



**BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Item Description:** Digital Forensics Workstation

**Procurement/MinuteTraq #: 45065**

**Date to be opened: 6/3/2024**

**Issuing Department:** Providence Water Supply Board

## QUESTIONS

- Please direct questions related to the bidding process, how to fill out forms, and how to submit a bid (Pages 1-8) to the Purchasing Department.
  - Email: [purchasing@providenceri.gov](mailto:purchasing@providenceri.gov)
    - Please use the subject line “**Solicitation 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
  - Email: [gdiaz@providenceri.gov](mailto: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:
  - Name: Richard Pimental
  - Title: Director of Information Security
  - Email Address: [richardp@provwater.com](mailto:richardp@provwater.com)

## Pre-bid Conference

There is no pre-bid conference scheduled for this item.

## Deadline for questions submissions:

**May 20, 2024 at 4:30 pm.**



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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

**Meeting Date: 6/3/2024**

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 Conference Room 305, 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 solicitation and bid are related and must include the company name and address on the envelope as well.** (On page 1).
- If required by the Department, please keep the original bid bond and check in only one of the envelopes.
- 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 solicitation. 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**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** 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 **NOT** 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.



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**BID PACKAGE CHECKLIST**

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

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*)
- Bid Form 3: Certificate Regarding Public Records (*see page 8 of this document*)
- Bid Form 4: Affidavit of City Vendor (*see pages 9 and 10 of this document*)
- Forms from the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program: Based on Bidder Category. *See forms and instructions enclosed (pages 11-112) or on:*  
<https://www.providenceri.gov/purchasing/minority-women-owned-business-mbewbe-procurement-program/>

**\*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.**



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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.
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.)



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**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 must accompany 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 \$\_\_\_\_ 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. Any person signing a bid bond as an attorney-in-fact shall include with the bid bond an original, or a photocopy or facsimile of an original, power of attorney.
  - 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 **nighty (90) 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.



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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 (Write the "Item Description" here): \_\_\_\_\_

If the bidder's company is based in a state *other than Rhode Island*, list name and contact information for a local agent for service of process that *is located within Rhode Island*

\_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



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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: Affidavit of City Vendor**

Per our Code of Ordinances [Sec. 21.-28.1 \(e\)](#), this form applies to a) the business, b) any political action committee whose name includes the name of the business, c) all persons holding ten (10) percent or greater equity interest or five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or greater cash value interest in the business at any time during the reporting period, d) all executive officers of the business entity, e) any spouse or dependent child of any individual identified in a) though d) above.

Executive officers who are not residents of the state of Rhode Island are exempted from this requirement.

Per [R.I.G.L. § 36-14-2](#), “Business” means a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, holding company, joint stock company, receivership, trust, or any other entity recognized in law through which business for profit or not for profit is conducted.

Name of the person making this affidavit: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in the “Business” \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entity \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

The number of persons or entities in your entity that are required to report under [Sec. 21.-28.1 \(e\)](#): \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the following paragraph and answer one of the options:**

Within the 12 month period preceding the date of this bid submission with the City of Providence, or with respect to the contracts that are not in writing within the 12 month period preceding the date of notification that the contract has reached the \$100,000 threshold, have you made campaign contributions within a calendar year to (please list all persons or entities required under [Sec. 21.-28.1 \(e\)](#)).

a. Members of the Providence City Council?  Yes  No

- If Yes, please complete the following:

Recipient(s) of the Contribution:

Contribution Date(s):

Contribution Amount(s):

b. Candidates for election or reelection to the Providence City Council?  Yes  No

- If Yes, please complete the following:

Recipient(s) of the Contribution:

Contribution Date(s):

Contribution Amount(s):



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c. The Mayor of Providence?  Yes  No

- If Yes, please complete the following:

Recipient(s) of the Contribution:

Contribution Date(s):

Contribution Amount(s):

d. Candidates for election or reelection to the office of Mayor of Providence?  Yes  No

- If Yes, please complete the following:

Recipient(s) of the Contribution:

Contribution Date(s):

Contribution Amount(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position



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**MBE/WBE Participation Plan**

