



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Providence Water

RFP Title: Water Pitchers & Filters - (Exp. 12/31/2025) with Two 1-year Extension Options

Opening Date: 01/29/2024

Addendum #: 3

Issue Date: 01/24/2024

The purpose of this addendum is to provide additional information/ response to questions.



ADDENDUM NO. 3

TO: ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENT HOLDERS OF RECORD
ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

FROM: PROVIDENCE WATER
125 DUPONT DRIVE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02907
PHONE: (401) 521-6300

DATE ISSUED: JANUARY 24, 2024

RE: WATER PITCHERS & FILTERS – 2024-2025 (CONTRACT THROUGH
12/31/2025 WITH TWO 1-YEAR EXTENSION OPTIONS)

**BID OPENING
DATE:** JANUARY 29, 2024

**BID OPENING
LOCATION:** BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PROVIDENCE CITY HALL
25 DORRANCE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

**LAST WRITTEN
QUESTIONS DUE:** JANUARY 19, 2024

This Addendum No. 3, including all referenced attachments, modifies, amends, and supplements designated parts of the Contract Documents to the above-referenced project and shall be part of the Contract Documents for the above-referenced project.

Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by inserting its number and date on Bid Form 1. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification.

The Contract Documents are hereby modified, amended, and supplemented as follows:

ATTACHMENTS:

The following attachments are included with this Addendum:

1. Revised Specification Section 22 32 00 – Domestic Water Filtration Equipment, dated January 24, 2024, consisting of 4 pages.

GENERAL:

1. Basis of Award – see question and response in this addendum for clarification on the basis of award.
2. The requested proposed percentages for unit bid price cost escalation for the two, 1-year extension options (2026 and 2027) on the Bid Form shall be not to exceed percentages. These percentages shall be negotiated with the Owner at the time of the proposed contract extensions, but shall not exceed the percentages submitted on the Bid Form with this Bid.

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. **SECTION 22 32 00 – DOMESTIC WATER FILTRATION EQUIPMENT: REPLACE** Section 22 32 00 – Domestic Water Filtration Equipment in its entirety with the attached revised Section 22 32 00 – Domestic Water Filtration Equipment.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RECEIVED:

The following comments and questions were received. Responses are provided for each comment or question.

1. **COMMENT/QUESTION:** Will the basis of award be made solely on the base unit bid prices for 2024-2025 and/or will the proposed price increase percentages for 2026 and 2027 be factored into the basis of award decision?

RESPONSE: The basis of award will be made strictly on the unit bid prices submitted for the base contract period for 2024-2025 (through December 31, 2025). The proposed unit bid price escalation percentages will be used later to consider and evaluate potential contract extensions through 2026 and/or 2027.

The Owner may award contracts to multiple vendors for this Work based on their submitted Bid Prices and product offerings meeting the required specifications and standards. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any and all informalities if it is in Owner's best interest to do so, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional Bids. Owner further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, that their product offerings do not meet the required specifications and standards specified herein. Owner further reserves

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the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder if in Owner's sole opinion would not be in the best interest of the Owner to make an award to Bidder.

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SECTION 22 32 00
DOMESTIC WATER FILTRATION EQUIPMENT

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. At locations with lead service lines (LSLs), Owner provides customers with water pitchers and a six-month supply of filter cartridges that can remove lead as part of its lead service line replacement (LSLR) programs and initiatives, water main rehabilitation (WMR) projects, and for compliance with the United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule (LCR).
- B. Furnish all materials, equipment, and incidentals required to provide Owner with domestic water filtration equipment, including:
 - 1. Water pitchers with filter cartridges for lead removal. Water pitchers shall have a minimum 6-cup capacity and be provided with at least one filter cartridge with minimum 40-gallon capacity to last 2 months.
 - a. Water pitchers, 6-cup capacity, with 40-gallon filter cartridge.
 - b. Water pitchers, 6-cup capacity, with 120-gallon filter cartridge.
 - c. Water pitchers, 7-cup capacity, with 40-gallon filter cartridge.
 - d. Water pitchers, 8-cup capacity, with 40-gallon filter cartridge.
 - e. Water pitchers, 10-cup capacity, with 40-gallon filter cartridge.
 - f. Water pitchers, 10-cup capacity, with 120-gallon filter cartridge.
 - g. Water pitchers, 11-cup capacity, with 40-gallon filter cartridge.
 - h. Water pitchers, 12-cup capacity, with 40-gallon filter cartridge.
 - 2. Additional water pitcher filter cartridges for lead removal. Water pitcher filter cartridges shall have a minimum capacity of 40 gallons to last 2 months.
 - a. Filter cartridges, 40-gallon capacity, to last 2 months – 1 pack.
 - b. Filter cartridges, 40-gallon capacity, to last 2 months – 2 pack.
 - c. Filter cartridges, 40-gallon capacity, to last 2 months – 3 pack.
 - d. Filter cartridges, 40-gallon capacity, to last 2 months – 4 pack.
 - e. Filter cartridges, 40-gallon capacity, to last 2 months – 6 pack.
 - f. Filter cartridges, 120-gallon capacity, to last 6 months – 1 pack.
 - g. Filter cartridges, 120-gallon capacity, to last 6 months – 2 pack.
- C. Fulfill Owner requests and orders for water pitchers and filter cartridges and ship and deliver water pitchers and filter cartridges to Owner as required and specified.

