

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NUMBER: **IFB 17-13**

IFB SUBJECT: **MUELLER FIRE HYDRANTS – AS NEEDED**

BID DEADLINE: **January 10, 2017 AT 11:00 AM**

PUBLIC OPENING: Vienna Town Hall
Purchasing Office
127 Center Street, S
Vienna, Virginia 22180

Inquiries concerning contractual or technical matters of this Invitation For Bid shall be made in writing and emailed to:

Gina Gilpin
Purchasing Agent
ggilpin@viennava.gov

NOTICE TO RECIPIENT

Your name appears on the Town of Vienna bidders listing or has been identified as a potential bidder desiring to receive Invitations for Bid for the commodity/service named above. Failure to respond to this invitation with either a bid proposal or a "no bid" may result in the removal of your firm's name from the referenced commodity/service listing. If "no bid", state the reason and return the bid form to the Purchasing Agent.

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SECTION 1 POSTING NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Vienna, Virginia at the Purchasing Office, 127 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180, for the following:

- ◆ **IFB 17-13 MUELLER FIRE HYDRANTS – AS NEEDED**
- ◆ **Bid Opening Date: January 10, 2017 AT 11:00 AM**

The bid documents are available on the Purchasing Section of the Town's Web Site (www.viennava.gov)

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Invitation For Bid is to establish a contract for the purchase of Mueller Fire Hydrants, on an as needed basis, for the Department of Public Works, Town of Vienna, Vienna, Virginia.

SECTION 3. SPECIFICATIONS

- Mueller Super Centurion 250, 5 - 1/4 inch, 4'0" bury hydrant with one 4-1/2 inch pumper outlet and two 2-1/2 inch hose outlets with National Standard fire hose coupling threads
- Mueller Super Centurion 250, 5 - 1/4 inch, 4'6" bury hydrant with one 4-1/2 inch pumper outlet and two 2-1/2 inch hose outlets with National Standard fire hose coupling threads
- Mueller Super Centurion 250, 5 - 1/4 inch, 5'0" bury hydrant with one 4-1/2 inch pumper outlet and two 2-1/2 inch hose outlets with National Standard fire hose coupling threads
- Mueller Super Centurion 250, 5 - 1/4 inch, 5'6" bury hydrant with one 4-1/2 inch pumper outlet and two 2-1/2 inch hose outlets with National Standard fire hose coupling threads
- Mueller Super Centurion 250, 5 - 1/4 inch, 6'0" bury hydrant with one 4-1/2 inch pumper outlet and two 2-1/2 inch hose outlets with National Standard fire hose coupling threads

SECTION 4. MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Requirements in this section have been specified as mandatory and must be met to the degree stated in these specifications in order for the bid to receive further consideration. Bids which fail to meet ALL of the mandatory requirements will be considered unacceptable and will not be considered for selection. Final acceptance of purchase will depend on the satisfactory delivery of all equipment and/or components as specified. The bidders shall state on the Official Town Bid Form (in duplicate) the unit price and extended price of each item(s) as outlined herein. All attachments to this solicitation are incorporated into this Section and therefore, they are Mandatory Requirements.

QUOTE FORMS FROM THE VENDOR MAY ACCOMPANY THE BID, BUT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A RESPONSE TO THE BID. THE OFFICIAL TOWN BID FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED TO BE CONSIDERED A RESPONSIVE BID.

Offerors are reminded that changes to the IFB, in the form of addenda, are often issued between the issue date and within three business (3) days before the closing of the IFB. Offerors are solely responsible for checking the Town website to insure that they have the most current information regarding the IFB.

All addenda must be signed and submitted with your bid.

Delivery

All items are to be delivered within seven (7) calendar days from the date of order. Deliveries shall be made to the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Town holidays. Delivery tickets shall show quantity, part number, unit price, total price, purchase order number and release number. All back ordered items shall be filled within seven calendar days of the original delivery date. Orders will be placed on an as needed basis.

SECTION 5. AWARD

The award will be made on a lump sum basis, based on estimated quantities specified, to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder based on the Total Bid Amount on the Official Town Bid form.

