

CITY OF TAMARAC STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR QUOTATION

GENERAL CONDITIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE STANDARD FOR ALL REQUESTS FOR QUOTATION FOR COMMODITIES/SERVICES ISSUED BY THE CITY OF TAMARAC. THE CITY OF TAMARAC MAY DELETE, SUPERSEDE OR MODIFY ANY OF THESE STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS FOR A PARTICULAR BID BY INDICATING SUCH CHANGE IN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, IN THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THE QUOTE, OR IN THE SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK. ANY AND ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY VARY FROM THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS SHALL PREVAIL OVER THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS AND ANY CONFLICTING PROVISION WITHIN ANY VENDOR'S STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDLESS OF ANY LANGUAGE IN VENDOR'S DOCUMENTATION TO THE CONTRARY.

QUOTATION RESPONSE

QUOTATIONS SHOULD BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH ALL QUOTATION FORMS, AND MAY BE MAILED, FAXED OR E-MAILED TO THE CITY AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DUE DATE AND TIME OF THIS QUOTATION. QUOTATIONS NOT SUBMITTED ON THE ATTACHED QUOTATION FORM MAY BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE. ALL QUOTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN. THOSE QUOTES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS MAY BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE.

Bidder certifies that when responding to a Request for Quotation that acknowledgement is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a Bid for the same commodities and/or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Bidder agrees to abide by all conditions of this Bid and certifies that the individual executing this quotation is authorized to sign this Quotation as an agent for the Bidder.

Our Vision and Mission

Our Vision: The City of Tamarac, our community of choice -- leading the nation in quality of life through safe neighborhoods, a vibrant economy, exceptional customer service and recognized excellence.

Our Mission: We Are "Committed to Excellence. . . Always" It is our job to foster and create an environment that

*Responds to the Customer
Creates and Innovates
Works as a Team
Achieves Results, and
Makes a Difference*

In the fulfillment of our vision and mission, as stewards of the public trust, we value vision, integrity, efficiency and quality service.

Our vendors are truly partners in meeting these commitments to the community, and in support of that vision and mission, we are committed to ensuring that qualified, competitive vendors who share our commitment to quality, efficiency, teamwork and customer service are employed to provide goods and services to the City. Our vendors are expected to deliver high quality products and efficient service that is provided on time and as ordered; in a manner that improves the overall value of the services that the City provides to its residents. In addition, we expect our vendors to work with the City as a team, and exhibit the highest level of integrity when dealing with any office or department of the City.

Diligence in the execution of the requirements of this proposal will ultimately contribute to the overall quality of services provided to the entire community. The City is searching for a firm who will exemplify these ideals in the execution of their work, and the successful firm will be measured against the performance standards outlined in this bid invitation.

INTRODUCTION

It is the intent of the City to award this bid to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality concerning the bids when such rejection or waiver is deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to award the bid on a split order basis, lump sum or individual item basis unless otherwise stated, whichever is in the best interest of the City.

This solicitation is issued pursuant to the City of Tamarac Code, Chapter 6, "Finance & Taxation", Article V, "Purchasing Procedures", Section 6-141 et seq.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These general terms and conditions apply to all offers made to the City of Tamarac by all prospective Bidders including but not limited to Request for Quotes, Request for Bids and Request for Proposals. As such the words "bid" and "proposal" are used interchangeably in reference to all offers submitted by prospective Bidders. Any and all special conditions in this IFB or any sample agreement document that may be in variance or conflict with these General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence over these General Terms and Conditions. If no changes or deletions to General Conditions are made in the

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Special Conditions, then the General Terms and Conditions shall prevail in their entirety.

1. SUBMISSION OF THE BID

The Bidder is directed to deliver quotations to the City of Tamarac, Purchasing Division, 7525 N. W. 88th Avenue, Room 108, Tamarac, Florida 33321, no later than the date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation document. Quotations may also be submitted by facsimile to (954) 597-3565, or by e-mail to the address buyer shown above. Delivery of the quotation to the Purchasing Office on or before the above date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the Bidder. Late bids will be returned unopened to the Bidder. The City will not be responsible for a late bid as a result of the vendor's inability to reach the City Purchasing & Contracts Division fax machine in a timely manner.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to read and understand the requirements of this quotation request. Unless otherwise specified, the Bidder must use the quotation form furnished in the request for quotation document. The Bidder is requested to submit **one (1) original and two (2) copies** of the bid. **The original bid must be manually and duly signed in ink by a Corporate Officer, Principal, or Partner with the authority to bind the bidding company or firm by his/her signature.** All quotation forms must be typewritten or completed in ink. The Bidder must initial any erasures or corrections in ink. All bids shall be submitted in the English language. All prices, terms and conditions quoted in the submitted bid shall be expressed in U.S. Dollars, and will be firm for acceptance for sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the quotation opening unless otherwise stated by the City.