1.02 RELATED WORK

- A. Ship and deliver water pitchers and filter cartridges to Owner as required to fulfill Owner requests/orders.

1.03 REFERENCE STANDARDS

A. National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)

1. NSF/ANSI 42: Drinking Water Treatment Units – Aesthetic Effects.
2. NSF/ANSI 53: Drinking Water Treatment Units – Health Effects.

B. Where reference is made to one of the above standards, the revision in effect at the time products being ordered and delivered shall apply. The filter cartridges shall be NSF/ANSI 42 and NSF/ANSI 53 certified to remove lead under the certification limit at the time that they are ordered by the Owner. Therefore if these standards change within the contract period, products delivered after any standard changes shall meet the most recently updated standards.

1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. All filter cartridges for water pitchers shall be both NSF/ANSI 42 and NSF/ANSI 53 tested and certified. Provide submittals as required as evidence of this testing and these certifications for all water pitcher filter cartridges.

1.05 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit shop drawings and product data, warranty information, test reports, and certifications in accordance with the requirements of this Section as evidence of compliance with the requirements of this Section and all referenced standards.

B. Submit a certified affidavit of compliance from the manufacturer, prior to shipment of any materials and/or items, stating that all materials and/or items to be provided are manufactured, tested, and certified in accordance with the specified and referenced standards.

1.06 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

A. All materials and equipment shall be shipped, handled, and delivered in full accordance with the manufacturer's guidance, instructions, and recommendations.

B. Manufacturer shall provide all information, instructions, and recommendations for proper storage and handling of all materials and equipment.

1.07 GUARANTY & WARRANTIES

A. Water pitchers shall be provided with warranties against all defects in materials and workmanship for a minimum of 90 days.

B. Filter cartridges for water pitchers shall be provided with warranties against all defects in materials and workmanship for a minimum of 30 days.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 WATER PITCHERS

A. Water pitchers shall:

1. Have a minimum capacity of at least 6 cups.
2. Support NSF 42 and 53 certified filter cartridges for the removal of lead.
3. Ensure that unfiltered water does not mix with filtered water.
4. Be provided with a user manual and/or quick start guide with setup, operating, and maintenance and care instructions.
5. Be provided with warranties as specified.

B. Water pitchers shall be manufactured by:

1. Brita
2. Dupont
3. PUR
4. ZeroWater
5. Or approved equal.

2.02 FILTER CARTRIDGES FOR WATER PITCHERS

A. Filter cartridges for water pitchers shall be tested and certified to reduce contaminants in drinking water in full accordance with the most recent version of the below standards. The filter cartridges shall be certified to remove lead under the certification limits of the following standards that are in effect at the time that they are ordered by the Owner. If these standards change within the contract period, products delivered after any standard changes shall meet the most recent standards.

1. NSF/ANSI 42 for reduction of non-health-related contaminants.
2. NSF/ANSI 53 for reduction of health-related contaminants.

B. Filter cartridges for water pitchers shall:

1. Filter water in accordance with the required standards for at least 40 gallons to last 2 months.
2. Be manufactured by the same manufacturer as water pitchers and compatible with the provided water pitchers.
3. Not remove fluoride from water.

C. Filter cartridges for water pitchers shall be manufactured by:

1. Brita
2. Dupont
3. PUR
4. ZeroWater
5. Or approved equal.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 GENERAL

- A. All water pitchers and filter cartridges shall be shipped and delivered to the Owner in full accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.
- B. All water pitchers and filter cartridges shall be delivered to Owner within two weeks of order(s) placed by Owner.
- C. Provide Owner with a minimum of 48 hours advance notice of all deliveries so that Owner can properly receive and inspect all items delivered.
- D. All shipments to Owner shall be sent and delivered to Owner's Central Operations Facility (COF), 125 Dupont Drive, Providence, Rhode Island 02907 during business hours from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday (not including holidays).
- E. Any shipped items received by the Owner that the Owner determines to be damaged during shipment and/or delivery shall be returned to the manufacturer and immediately replaced by manufacturer at no additional cost to the Owner.

END OF SECTION