SECTION 6. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

The requested estimated unit prices are in the increments most commonly used and/or ordered. The Town reserves the right to order in smaller increments than they may come from the manufacturer. The total sum of the prices quoted will be the basis on which the contract is awarded and the omission of pricing on 2% or more of the total number of items may be grounds to throw out any bid. In the event a bidder does not submit pricing on all listed items, the Town reserves the right to determine whether such omission constitutes a material omission. The Town's goal is to stock often-used items in our store rooms and restock with bulk orders, however, the size and frequency of future orders is impossible to predict.

Additional Miscellaneous Maintenance Parts

Occasionally, the Town may require additional parts not listed on this bid. Should the Town wish to purchase parts from the successful bidder, the vendor may provide the part(s) at a discount off of list price. (See Bid Form to specify discount amount). This additional discount structure will only be taken into consideration when determining the award of this bid in the event of a tie bid.

SECTION 7. CONTRACT RENEWAL

The resulting contract will cover a period of one (1) year from the date of award. At the sole discretion of the Town of Vienna, and upon mutual written agreement with the Contractor, this contract can be renewed for an additional four (4) years, in one (1) year increments, at the expiration of its terms by mutual written agreement of the Contractor and the Town of Vienna. Should the contract be renewed, the prices for the renewal contract shall be no greater than the percentage change of the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV area, as listed for the most recent twelve (12) month period on the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics website:

http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.dc_washington_md.htm#eag_dc_washington_md.f.4

The contractor may request a price adjustment no more frequently than once per year. The renewal of the contract shall depend on the Contractor's performance and the ability to follow instructions of this solicitation.

The initial contract term shall be from the date of award through June 30, 2017. Subsequent contract periods shall be from July 1 – June 30 of each potential renewal year.

SECTION 8. BID SUBMISSION

Bidders must use the attached Official Bid Form to submit their bid. All bids must show unit price, if applicable, and total price.

All bidders must return ONE (1) original and ONE (1) copy of the Official Bid Form as well as any issued addendums or any other documentation considered to be part of the Bid Package. Keep a copy of the IFB for your files and do not submit it with the Bid Package.

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By signing the Official Bid Form, the bidder acknowledges they have read this solicitation, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. Bids may be submitted by mail or delivered in person.

The signed bids must be returned in a sealed envelope and identified as follows: "SEALED BID", show the IFB number, IFB subject, opening time, opening date, and bidder's name and address. The bids must be received at the following location before the date and time specified:

Office of the Purchasing Agent
127 Center Street S
Vienna, VA 22180

BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE OR TIME OF OPENING WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR CONTRACT AWARD AND SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER.

Bidders are reminded that changes to the IFB, in the form of addenda, are often issued between the issue date and within three business (3) days before the closing of the IFB. Bidders are solely responsible for checking the Town website to insure that they have the most current information regarding the IFB.

SECTION 9. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VENDOR: THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH FOLLOW APPLY TO ALL PURCHASES AND BECOME A DEFINITE PART OF EACH FORMAL INVITATION FOR BID, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, PURCHASE ORDER AND/OR OTHER AWARD ISSUED BY THE TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS. BIDDERS/OFFERORS OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED TO FULLY INFORM THEMSELVES AS TO THE CONDITIONS, REQUIREMENTS, AND SPECIFICATIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING BIDS/PROPOSALS; FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE AT THE BIDDERS/OFFERORS' OWN RISK AND HE CANNOT SECURE RELIEF ON THE PLEA OF ERROR.

SUBJECT TO STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS AND ALL RULES, REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY LEGISLATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BIDS/PROPOSALS ON ALL SOLICITATIONS ISSUED BY THE PURCHASING OFFICE WILL BIND BIDDERS/OFFERORS TO APPLICABLE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS HEREIN SET FORTH UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

1. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** If any prospective bidder/offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective bidder/offeror should contact the Purchasing Agent or the person whose name appears on the face of solicitation NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS BEFORE opening/closing date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Purchasing Agent.
2. **PREPARATION & SUBMISSION:** In order to be considered for selection, the bidder/offeror must submit a complete response to the Invitation For Bid/Request For Proposals. One (1) original and one (1) copy of each bid/proposal must be submitted on the Town of Vienna Bid/Proposal Forms provided. The bid/proposal shall be signed by an authorized representative of the bidders/offerors' firm and delivered to the proper location by the time and date specified on the cover page.
3. **ENVELOPE IDENTIFICATION:** The signed bids must be returned in a sealed envelope and identified as follows: "SEALED BID", show the IFB number, IFB subject, opening time, opening date, and bidder's name and address. In the case of proposals, the signed proposal cover page and proposal must be returned in a sealed envelope, marked clearly on the outside "SEALED COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION", show the RFP number, RFP subject, closing time, closing date, and offeror's name and address.

