

Request for Quotation (RFQ) – Plant Materials for Tree Beds

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Quotation Due Date: **Friday, March 27, 2026**

Delivery Required: **April 20 – 22, 2026**

1. Background

The Central Avenue S.I.D. Management Corporation is a non-profit organization that manages the Central Avenue Special Improvement District in the Jersey City Heights neighborhood. The district's mission is to promote economic vitality, enhance the quality of life, and maintain the cleanliness and appeal of the Central Avenue business corridor.

2. Overview

The Central Avenue Special Improvement District (CASID) is seeking competitive quotes from qualified nurseries and landscape suppliers to furnish rooted plant materials (NOT plugs) for approximately 122 tree beds located on Central Avenue in The Heights neighborhood of Jersey City, NJ. Materials must consist of native species suitable for Jersey City, NJ (USDA Zone 7a/7b) and be appropriate for urban street tree bed conditions.

3. Project Scope

- Supply plant materials for approximately **122 tree beds**
- Most beds measure **6 ft x 6 ft (36 sq ft)**; some slightly smaller
- Plant spacing to align with best practice to maximize a fuller look
- Plants must be:
 - ✓ Fully rooted container-grown stock (minimum 4" container size or equivalent nursery pot)
 - ✓ Not plugs or liner trays
 - ✓ Healthy, nursery-grade, and well-established
- Delivery only (soil prep and installation not included, can quote separately if service is available)

4. Plant Requirements

All proposed species must meet the following criteria:

Environmental Requirements

- Native to, non-invasive, and well-adapted to **Hudson County / Northern New Jersey**
- Suitable for **USDA Hardiness Zone 7**
- High winter hardiness (tolerant of snow load, road salt, freeze/thaw cycles)
- Drought tolerant, once established
- Tolerant of urban soil conditions and sun exposure

Maintenance Requirements

- Very low maintenance
- Perennial groundcover or ornamental grass-type coverage preferred
- Non-invasive
- Strong root systems to stabilize soil and suppress weeds

5. Preferred Plant Species

- A. Blue Eye Grass (to be used for up to 75% of plantings per tree bed)
 - B. Liriope (to be used as a boarder, up to 25% boarder planting per tree bed)
- Vendors may propose alternative non-invasive species within the following categories:

- Native ornamental grasses
- Low-growing native perennials
- Native groundcovers suitable for tree pits

6. Quantities

Vendors should provide:

- Estimated quantity per 6' x 6' bed
- Total quantity required for 122 beds
- Unit pricing (**per plant and total project cost**)
- Volume discount options (if applicable)

7. Delivery Requirements

- Vendors must confirm delivery window: **April 20–24, 2026**
- Delivery location: Jersey City, NJ (*exact address to be provided upon award*)
- Plants must be hardened off and ready for spring installation
- Delivery must be coordinated with scheduled community planting event

8. Proposal Submission Requirements

Please include:

- Company name, contact information, and nursery location
- Proposed plant list (species, size, container size)
- Unit pricing and total cost
- Soil prep & compost/mulch and planting labor costs (if service is available)
- Availability confirmation for delivery window
- **Lead time requirements for plant delivery**
- References for similar municipal or commercial projects

Quote

Unit Price	Unit Count	Cost	Item
			Plants Species:
			Soil Prep & Compost
			Planting Labor
			Total Cost

9. Evaluation Criteria

Quotations will be evaluated based on:

- Compliance with native and hardiness requirements
- Plant quality and size & cost competitiveness
- Ability to meet delivery schedule & experience with municipal or large-scale orders

10. Submission Instructions

Quotations **must be received by Friday, March 27, 2026**. Submit via email or drop-off at the CASID office. **Email: dltorre@centralavesid.org**

Mail/Drop-off: Central Avenue S.I.D. Management Corporation, Attn: Sanitation/Janitorial RFP, 366 Central Avenue, Suite 201, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

11. Equal Opportunity Statement

CASID is an equal opportunity organization and encourages participation from small, minority-, and women-owned businesses.