

BY SUBMITTING A BID RESPONSE, BIDDER AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS (ADDITIONAL OR CONFLICTING TERMS WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL RFQ WILL GOVERN):

1. Submission of any bid response is subject to the Ohio Public Records Act.
2. Bidders are to quote firm or fixed prices. Quotations subject to increase in price will not be considered.
3. Prices shall be quoted on the units requested; the City is not responsible for any conversions of units or measures. However, each item may be considered a separate bid and the City reserves the right to award a contract for each item separately or for all items as a whole, (or any combination thereof) as the best interests of the City requires. Bidder bidding on “all or none” basis must state so on its bid.
4. Bids shall reflect exact quantity pricing. Deliveries of underruns or overruns are unacceptable.
5. Federal and/or State taxes are not to be included in quoted prices.
6. Unless noted by the bidder and accepted by the City, the City has 45 calendar days from bid due date to accept the bid.
7. References to a particular trade, manufacturer or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the City’s requirements. If the bid is not in accordance with the RFQ specifications, the bidder must clearly identify all aspects of the proposed “equal” or “alternate” item. The City reserves the right to determine whether or not the item bid is equal to the specified item.
8. All goods are to be new and unused.
9. Delivery and discounts may be a determining factor at the time the award is made. Unless otherwise noted in the specifications, delivery shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid and allowed.
10. The Federal Tax Identification Number of the remittance company listed on the invoice shall be identical to that of the bidder listed on the completed RFQ response. Payments due shall not be assigned to any other company without the express written consent of the City.
11. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive technicalities.
12. Pursuant to City of Columbus Ordinance #2607-2012, in determining the lowest bid for a contract, the local bidder credit will not be applied.
13. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City. If not destroyed, upon request, the samples will be returned at bidder’s expense.
14. In the event an amendment to the solicitation is required, the City of Columbus will send notification of the amendment to bidders that have an active account with Columbus Vendor Services and are registered for the procurement categories associated with this solicitation.

Though the City will apply this method in the event of amendment, it is ultimately the Bidder's responsibility to check this site for verification of any issued amendments.

IN THE EVENT OF A SUCCESSFUL SERVICE BID THE BIDDER MUST ADDITIONALLY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS CONDITION OF THE AWARD:

Workers' Compensation

15. The Contractor shall comply with all Workers' Compensation laws of the State of Ohio. Proof of compliance shall be provided.

Insurance/Indemnity

16. The Contractor shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City from any claim, loss, or damage arising in any way from the Contractor's performance under the terms of this Contract and from any negligent or wrongful act or omission of the Contractor arising therein. Contractor shall carry at least the minimum amounts listed below of Commercial Liability Insurance (Bodily Injury and Property Damage). Contractor must provide a copy of the Certificate of Insurance.

Bodily Injury Liability:

Each Person \$500,000

Each Accident \$1,000,000

Property Damage Liability:

Each Accident \$500,000

All Accidents \$1,000,000

IN THE EVENT OF A CONTRACT BIDDER AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

17. Acceptance of this proposal by the City will manifest in the form of a certified Purchase Order. Said Purchase Order and references contained therein (including this RFQ response and any attachments) will constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. Understandings, agreements, representations, or warranties not contained in this Contract, or as a written amendment hereto, shall not be binding on either party. Except as provided herein, no alteration or any terms, conditions, delivery, price, quality, or specifications of this Contract shall be binding on either party without the written consent of both parties.

Campaign Contributions

18. Contractor hereby certifies the following: that it is familiar with Ohio Revised code ("O.R.C.") Section 3517.13; that all applicable parties listed in Division (I) or (J) of O.R.C. Section 3517.13 are in full compliance with Divisions (I) and (J) of that Section; that it is eligible for this contract under the law and will remain in compliance with O.R.C. Section 3517.13 for the duration of this contract and for one year thereafter.

Maximum Obligation

19. The maximum amount to be paid under this Contract shall not exceed the amount on the purchase order issued pursuant to this solicitation. Any modification for additional funds, once appropriated and authorized, will result in a new purchase order or a written change order.