The Bidder preparing a quote in response to this solicitation shall bear all expenses associated with its preparation. The Bidder shall prepare a quotation with the understanding that no claim for reimbursement shall be submitted to the City for expenses related to its preparation.

2. WITHDRAWAL OF QUOTATION

Any Bidder may withdraw its quotation prior to the indicated opening time. The request for withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Office.

3. NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

Each Contractor shall complete the Non-Collusive Affidavit Form and shall submit this form with the bid/proposal. The City considers the failure of the Contractor to submit this document to be a major irregularity, and may be cause for rejection of the Proposal.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112 of the State of Florida Statutes. Bidders shall disclose the name of any officer, director, partner, proprietor, associate or agent who is also a public officer or employee of the City or any of its agencies.

5. QUANTITIES

Quantities shown are estimates only. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the City as to the total amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contract. The City reserves the right to decrease or increase quantities or add or delete any item from the contract if it is determined that it best serves the interests of the City.

6. PRICES, PAYMENTS, DISCOUNTS & ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Firm Pricing: Bid prices shall be fixed and firm to the extent required under Special Conditions. In the absence of a reference in the Special Conditions, bid prices shall be fixed and firm for a period of sixty (60) calendar days, or ninety (90) calendar days when the contract must be approved by another agency. Payment will be made only after receipt and acceptance of materials/services. Cash discounts may be offered for prompt payment; however, such discounts shall not be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation.

Prompt Payment Discounts: Bidders are encouraged to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the Bid Form. If no payment discount is offered, the Bidder shall enter zero (0) for the percentage discount to indicate net 30 days. If the Bidder does not enter a percentage discount, it is understood and agreed that the payment terms shall be 2% 10 days, net 30 days effective on the date that the City receives an accurate invoice or accepts the product, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed made on the date of the mailing of the check. All payments

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shall be governed by the *Local Government Prompt Payment Act*, F.S. Chapter 218.

Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer:

Vendors may now receive payments by direct deposit via electronic funds transfer instead of by paper check. Vendors are strongly encouraged to register to receive all payments by direct deposit. Access the City of Tamarac web-site at <http://www.tamarac.org/city-departments/financial-services/purchasing/register-for-direct-deposit-payment.aspx> for more information.

7. DELIVERY

All items shall be delivered F.O.B. destination to a specific City address. All delivery costs and charges must be included in the bid price. The City reserves the right to cancel orders or any part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made at the time specified in the bid.

8. MANUFACTURER'S NAME & APPROVED EQUIVALENTS

Manufacturer's name, trade name, brand name information and/or model/catalog numbers are used in these specifications for information and establishment of a quality level desired, and are not intended to restrict competition unless otherwise specified in the bid. The Bidder may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specifications for any item(s). If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and model/catalog number. Bidder shall submit complete descriptive literature and/or specifications with the bid. The burden of proof for specification compliance is solely on the Bidder. The City reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable. Failure to provide this information within three (3) business days of the City's request may be grounds for bid disqualification. If Bidder fails to name a substitute, it will be assumed that the Bidder has submitted a bid which conforms in all aspects to the requirements of the bid document, and that the Bidder intends to furnish goods identical to the bid standard.

9. SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

When requested, samples are to be furnished free of charge to the City. If a sample is requested it must be delivered within seven days of the request unless otherwise stated in the bid. Each sample must be marked with the Bidder's name and manufacture's brand name. The City will not be responsible for returning samples. The City may

request a full demonstration of any product or service before the award of a contract. All demonstrations will be done at the expense of the Bidder.

10. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

As a part of the Bid evaluation process, the City may conduct a background investigation including a criminal record check of Bidder's officers and/or employees, by the Broward County Sheriff's Office. Bidder's submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgement of and consent to such investigation. City shall be the sole judge in determining Bidder's qualifications.

11. CONDITIONS OF MATERIALS

All materials and products supplied by the Bidder in conjunction with this bid shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, fit for a particular purpose, free from defects and consistent with industry standards. The products shall be delivered to the City in excellent condition. In the event that any of the products supplied to the City are found to be defective or do not conform to the specifications, the City reserves the right to return the product to the Bidder at no cost to the City.

Successful Bidder shall furnish all guarantees and warranties to the Purchasing Division prior to final acceptance and payment. The warranty period shall commence upon final acceptance of the product.