**Please complete separate forms for each MBE/WBE subcontractor/supplier to be utilized on the solicitation.**

Bidder's Name:					
Bidder's Address:					
Point of Contact:					
Telephone:					
Email:					
Procurement #:					
Project Name:					
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? (Check all that apply).		<input type="checkbox"/> MBE	<input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither MBE nor WBE	
<p>This form is intended to capture commitments between the prime contractor/vendor and MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers, including a description of the work to be performed and the percentage of the work as submitted to the prime contractor/vendor. Please note that all MBE/WBE subcontractors/suppliers must be certified by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity at the time of bid. The MBE/WBE Directory can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please visit, the <a href="#">City's MBE/WBE page</a> for details of the program (e.g. instructions and requirements).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nonprofit organizations are not required to complete the rest of this form.</b></li> <li>• <b>Construction projects unable to identify subcontractors prior to bid submission (e.g. Design Build) are required to provide updates to the MBE/WBE Outreach Office</b></li> </ul>					
Name of Subcontractor/Supplier:					
Type of RI Certification:		<input type="checkbox"/> MBE	<input type="checkbox"/> WBE	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	
Address:					
Point of Contact:					
Telephone:					
Email:					
Detailed Description of Work to Be Performed by Subcontractor or Materials to be Supplied by Supplier Per the Scope of Work provided in the RFP					
Total Contract Value (\$):		Subcontract Value (\$):		Participation Rate (%):	
Anticipated Date of Performance:					
I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements are true and correct.					
<b>Prime Contractor/Vendor Signature</b>			<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>Subcontractor/Supplier Signature</b>			<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	

**\*If you did not meet the 20% MBE/WBE combined participation goal, submit a Waiver Request Form.**



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**MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form**

**Fill out this form only if you 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 [gdiaz@providenceri.gov](mailto:gdiaz@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. **In case a waiver is needed, City Department Directors should not recommend a bidder for an award if this form is not included, absent or is not signed by the city of Providence MBE/WBE director.**

Prime Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email and Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name, Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Trade \_\_\_\_\_  
Project /Item Description (as seen on RFP): \_\_\_\_\_

To receive a waiver, you must list the certified MBE and/or WBE companies you contacted, the name of the primary individual with whom you interacted, and the reason the MBE/WBE company could not participate on this project.

MBE/WBE Company Name	Individual's Name	Company Name	Why did you choose not to work with this company?

I acknowledge the City of Providence's goal of a combined MBE/WBE participation is 20% of the total bid value. I am requesting a waiver of \_\_\_\_\_ % MBE/WBE (20% minus the value of **Box F** on the Subcontractor Disclosure Form). If an opportunity is identified to subcontract any task associated with the fulfillment of this contract, a good faith effort will be made to select MBE/WBE certified businesses as partners.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prime Contractor /  
or Duly Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of City of Providence  
MBE/WBE Outreach Director /  
or Duly Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of City of Providence  
MBE/WBE Outreach Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

## 1. Introduction

- a. Providence Water is seeking proposals for the acquisition of a digital forensics workstation
- b. Please read all instructions carefully, bids submitted that do not comply with all proposal instructions may result in a disqualified bid

## 2. Scope of Work

Providence Water is looking to acquire **ONE (1)** digital forensics workstation, this workstation meet the minimum requirements:

- a. **Form Factor**
  - i. Must be 4u rack mountable
  - ii. Must include 26" rail kit
- b. **Processor/CPU**
  - i. Must include Dual Intel Xeon 4310 4310 silver 24 core total
- c. **Memory**
  - i. Must have a minimum of 512GB DDR4 ECC (8 Channel)
- d. **Operating System Software**
  - i. Must be a Windows operating system
  - ii. Must be a minimum of Windows 10 Pro
- e. **Graphics Card/GPU**
  - i. Must one (1) graphics card
  - ii. Must be a minimum of GeForce GTX 1650 4GB
- f. **Storage**
  - i. Must have a minimum of 16TB Enterprise HDD
- g. **RAID**
  - i. Must be RAID 0
- h. **Network Connectivity/LAN**
  - i. Must contain at least one (1) 1GB LAN connection
- i. **Operating System Drive**
  - i. Must contain a minimum of 1TB SSD NVMe
- j. **Optical Drive**
  - i. Must contain at least one (1) Blu-Ray 16x writing speed drive
- k. **Capabilities**
  - i. Must contain a Tableau Write Blocking Bridge
  - ii. Must be able to perform Forensic Imaging
  - iii. Must include a user switchable 'write protect' mode
  - iv. Must include internal cooling

