

RE-SOLICITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

REPAIRING AND INSTALLATION

OF

FIRE HYDRANTS

OWNED AND OPERATED

BY

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON

Release Date: March 10, 2020

Close Date: April 10, 2020

Section 1.01 INTRODUCTION

The City of Fort Stockton (the City) is requesting Proposals (RFP) from a professional qualified building contractor (Qualifier/Submitter) for providing all the necessary tasks, including materials and labor, for repairing and installing fire hydrants in the City's water system.

Currently, the City of Fort Stockton has three hundred forty-seven (347) fire hydrants connected to its water distribution system. As of February 1, 2020, there are forty-two (42) fire hydrants that are non-functional for a specific reason(s). These include leaking water, frozen/broken valve stem, caps are stuck, etc. Ten (10) of these fire hydrants are located in commercial areas of town. Age of fire hydrants in town range from 1950 to 2019. The City's Water Department has been purchasing Mueller, American, and Kennedy brand 3-way (Two 2 ½" Hose Nozzles and One 5 ¼" Pumper Nozzle) fire hydrants the last 15 years, and the City's Water Operators have been very satisfied with the way they operate and at times doing maintenance if necessary.

The RFP's will be evaluated by the City Manager of Fort Stockton and may include an interview of one or more teams. The team judged as the most qualified will be recommended to the City Council for award of repairing & installation contract for these fire hydrants.

Section 1.02 PROJECT SCOPE

The scope will include providing complete detailed proposals for repairing or replacing these non-functional fire hydrants connected to the City's water distribution system. The City would like proposals to include all aspects and tasks of the project including **all the necessary repairing/installation supplies, equipment, fuel, equipment transportation, and personnel costs to repair or replace these fire hydrants**. Some basic specifications on the fire hydrants include: 1) Hydrants shall be UL listed and FM approved, 2) Hydrants shall conform to AWWA standard C502 latest revision, 3) Hydrants shall be 3-way type and main valve opening size shall be 5 ¼". Two hose nozzles openings are 2 ½". 4) Hydrants shall be dry barrel type with pressure activated drain valve, and 5) Hydrants shall be of the traffic model breakaway type. If the Qualifier needs to replace a faulty water gate valve and install a new one on the street that is connected to a particular hydrant, the City understands there will be an additional cost for materials and labor. The City recommends including these costs in the proposal for all 42 hydrants. The Qualifier will be required to do all excavation and backfill portions of the project if necessary. The Qualifier will be required to repair asphalt street if damaged by using bagged asphalt mix materials to patch up utility cut(s). Repairs will also be required if concrete street gutters/curbs/sidewalks are damaged during the project. The Qualifier will be required to do own 811 utility line locates and provide and set up all necessary traffic control devices. The Qualifier will be paid by the City on schedules

and deadlines agreed by both parties. If additional work will be required by Qualifier outside the project scope, the Qualifier must notify and get approval from the City Manager.

All Prospective Qualifiers are requested to be able to comply with but not limited to the following to meet scope specified in this **RFP**:

- (a) Shall be able to provide approved Mueller, American, and/or Kennedy fire hydrants with 3-way (Two 2 ½” Hose Nozzles and One 5 ¼” Pumper Nozzle) and must have the approval from City Manager and/or City Council prior to commence project.

- (b) Must own or provide necessary equipment for the project. This includes work trucks, excavation equipment, water trash pumps, and lifting equipment.

- (c) Must provide all materials, supplies, and labor personnel for construction.

- (d) Must be responsible for all fuel needed, equipment transportation, maintenance, and equipment repair costs during project.

- (e) Must be responsible for all trash and construction waste removal and disposal.

COMPANY QUALIFICATION

- 1) Prospective Qualifier must have experience working in State of Texas with municipalities.
- 2) Prospective Qualifier must have experience & capabilities in repairing and installing fire hydrants.
- 3) Prospective Qualifier must have on staff qualified/licensed personnel for equipment operators and fire hydrant maintenance work.
- 4) Prospective Qualifier must be knowledgeable and comply with all City and OSHA safety regulations.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Prospective Qualifier must have a shop facility in Texas. The shop must have complete tools and equipment necessary to undertake and complete its projects 100% with its own forces whenever required. It is preferred that the prospective qualifier's equipment be similar to the following:

Company owned Trucks
Full Range of Tools and Materials needed to complete the job
Traffic Control Devices
Safety Equipment
Light and Heavy Equipment
Equipment Operators

Section 1.03 DELIVERY OF SUBMITTALS

Statement of Qualification must be received by the City of Fort Stockton, attention Frank Rodriguez III, City Manager at the following address no later than April 10, 2020, 4:00 PM (Local Time).