Pricing and Scope of Services

20. The Contractor agrees to perform and invoice as set forth in this agreement. No other costs, rates, or fees shall be payable to the Contractor for goods provided or services performed hereunder. The terms and conditions specified in this Contract constitute the entire contract governing the purchase of services by the City from the Contractor, and shall supersede any terms and conditions which may accompany Contractor's invoice/bid/estimate. Any and all verbal representations are superseded by this Contract. The terms of this Contract shall prevail over any conflicting or deficient terms or conditions listed in any attachments from Contractor.

Equal Opportunity Clause

21. Contractor agrees to abide by all of the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in Columbus City Code Section 3909.01, Equal Opportunity Clause. Failure or refusal of a Contractor or Subcontractor to comply with the provisions of Article I, Title 39, may result in cancellation of this Contract.

Taxes

22. Federal or State taxes are not to be included on invoices for the described services. Contractor will be provided an exemption certificate, if needed.

City's Contract Administrator/Contract Administration

23. The contract name listed under "ship prepaid to" on the purchase order will manage the Contract on behalf of the City and will be the principal point of contact for the City concerning the Contractor's performance under this Contract. Any notice or demand or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Contract or applicable law shall only be effective if it is in writing, properly addressed, and either delivered in person, or by a recognized courier service, or deposited with the United States Postal Services as first-class certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, to the parties at the addresses listed.

Contractor as an Independent Contractor

24. The Contractor shall be and shall remain an Independent Contractor with respect to all services performed hereunder and Contractor agrees to and does hereby accept full and exclusive liability for the payment of any and all contributions or taxes for Social Security, unemployment insurance, old age retirement benefits, pensions, or annuities now or hereafter imposed under any State or Federal law which are measured by the wages, salaries, or other remunerations paid to the Contractor for work performed under the terms of this Agreement and further agrees to obey all lawful rules and regulations and to meet all lawful requirements which are now, or hereafter may be, issued or promulgated under said respective laws.

Applicable Law, Remedies

25. This Contract shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. All claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the City, its agents and

employees, and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this Contract or its breach will be decided in a court of competent jurisdiction within the County of Franklin, State of Ohio.

Payment/Invoice Submittal

26. Fees shall be paid for goods and/or services rendered following: (1) issuance of a certified purchase order, (2) delivery of goods and/or services in compliance with this agreement, and (3) the City's receipt of a correct invoice, which designates the specific applicable charges. The City will not be subject to any late payment charges. Rates shall be firm during the term of this Contract. The City will process correctly documented invoices for payment and Contractor should receive payment for such invoice in compliance with the discount terms of this contract.

Modifications

27. No modification, amendment, alteration, addition, or waiver of any section or condition of this Contract shall be effective or binding unless it is in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the City and the Contractor and approved by the appropriate City authorities.

Contract Termination

28. If either the City or the Contractor violates any material term or condition of this Contract or fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, then the aggrieved party shall give the other party (the "responsible party") written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will correct the violation or failure within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise mutually agreed. If the failure or violation is not corrected, this Contract may be terminated immediately by written notice from the aggrieved party. The option to terminate shall be at the sole discretion of the aggrieved party.

When it is in the best interest of the City, the City may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part by providing seven (7) calendar days written notice to the Contractor prior to the effective date of termination. If this Contract is so terminated, the City is liable only for payments required by the terms of this Contract for services received and accepted by the City.

Nonexclusive Remedies

29. The remedies provided for in this Contract shall not be exclusive but are in addition to all other remedies available under the law.

Survivorship

30. All goods provided pursuant to the authority of this Contract shall be bound by all of the terms, conditions, price discounts, and rates set forth herein, notwithstanding the expiration of the initial term of this Contract, or any extension thereof. Further, the terms, conditions, and warranties contained in this Contract that by their sense in context are intended to survive this completion of the performance, cancellation, or termination of this Contract, shall so survive.

Save Harmless

31. Contract shall protect, indemnify, and save the City harmless from and against any damage, cost, or liability, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from claims for any or all injuries to persons or damage to property arising from intentional, willful, or negligent acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors.

Severability

32. If any term or condition of this Contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition, or application; to this end the terms and conditions for the Contract are declared severable.

Assignment

33. This Contract may not be assigned or otherwise transferred to others by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the City.

Authority to Bind

34. The signatories to this Contract represent that they have the authority to bind themselves and their respective organizations to this Contract.

ANY ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS OF THE ABOVE LANGUAGE WILL RESULT IN REVOCATION OF CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW APPROVAL AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW.