

Date of Board Meeting: July 21, 2026

Subject: Lawncare services for the Wharton and Richmond Campuses.

Recommendation: Approve a month-to-month agreement with Metropolitan Landscape for routine landscape maintenance services for the Wharton and Richmond Campuses to be funded through the College's current operating budget.

Background and Rationale:

Administration recommends entering into a month-to-month agreement with Metropolitan Landscape to provide routine grounds maintenance services for the Wharton and Richmond Campuses. Services include mowing, edging, trimming, debris removal, herbicide application, and general landscape maintenance necessary to maintain a safe, attractive, and professional campus environment. The proposal also includes an initial one-time landscape bed cleanup at the Wharton Campus to restore landscape beds and common areas prior to beginning routine maintenance services.

The College is currently operating with only one groundskeeper, creating challenges in maintaining the appearance and upkeep of both campuses. Administration is evaluating the long-term operational and financial impacts of maintaining grounds services with College personnel versus outsourcing these functions. Approval of this agreement will provide the necessary support to maintain campus grounds while allowing sufficient time to complete that evaluation and develop a long-term recommendation.

Routine maintenance services will be provided on a per-trip basis at a cost of \$3,850 for both campuses combined. Administration is requesting authorization for up to eighteen (18) service trips through December 31, 2026, with all costs to be paid from the College's current operating budget.

Metropolitan Landscape is an awarded vendor under Choice Partners Contract No. 24/048MR. Procurement through this cooperative purchasing program satisfies the competitive procurement requirements of Texas Education Code §44.031, which authorizes governmental entities, including community colleges, to procure goods and services through approved cooperative purchasing contracts.

Budgetary Implications: \$73,150 (Current operating budget FY 2026 and FY2027)

Strategic Priority Alignment:

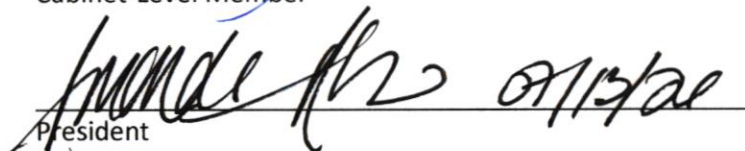
☐ Student Success	☐ Community Impact
☒ Resource Optimization	☐ Institutional Excellence

Resource Personnel: Jason Novak, Executive Director of Facilities
Scott Cunningham, Vice President of Finance & Administration

Approval:



Cabinet-Level Member



President

Metropolitan Landscape
3439 W. Benders Landing
Spring, TX 77386

7-13-26

ATTENTION: Wharton Community College- Lawn maintenance

Metropolitan Landscape shall provide all labor, equipment, supervision, and materials necessary to perform the following services for these locations:

WCJC Wharton Campus

911 E. Boling Hwy
Wharton, Texas 77488

WCJC Richmond Campus

5333 FM 1640 Road
Richmond, Texas 77469

- **Mowing** of all primary areas on a routine schedule sufficient to maintain a neat appearance
- **Edging** of sidewalks, curbs, walkways, and landscape borders
- **Trimming hedges and bushes** to maintain shape, visibility, and aesthetics.
Around lots, markers and monuments, trees, walkways, driveways, fences, and other raised objects
- **Mulching** of landscape beds as directed by WCJC (separate proposal required)
- **Raking and debris removal**, including leaves, grass clippings, and litter from grounds, sidewalks, and landscape areas including parking lot.
- **Post-emergent herbicide** will be applied to beds, driveways, and walkways as needed.

Perform services in a manner that:

- Prevents grass clippings from remaining on sidewalks or parking areas
- Maintains a professional campus appearance at all times

Additional areas to mow in addition to map and parameters set forth-

Large lot to the west of Pioneer street

Brooking Hall- 215 University

Sunset/ Bolton lot

MONTHLY SERVICE PRICE (ALL SERVICES INCLUDED- trip basis

Wharton Campus (athletic fields- interiors not included): \$ 3,050.00 per trip

Richmond Campus (including 1x a month pond/ back acreage): \$800.00 per trip

TOTAL PER TRIP MOWING PRICE (Both Campuses):

\$3,850.00 per trip scheduled- Pricing considered to be month to month- 30-day notice to terminate terms

MULCHING SERVICES (as needed, per application)

Price per cubic yard installed: \$79.00 per yard

Mulch yards to be determined and a proposal will be sent for the amount if approved. Not included in monthly rate.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE RATES (if requested by WCJC)

Hourly labor rate: \$30.00 per hour per worker

Equipment rate (if applicable): \$ 125.00 per hour (skid steer, etc)

Choice Partners Contract No. 24/048MR

Need PO# and invoicing information upon approval of this work.

Tax exempt form required if applicable.

Price includes all supplies, equipment, insurances, materials and labor associated with the job.

Quote valid for 60 days from the date above.

Thank you for this opportunity and your business.

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First time clean up- Main campus

- **First time clean up of plant beds/ granite gravel paths on main campus**
- **Trimming, weeding, raking, define edges, herbicide as needed**
- **Take out dead plants**
- **Haul off all debris**

Total: \$3,850.00

Mulch- separate quote if requested

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