

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following bid is made for furnishing materials or services for the City of Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The bidder declares that the amount and nature of the materials to be furnished is understood and that the nature of this bid is in strict accordance with the conditions set forth and is a part of this bid, and that there will at no time be a misunderstanding as to the intent of the specifications or conditions to be overcome or pleaded after the bids are opened.

In responding to this solicitation, the Bidder represents that it will not practice unlawful discrimination per Section 28-1-7 NMSA 1978 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - 49 CFR part 21, with regard to, but not limited to, the following: race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, spousal affiliation, physical or mental handicap, age or serious medical condition.

The bidder hereby proposes to furnish the items or services bid on, F.O.B. Farmington, New Mexico, at the unit prices quoted herein after notice of bid award.

Bidder must use the Bid Schedule provided and complete all information in the blanks provided. Failure to comply, or use of Bidder provided forms, may result in rejection of the Bid at the City's option.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technicalities at its option when in the best interests of the City.

If items for which bids have been called for have been identified by a "brand name or equal" description, such identification is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that will be satisfactory. Bids offering "equal" products will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the bids and are determined by the Central Purchasing Office and requesting Department to be equal in all material respects to the brand name products referenced. Unless the bidder clearly indicates in his bid that he is offering an "equal" product, his bid shall be considered as offering a brand name product referenced in the Bid Schedule.

Equal shall be taken in its general sense and shall not mean identical. Specifications are for the sole purpose of establishing minimum requirements of level of quality, standards of performance and design and is in no way intended to prohibit the bidding of any manufacturer(s) item of equal material. The City of Farmington shall be the sole judge of equality in their best interest and decisions of the City of Farmington as to equality shall be final.

Pursuant to Section 13-1-108 NMSA 1978, the total amount bid shall exclude all applicable taxes including applicable state gross receipts tax or applicable local option tax. The City will pay for any taxes due on the contract and will pay any increase in

applicable taxes which become effective after the date the contract is entered into in addition to the bid total based upon separate billings which the successful bidder shall submit with each request for payment. Taxes shall be shown as a separate amount on such billing or request for payment and shall separately identify each tax being billed.

To assist the City with budget preparation, the bidder shall complete the paragraph on the bid schedule of this bid and shall identify by name each tax bidder believes to be applicable to this bid and shall estimate the amount of each tax which will be charged on the entire bid.

Bidders may submit more than one bid that meet or exceed specifications listed. Bidder's submitting more than one base bid should submit each bid in a separately sealed envelope labeled according to the requirements specified on Page 2, Invitation to Bid. Do not submit two base bids in the same envelope. Alternate Bids which offer exceptions to the specifications will be considered and should be submitted in a separately sealed envelope labeled as an alternate.

Any bid received after stated closing time will be returned unopened. If bids are sent by mail to the Purchasing Supervisor, the bidder shall be responsible for actual delivery of the bid to the Central Purchasing Department before the advertised date and hour for opening of bids. If mail is delayed either in the postal service or in the internal mail system of the City of Farmington beyond the date and hour set for the bid opening, bids thus delayed will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

Bids deposited with the City may be withdrawn prior to the time set for opening Bids. Request for non-consideration of Bids must be made in writing to the Central Purchasing Office and received by the City prior to the time set for opening Bids. After other bids are opened and publicly read, the Bid for which non-consideration is properly requested may be returned unopened. The bid may not be withdrawn after the bids have been opened, and the Bidder, in submitting the same, warrants and guarantees that his bid has been carefully reviewed and checked and that it is in all things true and accurate and free of mistakes and that such bid will not and cannot be withdrawn because of any mistake committed by the Bidder.

After Bids are opened and publicly read, the Bids will be tabulated for comparison on the basis of the bid prices and quantities shown in the Bid. Until final award by the City of Farmington, the City reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive technicalities, and to re-advertise, or proceed to do the work otherwise when the best interests of the City will be realized hereby.

Bids will be considered irregular if they show any omissions, alteration of form, additions, conditions not called for, or irregularities of any kind. However, the City reserves the right to waive any irregularities and to make the award in the best interest of the City.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and all Bids submitted are subject to this reservation. Bids may be rejected, among other reasons, for any of the following

specific reasons:

1. Bids received after the time limit for receiving Bids as stated in the advertisement.
2. Bid containing any irregularities.
3. Unbalanced value of any items.

Bidders may be disqualified and their Bids not considered, among other reasons, for any of the following specific reasons:

1. Reason for believing collusion exists among the Bidders.
2. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Bidder is interested in more than one Bid for the work contemplated.
3. The Bidder being interested in any litigation against the City.
4. The Bidder being in arrears on any existing contract or having defaulted on a previous contract.
5. Lack of competency as revealed by a financial statement, experience and equipment, questionnaires, etc.
6. Uncompleted work which in the judgment of the City will prevent or hinder the prompt completion of additional work if awarded.

The successful bidder may not assign his rights and duties under an award without the written consent of the City's Central Purchasing Office. Such consent shall not relieve the assignor of liability in event of default by his assignee.