**1. I/O Ports**

- i.** Must contain at least one (1) USB 3.2 Gen 2 (Type C)
- ii.** Must contain at least one (1) USB 3.2 Gen 2 (Type A)
- iii.** Must contain at least four (4) lockable USB 3.X Gen 1
- iv.** High Definition Audio Subsystem
- v.** Must contain at least one (1) Read-Only SATA port
- vi.** Must contain at least one (1) Read-Only IDE port
- vii.** Must contain at least one (1) Read-Only USB port
- viii.** Must contain at least one (1) Read-Only FireWire port
- ix.** Must contain at least one (1) Read-Only SAS port
- x.** Must contain at least one (1) Read-Only PCIe port
- xi.** Must contain at least one (1) USB media card reader

**m. Options**

- i.** Must include one (1) Tableau TKDA-SATA-IDE-7RC

**n. Warranty**

- i.** Must be a minimum of three (3) year manufacturer warranty

**3. Scope of Services**

- a.** No additional services are being bid in respect to this Request for Proposal (RFP)

**4. General Requirements**

- a.** The successful proposer must make available to Providence Water any hardware, software and managed services licenses within ten (10) days of the notice of award and intent to purchase

**5. Software License Requirements**

- a.** No additional licensing requirements are required or requested for this RFP

**6. Alternates**

- a.** Alternate products and/or licenses identified outside of this RFP will not be considered. Providence Water is specifically interested in acquiring appliances, professional services and support associated with the minimum requirements listed in Section 2. Any products that do not match the criteria set forth in this RFP will be rejected

**7. Price Proposal**

- a.** Potential bidders must provide pricing on the enclosed Bidder's Blank
- b.** Potential bidders must provide a clear description of the line items being bid upon, each line item must be itemized and quoted clearly on the Bidder's Blank, lastly, each itemized line item must be subtotaled, and a total quote clearly identified on the Bidder's Blank

## 8. Miscellaneous

- a. Please ensure to complete and submit, along with the proposal, all Bidder Information and Forms located elsewhere in this RFP. Proposals that do not have completed Bidder Information and Forms will not be considered
- b. Proposals by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign) and the corporate seal must be affixed and attested by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation must be shown below the signature
- c. Proposals by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner, whose title must appear under the signature and the official address of the partnership must be shown below the signature
- d. All names must be typed or printed in black ink below the signature
- e. If applicable, the Proposal shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda (the numbers of which must be included on the Proposal)
- f. If applicable, any and all labor performed under this contract must follow the rules and regulations of the State Labor Laws concerning payment of prevailing wages
- g. The address and telephone number for communications regarding the Proposal must be shown
- h. Evidence of authority to conduct business as an out-of-state corporation in the state of Rhode Island shall be attached. State contractor license number, if any, and professional registration numbers must also be shown if required
- i. Providence Water, through the Board of Contract and Supply, reserves the right to make an award or to reject any and all offers based upon what it considers to be in its best interest
- j. The chosen firm(s) will be under contract to the City of Providence, Providence Water Supply Board
- k. Only bidders meeting all qualifications will be considered
- l. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Proposal Documents are to be directed to Providence Water. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Providence Water in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by Providence Water as having received the Proposal Documents. Questions received less than seven days prior to the date for opening of Proposals may not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Addenda may also be issued to modify the Proposal Documents as deemed advisable by Providence Water

## 9. Payment

- a. Lump sum payment is preferred, apply any potential discounts, or annual subscription compensation for furnishing all required licenses, when bidding. Lump sum may be invoiced following delivery of software licensing
- b. All payment requests must be submitted to the attention of Providence Water's Accounts Payable department, invoices must be submitted to [accountspayable@provwater.com](mailto:accountspayable@provwater.com)
- c. The Successful Proposer shall provide any other documentation required by Providence Water's Accounts Payable Department to process the payment request
- d. Providence Water is a Tax Exempt entity, a copy of the Tax Exempt certificate is available upon request