Frank Rodriguez III

City Manager

Fire Hydrants Repair/Replacement Proposal

121 W. 2nd Street

Fort Stockton, Texas 79735

The submitting Qualifier is responsible for the means of delivering the Statement of Qualification to the location listed in Section 1.03 on time. Delays due to any instrumentally used to transmit the Proposals including delay occasioned by the Qualifier or the City of Fort Stockton's internal mailing system will be the responsibility of the Qualifier. Statement of Qualification must be completed and delivered in sufficient time to avoid disqualification for lateness due to difficulties in delivery. The time clock in City of Fort Stockton City Secretary's Office is the official clock for determining whether submittals are submitted within the designated time constraints. Late Proposal documents will not be accepted under any circumstances.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City of Fort Stockton to reimburse responding teams for any expenses incurred in the preparation of a RFP in response to this request. The City of Fort Stockton reserves the right to increase or decrease the scope of work related to this project as outlined in the RFP after a team is selected to accommodate changes in the project needs as determined by the City of Fort Stockton or to serve its best interests

Section 1.04 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF RESPONSES

- (a) Information presented in the Statement of Qualification will be used to evaluate the professional qualifications and determine the Qualifier(s) which will be selected to provide professional services to the City.
- (b) Responses shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of this RFP and on 8^{1/2} x 11" pages, double spaced, (one side only and including cover letter) using a font size no smaller than 11 point and one inch margins. Statements made by a Qualifier shall be without ambiguity, and with adequate elaboration, where necessary, for clear understanding.

Section 1.05 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

An authorized representative of the company may withdraw a Proposal at any time prior to the RFP submission deadline, upon presentation of acceptable identification as an authorized representative of such company.

Section 1.06 AWARD OF CONTRACT

- (a) It is understood that the City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals and to re-solicit for Proposals, as it shall deem to be in the best interests of the City. Receipt and consideration of any Proposals shall under no circumstances, obligate the City to accept any Proposals. If an award of contract is made, it shall be made to the responsible Qualifier whose Proposal is determined to be the best evaluated submission.
- (b) If awarded, the City intends to award a single contract to a single Qualifier.

Section 1.07 CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT

Qualifier must provide a central point of contact to establish service, resolve issues and end service.

Section 1.08 DISQUALIFICATION OF QUALIFIERS

- (a) Qualifiers may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
 - (i) The Qualifier is involved in any litigation against the City;
 - (ii) The Qualifier is in arrears on an existing contract or has defaulted on a previous contract with the City;
 - (iii) Lack of financial stability;
 - (iv) Failure to perform under previous or present contracts with the City;

Section 1.09 EVALUATION CRITERIA

- (a) The City will make its selection from those qualifications submitted in response to this RFP. If deemed necessary by the City, interviews with the firms deemed most qualified, may be conducted. Once a selection is made, a scope of work will be negotiated with the chosen team. The chosen firm will then be requested to submit a detailed contract to perform the services. The City maintains the right to terminate the selection process at any time if they feel it is in the best interest of the City. At such time as an agreement is reached, City Manager will make a recommendation to the City Council to execute a contract pursuant to the agreement. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Qualifiers and to accept what in the judgment of the Mayor and City Council is the most advantageous Qualifier.

Section 2.00 QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED SHALL AT LEAST PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) Brief description of past and/or current contracts with similar scope along with references with a proof of working experience in State of Texas with other municipalities.
- (b) Resumes of on staff key team members to include but not limited to planning and construction qualifications.
- (c) List the location of the office or offices of the team as well as the contact information and who is the sole agent for contact with the City of Fort Stockton for this contract.
- (d) By execution and submission of a response to the RFP, the Submitter hereby represents and warrants to the City that the Qualifier has read and understands the Request for Proposals and the response is made in accordance with the Request. Qualifier acknowledges that it understands all terms within the Request for Proposals and that it had the right to consult with counsel regarding all of the above documents.
- (e) By execution and submission of a response to the RFP, the Qualifier hereby represents and warrants to the City that the Qualifier has read and understands the Request for Qualification and the response is made in accordance with the Request. Qualifier acknowledges that it understands all terms within the Request for Qualification and that it had the right to consult with counsel regarding all of the above documents.
- (f) By submitting this RFQ, the Qualifier specifically waives any right to recover or be paid attorney's fees from the City or any of the City's employees and representatives under any of the provisions of the Texas Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 37.001, et. Seq., as amended). By submitting a response to the RFQ, each Qualifier agrees to waive and does hereby waive any claim the Qualifier has or may have against the City, it's respective employees and representatives for the award of attorney fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the following:

- (i) **The Administration, Evaluation or Recommendation of any RFQ;**

(ii) Acceptance or Rejection of any RFQ; and

(iii) Award of Contract.

- (g) The City reserves the right to waive, delete or amend any of the requirements connected with the RFQ and to reject any and all proposals.
- (h) Any other relevant information that the Qualifier wishes to submit to the City that will assist the City in determining the extent to which the services meet the City's need to provide the best value for the City