

## ezIQ®

ezIQ is the easy and intelligent alternative to facilitate repair, renovation and alteration projects for cities and towns. On-call, local contractors have already been competitively selected and are ready to perform your facility repair and alteration today. Administrators can shed the red tape of traditional procurement in favor of speed, efficiency and the power of group buying.

The ezIQ process enables administrators to tackle difficult schedules, budgets and workloads by accurately pricing projects and accomplishing repairs quickly and ensures that emergency projects are addressed before conditions worsen. With a simple mouse-click, administrators can competitively procure affordable, quality construction and have work begin in days and weeks instead of months and years. The ezIQ process is available to Purchasing Council members through the Capitol Region Council of Governments' regional contracts.

Here are examples of what several Connecticut municipalities have accomplished with ezIQ:

- Town Hall Upgrades
- Police Department Repairs
- Parks Facilities
- Energy Improvements
- Building Demolition
- Parking Lot Upgrades
- Library Renovations



### Town of Bloomfield Police Department Roof Repairs

Police Departments are unique in that there is no down time. The building is occupied and operational all hours of the day, every day of the year.



When the bustling Town of Bloomfield Police Department was in need of repairs for its leaking roof, the Director of the Department of Public Works used the ezIQ process to swiftly take care of the issue. The detailed scope of work included removal of the existing roofing down to the concrete deck, removal of all vertical wall panels at inside wall and parapet wall coping at the top of the wall, replacing the roof using a major manufacturer's complete system of components and providing a 20-year warranty on labor and materials. Time and flexibility were critical, as the repairs could not interfere with the Police Department's operations.



The Town chose to use the ezIQ process to access on-call contractors to accomplish the project quickly. David Gofstein, who has now retired from the Department of Public Works said, "I believe if I were to factor in the staff time to collect specs and bid the job, we would have spent far in excess of what the turnkey project Gordian quoted and delivered." Since retiring from the Town of Bloomfield, Mr. Gofstein has used the ezIQ process to price jobs in his new position.

*"...the job was neat, clean and of very high quality with a minimum of interruptions to the Police Department, and also, in my opinion, extremely competitive."*  
 David Gofstein,  
 Town of Bloomfield

## Town of Columbia Energy Efficient Upgrades



At 70 years old, the Yeomans Hall town administrative building in Columbia had some energy efficiency challenges. Armed with an ARRA grant to replace the windows, doors and the HVAC unit to improve energy efficiencies and cut costs, the Town turned to ezIQc to tackle its sustainability projects. The Price Proposal Package was in the town's hands within three working days of the town's request. After going through the normal funding and board approval channels, work began to perform energy efficiency upgrades at the historic building. The goal was to choose products that would provide better light protection and cut down on energy costs. As a result, three single doors and one set of double doors were replaced, and all 47 of the building's windows were upgraded to products that would give better light protection for energy efficiency, in addition to upgrading the HVAC unit with a new, energy-efficient model.



*"The project convinced Columbia that the ezIQc process is worthwhile to the town."*

Jonathan Luiz,  
Town of Columbia

The upgrades and weatherproofing were finished on time and within budget, and the Town leveraged grant monies to generate further savings through these energy efficient measures. Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz was pleased with the quality of work, as well as the price.

## Town of Portland Park Pavilion



The Town of Portland received a \$200,000 state grant from the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP), and town residents decided to use the money to add to their Riverfront Park. The park overlooks the town's historic quarries and provides residents with access to nature and walking trails near the Connecticut River. Now, thanks to the grant and ezIQc, an open-air pavilion adds shelter and comfort to the natural habitat. The Town used the ezIQc process to get the park prepared for picnic season by providing on-call contractors that were ready to construct the pavilion. The pavilion is a rectangular, covered structure, roughly 1,900 square feet, complete with running water and electricity. It is set atop a hill overlooking a quiet meadow, and residents can take in the stunning views of the river from the seats and tables inside. A small sink with faucets, a drinking fountain and rest rooms in the rear help to make the pavilion the perfect spot for a picnic.



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