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**Bid Proposal # 2006**

## **PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS – TWELVE MONTH PERIOD**

Sealed bids and electronic submitted bids for the above will be received until **10:00 AM, Tuesday, September 16, 2014** and publicly opened in the City of Alexandria Council Chambers or Council Committee Room.

**Please file bid by one of the following means:**

**Hand-Delivered or Express Delivery:**

**Attention: Donna Jones, Acting City Clerk  
City of Alexandria - City Hall  
915 Third Street, First Floor  
Alexandria, LA 71301  
Phone: 318-449-5047**

**Mailed via USPS:**

**Attention: Donna Jones, Acting City Clerk  
City of Alexandria - City Hall  
PO Box 71  
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071**

**Electronic Bid Submission:**

**[www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)**

Pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 38-2212(A)(1)(F) and R.S. 38-2212.1(B)(4), vendors/contractors now have the option to submit their bids and bid bonds, electronically. To view bids, download, and receive bid notices by e-mail, your company/agency will need to register with **BidSync at BidSync.com** . Please click the link below to register your company: <http://www.bidsync.com/DPX?ac=subscribe&regonly=1&>

If you need help registering or with completing an e-bid, please call 800-990-9339 (M-F) 8 AM to 7PM (CST).

**City of Alexandria Buyer Name: Wilma Kelly  
Phone Number: 318-441-6162  
Fax Number: 318-619-3415  
E-Mail Address: [wilma.kelly@cityofalex.com](mailto:wilma.kelly@cityofalex.com)**



Joe C. Despino  
Purchasing Manager

# City of Alexandria

Purchasing Department  
P.O. Box 71  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
71309-0071



Office: (318) 441-6180  
Fax: (318) 441-6185

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Bid Bond Requirements: A bid bond or check for N/A% of the total amount of bid.

Performance Bond Requirements: In the event bid is accepted, a performance bond shall be required in the amount of N/A%.

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City of Alexandria  
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P.O. Box 71  
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071  
Phone: 318-449-5047

## INTRODUCTION

### PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS – TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD

It is the intent of the City of Alexandria to secure pricing on PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS for a twelve (12) month period.

All products shall be new and of current manufacture. The City of Alexandria anticipates buying approximately 1,000,000 (20,000 rolls of 50 bags each) black refuse bags. Bags shall be ordered in full truckload quantities on an as needed basis over a twelve (12) month period. Each roll must be individually wrapped in a clear plastic sleeve. Each roll shall contain an equal quantity of wire ties which are a minimum of 5” in length.

Whenever quantities or usages are provided by the City of Alexandria, these quantities are estimates only. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the City of Alexandria as to the total amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contract.

**All bid prices shall include any and all freight charges.** All products are to be shipped F.O.B., freight pre-paid, the City of Alexandria Central Warehouse, located at 2021 Industrial Park Road, Building WH, Alexandria, LA 71303. **Successful bidder shall notify the City of Alexandria Warehouse Department, Attention: Warehouse Clerk at (318) 441-6174, within a minimum of 48 hours prior to delivery. The low bidder shall be responsible for all shortages of bags supplied to the City.**

Upon notification by the Purchasing Department, the low bidder shall furnish the City with four (4) rolls of trash bags, as quoted, for the purpose of testing and evaluation. **One (1) sample of bag quoted should be included in the vendor’s bid package.**

**Completed bid should be returned as issued by the City of Alexandria with ALL PAGES intact and all specification response columns filled in. Incomplete columns or missing pages, to include addendum pages, may result in the bidder's (or proposer's) entire bid being rejected.**

Questions and/or clarifications of bid specifications are to be in written form, either mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the attention of Wilma Kelly, City of Alexandria - Purchasing Department, P.O. Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309-0071; Fax #318-619-3415; e-mail [wilma.kelly@cityofalex.com](mailto:wilma.kelly@cityofalex.com) ; and must be received by close of business on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR:  
PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS – TWELVE (12 MONTH PERIOD**