## 10. RFP Evaluation Criteria

- a. If applicable, in evaluating Proposals, Providence Water will consider the qualifications of Proposers, whether or not the Proposals comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternates, unit prices and other data, as may be requested in the Proposal Submission Requirements or prior to the Notice of Award
- b. If necessary, Providence Water may conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any Proposal and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Proposers, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers and other individuals and entities to perform and furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents
- c. Providence Water reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Proposals and to reject the Proposal of any Proposer if Providence Water believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Proposer, whether because the Proposal is not responsive or the Proposer is deemed unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by Providence Water. If applicable, Providence Water also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work, and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder
- d. Evaluation criteria
  1. The following will all be factors in the determination of the successful Bidder
    - i. Ability to satisfy the hardware requirements identified in Section 2 of this document
    - ii. Quality and completeness of the RFP submittal
  2. The following indicates the weighted score for each of the criteria shown above
    - i. Total cost of all subtotaled items – 95%
    - ii. Quality and completeness of RFP submittal – 5%



## 11. Award Information

- a. Providence Water will award the contract to the bidder that scores the highest based on the weighted metrics identified in section 10
  1. The lowest total quote will receive the highest possible percentage points identified in Section 10.d.2.i
    - i. The lowest total bid will receive a maximum of 95%
    - ii. The Excel formula used to calculate weighted average of the remaining total bids is as follows:  $=((((\text{Bid Price}-\text{Minimum Bid}) * 100) / (\text{Maximum Bid}-\text{Minimum Bid}))-100) * (-1)) * (\text{Percentage of Weighted Average})$
    - iii. Only the total bid identified on the Bidder's Blank will be used in the aforementioned calculation
- b. Providence Water will award to a single successful bidder, awards will not be split amongst multiple bidders
- c. Fully completed RFP's will receive a total of 5 percentage points as identified in section 10
- d. The successful bidder will have submitted the RFP that obtains the highest weighted score
  - i. Lowest bid will receive a maximum of 95%
  - ii. A fully completed RFP packet will receive a maximum of 5%
  - iii. Highest possible score is 100%

# BIDDER'S BLANK

## Digital Forensic Workstation:

As part of the Bidder's Blank, all bidders must detail the specifications of their product in the space below, displaying the capability to meet the minimum requirements set forth in Section 2, sub-section a-n of this Request for Proposal.

- a. **Form Factor** \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Processor/CPU** \_\_\_\_\_
- c. **Memory** \_\_\_\_\_
- d. **Operating System Software** \_\_\_\_\_
- e. **Graphics Card/GPU** \_\_\_\_\_
- f. **Storage** \_\_\_\_\_
- g. **RAID** \_\_\_\_\_
- h. **Network Connectivity/LAN** \_\_\_\_\_
- i. **Operating System Drive** \_\_\_\_\_
- j. **Optical Drive** \_\_\_\_\_
- k. **Capabilities** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- l. **I/O Ports** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- m. **Options** \_\_\_\_\_
- n. **Warranty** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the one-time purchase price for the Digital Forensic Workstation identified in Section 2 of this Request for Proposal on the line listed below.

**TOTAL ONE TIME PURCHASE PRICE IN DOLLARS**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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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.

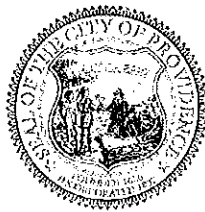
An inability to provide the outlined items at the request of the department may lead to the disqualification of your bid.

*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:**

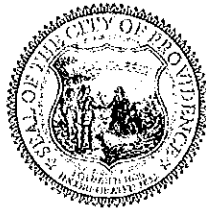
- Business Tax ID will be requested after an award is approved by the Board of Contract and Supply.
- Proof of Insurance.
- Certificate of Good Standing with the Rhode Island Secretary of State.



