

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Item Description: MICRO FOCUS NOVELL SUITE OF PRODUCTS – MAINTENANE AND SUPPORT RENEWAL (Expires 6/30/21)

Date to be opened: APRIL 27, 2020

**Issuing Department: PROVIDENCE WATER** 

QUESTIONS

• Please direct questions relative to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid (Pages 1-8) to Purchasing Agent Patti Jordan.

o Phone: (401) 680-5264

- o Email: pjordan@providenceri.gov
  - Please use the subject line "RFP Question"
- Please direct questions relative to the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program and the corresponding forms (Pages 9-13) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz

o Phone: (401) 680-5766

- o Email: gdiaz@providenceri.gov
  - Please use subject line "MBE WBE Forms"
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 14) to the issuing department's subject matter expert:
  - o Stephen Colman, IT Senior Manager
  - o (401) 521-6300 X7124
  - o stevec@provwater.com

### **Pre-bid Conference**

THERE IS NO PRE-BID CONFERENCE SCHEDULED.



#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Bids may be submitted up to **2:15 P.M.** on the above meeting date at the **Department of the City Clerk. Room 311, City Hall. 25 Dorrance Street, Providence.** At 2:15 P.M. all bids will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Contract Meeting in the City Council Chambers, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall.

- Bidders must submit 2 copies of their bid in sealed envelopes or packages labeled with the captioned Item Description and the City Department to which the RFP and bid are related. (On page 1)
- Communications to the Board of Contract and Supply that are not competitive sealed bids (i.e. product information/samples) should have "**NOT A BID**" written on the envelope or wrapper.
- Only use form versions and templates included in this RFP. If you have an old version of a form <u>do not recycle it for use in this bid.</u>
- The bid envelope and information relative to the bid must be addressed to:

Board of Contract and Supply Department of the City Clerk – City Hall, Room 311 25 Dorrance Street Providence, RI 02903

\*\*<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: This bid may include details regarding information that you will need to provide (such as proof of licenses) to the issuing department before the formalization of an award.

This information is <u>NOT</u> requested to be provided in your initial bid by design.

All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city's Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record. The City has made a conscious effort to avoid the posting of sensitive information on the City's Open Meetings Portal, by requesting that such sensitive information be submitted to the issuing department only at their request.



#### **BID PACKAGE CHECKLIST**

Digital forms are available in the City of Providence Purchasing Department Office or online at <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/how-to-submit-a-bid/">http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/how-to-submit-a-bid/</a>

The bid package **MUST** include the following, in this order:

- Bid Form 1: Bidder's Blank as the cover page/ 1<sup>st</sup> page (see page 6 of this document)
- Bid Form 2: Certification of Bidder as 2<sup>nd</sup> page (see page 7 of this document)
- Certificate Regarding Public Records (see page 8 of this document)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 9-13) or on: <a href="https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/">https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/</a>

\*Please note: MBE/WBE forms must be completed for EVERY bid submitted and must be inclusive of ALL required signatures. Forms without all required signatures will be considered incomplete.

- Bidder's Proposal/Packet: Formal response to the specifications outlined in this RFP, including pricing information and details related to the good(s) or service(s) being provided. Please be mindful of formatting responses as requested to ensure clarity.
- Financial Assurance, if requested (as indicated on page 5 of this document under "Bid Terms")

**All of the above listed documents are REQUIRED.** (With the exception of financial assurances, which are only required if specified on page 5.)

\*\*\*Failure to meet specified deadlines, follow specific submission instructions, or enclose all required documents with all applicable signatures will result in disqualification, or in an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.