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**GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR BIDDERS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. Pursuant to LA R.S 38:2212.1C(2), any manufacturer's preference in this proposal is descriptive, but non-restrictive, and is used only to indicate minimum requirement for type, grade and quality unless otherwise specified.
2. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 A.(1)(b), the provisions and requirement of this bid shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by the City of Alexandria. Therefore, conditions and specifications on this bid form shall be strictly enforced and any and all alterations, deviations, and non-compliance to said conditions and specifications, either on the bid form or by separate attachment, shall be grounds for immediate disqualification.
3. Preference shall be given to bidders quoting F.O.B. Destination (the City of Alexandria using department), FREIGHT PREPAID, unless otherwise requested.
4. Each bidder should submit his proposal on the proposal form furnished by the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department. The complete bid package must be returned as issued by the City with all pages intact and all specification response columns filled in. Incomplete columns or missing pages, to include addendum pages, shall result in the vendor's entire bid package being rejected.
5. Literature, brochures, and other related paperwork attached to the bid shall be identified with the name of the bidder and bid item number.
6. In case of a mathematical discrepancy between unit price and extensions, the unit price shall prevail.
7. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 A.(2), the bid specifications may contemplate a fixed escalation or de-escalation in accordance with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistic's Consumer Price Index and/or Wholesale Price Index. Bids based on specifications which are subject to a recognized escalation index shall be legal and valid.
8. Pursuant to LA R.S. 39:1701-1709, any public procurement unit may participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Alexandria to acquire quantities of the above listed items under a contract with the City of Alexandria for items awarded by public bid.
9. The City of Alexandria reserves the right to award by item or by total bid, unless otherwise specified in the bid specifications. (Price(s) should be itemized.)
10. All erasures or corrections on the bid form must be initialed and the City of Alexandria may rely on the apparent authority represented by the initials.
11. The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject for cause any and all bids or parts of bids, or accept bids most beneficial to the City.
12. Any bid submitted which contains additions, conditional or alternate bids, or irregularities which may make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning, thus requiring clarification after the specified date and time of bid opening shall be rejected.

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**General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)**

13. Bids shall be opened publicly in the City Council Chambers or Council Committee Room.
14. Cash discounts may be accepted, but SHALL NOT be considered in making award.
15. Regarding a bid for purchase of materials, supplies or services, not to include construction of any public works, a written notice of acceptance mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
16. When any bid is accepted for the construction or doing of any public works, a written contract shall be executed by and between the City of Alexandria and the Contractor. No contract shall be binding upon the City until it has been executed by the City and delivered to the successful bidder. Should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to execute the contract, the award shall then be made to the next lowest responsible bidder, or re-advertised for public bid, said decision to be in the sole judgment of the City of Alexandria. This action may result in the loss of bidding privileges for a period of one (1) year.
17. The City of Alexandria shall schedule for payment the invoices for articles or services purchased under this bid within thirty (30) days after due and proper delivery accompanied by invoice.
18. The City of Alexandria is exempt from all taxes. A tax exempt form shall be furnished by the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department, if requested.
19. Bidder(s) awarded item(s) by the City of Alexandria shall be responsible for supplying all products at the awarded price(s). Failure may result in the City's cancellation of the remaining items awarded.
20. Regarding Service Contracts and Procurement Contracts, the terms of the contract shall be binding upon any and all parties involved until goods and supplies are delivered, services have been rendered, and/or work has been completed and accepted by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Alexandria and all payments required to be made to the Contractor have been made. However, a contract may be terminated under any and all of the following conditions:
  - (a) By mutual agreement and consent of either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party;
  - (b) By the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Alexandria, as a consequence of the failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract or the progress or quality of work to be performed in a satisfactory manner, proper allowance being made for circumstances beyond the control of the Contractor; or
  - (c) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described in the contract.

