CONSULTING
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING
ENVIRONMENTAL & ECOLOGICAL SVCS
CONTAMINATED SOIL SVCS
LEAD/ASBESTOS INSPECTION SERVICES
REMEDICATION SERVICES/ENVIRONMENTAL
SITE ASSESSMENT-ENVIRONMENTAL**

As a certified MBE, WBE or VBE, it is your obligation to promptly notify this office in writing of any changes or circumstances that affect your ability to meet ownership, size requirements and/or control of your firm. The notice must take the form of a notarized affidavit sworn to by the owner and provided within 30 days of the change. The District reserves the right to commence actions to revoke your firm's certification if this notification is not made.

Illinois law requires that all corporations secure a Certification of Authority from the Illinois Secretary of State prior to doing business in the State.

If you have any questions regarding MBE, WBE or VBE certification or District business opportunities, please contact **Malisa G. Torres** at torresm1@mwrld.org.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Martinez, Jr.

Richard L. Martinez, Jr., ECMCA
Diversity Administrator

RLM:sj

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

CONTACT INFORMATION

Vendor shall provide the following contact information assigned to service the City of Aurora account.

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E-mail: info@semperfi.land

Bidder's Name: Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.

Signature & Date:  03/09/2026

Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification

Return with Bid

All contractors are required to complete the following certification:

For this contract proposal or for all groups in this deliver and install proposal.

For the following deliver and install groups in this material proposal:

Associated Builders & Contractors of Illinois, Inc.

The City of Aurora policy, adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, requires this contract to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In addition to all other responsibility factors, this contract or deliver and install proposal requires all bidders and all bidders' subcontractors to disclose participation in apprenticeship or training programs that are approved by and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and applicable to the work of the above indicated proposals or groups. Therefore, all bidders are required to complete the following certification:

- I. Except as provided in paragraph IV below, the undersigned bidder certifies that it is a participant, either as an individual or as part of a group program, in an approved apprenticeship or training program applicable to each type of work or craft that the bidder will perform with its own employees.
- II. The undersigned bidder further certifies for work to be performed by subcontract that each of its subcontractors submitted for approval is, at the time of such bid, participating in an approved, applicable apprenticeship or training program applicable to the work of the subcontract.
- III. The undersigned bidder, by inclusion in the list in the space below, certifies the official name of each program sponsor holding the Certificate of Registration for all of the types of work or crafts in which the bidder is a participant and that will be performed with the bidder's employees. Types of work or craft that will be subcontracted shall be included and listed as subcontract work. The list shall also indicate any type of work or craft job category for which there is no applicable apprenticeship or training program available.

IV. Except for any work identified above, any bidder or subcontractor that shall perform all or part of the work of the contract or deliver and install proposal solely by individual owners, partners or members and not by employees to whom the payment of prevailing rates of wages would be required, check the following box, and identify the owner/operator workforce and positions of ownership.

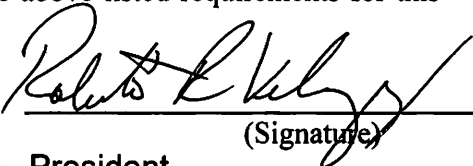
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The requirements of this certification and disclosure are a material part of the contract, and the contractor shall require this certification provision to be included in all approved subcontracts. The bidder is responsible for making a complete report and shall make certain that each type of work or craft job category that will be utilized on the project is accounted for and listed. **The City of Aurora requires a copy of each applicable Certificate of Registration issued by the United States Department of Labor evidencing such participation by the contractor and any or all of its subcontractors be included with the bid in order to qualify to bid on the project.**

The Bidder must also submit a signed and current dated letter(s) from the certificate holder(s) indicating that the Bidder may use the certificate to meet the above listed requirements for this specific project.

Bidder: Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.

Address: 10744 Route 47, Yorville, IL 60560

By: 
(Signature)

Title President

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

THIS IS TO PROUDLY CERTIFY THAT

Semper Fi Land Services, Inc.

IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF ASSOCIATED
BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS, INC. ILLINOIS CHAPTER
FOR THE YEAR OF 2026

Alina Martin

PRESIDENT

600 S. 2nd Street
Suite 403
Springfield, IL 62704
(217) 523-4692

2458 Elmhurst Road
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(847) 709-2960





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To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to Section 30-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/30-22 (6)), as well as any other applicable or relevant Responsible Bidder laws or ordinances that require “participation in an approved United States Department of Labor Apprenticeship Training Program,” this letter is to verify that Semper Fi Land Services, Inc. is a member in good standing with Associated Builders & Contractors of Illinois (ABC IL) until December 31, 2026. Please be advised that our Association maintains approved apprenticeship training programs certified by the U.S. Department of Labor. As a member in good standing with ABC IL, Semper Fi Land Services, Inc. has full access to such programs. Non-members and any members who are not in good standing do not have such access. ABC IL’s certification is enclosed herein.

If you need any further information or verification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alicia Martin
President
Associated Builders & Contractors of Illinois



City of Aurora, IL - Local Vendor Preference Application

The business identified below is requesting to be placed on the City of Aurora, Illinois Local Vendor Preference list, in accordance with ordinance O20-029 approved April 28, 2020.

- 1) Date Submitted: 3/09/26
- 2) Name of Business: Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.
- 3) Address of Local Office: 10744 Route 47
- 4) City, State, Zip: Yorkville, IL 60560
- 5) Company's Web Address: www.semperfi.land
- 6) Phone: 630-518-8484 Fax: 630-882-9973
- 7) County your Local Business is Located In: Kendall

Submitted By (Signature): 

Print Name and Title: Roberto R Velazquez, President

Email Address: info@semperfi.land

Sec. 2-410.-Prequalification; local bidder.

- (a) If an interested business would like to prequalify as a "local business", such a business shall complete and submit the prequalification application along with supporting documentation, as listed below, and the applicable fee as set by the City Council, to the Finance Department:
 - a. Evidence that the business has established and maintained a physical presence in the City of Aurora, by virtue of the ownership or lease of all or a portion of a building for a period of not less than twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the submission of the prequalification application; and
 - b. Evidence demonstrating that the business is legally authorized to conduct business within the State of Illinois and the City of Aurora, and has a business registered to operate in the City if required; and
 - c. Evidence that the business is not a debtor to the City of Aurora. For purposes of this subparagraph, a debtor is defined as having outstanding fees, water bills, sales tax or restaurant/bar tax payments that are thirty (30) days or more past due, or has outstanding weed or nuisance abatements or liens, has failure to comply tickets or parking tickets that are not in dispute as to their validity and are not being challenged in court or other administrative processes.

Back up documentation for (a) a. and (a) b. must accompany this submittal or application will be rejected.

Please note for (a) c. above the City of Aurora will verify internally that your company does not have any outstanding fees. Your company should make sure that to the best of its knowledge all bills are current.

**Return completed application, with all required backup documentation to:
City of Aurora, Attn: Purchasing Division, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507
Or email to: PurchasingDL@aurora.il.us**

Do not write below this line: For City of Aurora use ONLY

- (a) a.
- (a) b.
- (a) c.

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Letter Sent: _____

Denied: _____

Initials: _____

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

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Ph: (630) 518-8484 Fax: (630) 882-9973
E-mail: info@semperfi.land

Bidder's Name: Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.

Signature & Date:  03/09/2026

CITY OF AURORA AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered on this _____ (“Effective Date”), for the (Services”) is entered into between the **CITY OF AURORA** (“City”), a municipal corporation, located at 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois and _____ (“Bidder”), located at .

WHEREAS, the City issued an Invitation to Bid (“ITB”) on _____ for the ; and

WHEREAS, the Bidder submitted a Bid in response to the ITB and represents that it is ready, willing and able to perform the Services specified in the ITB and herein as well as any additional services agreed to and described in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on _____, the City awarded a contract to Bidder, _____.

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto do mutually agree to the following:

1. Agreement Documents.

The Agreement shall be deemed to include this document, Bidder’s response to the ITB, to the extent it is consistent with the terms of the ITB, any other documents as agreed upon by the parties throughout the term of this Agreement, along with any exhibits, all of which are incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and any exhibit, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

Invitation to Bid _____.

In connection with the ITB and this Agreement, Bidder acknowledges that it has furnished and will continue to furnish various certifications, affidavits and other information and reports, which are incorporated herein. Bidder represents that such material and information furnished in connection with the ITB and this Agreement is truthful and correct. Bidder shall promptly update such material and information to be complete and accurate, as needed, to reflect changes or events occurring after the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2. Scope of Services.

Bidder shall perform the Services listed in the Bid, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

3. Term.

This agreement shall remain in effect until the terms of the ITB and completion of services have been met, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms contained herein, ends upon completion of services.

4. Compensation.

Maximum Price. In accordance with the Bidder's negotiated cost, the price for providing the Services shall be as stated on the submitted Bid, Exhibit 2.

Schedule of Payment. The City shall pay the Bidder for the Services in accordance with the amounts set forth in Exhibit 2, price shall remain firm for the entire contract period. The Bidder shall be required to submit an itemized invoice as well as any supporting documentation as required by the City. Each invoice shall be accompanied by a statement of the Bidder of the percentage of completion of the Services through the date of the invoice. Payment shall be made upon the basis of the approved invoices and supporting documents. The City, after inspection and acceptance, and in consideration of the faithful performance by the Bidder, agrees to pay for the completion of the work embraced in this Contract. Payment shall be made in accordance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505/1, *et. seq.*) upon receipt of the invoice.

5. Performance of Services.

Standard of Performance. Bidder shall perform all Services set forth in this Agreement, and any other agreed documents incorporated herein, with the degree, skill, care and diligence customarily required of a professional performing services of comparable scope, purpose and magnitude and in conformance with the applicable professional standards. Bidder shall, at all times, use its best efforts to assure timely and satisfactory rendering and completion of the Services. Bidder shall ensure that Bidder and all of its employees or subcontractors performing Services under this Agreement shall be: (i) qualified and competent in the applicable discipline or industry; (ii) appropriate licensed as required by law; (iii) strictly comply with all City of Aurora, State of Illinois, and applicable federal laws or regulations; (iv) strictly conform to the terms of this Agreement. Bidder shall, at all times until the completion of the Services, remain solely responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all Services and deliverables furnished, whether such services are rendered by the Bidder or others on its behalf, including, without limitation, its subcontractors. No review, approval, acceptance, nor payment for any and all of the Services by the City shall relieve the Bidder from the responsibilities set forth herein.

6. Termination.

Termination for Convenience. The City has the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason or if sufficient funds have not been appropriated to cover the estimated requirement of the Services not yet performed, by providing Bidder with sixty (60) days notice specifying the termination date. On the date specified, this Agreement will end. If this Agreement is terminated by the City, as provided herein, the City shall pay the Bidder only for services performed up to the date of termination. After the termination date, Bidder has no

further contractual claim against the City based upon this Agreement and any payment so made to the Bidder upon termination shall be in full satisfaction for Services rendered. Bidder shall deliver to the City all finished and unfinished documents, studies and reports and shall become the property of the City.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions.

a. Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The Bidder acknowledges the requirements of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and agrees to comply with all requests made by the City of Aurora for public records (as that term is defined by Section 2(c) of FOIA in the undersigned's possession and to provide the requested public records to the City of Aurora within two (2) business days of the request being made by the City of Aurora. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Aurora from all claims, costs, penalty, losses and injuries (including but not limited to, attorney's fees, other professional fees, court costs and/or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to its failure to provide the public records to the City of Aurora under this agreement.

b. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, along with the documents set forth in Section 1 and incorporated by reference elsewhere in this Agreement, with consent of the parties, represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the performance of the Services. No other contracts, representations, warranties or statements, written or verbal, are binding on the parties. This Agreement may only be amended as provided herein.

c. Consents and Approvals. The parties represent and warrant to each other that each has obtained all the requisite consents and approvals, whether required by internal operating procedures or otherwise, for entering into this Agreement and the undertakings contemplated herein.

d. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

(Contractor)

SIGNATURE

Jolene Coulter

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Director of Purchasing

TITLE

SIGNATURE

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

TITLE



Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion
Nina Harris, Chairperson
Alexandria Wilson, Acting Executive Director
115 South LaSalle Street, Suite 4N, Chicago, IL 60603

09/03/2020
Semper Fi Land, Inc.
205 Gordon Road
Sugar Grove, Illinois, 60554

Re: Business Enterprise Program Certification

Dear Roberto R. Velazquez,

Congratulations! After reviewing your information, we are pleased to inform you that your firm has been granted certification under the Business Enterprise Program for minorities, women, and persons with disabilities (BEP). The Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) was created to maximize supplier diversity, equity, and inclusion by ensuring access to contracting opportunities. CEI develops procedures and initiatives that make procurement processes inclusive, fair, and equitable while providing support, education, and mentorship.

Certification Type: Minority Business Enterprise

Certification Date: 09/03/2020

Certification Expiration Date: 09/03/2027

Certification Renewal Date: 09/03/2026

CEI will email you 90 days before your certification anniversary date to remind you to complete your annual No Change Affidavit (NCA) to maintain continued certification. You are responsible for ensuring that the contact email address in the system is accurate and up to date and that the email account is checked regularly so you do not miss any important notifications.

Certified firms are encouraged to notify CEI's BEP certification unit within two weeks if any of the following changes occur:

- Ownership changes.
- Changes in control.
- Changes in the host agency's certification status.

Please review the following list carefully to ensure all relevant NIGP codes are included. Your firm's name will only appear in CEI's certified vendor directory as a BEP-certified vendor in the specialty area(s) of:

910 - 01 - Acoustical Ceilings and Walls: Cleaning, Installation, Restoration, Maintenance and Repair

Services, Including Panel Wall Systems, 926 - 40 - Ecological Services, 961 - 96 - Non-Professional Services (Not Otherwise Classified), 968 - 72 - Snow and Ice Removal Services, 988 - 14 - Erosion Control Services, 988 - 36 - Grounds and Roadside Maintenance: Mowing, Edging, Plant, Not Tree Trimming, etc., 988 - 52 - Landscaping, Including Design, Fertilizing, Planting, etc., Not Grounds Maintenance or Tree Trimming Services

Four Chief Procurement Officers (CPOs) exercise the State of Illinois procurement authority. Each CPO has a separate bulletin that publishes the State's solicitations and bidding opportunities for each portfolio. CEI strongly recommends that all State-certified vendors register with each procurement bulletin to ensure notification of all relevant prime and subcontractor bidding opportunities.

CPO Procurement Websites

The Chief Procurement Officer of General Services (CPO-GS) oversees the purchases of goods and services for roughly 65 State agencies, boards, and commissions. Learn more about CPO-GS at <https://cpo-general.illinois.gov/>.

The Chief Procurement Officer of Higher Education (CPO-HE) oversees purchasing by State universities. Learn more about CPO-HE at <https://cpo-highered.illinois.gov/>

The Chief Procurement Officer of the Capital Development Board (CPO-CDB) oversees vertical construction and construction-related services purchases. Learn more about CPO-CDB at <https://cpo-cdb.illinois.gov/>.

The Chief Procurement Officer of the Illinois Department of Transportation (CPO-IDOT) oversees horizontal construction and construction-related services purchases. Learn more about CPO-IDOT at <https://cpo-dot.illinois.gov/>.

CEI welcomes your participation in BEP and wishes you continued success. If you have any questions or comments, please email CEI.BEP.Certification@Illinois.gov or call (312) 814-4190.

Sincerely,



Carlos Gutierrez
Certification Manager

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