### **NOTICE TO VENDORS**

- 1. The Board of Contract and Supply will make the award to the lowest qualified and responsible bidder.
- 2. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, cash discounts based on preferable payment terms will not be considered.
- 3. Where prices are the same, the Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to award to one bidder, or to split the award.
- 4. No proposal will be accepted if the bid is made in collusion with any other bidder.
- 5. Bids may be submitted on an "equal in quality" basis. The City reserves the right to decide equality. Bidders must indicate brand or the make being offered and submit detailed specifications if other than brand requested.
- 6. A bidder who is an out-of-state corporation shall qualify or register to transact business in this State, in accordance with the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, RIGL Sec. 7-1.2-1401, et seq.
- 7. The Board of Contract and Supply reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- 8. Competing bids may be viewed in person at the Department of the City Clerk, City Hall, Providence, immediately upon the conclusion of the formal Board of Contract and Supply meeting during which the bids were unsealed/opened. Bids may also be accessed electronically on the internet via the City's Open Meetings Portal.
- 9. As the City of Providence is exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Sales Tax, prices quoted are not to include these taxes.
- 10. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern.
- 11. The contractor will **NOT** be permitted to: a) assign or underlet the contract, or b) assign either legally or equitably any monies or any claim thereto without the previous written consent of the City Purchasing Director.
- 12. Delivery dates must be shown in the bid. If no delivery date is specified, it will be assumed that an immediate delivery from stock will be made.
- 13. A certificate of insurance will normally be required of a successful vendor.
- 14. For many contracts involving construction, alteration and/or repair work, State law provisions concerning payment of prevailing wage rates apply (RIGL Sec. 37-13-1 et seq.)
- 15. No goods should be delivered or work started without a Purchase Order.
- 16. Submit 2 copies of the bid to the City Clerk, unless the specification section of this document indicates otherwise.
- 17. Bidder must certify that it does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices and that all of its employees are lawfully employed under all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. (See Bid Form 2.)



#### **BID TERMS**

1.	Financial assurances may be required in order to be a successful bidder for Commodity or Construction and Service contracts. If either of the first two checkboxes below is checked, the specified assurance <b>must accompany</b> a bid, or the bid will not be considered by the Board of Contract and Supply. The third checkbox indicates the lowest responsible bidder will be contacted and required to post a bond to be awarded the contract.
	a) A certified check for <u>\$</u> must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the Contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder.
	b) A bid bond in the amount of per centum (%) of the proposed total price, must be deposited with the City Clerk as a guarantee that the contract will be signed and delivered by the bidder; and the amount of such bid bond shall be retained for the use of the City as liquidated damages in case of default.
	c) A performance and payment bond with a satisfactory surety company will be posted by the bidder in a sum equal to one hundred per centum (100%) of the awarded contract.
	d) No financial assurance is necessary for this item.
2.	Awards will be made within sixty (60) days of bid opening. All bid prices will be considered firm,

- unless qualified otherwise. Requests for price increases will not be honored.
- 3. Failure to deliver within the time quoted or failure to meet specifications may result in default in accordance with the general specifications. It is agreed that deliveries and/or completion are subject to strikes, lockouts, accidents and Acts of God.

### The following entry applies only for COMMODITY BID TERMS:

- 4. Payment for partial delivery will not be allowed except when provided for in blanket or term contracts. The following entries apply only for CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE BID TERMS:
  - 5. Only one shipping charge will be applied in the event of partial deliveries for blanket or term contracts.
  - 6. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall attest to compliance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Worker's Compensation Act, RIGL 28-29-1, et seq. If exempt from compliance, the successful bidder shall submit a sworn Affidavit by a corporate officer to that effect, which shall accompany the signed contract.
  - 7. Prior to commencing performance under the contract, the successful bidder shall, submit a certificate of insurance, in a form and in an amount satisfactory to the City.



### **BID FORM 1: Bidders Blank**

- 1. Bids must meet the attached specifications. Any exceptions or modifications must be noted and fully explained.
- 2. Bidder's responses must be in ink or typewritten, and all blanks on the bid form should be completed.
- 3. The price or prices proposed should be stated both in **WRITING** and in **FIGURES**, and any proposal not so stated may be rejected. **Contracts exceeding twelve months must specify annual costs for each year.**
- 4. Bids **SHOULD BE TOTALED** so that the final cost is clearly stated (unless submitting a unit price bid), however **each item should be priced individually**. Do not group items. Awards may be made on the basis of *total* bid or by *individual items*.
- 5. All bids MUST BE SIGNED IN INK.

Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual):	
Contact Name:	
Business Address:	
Business Phone #:	
Agrees to bid on (Items(s) to be bid):	
If the bidder's company is based in a state other than Rhode Island, list nat	
process that is located within Rhode Island	
Please visit http://www.naics.com/search/ and identify the NAICS Code(s)	for items being bid on. Enter the NAICS code(s) here or in
parentheses next to each item listed immediately above:	
Delivery Date (if applicable):	
Name of Surety Company (if applicable):	
Total Amount in Writing*:	
Total Amount in Figures*:	
* If you are submitting a unite price bid, please insert "Unit Price Bid"	
Use additional pages if necessary for additional bidding details.	
	Signature of Representation
	,
	Title



