

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Right-of-Way Mowing Contracts
Qualifying Your Bid

Qualifying Your Bid. If you are capable of handling the contracts on which you are bidding, and will accept award of any number from none to all on which you bid, you do not need to qualify your bid. This means that you will be awarded all contracts on which you are the low bidder, if you have sufficient equipment and provide proof of required insurance coverage. However, if you fail to honor your bid price and provide proof of insurance on all jobs on which you are the low bidder and have sufficient equipment to perform, your Bid Bond will be forfeited. If you must limit the number of contracts on which you will accept award, regardless of the number on which you submit bids, it may be to your advantage to qualify your bidding as outlined below. Doing so will allow us to award contracts according to the capabilities of bidders without forfeiture of Bid Bonds. You may qualify your bid as follows:

(1) You may bid on several contracts in hopes of being the low bidder on at least one or some, but not all. For example, you can handle only two of six jobs in which you are interested, but you want to bid on all six to increase your chances of being the low bidder on at least two. To qualify your bid in this manner, you must state the following on the Bid Invitation for every job you bid: **“Will accept award of no more than two mowing contracts.”** (You may specify any number.) This wording means you will accept award on one or two jobs (or whatever number you specified), but no more, regardless of how many on which you were the low bidder.

(2) You may bid on several contracts and indicate that a certain number must be awarded for you to accept award. For example, you can handle all five jobs in which you are interested, but you must receive award on at least two of those jobs to be able to afford your equipment. To qualify your bid in this manner, you must state the following on the Bid Invitation for every job you bid: **“Will accept award of no less than two mowing contracts.”** (You may specify any number.) This wording means you will accept award of a minimum of two jobs (or whatever number you specified) up to as many as you bid; you will receive no award if you are low bidder on less than the number you specified.

(3) You may bid a combination of (1) and (2). For example, you can handle four jobs, but must be awarded at least two, and you are going to bid several to increase your chance of being the low bidder. To qualify your bid in this manner, you must state the following on the Bid Invitation for every job you bid: **“Will accept award of no less than two nor more than four mowing contracts.”** (You may specify any numbers.) This wording means that you will accept award on a minimum of two and a maximum of four jobs (or whatever numbers you specified), regardless of how many on which you were the low bidder.

(4) You may qualify your bids in such a way that you will accept award only if all the contracts on which you bid are awarded to you. (See Condition 5 on reverse side of the Bid Invitation.) To qualify your bid in this manner, you must write **“All or None”** on the Bid Invitation for every job you bid. This means that you will accept award of no less than all of the contracts on which you submitted bids; if all of your bids are not awarded to you by AHTD, you will receive no award, even if you are the lowest bidder on some.