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**General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)**

If the contract is terminated for any of the terms and conditions authorized in sub-paragraph (b) above, Contractor shall be formally notified in writing by the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department by means of certified mail informing him of cancellation of the contract, giving specific reasons for said cancellation. Contractor shall have the right to appeal to the City Council within ten (10) days from the date that said notification is placed in the U.S. Mail. Contractor's appeal shall be accomplished by means of a letter addressed to the City Council and delivered to the City Clerk, stating that an appeal to the decision of cancellation is desired. The City Council shall thereafter hold a hearing on the appeal, giving all parties the opportunity to present any and all evidence concerning the decision of cancellation. After hearing the appeal, the city Council may, by a majority vote, sustain, modify, or reverse the findings for said decision and shall provide, if requested by Contractor, a written determination of its findings.

21. Contractors submitting bids for Public Works construction projects in excess of \$1.00 must show his Contractor's License Number on the front of the bid envelope, except for certain projects for which a Contractor's License Number is not required by the State Contractor's Licensing Board. Failure to comply with this directive shall result in automatic bid rejection, furthermore, any Contractor who submits a bid for a type of construction for which he is not properly licensed shall be acting in violation of LA R.S. 37:2163, and shall be subject to all provisions for violation and penalties thereof. Contractors who are owned by, and are submitting a bid as a subsidiary of a parent company, whose name is listed in the State of Louisiana's Roster of Licensed Contractors, may do so by including a letter of proof of ownership from the parent company with the submitted bid package. The letter must be signed as per LA R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(c)(i) (see Item #22 below).

22. All bids shall be signed by hand and in ink by an authorized company representative per LA R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c)(i) which states:

(c)(i) Evidence of agency, corporate, or partnership authority shall be required for submission of a bid to the division of administration or the State of Louisiana. The authority of the signature of the person submitting the bid shall be deemed sufficient and acceptable if any of the following conditions are met:

(aa) The signature on the bid is that of any corporate officer listed on the most current annual report on file with the Secretary of State, or the signature on the bid is that of any member of a partnership or partnership in commendam listed in the most current partnership records on file with the Secretary of State.

(bb) The signature on the bid is that of an authorized representative of the corporation, partnership, or other legal entity and the bid is accompanied by a corporate resolution, certification as to the corporate principle, or other documents indicating authority which are acceptable to the public entity.

(cc) The corporation, partnership, or other legal entity has filed in the appropriate records of the Secretary of State in which the public entity is located, an affidavit, resolution, or other acknowledged or authentic document indicating the names of all parties authorized to submit bids for public contracts. Such document on file with the Secretary of State shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon the principal until specifically rescinded and canceled from the records of the office.

23. In-State preferences shall not apply to procurements involving federal funds.

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**General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)**

24. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 C.(2)(b), any modifications of plans and specifications will be made through an addendum. No addendum shall be issued within seventy-two (72) hours of the bid opening, excluding weekends and legal holidays, without the extension of the bid opening date. An extension of at least seven (7) but no more than twenty-one (21) working days is required but, re-advertising is not required. The addendum shall be transmitted by any one of the following methods: (1) facsimile transmission; (2) e-mail; (3) by hand; or (4) posted on the City of Alexandria's website ([www.cityofalexandria.com](http://www.cityofalexandria.com)) and posted on BidSync ([www.BidSync.com](http://www.BidSync.com)) if applicable.
25. All Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded procurements, including operating assistance funding contracts, are to follow the *Master Agreement*, to include all applicable federal clauses.
26. Under the City's *AFEAT (Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility, and Teamwork Program)*, participation by minority and/or disadvantaged business enterprise firms is encouraged. The *AFEAT* Program should be inquired about through the Division of Finance.