Delivery date is an important factor to the City and may be required to be a part of each bid. The City of Farmington considers delivery time to be that period elapsing from the time the individual order is placed until that order or work there under is received by the City at the specified delivery location. The delivery date indicated a guaranteed delivery at Farmington, New Mexico. In evaluating any guaranteed date of delivery, past delivery and service performance on previous City contracts will be considered. The City reserves the right to reject any bid if the guaranteed delivery date of any bidder is indicated unlikely because of the non-availability of stock in the vicinity of Farmington, New Mexico or failure of the bidder to meet guaranteed delivery dates or service performance on any previous City order

The City reserves the right to demand bond or penalty to guarantee delivery by the date indicated. If order is given and the bidder fails to furnish the materials by the guaranteed date, the City reserves the right to cancel the order without liability on its part. All prices are to be F. O. B. Farmington, New Mexico all freight prepaid.

Whenever the Contractor encounters any difficulty which is delaying or threatens to delay timely performance (including actual or potential labor disputes), the Contractor shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the Central Purchasing office, stating all relevant information with respect thereto. Such notice shall not in any way constitute a basis for an extension of the delivery or performance schedule or be construed as a

waiver by the City of any rights or remedies to which it is entitled by law or pursuant to provisions herein. Failure to give such notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for an extension of the delivery or performance schedule because of such delay.

All bids shall specify terms and conditions of payment which will be considered as part of, but not control, the award of bid. City review, inspections, and processing procedures ordinarily require thirty (30) days after receipt of invoice, materials or service. Bids which call for payment before 30 days from receipt of invoice, or cash discounts given on such payment, will be considered only if the opinion of the Central Purchasing Office upon the review, inspections and processing procedures can be completed within the specified time.

It is the intention of the City of Farmington to make payment on completed orders within thirty (30) days of receiving invoicing unless unusual circumstances arise. Invoices shall be fully documented as to labor, materials and equipment provided. Orders will be placed by the Central Purchasing Department and must be given a Purchase Order Number to be valid. All Purchase Orders will be paid upon completion of delivery and acceptance.

Payment will not be made by the City until the vendor has been given a Purchase Order Number, has furnished proper invoice, materials, or services, and otherwise complied with City Purchasing procedures, unless this provision is waived by the City.

In case of default of the successful bidder, the City of Farmington may procure the articles from other sources and hold the bidder responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

Except as to any supplies or components which the specifications provide need not be new, all supplies and components to be provided under this contract shall be new (not used or reconditioned, and not of such age or so deteriorated as to impair their usefulness or safety), of current productions and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. If at any time during the performance of this contract the Contractor believes that the furnishing of supplies or components which are not new is necessary or desirable, he shall notify the Purchasing Agent immediately, in writing, including the reasons therefore and proposing any consideration which will flow to the City if authorization to use supplies or components is granted.

Bidders shall have no claim against the City for failure to obtain information made available by the City which the Bidder could have remedied through the exercise of due diligence.

The only approved contact shall be with the buyer listed in this bid. Bidders making contact with any other City official or City employee regarding this Bid may be disqualified.

All bids and related documents are subject to the "Inspection of Public Records Act," Chapter 14, Article 2, NMSA 1978.

By law (Section 13-1-191, NMSA, 1978) the City is required to inform Bidders of the following: (1) it is a third-degree felony under New Mexico law to commit the offense of bribery of a public officer or public employee (Section 30-24-1, NMSA, 1978); (2) it is a third-degree felony to commit the offense of demanding or receiving a bribe by a public officer or public employee (Section 30-24-2, NMSA, 1978); (3) it is a fourth-degree felony to commit the offense of soliciting or receiving illegal kickbacks (Section 30-41-1, NMSA, 1978); (4) it is a fourth-degree felony to commit the offense of offering or paying illegal kickbacks (Section 30-41-2, NMSA, 1978).

Conflict of Interest: Bidder warrants that it presently has no interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of service under this contract. Bidder must notify the City's Chief Procurement Officer if any employee(s) of the requesting department or the Central Purchasing Division have a financial interest in the Offeror. If yes, the Offeror must specify the employee(s) name in their proposal.

Any protest by a Bidder must be timely and in conformance with Section 13-1-172, NMSA, 1978 and applicable procurement regulations. The fifteen (15) day protest period for responsive Bidders shall begin on the day following the City's written notification to all responding Bidders. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the number assigned to this Bid by the City. It also must contain a statement of grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits. The timely protest must be delivered to:

Chief Procurement Officer
Central Purchasing Division
City of Farmington
800 Municipal Drive (Mailing Address) OR
805 Municipal Drive (Physical Location)
Farmington, NM 87401-2663

By submitting a response to this solicitation (RFQ, Bid, RFP) the business (Bidder/Offeror/Contractor) represents and warrants that it is not debarred, suspended, or placed in ineligibility status under the provisions of Federal Executive Order 12549.

DEFINITIONS

Bid - The offer or proposal of the Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the material/items to be procured or the Work to be performed.

Bidder - Any person, firm, or corporation submitting a Bid for the material/items or Work.

Calendar Day - A calendar day of twenty-four (24) hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

City - The City of Farmington, New Mexico.

Contract Price - The total monies payable to Bidder or the price established for each of the payment items listed in the Bid Schedule as the context indicates.

Dispute - Lack of agreement between any parties that have any obligations, duties or responsibilities under the terms of the Bid.

Proposal - The offer of a Bidder, on the prescribed form, to provide the material/items or perform the Work at the prices on the Bid Schedule.

State - The State of New Mexico.