



BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GOODS

**Item Description: Chlorine for City Pools - 1 Year Blanket Contract (7/1/21 – 6/30/22)
with Two 1-Year Options**

Date to be opened: May 24, 2021

Issuing Department: Public Property

QUESTIONS

- Please direct questions **relative to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid** to Purchasing Agent Patti Jordan.
 - Phone: (401) 680-5264
 - 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 9-18) to the MBE/WBE Outreach Director for the City of Providence, Grace Diaz
 - Phone: (401) 680-5766
 - Email: gdiaz@providenceri.gov
 - Please use subject line “**MBE WBE Forms**”
- Please direct questions relative to the specifications outlined (beginning on page 19) to the issuing department’s subject matter expert:
 - **Steven Piscopiello – Deputy Director, Recreational Centers**
 - **401-680-7313**
 - spiscopiello@providenceri.gov

Pre-bid Conference

There will be no pre-bid conference



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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 3rd floor of City Hall.

- Bidders must submit **3 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 and must include the company name and address on the envelope as well.** clearly marked on the first page.
- 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 do not recycle it for use in this bid.
- 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**

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.



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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. A Tax Exempt Certificate will be provided upon request.**
10. In case of error in the extension of prices quoted, the unit price will govern.
11. 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.
12. No goods should be delivered or work started without a Purchase Order.
13. **Submit 3 copies of the bid to the City Clerk, unless the specification section of this document indicates otherwise.**
14. Payment Terms *are a minimum of Net 30*.
15. Successful bidder must submit a completed W-9 form and Certificate of Insurance/Product Warranty.
16. 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.
17. 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.

*****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.*****



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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 #: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Agrees to bid on (Items(s) to be bid): _____

Delivery Date: _____

Name of Surety Company (if applicable): _____

Total Amount in Writing*: _____

Total Amount in Figures*: _____

** If you are submitting a unit price bid, please insert "Unit Price Bid"*

Use additional pages if necessary for additional bidding details.

Signature of Representation

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BID FORM 2: Certification of Bidder

(Non-Discrimination/Hiring)

Upon behalf of _____ (Firm or Individual Bidding),

I, _____ (Name of Person Making Certification),

being its _____ (Title or "Self"), hereby certify that:

1. Bidder does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual 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 _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature of Representation

Printed Name



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BID FORM 3: 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 understanding that:

1. All bids submitted in response to Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and Requests for Qualification (RFQ's), documents contained within, and the details outlined on those documents become public record upon receipt by the City Clerk's office and opening at the corresponding Board of Contract and Supply (BOCS) meeting.
2. The Purchasing Department and the issuing department for this RFP/RFQ have made a conscious effort to request that sensitive/personal information be submitted directly to the issuing department and only at request if verification of specific details is critical the evaluation of a vendor's bid.
3. The requested supplemental information may be crucial to evaluating bids. Failure to provide such details may result in disqualification, or an inability to appropriately evaluate bids.
4. If sensitive information that has not been requested is enclosed or if a bidder opts to enclose the defined supplemental information prior to the issuing department's request in the bidding packet submitted to the City Clerk, the City of Providence has no obligation to redact those details and bears no liability associated with the information becoming public record.
5. The City of Providence observes a public and transparent bidding process. Information required in the bidding packet may not be submitted directly to the issuing department at the discretion of the bidder in order to protect other information, such as pricing terms, from becoming public. Bidders who make such an attempt will be disqualified.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Signature of Representation

Printed Name



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BID FORM 4: MBE/WBE Affidavit

Item Title (as seen on RFP):

Name of Bidder (Firm or Individual): _____

Which one of the following describes your business' status in terms of Minority and/or Woman-Owned Business Enterprise certification with the State of Rhode Island?

_____ MBE _____ WBE _____ Neither MBE nor WBE

It is the policy of the City of Providence that minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) should have the maximum opportunity to participate in procurements and projects as prime contractors and vendors. Pursuant to Sec. 21-52 of the Providence Code of Ordinances and Chapter 31-14 *et seq.* of the Rhode Island General Laws (as amended), MBE and WBE participation goals apply to contracts.

I affirm by signing below that I am duly authorized on behalf of Bidder, on

this _____ day of _____ 20____.

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BID PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS

The City of Providence seeks a vendor able to provide chlorine for pools across the city.

Bids must include copies of all applicable Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for products to be used at sites serviced by the vendor. The selected vendor will be expected to follow all federal, state, and local regulations as well as all manufacturer requirements as outlined on the SDS for any product utilized at serviced sites.

All bidders must also be in compliance with all OSHA, DEC and EPA/DEM laws and regulations. We also require that the selected vendor have an OSHA 10 Card. **(Do not provide this in your initial bid. The issuing department will seek this information directly after bids are collected and reviewed.)**

Quoted Rates: This contract will be for one year effective from 7/1/21 through 6/30/22 with two one-year options (effective 7/1/22 through 6/30/23 and from 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 respectively). All prices quoted must remain firm for this time period.

Licenses: The successful bidder and anyone performing any services on the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation must possess all of the licenses required by federal, state, and local law to perform such work. **(Do not provide this in your initial bid. The issuing department will seek this information directly after bids are collected and reviewed.)**

Please note: The award of this contract in no way obligates the City to spend the corresponding estimated dollars. The City reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time with 30 day written notice. The City also reserves the right to award more than one bidder if it is deemed to be in our best interest.

Bidder shall be insured and a certificate of insurance must be provided to the city – listing the “City of Providence” as additionally insured. **(Do not provide this in your initial bid. The issuing department will seek this information directly after bids are collected and reviewed.)**

An average delivery per pool ranges from 250-375 gallons per site per week. Vendors choosing to bid must be able to service the following sites for up to 8 weeks:

- Davey Lopes, 227 Dudley Street
- Almagno, 675 Plainfield Street
- Rogers, behind 60 Camden Avenue
- McGrane, 404 Dexter Street
- Zuccolo, 18 Gesler Street (access from Tell Street)



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When submitting your cost proposal please also include details around how you plan to respond to urgent service needs.

- How quickly can you commit to responding to a call for urgent service?
- If there are fees associated with “off-schedule” service, please outline them. Based

on our projected use* please provide pricing for the following in this format:

Product	Cost	Unit of Measure
ACIO-LCB Liquid Chlorine in bulk – 12.5%	\$	Gallon
Bags of Diatomaceous Earth*	\$	25lb bag

Projected use is 250-375 gallons per site per week. There are five (5) sites that will need service for up to 8 weeks.

*Diatomaceous earth is used in addition to liquid chlorine at the McGrane pool for filtering. Historically, we have used up to fifteen (15) 25lb bags. Diatomaceous earth is not used at any other site.



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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 **NOT** 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.*

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.

You must be able to provide:

- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.
- Bidder shall be insured and be able to provide a certificate of insurance listing the "City of Providence" as additionally insured.
- Copy of an OSHA 10 Card.
- Copies of licenses required by federal, state, and local law to perform the work outlined in this RFP.