12. COPYRIGHTS OR PATENT RIGHTS

The Bidder warrants that there has been no violation of copyrights or patent rights in manufacturing, producing or selling the goods shipped or ordered as a result of this bid. The seller agrees to hold the City harmless from all liability, loss or expense occasioned by any such violation.

13. SAFETY STANDARDS

The Bidder warrants that the product(s) supplied to the City conform with all respects to the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended, and shall be in compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes as well as any industry standards, if applicable. Any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this order must be accompanied by a completed Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

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14. PERFORMANCE

Failure on the part of the Bidder to comply with the conditions, terms, specifications and requirements of the bid shall be just cause for cancellation of the bid award, notwithstanding any additional requirements enumerated in the Special conditions herein relating to performance based contracting. The City may, by written notice to the Bidder, terminate the contract for failure to perform. The date of termination shall be stated in the notice. The City shall be the sole judge of nonperformance.

15. INSPECTION

The City shall have the right to inspect any materials, components, equipment, supplies, services or completed work specified herein. Any of said items not complying with these specifications are subject to rejection at the option of the City. Any items rejected shall be removed from the premises of the City and/or replaced at the entire expense of the successful vendor.

16. TERMINATION

a. **DEFAULT:** In addition to all other remedies available to the City, this Agreement shall be subject to cancellation by the City for cause, should the Contractor neglect or fail to perform or observe any of the terms, provisions, conditions, or requirements herein contained, if such neglect or failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by Contractor of written notice of such neglect or failure.

b. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF CITY:** Notwithstanding any additional requirements for performance based contracting contained in the special conditions herein, the final Agreement may be terminated by the City for convenience, upon seven (7) days of written notice by the City to the Contractor for such termination in which event the Contractor shall be paid its compensation for services performed to termination date, including services reasonably related to termination. In the event that the Contractor abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, Contractor shall indemnify the city against loss pertaining to this termination.

c. **FUNDING OUT:** This agreement shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the expenditures provided for in the Agreement have been appropriated by the City Commission of the City of Tamarac in the annual budget for each fiscal year of this Agreement, and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

17. ASSIGNMENT

The Bidder shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this bid without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this bid and monies that may become due hereunder are not assignable except with prior written approval of the City.

18. EMPLOYEES

Employees of the Bidder shall at all times be under its sole direction and not an employee or agent of the City. The Bidder shall supply competent and physically capable employees. The City may require the Bidder to remove an employee it deems careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable. Bidder shall be responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of all employees working under its directions.

19. NON-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability if qualified. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, sex, Religion, age, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability if qualified. Such actions must include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion; demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor shall agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. The Contractor further agrees that he/she will ensure that Subcontractors, if any, will be made aware of and will comply with this nondiscrimination clause.

20. TAXES

The City of Tamarac is exempt from all Federal, State, and Local taxes. An exemption certificate will be provided where applicable upon request.

21. OMISSION OF DETAILS

Omission of any essential details from these specifications will not relieve the Bidder of

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supplying such product(s) as specified.

22. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Except for contract requirements where goods are drop-shipped to the City, bidder agrees to, in the performance of work and services under this Agreement, comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations now in effect, or hereinafter enacted during the term of this agreement that are applicable to Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, if any, with respect to the work and services described herein.

Bidder shall obtain at Bidder's expense all necessary insurance in such form and amount as required by the City's Risk & Safety Officer before beginning work under this Agreement. Bidder shall maintain such insurance in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement. Bidder shall provide to the City's Risk & Safety Officer certificates of all insurance required under this section prior to beginning any work under this Agreement. Bidder shall indemnify and save the City harmless from any damage resulting to it for failure of either Bidder or any subcontractor to obtain or maintain such insurance.

The following are required types and minimum limits of insurance coverage, which the Bidder agrees to maintain during the term of this contract:

Line of Business/ Coverage	Occurrence	Aggregate
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Including:		
Premises/Operations		
Contractual Liability		
Personal Injury		
Explosion, Collapse, Underground Hazard		
Products/Completed Operations		
Broad Form Property Damage		
Cross Liability and Severability of Interest Clause		
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability		Statutory

The City reserves the right to require higher limits depending upon the scope of work under this Agreement.

Neither Bidder nor any subcontractor shall commence work under this contract until they have obtained all insurance required under this section and have supplied the City with evidence of such coverage in the form of an insurance certificate

and endorsement. The Bidder will ensure that all subcontractors will comply with the above guidelines and will maintain the necessary coverage throughout the term of this Agreement.

All insurance carriers shall be rated at least A-VII per A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide and be licensed to do business in Florida. Policies shall be "Occurrence" form. Each carrier will give the City sixty (60) days notice prior to cancellation.

The Bidder's liability insurance policies shall be endorsed to add the City of Tamarac as an "additional insured". The Bidder's Worker's Compensation carrier will provide a Waiver of Subrogation to the City. The Bidder shall be responsible for the payment of all deductibles and self-insured retentions.

The City may require that the Bidder purchase a bond to cover the full amount of the deductible or self-insured retention. If the Bidder is to provide professional services under this Agreement, the Bidder must provide the City with evidence of Professional Liability insurance with, at a minimum, a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. "Claims-Made" forms are acceptable for Professional Liability insurance.

23. INDEMNIFICATION

The Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Tamarac, its elected and appointed officials and employees from any and all claims, suits, actions, damages, liability, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) in connection with loss of life, bodily or personal injury, or property damage, including loss of use thereof, directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from, arising out of or occurring in connection with the operations of the Bidder or his Subcontractors, agents, officers, employees or independent contractors, excepting only such loss of life, bodily or personal injury, or property damage solely attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City of Tamarac or its elected or appointed officials and employees. City reserves the right to select its own legal counsel to conduct any defense in any such proceeding and all costs and fees associated therewith shall be the responsibility of Contractor under the indemnification agreement.

24. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

An Agreement resulting from this solicitation does not create an employee/employer relationship between the Parties. It is the intent of the Parties that the Contractor is an independent contractor

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under this Agreement and not the City's employee for any purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the State Worker's Compensation Act, and the State Unemployment Insurance law. The Contractor shall retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out Contractor's activities and responsibilities hereunder provided, further that administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under any potential Agreement shall be those of Contractor, which policies of Contractor shall not conflict with City, State, or United States policies, rules or regulations relating to the use of Contractor's funds provided for herein. The Contractor agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the City, that it had full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. Any potential Agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the Contractor and the City and the City will not be liable for any obligation incurred by Contractor, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

25. CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Where there appears to be variances or conflicts between the General Terms and Conditions and the Special Conditions and/or Detailed Specifications outlined in this bid, the Special Conditions and/or the Detailed Specifications shall prevail.

The Bidder shall examine all bid documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. If, upon review, any material errors in specifications are found, the Bidder shall contact the Purchasing Office immediately.

Any inquires, suggestions, requests concerning clarification, or requests for additional information shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing and Contracts Manager.

The City of Tamarac reserves the right to amend this bid prior to the Bid opening date indicated by written addenda. Written addenda shall serve as the sole means of clarification. The City shall not

be responsible for oral interpretations given by any City employee or its representative.

26. BID TABULATION

Bidders may download the bid tabulation directly from the Internet at <http://www.tamarac.org>. The City does not notify unsuccessful Bidders of contract awards.

Pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 119, Section 7(m), sealed bids or proposals received by an agency pursuant to invitations to bid or requests for proposals are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of a decision or intended decision pursuant to F.S. §120.57(3)(a), or within 10 days after bid/proposal opening, whichever is earlier.

27. RECORDS/AUDITS

The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The form of all records and reports shall be subject to the approval of the City's Auditor. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City's Auditor, during normal business hours and in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports and records relating to this contract for the duration of the contract and retain them for a minimum period of one (1) year beyond the last day of the contract term.

28. UNBALANCED BIDS

When a unit price bid has variable or estimated quantities, and the bid shows evidence of unbalanced bid pricing, such bid may be rejected.

29. UNIT PRICES

Where a discrepancy between unit price and total price is indicated on a Bidder's submitted Schedule of Bid Prices or Price Proposal Form, the unit prices shall prevail.

30. VENUE

Any Agreement resulting from this solicitation shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida as now and hereafter in force. The venue for actions arising out of this agreement is fixed in Broward County, Florida.

31. FORM AGREEMENT DOCUMENT

The City may attach as a part of this solicitation, a Form Agreement document. Bidders shall be

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responsible for complying with all of the terms and conditions of the Form Agreement document if included herein, except where variant or conflicting language may be included in any Special Conditions contained herein. Bidders shall note any deviation or variance with the Form Agreement document at the time of bid submission.

32. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

If a Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this Invitation for Bid, Bidder will, if Bidder has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bid and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. Destination to the requesting agency.

33. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS

In the event the City is required to reduce contract costs due to budgetary constraints, all services specified in this document may be subject to a permanent or temporary reduction in budget. In such an event, the total cost for the affected service shall be reduced as required. The Contractor shall also be provided with a minimum 30-day notice prior to any such reduction in budget.