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**CITY OF PROVIDENCE STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. The terms "you" and "your" contained herein refer to the person or entity that is a party to the agreement with the City of Providence ("the City") and to such person's or entity's employees, officers, and agents.
2. The Request For Proposals ("RFP") and these Standard Terms and Conditions together constitute the entire agreement of the parties ("the Agreement") with regard to any and all matters. By your submission of a bid proposal or response to the City's RFP, you accept these Standard Terms & Conditions and agree that they supersede any conflicting provisions provided by bid or in any terms and conditions contained or linked within a bid and/or response. Changes in the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or the scope of work thereunder, may only be made by a writing signed by the parties.
3. You are an independent contractor and in no way does this Agreement render you an employee or agent of the City or entitle you to fringe benefits, workers' compensation, pension obligations, retirement or any other employment benefits. The City shall not deduct federal or state income taxes, social security or Medicare withholdings, or any other taxes required to be deducted by an employer, and this is your responsibility to yourself and your employees and agents.
4. You shall not assign your rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City. Any assignment without prior written consent of the City shall be voidable at the election of the City. The City retains the right to refuse any and all assignments in the City's sole and absolute discretion.
5. Invoices submitted to the City shall be payable sixty (60) days from the time of receipt by the City. Invoices shall include support documentation necessary to evidence completion of the work being invoiced. The City may request any other reasonable documentation in support of an invoice. The time for payment shall not commence, and invoices shall not be processed for payment, until you provide reasonably sufficient support documentation. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to pay or shall you be entitled to receive interest on any overdue invoice or payment. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to pay any costs associated with your collection of an outstanding invoice.
6. For contracts involving construction, alteration, and/or repair work, the provisions of applicable state labor law concerning payment of prevailing wage rates (R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-13-1 et seq., as amended) and the City's First Source Ordinance (Providence Code of Ordinances §§ 21-91 et seq., as amended) apply.
7. With regard to any issues, claims, or controversies that may arise under this Agreement, the City shall not be required to submit to dispute resolution or mandatory/binding arbitration. Nothing prevents the parties from mutually agreeing to settle any disputes using mediation or non-binding arbitration.
8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, you shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its employees, officers, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, allegations, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, obligations, fines, penalties, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, of any nature whatsoever arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the work provided in the Agreement.
9. You shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the insurance coverage that is required by the RFP or, if none is required in the RFP, insurance coverage that is considered in your industry to be commercially reasonable, and you agree to name the City as an additional insured on your general liability policy and on any umbrella policy you carry.
10. The City shall not subject itself to any contractual limitations on liability. The City shall have the time permitted within the applicable statute of limitations, and no less, to bring or assert any and all causes of action, suits, claims or demands the City may have arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the work provided in the Agreement, and in no event does the City agree to limit your liability to the price of the Agreement or any other monetary limit.
11. The City may terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days' written notice to you if you fail to observe any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or if the City believes your ability to perform the terms and conditions of this Agreement has been materially impaired in any way, including but in no



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way limited to loss of insurance coverage, lapsing of a surety bond, if required, declaration of bankruptcy, or appointment of a receiver. In the event of termination by the City, you shall be entitled to just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

12. Written notice hereunder shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person to the individual or member of the firm or entity or to an officer of the entity for whom it was intended, or if delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail to the last business address known by the party providing notice.
13. In no event shall the Agreement automatically renew or be extended without a writing signed by the parties.
14. You agree that products produced or resulting from the performance of the Agreement are the sole property of the City and may not be used by you without the express written permission of the City.
15. For any Agreement involving the sharing or exchange of data involving potentially confidential and/or personal information, you shall comply with any and all state and/or federal laws or regulations applicable to confidential and/or personal information you receive from the City, including but not limited to the Rhode Island Identity Theft Protection Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-49.3-1, during the term of the Agreement. You shall implement and maintain appropriate physical, technical, and administrative security measures for the protection of, and to prevent access to, use, or disclosure of, confidential and/or personal information. In the event of a breach of such information, you shall notify the City of such breach immediately, but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours after discovery of such breach.
16. The Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Rhode Island. You expressly submit yourself to and agree that any and all actions arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the performance of the Agreement or relationship between the parties shall occur solely in the venue and jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island or the federal court located in Rhode Island.
17. The failure of the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this Agreement constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.
18. If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, in any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.