

**“ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR THE BREWERS – PLANT A TREE PROGRAM”
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
NURSERY STOCK and PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS**

1. General Information

The Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club (Club) in coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requests two quotes for tree planting in spring 2013 1) plant material (94) trees within local communities *and* 2) plant material and planting costs (56 trees along the Hank Aaron State Trail). The vendor must state quantity available, caliper (1.25”- 1.5”, measured at 6” above the root collar), stock type (B & B or bare root), unit price, and unit price including planting costs (where appropriate) and total price of the plant material being quoted. Proposals will be accepted by the Club at Miller Park, One Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214 Attn: Teddy Werner until (insert date) , 2013 at 4:30 pm. The contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible vendor(s) and within the total not-to exceed cost agreed upon between the Club and the WDNR. The Club and/or the WDNR are the sole judge of the suitability of all vendors and reserve the right to reject any and all parts of the proposal that is not in the best interest of the “Root, Root, Root for the Brewers” program.

2. Code of Standards

Plant material shall conform to nomenclature of “Standard Plant Names” as adopted by the Joint Committee of Horticulture Nomenclature, latest edition. Size and grading standards shall conform to the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., as published in “American Standard for Nursery Stocks”, latest edition.

All plant material shipments and deliveries shall comply with State and Federal laws and regulations governing the inspection, shipping, selling and handling of plant stock.

3. Delivery

The vendor(s) shall deliver all awarded plant material *on-site* to: 1) the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ Hank Aaron State Trail (56 trees), and 2) up to four separate community drop sites TBD within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ Hank Aaron State Trail corridor, in Milwaukee County (total of 94 trees). Any delivery costs shall be included in the quoted price.

A Nursery Inspection Certificate from the originating nursery will accompany all deliveries. Plants will be identified by and tagged by variety and size. All trees shall be properly loaded on a flatbed truck or trailer, tarped and secured so as not to cause damage in transport or in a refrigerated semi-trailer.

WDNR trees (56 trees INCLUDING PLANTING): All trees must be delivered, unloaded and planted by **May 1, 2013**. Specific planting locations will be pre-determined and identified by the state trail property manager and in general will be located on the Hank Aaron State Trail near Miller Park Way. The WDNR requires a *one week notice* before delivery will be accepted. The state trail property manager can be contacted at 414-263-8559. The regional urban forestry coordinator can be contacted at 414/263-8602. Deliveries will only be accepted between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Community trees (94 trees): Delivery and unloading of all trees must be completed by **May 1, 2013**. Community contact information will be provided to the successful vendor(s).

4. Quality

All plants shall be true to type and first quality. They shall have a central leader, well-developed branch systems, and vigorous fibrous root system. They shall be sound, healthy, vigorous plants free from defects, to include:

- Disfiguring knots
- Sun scald injuries
- Abrasions of the bark
- Plant diseases
- Insect eggs
- Borers
- Serious injuries to top branches, trunk, bark or roots
- Dried out roots
- Prematurely opened buds
- Thin or poor tops or root system
- Evidence of molding
- Dry, loose or broken ball of earth in B & B stock
- All other forms of infestation

All plants shall be nursery grown unless otherwise indicated. They shall have been growing in similar climatic conditions as the location of the project for at least two years prior to the date of this contract.

All plants shall be nursery grown stock that has been transplanted or root pruned two or more times according to the kind and size of plant.

5. Health

All plants, including their roots, shall be free from disease, insects, or other injurious qualities. The trunk bark of all the trees shall be sound. Trees shall have no large wounds, and any small wounds shall have satisfactory callus roll formed or forming over them. Plants shall show good annual growth. Buds shall be plump and well filled for species.

6. Stock Type

Tree stock furnished balled and burlapped (B & B) shall be moved with a compact dug ball of earth so firmly wrapped in burlap that upon delivery the soil in the ball is still firm and compact about the small feeding roots. Each ball shall be of sufficient size to encompass all the fibrous feeding roots necessary to ensure successful recovery and development of the plant. The minimum sizes of balls, ball depth and diameters, and increased ball sized for collected stock shall be in accordance with Recommended Balling and Burlapping Specifications in the current edition of the American Standard for Nurserymen, Inc.

