



**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
CENTRAL POND WATER CHESTNUT TREATMENT
ADVERTISEMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP EP22/23-24
BID OPENING WEDNESDAY JUNE 28, 2023 AT 11:00AM**

The City of East Providence is seeking a firm to implement a two year program of herbicide treatment for Central Pond. Invasive water chestnut is a significant issue around the region and in many local water bodies. The aquatic plant multiplies exponentially and forms dense, floating mats of vegetation that overtake surface water. The plant alters aquatic habitat by: reducing fish and wildlife foraging, spawning, and nesting areas; outcompeting native plants and jeopardizing biodiversity; and decreasing oxygen concentrations and water quality for fish. Additionally, the invasive ruins recreational fishing, makes boating nearly impossible, and further limits flood storage capacity in channelized urban areas, all of which can have economic consequences. This prolific invasive is currently known to be a problem in 19 different locations in Rhode Island and 16 waterbodies in Massachusetts, including Central Pond in East Providence. Specifications may be downloaded from the City's website <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/rfp>

(1) original, Two (2) copies of proposals and (1) one thumb drive shall be submitted in one (1) sealed envelope to East Providence City Hall, Controllers Office, Room 103, Attn: Ralph Mitchell Procurement Specialist, 145 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI 02914 no later than **WEDNESDAY JUNE 28, 2023 at 11:00AM**. The bids will be publicly recorded. Bids received with a time of 11:01 AM or later will be rejected. The outside envelope needs to be marked **RFP EP22/23-24**.

The City reserves the right to reject any/or all companies, to waive any informality in the proposal statement and to accept the proposal of any company based on what the City deems to be in its best interest.

Any questions regarding the RFP may be directed in writing to Patrick Hanner, Principal Planner at phanner@eastprovidenceri.gov and Ralph Mitchell, Procurement Specialist at rmitchell@eastprovidenceri.gov no later than **FRIDAY JUNE 16, 2023 AT 11:00AM**.

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