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| Request for Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM CDT, Monday, April 29, 2024 and opened at the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department. | | City of Alexandria RFP #1820P Page: 1 of 13 Date RFP Prepared: March 20, 2024 | | |
| Bid Bond Requirements: A bid bond or check for <u>N/A%</u> of the total amount of bid. <u>Performance Bond Requirements:</u> In the event bid is accepted, a performance bond shall be required in the amount of <u>N/A%</u> . | | <u>Joann S</u> City of Ale 2021 Ine B Alexa | otations with the following: Swain, Senior Buyer exandria - Purchasing dustrial Park Road Building WH andria, LA 71303 H-6182 Fax: 318-619-3412 | |
| INTRODUCTION | | | | |

<u>Testing, Calibration, and Maintenance of Substations and the D.G. Hunter Generating Station's</u> <u>Relays, Meters, and Related Equipment</u>

(State of Louisiana Licensing Board Job Classification: *Electrical Work*)

It is the intent of the City of Alexandria to secure pricing for the service of **Testing**, **Calibration**, and **Maintenance of Substations and the D.G. Hunter Generating Station's Relays**, **Meters**, and **Related Equipment**. This service contract shall remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) months from award date. Contingent upon the availability of funds, and the ability of the successful proposer to honor the quoted prices, the City reserves the right to renew the existing contract for a period of up to two (2) additional years, in one year increments.

Interested parties may contact Bobby Clifton, Substation Supervisor, at (318)473-1349, between the hours of 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, for additional information pertaining to these specifications.

In comparing proposals, consideration will not be confined to price only. Award will be made to the most qualified Contractor determined by the City of Alexandria to have the best hourly rates, experience, service and other considerations pertinent to the acceptability of the contract.

Complete RFP packet should be returned as issued by the City of Alexandria with ALL pages intact and all specification response columns filled in.

Proposals may be returned either by fax to (318)619-3412; or hand delivered to the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department, located at 2021 Industrial Park Road, Building WH, Alexandria, LA 71303; or emailed to joann.swain@cityofalex.com.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR BIDDERS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Pursuant to LA R.S 38:2212.1. C.(1)(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 B.(1), 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 shall 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 should 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 F., the bid specifications may contemplate a fixed escalation or deescalation in accordance with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistic's Consumer Price Index or the Producer Price Index. Bids based on specifications which are subject to a recognized escalation index shall be legal and valid for any item of a public work, at the discretion of the City.

8. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212.1. F., 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, pursuant to the cooperative purchasing provisions of Part VII of Chapter 17 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statures of 1950, R.S. 39:1701 et seq.

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.

General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)

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.

13. Bids shall be opened publicly in the City Council Chambers or Council Committee Room.

14. Cash discounts may be accepted, but <u>SHALL NOT</u> 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 sales taxes. A sales 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.

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 B.(5)(a)(b)(c) (see Item #22 below).

22. <u>All bids submitted via USPS (registered or certified), overnight courier or hand delivered, shall be</u> signed by hand and in ink by an authorized company representative per LA R.S. 38:2212 B.(5)(a)(b)(c), 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.

General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)

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

24. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 O.(2)(a)(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 thirty (30) 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 (<u>www.cityofalexandriala.com</u>) and posted on Central Bidding's website (<u>www.centralauctionhouse.com</u>) 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.

a. Any bidder that is found listed on the Federal Government's *System for Award Management* (SAM) website, at <u>www.sam.gov/portal/sam</u>, under the advanced search feature for *Excluded Parties List System* (EPLS), shall automatically be rejected for the award of this bid, by Category and/or in its entirety. This applies to any portion of the bid that is a procurement funded by FTA.

26. Under the City's *AFEAT* (*Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility, and Teamwork Program*), participation by minority and/or disadvantaged business enterprise firms is encouraged. Inquiries about the *AFEAT* Program should be directed to the Division of Finance. As a part of its RFP response, each Bidder <u>shall</u> submit documentation of its bona fide effort to secure subcontractors that meet the City's AFEAT goals. Each bidder <u>shall</u> also submit proof of engagement of any subcontractor selected because of its solicitations. The Bidder's bona fide efforts and engagement(s) are a consideration in bid review and rating.

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 <u>www.diversityinaction.org</u>. 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.