If a bid/proposal is mailed in an envelope, not identified as specified, the bidder/offeror takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. The Town reserves the right to declare such a bid/proposal as non-responsive. Bids/proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location.
4. **LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS:** LATE bids/proposals will be returned to bidder/offeror UNOPENED, if the IFB/RFP number and return address is shown on the envelope.
5. **QUOTATIONS TO BE F.O.B. DESTINATION:** Quote F.O.B. DESTINATION for all competitive sealed bids. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver.
6. **PRICING ERRORS:** In case of an error in price extension, the firm fixed unit price shall govern.
7. **BID/PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** Bids shall be binding upon the bidder for sixty (60) days following the bid opening date. Proposals shall be binding upon the offeror for ninety (90) days following the proposal due date. Any bid/proposal on which the bidder/offeror shortens the acceptance period may be rejected.

8. **CORRECTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS AND CANCELLATION OF AWARDS UNDER COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING:** Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before or after award, or cancellation of awards or contracts based on such bid mistakes, shall be permitted. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the Town or fair competition shall be permitted. Except as otherwise provided by regulation, all decisions to permit the correction or withdrawal of bids, or to cancel awards or contracts based on bid mistakes, shall be supported by a written determination made by the Purchasing Agent. No bid may be withdrawn when the result would be to award the contract on another bid of the same bidder or of another bidder in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder is more than five percent (5%). If a bid is withdrawn, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. If the Purchasing Agent, the Using Department, or a designee of such, denies the withdrawal of a bid, he shall notify the bidder in writing stating his decision.
9. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Town of Vienna is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. The Town's Federal Tax ID Number is 54-6001654. DO NOT INCLUDE TAX IN BID. Tax Exemption Certificate furnished by the Town of Vienna on request.
10. **USE OF BRAND NAME OR EQUAL:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders/offerors to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named, but conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired. Any article which the Town of Vienna, in its sole discretion, determines to be equal to that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The bidder/offeror is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalogs and technical details to enable the Town of Vienna to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the bidder/offeror clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is an "EQUAL" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.
11. **SAMPLES:** Samples, if required, must be furnished free of expense to the Town of Vienna on or before date specified; if not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to bidder, if requested, at his expense. Each sample must be marked with the bidder's name and address, Town's request number and opening date. DO NOT ENCLOSE IN OR ATTACH BID TO SAMPLE.
12. **DELIVERY:** Bids must show number of days required to place material in using agency's receiving area under normal conditions. Proposal must show the number of days required to provide the services/reports as specified.

Failure to state delivery time obligates bidder/offeror to complete delivery in fourteen (14) calendar days or as specified. A five (5) day difference in delivery promise may break a tie bid. An unrealistically short or long delivery promise may cause a bid/offer to be disregarded. Consistent failure to meet delivery promise without valid reason may cause removal from bid list. Delivery shall be made during normal working hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, unless prior approval for another time period has been obtained from Consignee.
13. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods/services in accordance with the contractual terms and conditions, the Town of Vienna, Virginia, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the defaulting Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Town of Vienna may have.

