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November 2, 2016

BID NUMBER: S7Z62520
TITLE: Snow Removal Services
DEPARTMENT: CITYWIDE BID-CITYWIDE BID
DATE TO OPEN: November 07, 2016 at 10:30 AM

ADDENDUM # 1

TO ALL BIDDERS:

You are hereby notified of the following changes to the above mentioned bid:

Questions and Responses for Subject Bid No. S7Z62520 are attached.

Please sign, date and return this addendum with your bid to the Procurement Department, 1401 J.F.K Boulevard, Bid Room 170A, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1685 as it now becomes a part of the proposal.


T. Vinson

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

FIRM NAME (PRINT)

DATE

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For: Tim Vinson AND
AYCNA CAMPFIELD

Question #1

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The 4 hour notification is not adequate time to mobilize men, especially oin a heavy storm. We request that this notification time be revised to be 8 hours.

Response:

The first sentence of Section 2.9.1 Liquidated Damages is hereby revised as follows::

A bidder who fails to provide the types and quantities of equipment committed to within eight (8) hours of notification or by the time designated by the Streets Department (whichever is greater) shall be subject to liquidated damages.

Question #2

We request that the City issue a spreadsheet that will calculate the Total bid amount based on Paragraph 3.3 "Extended Bid Total per District". This completed spreadsheet, submitted with the bid, should be distributed to bidders so there is no error in award of Districts based on number of Districts qualified for by the bidder combined with Award order as outlined in 3.2.1. As this is a publicly opened bid, all bidders should be notified prior to the bid opening, how many Districts each Contractor is qualified to perform. This is the only way to identify which Contractor is the successful bidder for each District at the time of the bid opening. This would save time due a potential bid protest.

Response:

On the scheduled bid opening date, the Procurement will publicly announce all of the bidder prices and / or will make an attempt to provide a copy of the bid price sheets from each bidder to all bidders. The City will not be notifying all bidders the number of districts each company is qualified for award prior to bid opening.

Question #3

Under all District unit price Sections, 5.*.1.6 still reference Pipen with 73" Bucket. For clarity it should state Pipen with 73" Bucket or Mini Loader....

Response:

For clarification purposes; the first sentence of Sections 5.1.1.6, 5.2.1.6, 5.3.1.6, 5.4.1.6, 5.5.1.6, and 5.6.1.6 shall be understood to mean the following:

Pipen with 73" wide bucket, mini loader, or approved equal.

Question #4

Equipment Concerns: a. 2.2.2.8

Pickup Trucks – States that only regular cabs and beds are acceptable which precludes extended cabs, crew cabs and / or extended cabs.

This provision will eliminate many vehicles that Contractors have used in their listing of available equipment and utilized in the past. We request that the exclusion of extended cabs and crew be removed from the description. Our Company has always supplied equipment that was acceptable to the City which performed as intended, including extended and crew cabs on pickup trucks with plows.

Response:

There will be no change in specification for bid, however City will take into advisement on an event by event basis the allowance of extended cabs or crew cabs in certain districts.

Question #5

There are several references to equipment needing cell phones with data services with location services enabled.

First and foremost, it is industry practice and Company policy that no employee driving a Company owned vehicle or piece of equipment is to be talking on or using a cell phone in any manner.

Additionally, we see a problem for Contractors as there may be multiple Subcontractors, multiple operators and drivers in each piece of equipment or truck. We would anticipate that many individuals are not going to allow access to their phones so the Company would have to supply such phones.

We foresee issues with phones leaving with Subcontractors and / or operators then the vehicles would have no communication. Additionally after many hours with data services on, we see dead batteries being an issue.

The Company foreman and City employee should know where equipment is at. Our Company foreman will have communication with the Company foreman located in the applicable District.

This requirement will also add substantial amount of money to the bid.

Response:

To clarify the meaning of the language in question in the bid proposal regarding cell phone services the City offers the following:

The City will not require operators to use cell phones while they are actively driving the equipment and the City will not require access to individual phones. We do require that the District Foreman have means to communicate with each vehicle operator.