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**Bid Proposal #2447**

## **TREATED WOOD POLES - ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION**

Sealed bids and electronic submitted bids for the above will be received until **10:00 AM CST, Tuesday, OCTOBER 31, 2023** 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, 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, City Clerk  
City of Alexandria - City Hall  
PO Box 71  
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071**

**Electronic Bid Submission: Central Bidding**

Pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 38:2212 B.(6)(a) through E. (1-7) and R.S. 38:2212.1 B.(4)(a), vendors/contractors have the option to submit their bids and bid bonds electronically. Bids and bonds to be filed electronically shall be posted with **Central Bidding** at [www.centralauctionhouse.com](http://www.centralauctionhouse.com) (phone 1-225-810-4814). Registration will need to be completed prior to posting of bid.

Complete bid specifications are available for viewing and downloading at the City of Alexandria's website [www.cityofalexandriala.com](http://www.cityofalexandriala.com) ; on the left hand side of the opening page, go to the heading "*Business*" then drop down to "*RFP/RFQ/Bids*"; the current bids will be listed for your convenience.

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Wilma Kelly  
Purchasing Manager

**City of Alexandria**  
Purchasing Department  
P.O. Box 71  
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Office: (318) 441-6180  
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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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**Donna Jones, City Clerk**  
City of Alexandria  
915 Third Street  
P.O. Box 71  
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071  
Phone: 318-449-5047

**INTRODUCTION**

**TREATED WOOD POLES – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION**

It is the intent of the City of Alexandria to secure pricing on **Treated Wood Poles** for use by the City of Alexandria Electric Distribution Department. **Bidding for Distributions is a one-time guaranteed buy, while Transmission is “as-needed” basis.** Bid prices will remain in effect for a period of one year from bid award date.

**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 Electric Distribution Department, located at 1015 North Third Street, Alexandria, LA 71303. Prices shall remain firm for a period of twelve (12) month from bid award date. 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.

**NOTE:** Pursuant to R.S. 38:2251 (L), Act 2003, No. 744 and No. 1175; removes preferences for treated wood poles.

*The City of Alexandria reserves the right to award by individual item or by category total, whichever is in the best interest of the City.*

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***Completed bid shall 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, will result in the bidder's (or proposer's) entire bid being rejected.***

**Questions and/or requests for clarification of specifications must be submitted in writing to the attention of Andre Garsaud, City of Alexandria Purchasing Department, by either e-mail to andre.garsaud@cityofalex.com; or via fax to 318-441-6185 prior to Thursday, October 19, 2023.**

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**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 de-escalation 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 Statutes 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.

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**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 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 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.

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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. All bids submitted via USPS (registered or certified), overnight courier or hand delivered, shall be 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.

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**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 ([www.cityofalexandriala.com](http://www.cityofalexandriala.com)) and posted on Central Bidding's website ([www.centralauctionhouse.com](http://www.centralauctionhouse.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.
- a. Any bidder that is found listed on the Federal Government's *System for Award Management* (SAM) website, at [www.sam.gov/portal/sam](http://www.sam.gov/portal/sam) , 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. 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,



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City of Alexandria

**BID SPECIFICATIONS**

**General Information:**

Bidder(s) awarded this contract shall be responsible for delivering treated wood poles to the City of Alexandria Electric Distribution Department within two (2) weeks of receipt of purchase order. If requested items are not available within this time frame, bidder shall specify in writing the earliest possible delivery time frame.

Failure by the awarded vendor to meet delivery requirements and/or failure to hold prices firm for the required twelve (12) month period shall result in a forfeiture of the awarded bid and the loss of bidding privileges for a period of one (1) year. Contract period shall be for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of receipt of the "Notice of Award". Failure to comply with the requirements of this bid shall constitute a non-responsive bid.

Each purchase order for the specified poles shall vary in quantity and size according to need, however, each purchase shall be, at a minimum, full truckload quantities.

Purchase orders shall specify the length, class, type of preservative, and quantity of material desired and shall identify material as being for Distribution construction. Poles shall be shipped to the City of Alexandria Electric Distribution Department, 1015 North Third Street, Alexandria, LA 71301.

Bidder shall specify average weight of each pole as specified on the Bid Price Sheet attached.

Successful bidder shall notify the City of Alexandria Electric Distribution Department, Mr. Henry Jacobs, at (318) 473-1353, within a minimum twenty-four (24) hours prior to delivery.

Each respective bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that his/her product(s) meet Executive Order on Securing the United States Bulk Power System issued on May 1, 2020.

**Scope:**

These specifications cover the size and quality of timber products, the handling and treating process for full length pressure treated Southern Pine poles. These specifications are for creosote and pentachlorophenol and prescribed maximum and minimum values of acceptability in the preservation treatment of wood poles to be purchased by the City of Alexandria. **All poles manufactured for the City of Alexandria shall be inspected before and after treatment by an independent inspection company.**

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**BID SPECIFICATIONS (Continued)**

**Material Requirements:**

Materials supplied under these specifications shall conform to the most recent requirements of the American Wood-Preservers Association (AWPA), Standard C1, C4 and M1, most recent revision, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Specifications and Dimensions for Wood Poles, ANSI 05.1 and the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service Bulletin No. 1728F-700 except as modified herein.

Paragraph 4.4.6 Knots – All poles shall be free of loose knots. Poles in which decayed matter, dead wood and bark have been removed from the knots and the cavities worked so as not to hold water and not to exceed two (2”) inches in depth below the normal surface of the pole may be accepted, provided the strength and symmetry of the poles have not been impaired.

The allowable size of individual knots and the sum of the diameters of all knots in any one (1’) foot section shall be unmodified, except that for the top nine (9’) feet of the poles sixty-five (65’) feet long and longer, the following shall be allowed: For each one (1”) inch of circumference that the top of the pole exceeds the minimum top circumference as set up in ANSI dimension tables, one (1”) inch shall be added to the maximum allowable sum of diameters of all knots in any one (1’) foot section up to a maximum of twelve (12”) inches for the sum of diameters in that section.

A concentration of knots, such as a knot cluster or ring of knots, can seriously weaken a pole, especially machine trimmed poles, due to longitudinal fibers being cut. Therefore, any poles showing fiber “pop-up” or separation deeper than that allowed in paragraph 4.4.7 Scars, shall be rejected.

Paragraph 4.4.7 Scars – Scars shall be permitted provided that the depth of the trimmed scar is not more than one (1”) inch, if the pole diameter is ten (10”) inches or less, or one-tenth (1/10) the diameter at the scar location, if such diameter is more than ten (10”) inches.

Paragraph 4.4.9 Shape – Bell shaped butts shall be trimmed to the natural taper of poles.

Any localized deviation from straightness in a five (5’) foot section, or less, shall be classified as a short crook and the deviation from straightness shall not exceed two (2”) inches. Poles may have sweep subject to the following limitation: A straight line connecting the center of the butt with the center of the top shall not at any intermediate point pass through the external surface of the pole.

Paragraph 4.4.10 Spiral Grain – No pole shall have more than one (1) complete twist of grain in any twenty (20’) feet of length.

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Paragraph 4.4.11 Splits and Checks in the Top – Splits or thru checks shall be prohibited.

**BID SPECIFICATIONS (Continued)**

**Manufacturing Requirements:**

The manufacture, storage, and handling of material supplied under these specifications shall conform to the ANSI Specifications except as modified herein. Bidder shall be equipped to manufacture and handle material in accordance with the latest recognized standards. Bidder shall place the poles for an order on two (2) or more ground-level skids, separate from other material, so as to facilitate accurate framing and inspection, and shall eliminate all defective material according to these specifications before the start of framing.

Paragraph 6.2 Sawing – All poles shall be neatly sawed at the top. Butts shall be sawed as specified, except that the “out of square” limit for the butt plane shall be one (1”) inch per foot of diameter.

Paragraph 6.3 Trimming – All poles shall be smoothly shaved by machine with a depth of cut kept to a practicable minimum. The circumference at any point between knot whorls shall be reduced by more than one (1”) inch.

Paragraph 6.5 Marking – All poles shall be burn-branded on the face at location indicated. On the face, the bottom of the brand shall be located twelve (12’) feet plus or minus (+/-) two (2”) inches from the butt of poles fifty (50’) feet through seventy-five (75’) feet in length; and seventeen (17’) feet plus or minus (+/-) two (2”) inches from the butt of poles eighty feet through one hundred (100’) feet in length. The initials “AUS” shall be placed immediately above the required information. Numerals showing the month of treatment shall be shown with the year and the plant location. Numerals showing the pounds per cubic foot specified may either follow the species and preservative code letter, i.e., **SPC 9.0**, or they may be at the bottom of the brand.

The initials and the class and length stenciling shall be at least one (1”) inch high, and the entire brand on the face shall be burned in uniformly to a depth of one-eighth (1/8”) inch.

Metal aluminum tags for marking the butt shall be acceptable. The manufacturer’s name or logo, the class and length, and the month and year of manufacture shall be embossed or stenciled into the tag. The tag shall be located on the surface of the butt, three (3”) inches from the face edge and centered on a line with the pole brand. The tag shall be fastened to the butt with galvanized nail at least one (1”) inch in length. In addition, the class and length shall be stamped on the butt of the pole.

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Paragraph 7.3 Mechanical Damage – Poles with untrimmed mechanical damage shall not be acceptable. Poles having trimmed indentations or abrasions resulting from handling slings, forklift or chainsaw damage deeper than allowed shall be rejected.

**BID SPECIFICATIONS (Continued)**

**Conditioning and Treating:**

Unless otherwise specified, all conditioning and treating methods as well as materials associated therewith shall be in accordance with the American Wood-Preservers Association (AWPA) Book of standards. Poles may be taken from green, partially air seasoned, fully air seasoned, kiln dried, or pretreated stock, and in all cases shall be handled and conditioned in strict accordance with AWPA Standard M1. Steam conditioning shall be in strict accordance with AWPA Standard C1 and C4.

Soundness – Wherever there is any decay in untreated timber and in all cases where the condition of the timber is doubtful, the inspector shall insist that a section one (1”) inch, or more, be cut from the top and butt of any doubtful pole. On all air seasoned stock, the top and butt of each pole must be sawed off for inspection. Roofing shall be adequate for the top, if done just prior to inspection. Any pole showing signs of decay shall be rejected.

**Pre-Treated Stock:**

Eight (8) pound pretreated poles will be accepted under the following conditions:

Before pretreatment with creosote, poles shall be kiln dried, fully air seasoned, or partially air seasoned with steam conditioning. A complete history must be furnished to the purchaser’s inspector, together with a copy of an approved independent inspection agency’s pre-treating record including evidence of freedom from decay prior to treatment.

Before final treatment, each pole must be inspected and those not meeting material requirements of these specifications shall be rejected. The tops and butts need not be clipped for examination unless deemed necessary by the inspector to insure that material requirements are met.

**Loading for Treatment:**

Poles shall be loaded on properly cushioned trams to preclude warping and miss-shaping during the conditioning and treating process. Poles fifty (50’) feet and longer to be steam conditioned shall be loaded on three (3) or more trams equally spaced.

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**Treatment (Creosote):**

All poles shall be treated with creosote (AWPA Standard P1) by the Rueping Empty-Cell Process in accordance with AWPA Standards C1 and C4 except as noted herein.

Distribution poles shall be treated for a retention of 9.0 pounds per cubic foot by assay and penetration shall be a minimum of three (3") inches or 90% of the sapwood. Creosote preservative retention per cubic foot of wood shall be a minimum of 12.0 pounds in the 0.25 to 1.0-inch assay zone as determined by AWPA A6 method.

**BID SPECIFICATIONS (Continued)**

Preservative penetration and retention shall be checked in each pole treated. Penetration at any point on the pole shall not be less than 0.75 inch, 90% of the sapwood thickness shall be penetrated up to a maximum of 3.0 inches.

Poles shall be bored for penetration in a plane approximately one (1) to two (2) feet below the brand. All poles shall be removed from trams and placed on skids to facilitate penetration testing. If more than four (4) of the first twenty (20) fail on penetration, the entire charge shall be rejected. Any pole that does not meet the penetration requirement shall be rejected and at the option of the supplier, be retreated. Retreatment of poles shall conform to AWPA Standard C1, Paragraph 6.

**Treatment (Pentachlorophenol):**

"Penta" poles shall comply with ANSI 05.1, and shall be pressure treated in accordance with AWPA C4, with preservatives conforming to AWPA P5.

