

CRPC #715 · INVITATION TO BID [Fuel Oil and Diesel]

Opportunity Q&A Answers

Addendum 2

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Should the bid # be changed in the Bid Table file, to 715?

Yes, the bid # will be changed to 715.

Can you provide bid results from 2020?

Bid results may be found at https://crcog.org/bids/

Please specify if biodiesel is acceptable for ULSD items.

Yes, Biodiesel is listed in the specifications.

Please advise if winterize additive costs are only applicable for winter-blend items specified in the bid.

Winterize additive costs are only for items where winterize additives are included.

Please confirm that # 2 heating oil may require burner service contract.

Per the bid specs, in some instances, vendors will be required to provide 24 -hour, 7-day oil burner maintenance service.

Please confirm if 1% administrative fee is exempt or vendor has to pay.

Yes. The 1% administrative fee is exempt for this bid #715 Fuel Oil and Diesel.

Can vendor provide Option A only or is it required to provide both option A and option B.

Vendor may provide only Option A, only Option B, or both Option A and B depending on what they wish to bid on.

Please confirm that any applicable taxes should not be included in price.

CRPC members are exempt from the payment of either federal or State taxes and such taxes shall not be included in the bid prices. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to obtain any certifications needed to avoid the payment of such taxes. Moreover, bid prices shall include neither the \$.002 per gallon NORA Assessment, nor the Connecticut Gross Receipts Tax which is no longer applicable to any diesel products in Connecticut. Any other taxes shall be applied directly to invoices of members who are eligible.

Is there a minimum delivery size for each location. I am particular interested in larger tanks with deliveries of 7500 or greater.

No. There is not a minimum delivery size.

Is #12-3 and #12-4 Winter or Summer Diesel? (Enfield)

There are normal seasonal adjustments to regular ULSD. Basically, whatever diesel you get at the gas station is what they are looking for.

Should the product descriptions for line items #14-13, 14-14, 14-15 and 14-16 be updated to read Bio-Diesel B5? (Glastonbury)

Yes. This has been updated and an addendum has been issued.

Are bid bonds & Admin Fee required for Bid #715 Heating oil and #715 Fuel oil and diesel?

Previous bids read Not required. The admin fee does not apply, however bid bonds are required per the specs:

BID BONDS

Bidders are <u>required</u> to submit with their bid, <u>a valid, current bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total</u> <u>bid price</u>. Bonds shall be issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut. Bids not accompanied by a valid bid bond shall be rejected. The bid bond shall be valid for a period of one (1) month from the date of the bid opening. Vendors can include a copy of the bid bond with their electronically submitted bid, attached as an optional document upload on Bonfire. Original bid bonds should be sent in sealed envelopes indicating the name and date of the bid to: CRCOG

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What is your current turnaround on payment of invoices? 30 days.

On the price submission excel Sheet, row numbers 71 & 72 under Enfield &BOE, #'s 12-3 and 12-4, they list identical product (ULSD), locations, tanks, quantities and special notes. Please confirm that these are separate lines totaling 112,000 gallons to the SEJ Public Works. Correct.

Only a few locations specified Above Ground tanks, please verify if these are the only above ground tanks. Please note any additional sites with above ground tanks. What is reflected on the quantity spreadsheet is what municipalities and entities submitted.

For firm fixed pricing options, will participants guarantee usage of gallons locked in? Yes. Participants must commit to quantities submitted.

Review of invoices provided through a records request show some taxes being invoiced separate, and some with no taxes listed. Please verify which of the applicable taxes (Federal LUST [0.0010], Federal Oil Spill [0.00214], State Motor Fuel [0.4460 - exempt if licensed, state, or local gov't entity, schools not exempt], NORA [0.0020 heating oil only]) should be included in the submitted pricing, and which would be invoiced as separate line items. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS: CRPC members are exempt from the payment of either federal or State taxes and such taxes shall not be included in the bid prices. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to obtain any certifications needed to avoid the payment of such taxes. Moreover, bid prices shall not include the \$.002 per gallon NORA Assessment, nor the Connecticut Gross Receipts Tax - which is no longer applicable to any diesel products in Connecticut. Any other taxes shall be applied directly to invoices of members who are eligible. Please refer to <u>bid specifications</u>.

How and when will we be notified of the low bidder and can we receive a copy of the bid tabulations? Results will be posted at <u>https://crcog.org/bids/</u> by end of day, on February 18th.