

THE MAGNIFICENT MILE[®] ASSOCIATION

MICHIGAN AVENUE DISTRICT | CHICAGO

SSA#76

2026 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: SSA#76 The Magnificent Mile Association

Michigan Avenue POWER WASHING

The Magnificent Mile Association, sole service provider for SSA#76-Michigan Avenue, is now accepting bids for sidewalk power washing on behalf of the SSA#76 Commission. This is a highly visible and trafficked area.

PROJECT BOUNDARIES

Area 1

North Michigan Avenue from DuSable Michigan Ave bridge to Oak Street: including the area around Jane Byrne Park also known as little Michigan Ave from Chicago Avenue to Pearson, East of Michigan Avenue.

Area 2

Lower Michigan Avenue at Illinois, Grand and Hubbard.

Specifics:

Both the East and West side of Michigan Avenue (sidewalks);

Building fronts (including the vestibule area of vacant properties) to and including the curb line;

Street Poles, Trash Cans, and other street fixtures;

Approximately 50 lineal feet off Michigan Avenue on both the East and West sides covering all East and West streets between DuSable Michigan Ave bridge and Oak Street. Alleyways that ingress and egress onto Michigan Avenue between Ohio and Ontario, and Ontario and Erie on the East side of Michigan Ave, approximately 25 lineal feet into each alleyway.

See attached map

SCOPE OF WORK I

Power and Pressure Washing (Sidewalk and any median Area within the Project Boundaries)

To include, but not to be limited to, the removal of chewing gum, dirt, grime, stains and spillage from sidewalks and median area.

Method

Apply a biodegradable detergent via special HVLP (High Volume Low Pressure) chemical applicator pumps to the areas identified on the map, followed by surface agitation, if necessary, to help break and loosen the static bond between the contaminants and the substrate being cleaned. Next, sidewalks should receive a 3000 PSI 200-degree hot water washing, using an intense cleaning method to remove all dirt, grime, spillage, and general build-up of all debris

SCOPE OF WORK II

Trash Receptacles, Lampposts, Traffic Light Poles, Free Standing Signs," Cultural Walk" Boards, CTA Kiosks, CTA Route Panels, Vacant Store Front

Windows, and Granite Planter Boxes (Street elements within the Project Boundaries)

To include, but not be limited to, cleaning the above-identified areas of all dirt, grime, etc.

Method

Apply a specialized biodegradable cleaning compound (a product tested for safe use on painted metal and glass surfaces) to the kiosk structures using a HVLP chemical applicator pump to reduce overspray and possible inconvenience to merchants and pedestrians. This should be followed by a thorough hand scrubbing, using a soft-bristle brush on all glass and cast-iron decorative iron and supports, to remove all road film, dirt, and debris. For optimum cleaning results, then do a thorough wash-down using a 2000-PSI, 200-degree hot water blasting. Once the cleaning process is completed, a separate window washing crew should professionally scrub and squeegee all the interior and exterior glass.

The hand cleaning and polishing of planters and ornamental iron requires a very delicate and cautious process due to the nature of the materials in the plant beds. It should almost entirely be done by hand. Apply a specialized granite and marble cleaner to the granite planter base, and a biodegradable all surface cleaner to the decorative metal fencing to loosen dirt and atmospheric build-up, followed by a hand scrubbing and a low-pressure cold-water rinse. Gently cover and protect plant life from the cleaning process, working away from the plants as much as possible. Once the cleaning process is complete and surfaces are dry, apply a marble and granite polishing wax to bring back the natural sheen and keep the planters looking good between cleanings. All other trash cans, poles, and street fixtures should be cleaned and polished with similar methods, appropriate to their locations.

FREQUENCY

Start Date: May 1, 2026 or earlier, and to be carried out until the holiday permit moratorium in mid-November, weather conditions permitting and unless otherwise specified. Schedule should include:

Area 1	1 service, every week
Area 2	1 service, every month
Area 1 -Michigan Avenue sidewalks/Median Areas	14 services, 1 every week
Area 2 -Lower Michigan Avenue	4 services, 1 every 4 weeks

CTA Kiosks/Planter Boxes/Trash Receptacles/Lampposts/ Traffic Light Poles/Free Standing Signs/ in and around vacant Newsstands every 2 weeks.

In some instances, such as after construction projects or events like a parade, a higher frequency of cleaning may be required, in which case the vendor will be asked to provide a separate quote. The ability to add cleaning projects, apply sealant or change schedules is desired.

OTHER STIPULATIONS:

Companies (and all vehicles) must be licensed and in good standing with the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and federal agencies.

Please list in your response the number of self-contained trucks to be used and their water tank capacity, along with the number of pressure washing machines, washing technicians, and supervisors needed to complete the work for each service.

All SSA76 vendors must comply with the City of Chicago's rules and regulations regarding subcontractors for Special Service Areas, including: insurance requirements; adhering to federal, state, and city nondiscrimination and human rights practices, and complying with the "Living Wage" ordinance.

Please provide references illustrating work of similar scope and size from at least 3 previous contracts, including a contact person from the contract.

Work subcontractors should be limited to 20% or less; SSA#76 does not want just a broker for this work, we want accountability and control over the process (including a direct contact).

Coordination of work with CDOT projects, landscaping, and other SSA#76 vendors is required.

All work must be done at night. Per city ordinance, work shall not commence before 7:00 p.m. and end before 6:00 a.m. To avoid theatre and retail pedestrian traffic, the later the start time the better.

All permit costs are the responsibility of the vendor, including parking, water and/or hydrant permits. Include those costs within your proposal. Michigan Avenue hydrants cannot be used.

Provide spec sheets for all biodegradable cleaning materials to be used.

Formulas must be environmentally safe and approved by the City of Chicago.

Bids are to be broken out to correspond with the Scope of Work categories. In addition, be inclusive of per occurrence cost where greater frequency may be required.

Certificate of Liability Insurance with a \$5,000,000.00 general liability will be requested.

Term is through the end of 2026. Based on performance evaluation, option to renew for one or more years may exist.

Submittal/Format: Proposals are due by Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. CDT. Proposals must be submitted by email to The Magnificent Mile Association SSA#76, Attn: Austin Faison, at afaison@themagnificentmile.com



- Legend**
- Michigan Avenue
 - Other SSA
 - TIF
 - Wards (2023)

**Michigan Avenue
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- Sidewalk AREAS
- * Lower Michigan Ave
- Little Michigan Ave
- △ 2 Alleyways