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***Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility and Teamwork Program (AFEAT)***

Dear Vendor:

Under the City's *AFEAT (Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility, and Teamwork Program)*, participation by minority and/or disadvantaged business enterprise firms is encouraged. The AFEAT Program should be inquired about through the Division of Finance. The goals for qualifying disadvantaged, minority and female owned business in the use of professional service agreements with prime contractors will help effectuate the goals of increasing: the competitive viability of small business, minority, and women business enterprise by providing contract, technical, educational, and management assistance; business ownership by small business persons, minority persons, and women (including professional service opportunities); and the procurement by the City of professional services, articles, equipment, supplies, and materials from business concerns owned by small business concerns, minority persons, and women.

Prime contractors offering subcontracting should take specific action to ensure that a bona fide effort is made to achieve maximum results towards meeting the established goals. Primes shall document efforts and shall implement steps at least as extensive as the following in a good faith effort to reach or exceed the established goals:

- A. Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female owned businesses in Alexandria, in Rapides Parish, and in the State of Louisiana.*
- B. Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontracts from minority or female construction contractor and suppliers in Alexandria, in Rapides Parish, and in the State of Louisiana.*
- C. Secure listing of minority and women owned businesses from the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department, the Central Louisiana Business Incubator, and the State of Louisiana Department of Minority Affairs.*
- D. Participate in associations which assist in promoting minority and women owned businesses such as the Central Louisiana Business League, the Central Louisiana Business Incubator, and the Entrepreneurial League System.*
- E. Designate a responsible official to monitor all activity made in the effort to achieve or exceed the established goals; record contacts made, subcontracts entered into with dollar amounts, and other relevant information.*

For more information on AFEAT and the City of Alexandria's Diversity in Action Initiative, and to explore a local and statewide directory of minority businesses, please visit [www.diversityinaction.org](http://www.diversityinaction.org).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our Finance Department at 318-449-5091 or our Purchasing Department at 318-441-6180.

Sincerely,

City of Alexandria

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INSURANCE: Bidder shall furnish, attached to the bid document, a current copy of his Certificate of Insurance indicating limits of General Liability, Automobile Liability and Worker's Compensation in force at the time of the bidding. Evidence of reliable insurance to fully indemnify against long-term liabilities shall be part of the evaluation criteria for award of this bid. Certificate of Insurance shall have a General Liability Aggregate of Four Million (\$4,000,000) Dollars and a per person/per occurrence of Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars. Automobile Liability will have a Combined Single Limit of Two Million (2,000,000). Also on the Certificate, the City shall be named as an "additional insured" and a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City of Alexandria. On the Certificate of Insurance under Worker's Compensation, it shall state that "This is a standard Worker's Compensation Policy", with statutory limits. Cancellation of any Certificate of Insurance should require sixty (60) days notice to the City of Alexandria, but under no circumstances less than thirty (30) days notice. Also, the following wording must be removed before acceptance of the Certificate: "Endeavor to" or "But failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation of liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives." Certificate holder shall be the City of Alexandria, P.O. Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309-0071, Attention: Purchasing Manager.



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**BID SPECIFICATIONS**

**SCOPE:** The following bid specifications are to be used as minimum and maximum standards for PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS – TWELVE (12 MONTH PERIOD, for use by The City of Alexandria Central Warehouse Department. All quoted products shall either meet or exceed the following specifications.

Unless otherwise stated, the use of manufacturer's name and product numbers are for descriptive purposes and to establish general quality levels only, they are not intended to be restrictive.

Prospective bidders are required to state exactly what they intend to furnish, otherwise, it is fully understood that they shall furnish all items as stated. Bidder should indicate in the space provided below, under "*Bidder's Response*:", the necessary information to indicate he/she is conforming with the bid specifications for each item as written. If Bidder is in complete compliance with each bid specification item as written, please write "Comply" in the space provided; if not, please indicate in this space, the necessary information on the product you are proposing. Each specification response is necessary to ensure the proper evaluation and tabulation of this bid. If each "*Bidder's Response*" section is not filled in or completed, your bid may be rejected.

