

CAPITOL REGION PURCHASING COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR BID #752 Ladder and Hose Testing Services

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I. MODIFICATIONS TO GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SCOPE

The Capitol Region Purchasing Council, on behalf of certain Capitol Region Purchasing Council members, requests bids for on-site ladder and fire hose inspection, testing and **certification services for selected ground and aerial apparatus and fire hose**. Each respective CRPC member will make its own awards and payments according to the terms and conditions set forth in these specifications. A written order from each contracting entity will be required before any work is started and shall contain information concerning the quantity and type of equipment to be tested, the desired location, the preferred work schedule, and any other relevant data.

In general, the standards set forth by the 2015 (or latest) edition of NFPA 1932, Fire Department Ground Ladders, Use Maintenance and Service Testing, as well as the 2002 (or latest) edition of NFPA 1914, Fire Department Aerial Devices Testing, NFPA 1961, Fire Hose, 2013 (or latest) edition, NFPA 1962, Inspection, Care, and Use of Fire Hose, Couplings, and Nozzles, and the Service Testing of Fire Hose, 2018 (or latest) Edition.

Note: The awarded vendor(s) must have product available to fulfill all orders for the period commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

The quantities specified 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 members which decide to make an award off of this bid (as participation is voluntary) and the needs of the using departments in each of those CRPC members. Furthermore, budgetary constraints may make it impossible for a CRPC member to undertake some or all of the proposed testing work.

PRICING

Pricing for the testing services detailed herein may be provided on either a per ladder or on a per foot basis. It should be noted that the Capitol Region Purchasing Council strictly prohibits the unilateral imposition of additional surcharges on the participating CRPC members at any point during the contract period. Prices bid shall apply throughout the term of the contract and will be construed as all-inclusive. **While vendors have been asked to specify any retesting charges that may apply to ground ladders and fire hoses in the bid response, it shall be understood that all aerial testing quotations shall cover all testing efforts required until a given apparatus passes. Any exceptions to this provision must be noted as part of a bid response.**

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All respondents are required to submit, **with their bids**, a copy of the cover sheet from their insurance policy(ies) (or an equivalent piece of documentation) which demonstrates the firm's current coverages and limits for General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish insurance certificates covering Public Liability, Property Damage and Workers' Compensation Insurance to the awarding CRPC member within ten (10) days from notice of award of the contract. Said certificate should reference the appropriate CRPC bid number. The following insurance coverage shall remain in full force for the duration of the contract term. All renewal certificates shall be furnished at least 10 days prior to policy expiration. Please see the CRPC General Terms and Conditions for insurance levels required.

Note that the Town of West Hartford has additional insurance requirements. Please see West Hartford Insurance Form Attachment.

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the successful bidder shall release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the participating CRPC members from any and all suits, claims, losses, damages, costs (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees) compensation, penalties, fines, liabilities or judgments of any name or nature for:

- (1) Bodily injury, sickness, disease or death; and/or
- (2) Damage to or destruction of property, real or personal; and/or
- (3) financial losses (including, without limitation, those caused by loss of use)

sustained by any person or concern of the participating CRPC members, which is caused or alleged to have been caused in whole or in part, by the negligent act(s) or omission(s) of the successful bidder, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors, in the performance of any resulting contract or from the inaccuracy of any representation or warranty of the successful bidder contained in the Contract Documents. This indemnity should not be affected by other portions of the specifications relating to insurance requirements.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the successful bidder agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the participating CRPC members from any loss, claim, cost, penalty, fine or damage that may arise out of the failure of the successful bidder, its officers, agents, employees, or Subcontractors to comply with any laws or regulations of the United States and the State of Connecticut. This undertaking shall not be affected by other portions of these specifications relating to insurance requirements.

BIDDER PERFORMANCE/LIABILITY FOR SERVICE 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 perform the work within the time specified or if the testing methodology is rejected by the CRPC member, the CRPC member may obtain such services 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.

II. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The successful vendor will be required to:

- (1) inspect, test and certify ground ladders in accordance with the 2015 (or latest) edition of NFPA 1932, *Fire Department Ground Ladders, Use, Maintenance and Service Testing*;
- (2) inspect, test and certify aerial devices in accordance with the 2002 (or latest) edition of NFPA 1914, *Fire Department Aerial Devices, Testing*;
- (3) inspect, test and certify fire hoses in accordance with NFPA 1961, *Fire Hose, 2013 (or latest) edition, NFPA 1962, Inspection, Care, and Use of Fire Hose, Couplings, and Nozzles, and the Service Testing of Fire Hose, 2018 (or latest) edition*. If the requirements change, the current process shall be brought into compliance with the new requirements within one (1) year, or as specified by the NFPA, whichever is shorter.
- (4) Vendor will have the responsibility of removing the hose from the apparatus and repacking it onto the apparatus if the hose passes inspection. The CRPC member will provide the water for the testing of the hoses.
- (5) The CRPC member and vendor will agree upon a process to systematically mark and identify each section of hose.
- (6) schedule inspection appointments with each fire department in order to ensure that their minimum apparatus requirements continue to be met throughout the testing. (Note: Each fire department will provide a single

location, with both indoor and outdoor work areas, for the vendor to work and will arrange for the shuttling of apparatus between stations).

- (7) supply sufficient manpower to perform all required testing. Fire department staff **should not** be relied upon to assist in conducting individual ladder tests. All technicians assigned must be experienced and come properly equipped to perform the tests under contract (i.e., must have proper, functioning equipment, manufacturer specifications and NFPA standards on hand).
- (8) immediately mark any equipment to be taken out of service (with tags, tape, etc.) and provide written documentation referencing the condition of **each** ladder tested. However, the vendor shall permit fire department staff to make minor repairs (lubrication, cleaning, etc.) as soon as possible and shall revise his/her report for any such ladders repaired prior to the completion of the work; and
- (9) provide written documentation once testing is completed verifying all work performed.

WORK SCHEDULE

Ladder testing shall be conducted during the normal business days of each department.

EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

Any vendors utilizing testing procedures that vary from those of the cited NFPA standards shall state so ***in their bid*** and describe the variance(s). Each CRPC member reserves the right to evaluate the equivalency of alternative test procedure(s) and to deny award of a contract if such procedure(s) are deemed to be inequivalent. Failure test methods that use anything other than dead weight for device loading shall not be accepted.