

**Town of Freetown • Invitation to Bid**  
**Mowing, Trimming, and Maintenance of the Assonet Burying Ground**  
**January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**

September 15, 2010

The Freetown Cemetery Commission is seeking bids for the mowing, trimming, and maintenance of the Assonet Burying Ground for the calendar year 2011, with an option to renew for 2012 and 2013. Each bid shall include a “per mowing” price and a “per year” price. The cemetery is mowed from April 15th through November 11th as needed, with special attention paid to the Mothers’ Day, Memorial Day, Fathers’ Day, Independence Day, and Veterans’ Day holidays. At times, the contractor will be required to mow specific sections in advance of funerals.

The contract will be awarded for one year with the option to renew twice. Therefore, prices should also be given for 2012 and 2013. The contract will be awarded to the lowest average price for a single or three-year term, and/or to the most responsible bidder. All bidders must have valid liability and workman’s compensation insurance, and include valid documentation in his bid package.

All bids shall be sealed and clearly marked “ASSONET BURYING GROUND BID” and shall be due at the Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, P. O. Box 438, Assonet, no later than 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2010. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:45 p.m. on that afternoon and at that location. The Town of Freetown reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to take that action deemed most advantageous to the town.

**FREETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Michael T. McCue, Chairman

Keven V. Desmarais

Adrienne Levesque

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The successful bidder shall be responsible for work including, but in no way limited to:

- Mowing all cleared areas of the cemetery. Cleared areas include all areas in which there are gravestones, as well as all cleared fields in the cemetery. In addition, the field to the rear of the maintenance shed shall cut prior to July 1st in each year.
- Trimming around all gravestones, footstones, corner markers, name plates, trees, shrubs, and other ornamentations on all lots.
- Removal of any small trees or plants appearing to grow on any grave or against any gravestone at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission.
- Removal of any fallen branches, brush, or other yard waste which may hinder or impede mowing. The presence of cut or fallen branches shall not constitute a valid reason for not mowing any area.
- Trimming around the stone gates on South Main Street, and mowing and trimming, or otherwise maintaining, the entryway, and the left side of the laneway between the front entrance and the first graves along the fence.
- Trimming around the brick mausoleum, wooden maintenance shed, and granite receiving tomb.
- Mowing and trimming sections as necessary in advance of funerals.
- Other duties as may be requested by the Cemetery Commission and agreed to by the contractor, subject to additional compensation if agreeable.

**ASSONET BURYING GROUND MOWING BID WORKSHEET**

**BID FOR 2011**

Per mowing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Per year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BID FOR 2012**

Per mowing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Per year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BID FOR 2013**

Per mowing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Per year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I certify the amounts bid above have been determined without any act of collusion, and that all insurance documentation provided is current and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ONLY THIS SHEET AND INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION**