

## VANDALIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #203

### SCHOOL PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant hazards to people, property and environment. Pesticides can also pose hazards to people, property and the environment. It is therefore the policy of this School District to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.

#### **Pests**

Pests are populations of living organisms (animal, plants or microorganisms) that interfere with the human purposes for the school site. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and any threat they pose to people, property or the environment.

#### **Pest Management**

Pests will be managed to :

- ! Reduce any potential human health hazard or to protect against a significant threat to public safety;
- ! Prevent loss or damage to school structures or property;
- ! Prevent pests from spreading in the community or to plant and animal population beyond the site;
- ! Enhance the quality of life for students, staff and others.

(Proposed pest management measures must be included in a pest management plan for the site)

#### **Integrated Pest Management Procedures**

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means, IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods, Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options alone are not acceptable or not feasible. Selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. It is the policy of this School District to Utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

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General Services Administration  
Public Building Service

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**-01 GENERAL**

a. Description of Service: This contract is part of a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for the buildings and other areas specified herein. IPM is a process for achieving long term, environmentally sound pest suppression through the use of a wide variety of technological and management practices. Control techniques in an IPM program extend beyond the application of pesticides to include structural and procedural modifications that reduce the food, water, harborage, and access used by pests.

The Contractor shall furnish all supervision, labor, materials, and equipment necessary to accomplish the surveillance, trapping, and pesticide application components of the IPM program. The Contractor shall also provide detailed, site-specific recommendations for structural and procedural modifications necessary to achieve pest prevention.

a. Pests Included and Excluded: The Contractor shall adequately suppress indoor populations of rats, mice, cockroaches, ants, flies, and any other arthropod pests not specifically excluded from the contract. Populations of these pests that are located outside of the specified buildings, but within the property boundaries of the buildings, are included.

Populations of the following pests are excluded from this contract:

! Birds, bats, snakes, and all other vertebrates other than commensal rodents.

! Termites and other wood-destroying organisms.

! Mosquitoes.

**-02 INSECT CONTROL**

a. Non-pesticide Products and Use: The Contractor shall use non-pesticide methods of control wherever possible. For example:

! Portable vacuums rather than pesticide sprays shall be used for initial clean outs of cockroach infestations, for swarming (winged) ants and termites, and for control of spiders in webs wherever appropriate.

! Trapping devices rather than pesticide sprays shall be used for indoor fly control wherever appropriate.

! Sticky traps shall be used to guide and evaluate indoor pests control efforts wherever necessary.

b. Pesticide Products and Use: When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to obtain adequate control, the Contractor shall employ the least hazardous material, most precise application technique, and minimum quality of pesticide necessary to achieve control.

The Contractor shall be responsible for application of pesticides according to the label. All pesticides used by the Contractor must be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) state and/or local jurisdiction. Transport, handling, and use of all pesticides shall be in strict accordance with the manufacturer's label instructions and all applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The Contractor shall minimize the use of liquid pesticide applications wherever possible. For Example:

Containerized and other types of bait formulations rather than sprays shall be used for cockroach and ant control wherever appropriate. The Government will consider bait formulations to be standard for typical office space.

! As a general rule, liquid, aerosol, or dust formulations shall be applied only as crack and crevice treatments with application devices specifically designed or modified for this purpose. "Crack and crevice treatment" is defined in this contract as an application in which the stream of pesticide is never visible.

! Application of pesticide liquid, aerosol, or dust to exposed surfaces, and pesticide space sprays (including fogs, mists, and ultra-low volume applications), shall be restricted to unique situations where no alternative measures are practical.

The Contractor shall obtain the approval of the COR prior to any application of pesticide liquid, aerosol, or dust to exposed surfaces, or any space spray treatment. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to ensure tenant and employee safety, and all necessary steps to ensure the containment of the pesticide to the site of application. Other than crack and crevice treatments, no liquid, aerosol, or dust applications shall be made while tenant personnel are present.

-03 **RODENT CONTROL**

a. **Non-pesticide Products and Use:** As a general rule, rodent control inside occupied buildings shall be accomplished with trapping devices only. All such devices shall be concealed out of the general view and in protected areas so as not to be affected by routine cleaning and other operations. Trapping devices shall be checked on a schedule approved by the COR. Trapping shall not be performed during periods when maintenance will be delayed by holidays, weekends, etc. The Contractor shall be responsible for disposing of all trapped rodents and all rodent carcasses in an appropriate manner.

a. **Pesticide Products and Use:** In exceptional circumstances, when rodenticides are deemed essential for adequate rodent control inside occupied building, the Contractor shall obtain the approval of the COR prior to making any interior rodenticide treatment.

All rodenticides, regardless of packaging, shall be placed either in locations not accessible to children, pets, wildlife, and domestic animals, or in EPA-approved tamper-resistant bait boxes.

Frequency of bait box servicing shall depend upon the level of rodent infestation. All bait boxes shall be maintained in accordance with EPA regulations, with an emphasis on the safety of non-target organisms. The Contractor shall adhere to the following five points:

2. All bait boxes shall be placed out of the general view, in locations where they will not be disturbed by routine operations.
2. The lids of all bait boxes shall be securely locked or fastened shut.
2. All bait boxes shall be securely attached or anchored to the floor, ground, wall, or other surface, so that the box cannot be picked up or moved.
2. Bait shall always be placed in the baffle-protected feeding chamber of the box and never in the runway of the box.
2. All bait boxes shall be labeled with the Contractor's business name and address, and dated at the time of installation and each servicing.

As a general rule, rodenticide application outside buildings shall emphasize the direct treatment of rodent burrows wherever feasible. The Contractor shall be responsible for notifying the COR about the location of all rodent burrows on the premises that be filled.

-04 **PROGRAM EVALUATION**

GSA reserves the right to evaluate the progress of this contract in terms of effectiveness and safety, and to require such changes as are necessary. The Contractor shall take prompt action to correct all identified deficiencies.

#### **-05 QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM**

The Contractor shall establish a complete quality control program to assure the requirements of the contract are provided as specified. Within five (5) working days prior to the starting date of the contract, the Contractor shall submit a copy of his program to the Contracting Officer. The program shall include, but, not be limited to the following:

! An inspection system covering all the services stated in this contract. A checklist used in inspecting contract performance during regularly scheduled or unscheduled inspections. The name(s) of the individual(s) who will perform the inspections.

! The checklist shall include every area of the operation serviced by the Contractor as well as every task required to be performed.

! A system for identifying and correcting deficiencies in the quality of services before the level or performance becomes unacceptable and/or the Government inspectors point out the deficiencies.

! A file of all inspections conducted by the Contractor and the corrective actions taken. This documentation shall be maintained locally and made available to the Government during the term of the contract, and until such time that final payment is made.

#### **-05 SAFETY AND HEALTH**

b. All work shall comply with the applicable requirements of 29CFR 1910/1926 and 40CFR 761 and GSA Supplement to Masterspec, Safety and health. All work shall comply with applicable state and municipal safety and health requirements. Where there is a conflict between applicable regulation, the most stringent will apply.

b. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability for compliance with all applicable regulations pertaining to the health and safety of personnel during the execution of work, and shall hold the Government harmless for any action on its part or that of its employees or subcontractors, that results in illness or death.