Distribution poles shall be treated for a retention of 0.45 pounds per cubic foot by assay and penetration shall be a minimum of three (3") inches or 90% of the sapwood. Please reference Table 10 of Bulletin 1728F-700 of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Electrification Administration (RUS).

Preservative penetration and retention shall be checked in each pole treated. Penetration at any point on the pole shall not be less than 0.75 inch, 90% of the sapwood thickness shall be penetrated up to a maximum of 3.0 inches.

Poles shall be bored for penetration in a plane approximately one (1) to two (2) feet below the brand. All poles shall be removed from trams and placed on skids to facilitate penetration testing. If more than four (4) of the first twenty (20) fail on penetration, the entire charge shall be rejected. Any pole that does not meet the penetration requirement shall be rejected and at the option of the supplier, be retreated. Re-treatment of poles shall conform to AWPA Standard C1, Paragraph 6.

**Quantities:**

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Poles shall be purchased as needed throughout the term of the contract.

**Delivery:**

Poles shall be delivered via a self-unloading truck. Any additional expense for self-unloading truck shall be included in bidder quoted price.

**BID SPECIFICATIONS: (Continued)**

**Independent Inspection:**

All poles shall be inspected by an independent inspection company before and after treatment. Poles shall be 100% bored for penetration. Inspection costs shall be included in the price of the poles. Pole supplier shall use one of the following independent inspection companies:

1. Southwest Timber Labs
2. Lee Inspection Company
3. Timber Products Inspection
4. A.W. Williams

**Inspection Reports:**

Inspection reports shall be faxed to the City of Alexandria Electric Distribution Department at (318)473-1325 **prior** to delivery of poles.

**Approximate Usage Statement:**

Whenever quantities or usages are provided by the Owner, these quantities are estimates only. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the Owner as to the total amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contracts. Quantities listed on "**BID PRICE PAGES**" are for usage during previous year and are for informational purposes only.

**Award:**

Award of contract shall be made to the qualified bidder(s) determined by the City of Alexandria to have the best bid based upon price, delivery, experience, service and other considerations pertinent to the acceptability of the contract.

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Award will be made for the two (2) classes - Distribution and Transmission - In the Distribution Class either the Creosote or Penta poles will be awarded depending on which bid prices received are best for the City of Alexandria. Then in the Transmission Class, either the Creosote poles or Penta poles will be awarded depending on which bid prices received are best for the City of Alexandria.

**BID PRICE SHEET**

**TRANSMISSION CLASS - CREOSOTE:**

<u>Length</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Purchases 2016-2017</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Delivery</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
70	2	2	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
75	2	0	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
80	1	0	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
85	1	1	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
90	1	10	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
95	1	3	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
100	1	0	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
100	H2	5	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
100	H4	0	Creosote	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea

Weight of full truckload: \_\_\_\_\_/Lbs.

Self-Unloader: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR:  
TREATED WOOD POLES – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION – ANNUAL BID**

**BID PRICE SHEET (Continued)**

**DISTRIBUTION CLASS - Penta:**

<u>Length</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Purchases 2010-2011</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Delivery</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
30	5	58	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
35	3	25	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
40	3	90	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
40	1	0	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
45	3	88	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
45	1	0	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
50	2	24	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
55	2	13	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
60	2	3	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
65	2	3	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea

**TRANSMISSION CLASS - Penta:**

<u>Length</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Purchases 2010-2011</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Delivery</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
70	2	2	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
75	2	0	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea
80	1	0	Penta	_____/Days	_____/Lbs.	\$_____/Ea



**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR:**  
**TREATED WOOD POLES – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION – ANNUAL BID**

85	1	1	Penta	_____ /Days	_____ /Lbs.	\$ _____ /Ea
90	1	10	Penta	_____ /Days	_____ /Lbs.	\$ _____ /Ea
95	1	3	Penta	_____ /Days	_____ /Lbs.	\$ _____ /Ea
100	1	0	Penta	_____ /Days	_____ /Lbs.	\$ _____ /Ea
100	H2	5	Penta	_____ /Days	_____ /Lbs.	\$ _____ /Ea
100	H4	0	Penta	_____ /Days	_____ /Lbs.	\$ _____ /Ea

Weight of full truckload: \_\_\_\_\_ /Lbs.

Self-Unloader: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Bidder Information:**

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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.)