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***Bidder's Response:***

**SPECIFICATIONS - Black Plastic Refuse Bags:**

- 1.0 Materials: Both virgin and re-processed materials shall be acceptable. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.0 Color: Color shall be dark enough so that the contents cannot be readily seen.  
(Black or dark gray) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.0 Size: Bags may be either flat (31" X 40") or gusset (17" X 14" X 40"). \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.0 Weight: 124 lbs. per thousand bags, minimum. This is to be exclusive of packing and ties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.0 Packaging: Each roll must be individually wrapped in a clear plastic sleeve. Each pallet shall be completely double wrapped in .2 mil., minimum, polyfilm to insure proper shipping and storage. Each roll shall contain an equal quantity of wrapped wire ties a minimum of 5" in length. Due to space restrictions, **bags are to be packaged in cardboard boxes, with eight (8) or nine (9) rolls per box, fifty (50) bags per roll. Cardboard boxes shall be approximately 20" X 17" X 7.5". The total height of the pallet and packed boxes shall not exceed 47". Boxes shall not overhang the edges of the shipping pallets. \*\*PALLET SHALL NOT BE DOUBLE STACKED\*\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.0 Core: Each roll shall have a cardboard or plastic core measuring at least 1-1/2" in diameter. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.0 Odor Transmittance: Bags shall be constructed in such a manner as not to allow odors to escape when properly closed with the provided twist ties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.0 Tensile Strength In Pounds: Machine direction – 4.5; Transverse direction -3.5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.0 Specific Gravity: .946 - .955 \_\_\_\_\_

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10.0 Melt Index: 1.5 – 3.0 Grams/10 minutes.

**SPECIFICATIONS - Black Plastic Refuse Bags:  
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**Bidder's Response:**

11.0 Tearing Strength: Machine direction – 100 grams; transverse direction - 300 grams (ASTM D-1922).

12.0 Film Thickness: 1.5 (.0015) mils, deviation of plus or minus 3% equivalent, minimum.

13.0 Drop Resistance: Bags shall withstand a drop of five (5) feet onto smooth concrete when filled to a total weight of 30 lbs. with a material having a weight of 15 lbs. per cubic foot. The bags shall be securely closed with a twist tie.

14.0 Hang Test: The sample bags must remain intact for two (2) minutes after being loaded with 100 lbs. of sand and hung by the neck.

15.0 **Due to space restrictions, pallet size must be a maximum size of 35"W X 44"L and must have four-way entry access. The openings shall be a minimum of 12" W and a minimum of 3 1/2" H. Palletized material height may not exceed 47 inches including the pallet. Each pallet must be strapped or plastic wrapped for stability and cartons must not overhang the pallet sides. Pallets shall not be double stacked. Packaging requirements must be complied with or shipment shall be returned.**

15.1 **Pallets: (See attached Photos)**

15.2 **Shall be loaded for shipment in such a manner to facilitate direct unloading to the rear of the tractor trailer, by means of a forklift or pallet jack.**

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**PRICE QUOTE SHEET:**

**Bid Price Black Plastic Refuse Bags: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/Roll of 50 bags.**

**Bid price shall remain in effect for \_\_\_\_\_/calendar days from bid award date**

**BAG/ROLL SPECIFICATIONS:**

Brand Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Stock Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bag Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Bag Style: Flat: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Gusset: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bags Rolls Per Roll: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rolls Per Box: \_\_\_\_\_

Core Size: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

**CASE SPECIFICATIONS:**

Box Size: \_\_\_\_\_ width X \_\_\_\_\_ depth X \_\_\_\_\_ height

**PALLET SPECIFICATIONS:**

Pallet Size: Width: \_\_\_\_\_ inches X Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Pallet Height When Packaged for Shipment: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Pallet has four way entry: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Number of Cases per Pallet: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pallets Per Truck Load: \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY:**

Delivery time required from order placement in truck load quantities: \_\_\_\_\_/ Days.

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**Bidder Information:**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Per LA R.S. 38:2212(A)(c)(i) - See General Conditions Item #22, Page 4 of these bid specifications.)

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