### **BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder**

(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

orientation and/or religion in its business and hiring practices.  2. All of Bidder's employees have been hired in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.  I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on this		
Ι,		(Name of Person Making Certification),
being its		(Title or "Self"), hereby certify that:
2.	orientation and/or religion in its business All of Bidder's employees have been hir	and hiring practices.
I affi	rm by signing below that I am duly auth	rized on behalf of Bidder, on
		Signature of Representation
		Printed Name



### **Certificate Regarding Public Records**

Upon	behalf of	(Firm or Individual Bidding),
I,		(Name of Person Making Certification),
being	its	(Title or "Self"), hereby certify an
unders	standing that:	
1.	(RFQ's), documents contained w	Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and Requests for Qualification ithin, and the details outlined on those documents become public lerk's office and opening at the corresponding Board of Contract
2.	effort to request that sensitive/per	the issuing department for this RFP/RFQ have made a conscious conal information be submitted directly to the issuing verification of specific details is critical the evaluation of a
3.	The requested supplemental infor	mation may be crucial to evaluating bids. Failure to provide ification, or an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.
4.	If sensitive information that has redefined supplemental information submitted to the City Clerk, the C	not been requested is enclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the a prior to the issuing department's request in the bidding packet City of Providence has no obligation to redact those details and the information becoming public record.
5.	The City of Providence observes the bidding packet may not be su	a public and transparent bidding process. Information required in bmitted directly to the issuing department at the discretion of the formation, such as pricing terms, from becoming public. Bidders
I affirı	m by signing below that I am duly	authorized on behalf of Bidder, on
this	day of	
		Signature of Representation

Printed Name



#### **WBE/MBE Form Instructions**

The City of Providence actively seeks Minority and Women business enterprises to participate in bids to meet the City's procurement needs. Pursuant to the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article II, Sec. 21-52 (Minority and Women's Business Enterprise) and Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), Chapter 31-14, et seq. (Minority Business Enterprise), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to contracts.

The goal for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation is **10%** of the total bid value. The goal for Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation is **10%** of the total bid value. The goal for combined MBE/WBE participation is **20%** of the total bid value.

Only businesses certified with the State of Rhode Island as minority and/or women business enterprises are counted towards the City's goals. Eligible minority or women-owned businesses are encouraged to seek certification from the State of Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office at: http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/

**Note**: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

#### **Bid Requirements:**

**All Bidders:** All bidders must complete and submit the **MBE/WBE Participation Affidavit** indicating whether or not they are a state-certified MBE/WBE and acknowledging the City's participation goals. Submission of this form is required with **every bid**. Your bid will not be accepted without an affidavit.

**Bidders who will be subcontracting:** Bidders who will be subcontracting must submit the **Subcontractor Disclosure Form** as part of their bid submission. All subcontractors, regardless of MBE/WBE status, must be listed on this form. Business NAICS codes can be found at <a href="https://www.naics.com/search/">https://www.naics.com/search/</a>. Awarded bidders are required to submit **Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Reports** with each invoice.

#### Waiver Requests:

If the percentage of the total amount of the bid being awarded to MBE or WBE vendors is less than 20% (Box F on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form) and the prime contractor is not a Rhode Island State-certified MBE or WBE, the Bidder must complete the *MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form* for review. Waivers will be considered on a case by case basis.

No waiver will be granted unless the waiver request includes documentation that demonstrates that the Bidder has made good faith efforts to achieve the City's stated participation goals. Waivers must be reviewed and signed by the City of Providence's MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, or her designee. Department Directors cannot recommend a bidder for award if this form is applicable and absent. If the bid does not meet the participation goals of the City of Providence and a waiver is not filed with the signature of the MBE/WBE Outreach Director or her designee, the bid will not be accepted.

#### **Verifying MBE/WBE Certification**

It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm that every MBE/WBE named in a proposal and included in a contract is certified by the Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise Compliance office. The current MBE/WBE directory is available at the State of RI MBE Office, One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI, or online at <a href="http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php">http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php</a>. You can also call (401) 574-8670 to verify certification, expiration dates, and services that the MBE/WBE is certified to provide. Note: MBE certification with the State of Rhode Island on the basis of Portuguese heritage is not currently recognized by the City of Providence's MBE program.

#### **Form Instructions:**

Access all bid forms from <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/">http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/</a> or <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/">http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/</a> or <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/">http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/</a>. **Download** the forms as blank PDFs. Once saved on your computer, fill them out using the Adobe program. The fillable PDFs must be completed in Adobe in order to be saved property. Google Chrome and similar



platforms do not allow for the forms to be saved as filled PDFs. Therefore, please download the blank forms to your computer, then fill them out and save.

