**CRPC #675-A**

**CAPITOL REGION PURCHASING COUNCIL**

**INVITATION FOR BID**

**SNOW PLOW BLADES AND FASTNERS**

**BID SPECIFICATION**

**I. MODIFICATIONS TO GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**SCOPE**

The intent of these specifications is to furnish Snowplow Blades and attaching hardware as required by various Capitol Region Purchasing Council members during the 2018-2019 winter season. Note: Quality and service are of equal importance to the prices furnished, as the members desire to obtain blades that will result in the lowest TOTAL COST. Ability to furnish blades on short notice will also be taken into consideration by the participating CRPC members.

Note: The awarded vendor(s) must have product available to fulfill all orders for the period commencing October 1, 2018 and ending August 31, 2019.

**ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

The quantities as listed herein are estimates only and have been provided for the purpose of competitive bidding. Actual quantities will be contingent upon the total number of CRPC (Council) members that decide to make an award off of this bid (as participation is voluntary), the needs of the using departments in the various Council members (based on weather) and satisfaction with product performance when piloted by participating Council members. Respondents are expected to have sufficient inventory, or ready access to re-supply, to cover the total quantities listed herein in order to allow for timely delivery prior to the start of the winter season.

**PRICE CHANGES**

Unless specifically stated in the Bid, prices quoted shall apply throughout the term of the contract. On account of the volatility of many prices, the **vendor may specify that firm orders for a CRPC member’s requirements must be received by a certain date even though a later delivery date will be needed. Such information can be submitted on the Snowplow Blade Information Sheet provided with the bid.** If such orders are not received by that specified date, the vendor reserves the right to change prices with 15 days advance notice to the CRPC member. Said notice must be accompanied by written evidence to justify such changes. Copies of such notices should be forwarded to the office of the Capitol Region Purchasing Council.

**DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

All prices bid must be on the basis of F.O.B. delivery point, unloaded inside, unless otherwise indicated in the proposal. A bid on any other basis than that indicated in the proposal may be considered informal.

**BIDDER PERFORMANCE/LIABILITY FOR DELIVERY FAILURES**

Failure of any successful bidder to adhere to specifications, prices, terms or conditions of their agreement during the course of the contract period may preclude such bidder from bidding on future CRPC bids in addition to any action that CRPC members may take as a result of the vendor’s failure to perform. It should be noted that the awarded vendor shall assume full responsibility for the negligence of any sub-contractor(s) utilized to fulfill any and all obligations under resulting contracts.

Moreover, if the contractor fails to make proper delivery within the time specified or if the delivery is rejected by the CRPC member, the CRPC member may obtain such commodities or any part thereof from other sources in the open market or on contract. Should the new price be greater than the contract price, the difference will be charged against the contractor. Should the new price be less, the contractor shall have no claim to the difference.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The vendor shall be responsible for performing a quality inspection on all blades before shipment is made to the ordering CRPC member. Such inspection is intended to insure conformance with the requirements of this specification and the hole punch configuration noted on each purchase order.

**GUARANTEES**

The bidder shall state in its proposal the extent of the guarantee or warranty available on the snowplow blades furnished.

**II. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

All Snowplow Blades furnished as a result of this bid shall conform to the chemical standards presented below. If the blades are not manufactured by a recognized concern, a certified copy of the analysis of the factors shown below will be required:

MIN. MAX.

Carbon 0.80 1.00

Manganese 0.60 0.90

Sulfur - 0.05

Phosphorous - 0.05

Silicon - 0.30

Brinnell Hardness 250 325

Grain size fine

**ARRANGEMENT OF HOLES**

As the number and spacing of mounting holes differs extensively (based on the plow in question), it is impractical to list all hole pattern variations. Accordingly, each CRPC member will specify the number and arrangement of holes required, if such hole pattern deviates from a standard punch configuration.  **In general, if there is an extra charge for the punching of holes, either standard or special, the vendor must so specify on their Bid Response.**

**RUBBER BLADES**

Must be extruded, (not laminated), unpunched and uncut.