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**ADDENDUM #1**  
INVITATION FOR BID #24-55

**GRASS CUTTING & TRIMMING, REMOVAL OF LEAVES/BRANCHES, MULCHING & PRUNING OF SHRUBS (23 LOCATIONS)**

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

**Q1. Is the winning contractor exempt from blower restrictions working with and on city property?**

**A1. No.**

**Q2. Does the city provide a dumping site for all contracts grass, leaves and weed materials?**

**A2. No.**

**Q3. Does the city provide an area to park trucks and trailers for the various sites?**

**A3. The City communicates where contractors should park during the work day when working at City sites. The City does not provide areas for equipment storage during non-work hours.**

**Q4. When cutting playing fields, can they be cut anytime during the weekdays?**

**A4. We will provide a schedule for mowing. The contractor should adhere to the mowing schedule.**

**Q5. In the compliance with city ordinance section of contract, it states**

**"Failure to comply with the City's Noise Ordinance and/or failure to pay any fines accrued for violation of the City's Noise Ordinance, shall constitute Contractor's default under this Agreement, and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the City, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract without any costs or penalties to the City."**

**Is this a one strike policy? Are there any warnings given to contractors? Is the policy the same for contractors who have been working these contracts for years vs. new contractors?**

**A5. All contractors (either working for the City of Newton or not) are required to follow the City of Newton Noise Ordinance.**

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain unchanged.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA ON YOUR  
BID FORM. FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA COULD  
RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID AS NONRESPONSIVE.**

Thank you.

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Nicholas Read  
*Chief Procurement Officer*