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14. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** All items bid/proposed shall be new and in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipments and storage, unless otherwise indicated in bid invitation/proposal request. Verbal agreements to the contrary will not be recognized.
15. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** No substitutions or cancellations permitted without prior written approval by the Purchasing Agent.
16. **RIGHTS OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA:** The Town reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of bids/proposals, waive minor technicalities/informalities and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder or most qualified and best suited offeror to best serve the interest of the Town.
17. **ANTI-TRUST:** By entering into a contract, the bidder/offeror conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Town of Vienna all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Town of Vienna under said contract. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for Anti-Trust violations.
18. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Vienna, Virginia, its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by the use of any materials, goods, or equipment of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor or any services of any kind or nature furnished by the contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the using department or to failure of the using department to use the materials, goods or equipment in the manner already and permanently described by the contractor on the materials, goods or equipment delivered. The vendor agrees to protect the Town from claims involving infringement of patent or copyrights.
19. **TIE BIDS:** If there is a tie for low bid and all other considerations are equal, and if the public interest will not permit the delay of re-advertising for bids, the award shall be determined by drawing lots in public.
20. **PROHIBITION AS SUBCONTRACTORS UNDER COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING:** No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid was submitted.
21. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Town of Vienna, Virginia.
22. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** The contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the Invitation For Bid/Request For Proposal, the signed bid/proposal submitted by the Contractor, the Town of Vienna's standard Purchase Order, the Mandatory/Special Specifications, Terms and Conditions, and the General Terms and Conditions, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents.

If the contractor has a standard contract form, this form shall be submitted with the bid/proposal submittal for the Town's review of its terms and conditions.
23. **LICENSE REQUIREMENT:** All firms doing business in the Town of Vienna are required to be organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia or include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the bidder or offeror is not required to be so authorized. Additionally all firms doing business in the Town of Vienna are required to be licensed in accordance with the Town's "Business, Professional and Occupational Licensing (BPOL) Tax" Ordinance. Wholesale and retail merchants without a business location in the Town are exempt from this requirement. Questions concerning the BPOL Tax

should be directed to the Finance Department, Business License Office, Telephone number (703) 255-6321. The BPOL License number must be indicated on the submitted bid form.

24. **AWARD:** The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder or the most qualified and best suited offeror.

The Town Council will award all contracts in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or more.

The Purchasing Agent will award all contracts less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

The Purchasing Agent shall sign all contract documents, with the exception of "Construction" contracts, and issue a purchase order to the successful bidder/offeror.

25. **METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Upon satisfactory delivery of the merchandise and/or satisfactory completion of the services, all invoices and statements shall reference the purchase order number and be submitted to:

Town of Vienna
ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
127 Center St., S.
Vienna, VA 22180.

The prices and payments shall be full compensation for the labor, tools, equipment, transportation and all other incidentals necessary to complete the specified terms and conditions.

26. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals all bidders/offerors certify to the Town of Vienna that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, where applicable, and Section 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act which provides:

In every contract over \$10,000.00 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- a. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor, is an equal opportunity employer.

Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000.00, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

27. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in Sections 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act as set forth in the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Town of Vienna. A copy of these provisions may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent upon written request.

By submitting their bids/proposals, all bidders/offerors certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other

bidder/offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

28. **CRIMINAL SANCTIONS:** The provisions referenced in Item 27 supplement, but do not supersede, other provisions of law including, but not limited to, the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§§ 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (§§ 18.2-498.1 et seq.), and Articles 2 (§§ 18.2-438 et seq.) and 3 (§§ 18.2-446 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2. The provisions apply notwithstanding the fact that the conduct described may not constitute a violation of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.
29. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
30. **LABELING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES:** If the items or products requested by this solicitation are "Hazardous Substances" as defined by 10.1-1400 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 11001 et seq., or 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., then the bidder/offeror, by submitting his bid/proposal, certifies and warrants that the items or products to be delivered under this contract shall be properly labeled as required by the foregoing sections and that by delivering the items or products that the bidder/offer does not violate any of the prohibitions of Sec. 10.1-1400 et seq., or the Code of Virginia or Title 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1263.
31. **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS:** Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and descriptive literature shall be provided with the bid/proposal or delivered materials for each chemical and/or compound offered. Failure of the bidder/offeror to submit such data sheets may be cause for declaring the bid/proposal as non-responsive.
32. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids, Bidders certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia or any Political Subdivision from submitting bids on contracts for the type of services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
33. **COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT:** As authorized in Section 2.2-4304 of the Code of Virginia this procurement is being conducted on behalf of and may be used by public bodies, agencies, institutions and localities of the several states, territories of the United States, and the District of Columbia with the consent of the Contractor.