

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Purchasing

RFP Title: Plumbing Services-General RepairMaintenance-Open Enrollment-Three-year Contract With Two One-Year Options

Opening Date: 7/3/2023

Addendum #: 4

Issue Date: 6/29/2023

The purpose of this addendum is: to answer to additional questions from bidders:

1. We have requested the Letter of Good Standing but, with past experience, it has taken approximately 4 weeks to be received. Should we wait until the letter is received to submit our bid since the RFP states it must be included to be considered a qualified bid?

Answer: Yes, the letter is one of the requirements for this bid.

2. Will the bids received by 7/3 be opened publicly and posted in the meetings portal before the time frame which other bids will be accepted ends? The RFP states contract will be awarded to "lowest qualified bidder". How can bids be made public and then additional bids be accepted after that?

Answer: This solicitation allows bidders to submit their bids at any time during the open enrollment period. All bids will be opened during the public meetings of the Board of Contract and Supply beginning 7/3/2023. More information about dates, times, and agendas can be found <u>here</u>.

The City will create an addendum with a notification of the closing date for this open enrollment.

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The purpose of this solicitation is to have a list of qualified vendors. 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.

Per addendum #3, bidders are expected to provide highest pricing that may be charged to the city for each year for the duration of the contract. Since prices may fluctuate, city departments are expected to reach out to the vendor(s) in the list and solicit quote(s). In any case, the prices charged cannot be higher that the prices provided in the spreadsheet.

A open enrollment bid is a common practice in public procurement.

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