Tree stock furnished bare root shall have a heavy fibrous root system, which must be packed in a moist material such as shredded wood. Poorly packaged root systems, which arrive in a dried out condition, are subject to rejection.

7. Inspection and Tagging

The purchaser reserves the right to tag and inspect all plants. All plants will be subject to inspection upon receiving plant material. The purchaser reserves the right to reject any plants that do not meet these specifications. All return freight costs for removal or rejected plant material will be borne by the supplier.

8. Substitutions

Substitutions from the designated planting list are strongly discouraged, however, if you wish to make a substitution, it must be a native tree species and the WDNR property manager or urban forester must be contacted *in advance* to receive approval prior to submitting an acceptable quote. Please indicate the following about any tree substitution:

- Species and/or cultivar
- Hardiness
- Size available
- Disease resistance
- Fruiting characteristics
- Growth habit
- Fall coloration

The Club or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources retains the right to refuse any substitutions.

9. Planting Specifications

These specifications shall be followed for planting of 50 trees on the Hank Aaron State Trail.

The following specification uses the professional guidelines and standards of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Wisconsin Arborist Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Ash trees will not be accepted in the quote and shall not be planted.

Park grade trees will not be accepted in the quote and shall not be used.

Planting holes:

- Trees shall be planted so that they will not interfere with solar access to south walls, roof tops, underground or overhead utilities, fire hydrants or public street lights.
- The vendor shall contact Diggers Hotline prior to any tree planting procedures.
- Planting holes shall be at least 2-3 times the diameter of the root ball.
- The root ball shall be set to rest on undisturbed soil in the bottom of the planting hole so as to leave the trees root flare at ground level or slightly higher (no more than 1" higher).
- Excavated planting holes shall not be left unattended or not adequately barricaded where it could pose as a safety hazard.
- When soil conditions below ground prove unsatisfactory to the promotion of plant growth, or if underground conflicts exist, an alternative planting location may be selected by the WDNR.

Planting operation:

- All plants will be moved, lifted or carried by supporting the plant's root ball. Plants will not be carried by the trunk or branches, nor will they be dragged. Plants will not be thrown or bounced.
- All plants will be protected from sun and drying winds while in transport.
- All plants will be planted in the center of the planting hole.
- Ropes, strings, baskets, and burlap shall be removed completely from the root ball, unless in so doing will destroy the integrity of the root ball. In this event, as much as possible of the foreign material will be removed with a minimum of the upper half of the ball clear of foreign material.

- Root systems of bare root stock must be kept moist up until time they are covered with soil in planting hole.
- Planting areas shall be backfilled with excavated soil. Soil amendments in particular situations are allowed with approval.
- Planting areas shall be finish graded leaving the trees root flare at ground level or slightly higher (no more than 1” higher.)
- Secondary roots (adventitious roots) located above the root flare shall be pruned off.
- Planted trees shall be mulched with wood chips or with shredded bark mulch to a depth of 2-4”. Mulch will be pulled back from against the trunk so as not exceed 1” in depth.
- Trees shall be watered upon completion of mulching.
- All planting labels and other foreign objects shall be removed from the trunk, branches, and foliage and removed from the planting site.
- Only those trees unable to remain upright after planting shall be staked at planting. Stakes shall be a sufficient length to hold the tree upright. Stakes will be driven through the bottom of the planting holes, outside of the root ball. The supporting material shall be a minimum of 2” wide made of a substance that will not injure the bark of the tree (ie. elastic or webbed strapping).
- Trees shall not be trunk wrapped when planted in the spring.
- Only broken and damaged limbs shall be pruned at time of planting.

Clean-up:

- The tree planter is responsible to remove any and all debris at the planting site and shall not leave any condition which may create or result in a safety hazard.

LEAD TIME

PAYMENT TERMS

VENDOR

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

TYPE/PRINT NAME & TITLE

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

DATE

FACSIMILE #

TELEPHONE #