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TO: All Bidders

FROM: City of Cambridge

DATE: November 13, 2015

RE: File No. 7064 – Start Up & Shut Down Irrigation Systems - Addendum No. 1

This addendum is comprised of:

1. Question and Answer
2. Sign in sheet from the pre-bid meeting

The following questions were submitted and answered:

Question: Will there be issues with parking specifically will areas need to be posted as no parking areas to allow for work to be done?

Answer: *There are certain areas that will need to be posted no parking to allow for work to be done at these locations.*

Question: Will keys be supplied by the city to allow the contractor to work on these irrigation systems?

Answer: *All keys will be supplied by the city that are necessary to allow the contractor to work on the irrigation systems.*

Question: Is there a start date specified for winterization/shut down of the irrigation systems.

Answer: *there is a start date specified in the contract to winterize the irrigation systems*

Question: What are the sizes of the main lines throughout the irrigation systems in the city.

Answer: *there is nothing larger than a 2" main line in the irrigation systems throughout the city. Sizes range from 1" main line to 2" main line.*

Question: Will the contractor need to supply unions and couplings to blow out the systems that do not have a meter and backflow in the irrigation cabinets.

Answer: *the contractor will need to supply any union or coupling that is necessary to blow out an irrigation system in the city.*

Question: Does the city have drip irrigation?

Answer: *The city has drip irrigation, about 5-10% of the cities irrigation is drip irrigation*

Question: How much involvement will there be in-house?

Answer: *The in-house employees will work on certain water play areas and water fountains that are not relevant to the contract. If the contractor has any questions the superintendent will answer any and all questioning the contractor may have and will meet them onsite to answer any questions.*

Question: Are there maps and pictures of the sites and plumbing associated with the irrigation systems.

Answer: *There are pictures and maps of the irrigation systems and plumbing associated with the irrigation systems.*

Question: Are there scheduled events during times the contractor may want to work on the irrigation systems such as sports.

Answer: *There are scheduled events on fields and parks that the contractor will need to work on.*

Question: What is the extent of work needed to do to start up the system, is the contractor required to fix any breaks, heads or any irrigation clocks that are not working correctly.

Answer: *The contractor is required to ensure there are no leaks in the heads or irrigation lines. The contractor is required to fix any heads that are not rotating correctly. The contractor is required to replace any irrigation clock that is not working correctly. All required information is in the Start-up irrigation systems section of the contract.*

Question: The Cambridge Employment Plan states that on any construction project which is funded by the City certain things need to happen like no less than 25% of total employee worker hours shall be performed by bona fide Cambridge residents. Is this document necessary for this contract?

Answer: *The Cambridge Employment Plan should not deter bidders from bidding. Every effort should be made to comply with the ordinance. The City compliance office will work with the winning bidder.*

Question: There will be a performance bond and a labor and materials bond. Is a performance bond necessary for this contract given that it is a service contract, and does the contractor get a bond on \$100,000 as this was estimated to be the cost of the contract but it may not be the end

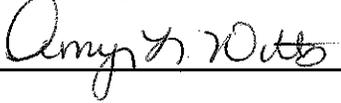
cost because there are estimated costs like labor hours and materials that we cannot get an exact number for right now.

Answer: *A performance bond will be required at the time of contract award. Bonds will be in the amount of 100% of the contract value.*

Question: Can you explain or give a brief description of the scope of the bid, it looks like a irrigation service contract, does it entail any installation in areas, or just maintenance?

Answer: *This contract is only for maintenance, not installation. It requires turning on the irrigation systems to make sure everything is working correctly and blowing out the systems to winterize them. Bidders should refer to the bid documents for additional details.*

All other details remain the same.



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