As a part of its RFP response, each Bidder <u>shall</u> submit documentation of its bona fide effort to secure subcontractors that meet the City's AFEAT goals. Each bidder <u>shall</u> also submit proof of engagement of any subcontractor selected because of its solicitations. The Bidder's bona fide efforts and engagement(s) are a consideration in bid review and rating.

Sincerely,

City of Alexandria

SPECIFICATIONS

<u>SCOPE</u>: The following specifications are to be used as minimum and maximum standards for the service of **Testing, Calibration, and Maintenance of Substations and the D.G. Hunter Generating Station's Relays, Meters, and Related Equipment** for the City of Alexandria. All quotes must either meet or exceed the following specifications.

Proposers should indicate in the space provided below, under "*Proposer's Response*", the necessary information to indicate he/she is conforming with the specifications for each item as written. If Proposer is in complete compliance with each specification item as written, please write "Comply" in the space provided; if not, please indicate in this space, the necessary information. Each specification response is necessary to ensure the proper evaluation and tabulation of this RFP. If each "*Proposer's Response*" section is not filled in or completed, your proposal may be rejected.

SPECIFICATION ITEMS:

- 1. The successful proposer shall perform the following tests and calibrations on the electrical transmission, distribution and generation protection relays:
 - 1.1 Verification of settings (current tap, time, dial, instantaneous, etc.) of the relay compared to previous test reports.
 - 1.2 Minimum pickup testing and calibration as specified. Tests shall be performed in the specified taps.
 - 1.3 Overcurrent relay timing curve testing and calibration to within five percent (5%) of the manufacturer's timing curves.
 - 1.4 Overcurrent relay instantaneous element testing and calibration to within three percent (3%) of desired setting.
 - 1.5 Testing and calibration of other relay trip points and relay functions to within five percent (5%) of relay manufacturer's specifications.
 - 1.6 Correction of relay calibration where necessary.
 - 1.7 Repair of relay or target where necessary.

Proposer's Response:

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<u>CITY OF ALEXANDRIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR:</u> Testing, Calibration, and Maintenance of Substations and the D.G. Hunter Generating Station's Relays, Meters, and Related Equipment

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<u>Proposer's Response:</u>

- 1.8 Cleaning of relays.
- 1.9 Cleaning of relay cases and covers.
- 1.10 Preparation of individual relay test sheets showing manufacturer, type, style/model number, relay setting, desired calibration values, "*as found*" test values, and "*as left*" test values for each relay along with comments concerning problems or potential problems found during testing.
- 1.11 Infrared scanning of transformers, switches, cables, connections, and other equipment as required.
- 2. The successful proposer shall test and calibrate when necessary, as determined by the City of Alexandria, all electrical transmission, distribution and generation metering equipment according to manufacturer's specifications. FERC compliance reports shall be prepared when necessary.
- 3. The successful proposer shall assist the City of Alexandria personnel in the maintenance and repair of electrical transmission, distribution and generation relays, meters, and other equipment, as needed, throughout the life of the contract.
 - 3.1 Response (when assistance is required) shall be within a reasonable period of time. The successful proposer shall be able to respond with the appropriate, qualified personnel, on site, within twenty-four (24) hours in a routine situation.
 - 3.2 In an emergency situation, the successful proposer shall be able to respond with the appropriate, qualified personnel, on site, within four (4) hours. It shall be determined by the City of Alexandria as to whether or not an emergency situation exists.

SPECIFICATIONS

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Proposer's Response:

- 4. Proposers submitting quotes for this service shall have been engaged in, and have been performing the type work specified in the RFP, for no less than five (5) years.
- 5. Proposers submitting quotes for the service should furnish with their quote, a minimum of ten (10) references for whom they have performed the type of work specified. The reference list should include the company name, address, phone number, and contact person's name.

END OF SPECIFICATIONS

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| 1. | Labor (Per Man Hour) | \$ | /Per Hour |
| 2. | Labor Overtime Rate (Per Man Hour) | \$ | /Per Hour |
| 3. | Equipment (List Individually) | | |
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| 4. | Other Costs (List Individually by Applicable | Unit) | |
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PRICE PAGE

Option #1 – Renewal for 2nd Year:

List all costs on "per hour" basis as follows:

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Option #2 – Renewal for 3rd Year:

List all costs on "per hour" basis as follows:

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Proposer's Information:

| Louisiana Contractors License Number: | - |
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| Address: | |
| City/State/Zip: | |
| Telephone #: () | Fax #: () |
| Email Address: | |
| 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.)