#### **Assistance with Form Requirements**

Examples of completed forms can be found on the City of Providence website at <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/">http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/</a> or <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/">http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/</a> or <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/">http://www.providenceri.gov/oeo/</a> or <a href="http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/">http://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/</a>.

#### **Contract Requirements:**

Prime contractors engaging subcontractors must submit the *Subcontractor Utilization and Payment Report* to the City Department's Fiscal Agent with every invoice and with request for final payment. This form is not submitted as a part of the initial bid package.

For contracts with duration of less than 3 months, this form must be submitted along with the contractor's request for final payment. The form must include all subcontractors utilized on the contract, both MBE/WBE and non- MBE/WBE, the total amount paid to each subcontractor for the given period and to date. During the term of the contract, any unjustified failure to comply with the MBE/WBE participation requirements is a material breach of contract.

#### **Questions?**

For more information or for assistance with MBE/WBE Forms, contact the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at <a href="mailto:mbe-wbe@providenceri.com">mbe-wbe@providenceri.com</a> or (401) 680-5766.



# MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT

Item Discussion (as seen on RFP):	
Prime Bidder: Prime Bidder (Company) Phone Number: Prime Bidder (Company) Zip Code:	
Which one of the following describes your busin certification with the State of Rhode Island?	ness' status in terms of Minority and/or Woman-Owned Business EnterpriseMBEWBENeither MBE nor WBE
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I do solemnly declare and affirm under the pe to the best of my knowledge, information and	
Signature of Bidder	Printed Name
Company Name	 Date



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B. WBE SUBCONTRACTED A	\$				
C. NON MBE WBE SUBCONT	\$				
D. DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WO	\$				
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#### **MBe/WBE Waiver Request Form**

Fill out this form only if you are subcontracting and did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE participation goal. State-certified MBE or WBE Prime Bidders are NOT REQUIRED to fill out this form.

Submit this form to the City of Providence MBE/WBE Outreach Director, Grace Diaz, at mbe-wbe@providenceri.gov, for review **prior to bid submission.** This waiver applies only to the current bid which you are submitting to the City of Providence and does not apply to other bids your company may submit in the future.

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Prime Bidder:			
Company Trade:			
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certified businesses as partners.			
Signature of Prime Contractor		Printed Name	Date Signed
Signature of City of Providence		Printed Name of City of Providence	Date Signed
MBE/WBE Outreach Director		MBE/WBE Outreach Director	C



### **BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS**



### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

If the issuing department for this RFP determines that your firm's bid is best suited to accommodate their need, you will be asked to provide proof of the following prior to formalizing an award.

An inability to provide the outlined items at the request of the department may lead to the disqualification of your bid.

This information is <u>NOT</u> requested to be provided in your initial bid that you will submit to the City Clerk's office by the "date to be opened" noted on page 1. This list only serves as a list of items that your firm should be ready to provide on request.

<u>All bids submitted to the City Clerk become public record</u>. Failure to follow instructions could result in information considered private being posted to the city's Open Meetings Portal and made available as a public record.

You must be able to provide:

- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.
- PROOF OF INSURANCE

### **BIDDER'S BLANK - ADDENDUM**

### PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Micro Focus – Novell Suite of Products Maintenance and Support Renewal July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

The vendor selection will be based on a four-point evaluation. These are:

25% Vendor familiarity with Providence Water system.

25% Should be within 100 miles of Providence Water facilities.

25% Vendor capability and experience, and

25% Cost.

SKU	SKU Desc	Qty	Product Desc	Unit	Price
877-008007	GW LIMITED RNW PR MNT1Y 1MLBX	129	GroupWise Limited		
877-008002	GW RNW PR MNT1Y 1MLBX	265	GroupWise		
877-008089	NVL IPRINT DSKTP 1U 1Y RNW PR MNT	265	iPrint		
66001SB	RETAIN GW MOD RNW TTC SUB LIC 1-Y 1-U	265	Retain Module for GroupWise		
30001MB	SEC MSG G/WY 4 G/WISE RNW TTC 1-USER	265	Secure Messaging Gateway / GWAVA		
63001MB	RETAIN SERVER RNW TTC PER M/BOX	400	Retain Server		
35501MBT	GW M/BOX MGMT INT BS 1-YR PER USER	265	GroupWise Mailbox Management / Vertigo		
32001MB	SEC MSG G/WY 4 G/WISE INT TTC 1-USER	265	Secure Messaging Gateway for WASP / GWAVA 4 WASP		
Total					