



ADDENDUM #1
REQUEST FOR BIDS
No. 2019-006

Effective: October 29, 2018

Project: PURCHASE OF ONE REGENERATIVE AIR MUNICIPAL STREET SWEEPER

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This Addendum is incorporated into and made part of the Request for Bids described above, dated October 5, 2018 ("Solicitation").

The purpose of this Addendum is to publish the questions submitted by Bidders in response to the Solicitation and the City's answers thereto. The City is not responsible for the content of the questions and has provided the most comprehensive answers based on the interpretation of the questions.

Q 1. Operators/maintenance manuals are very long, up to a couple of hundred pages. Can we supply on thumb drive in lieu of paper copies required in bid?

A: This is acceptable.

Q 2. Recommend requiring all manufactures to supply a STAINLESS-STEEL hopper only. Every manufacturer offers stainless steel. Coatings or life liners are less expensive and do not hold up. Once the liner is worn thru, mild steel bodies just start to rot. Plus, you can ask for a lifetime warranty on the stainless and all manufacturers will agree to do so for free.

A: Via an amendment to the Solicitation, the City is going to change the specification to be Stainless Steel Hopper ONLY, with a lifetime warranty on the hopper.

Q 3. Schwarze does not offer caster pickup head wheels. All manufacturers offer skids with a 2-year warranty.

A: Via an amendment, the City will change the solicitation to require skids with 2 year warranty.

Q 4. Recommend adding a triangle kit, 5 lb. fire extinguisher and a hydrant wrench. Recommend adding an air purge system to winterize the water system in freezing conditions

A: Via an amendment, the City will change the solicitation to require addition of a triangle kit, a 5 lb. Fire Extinguisher and a hydrant wrench. Additionally, the City will require the addition of a shop air purge system.

Q 5. Recommend adding a minimum HP requirement, 115 HP plus a 2-year warranty on the engine.

A: Via an amendment, the City will amend the solicitation to require a minimum of 74HP Tier 4 Final on the auxiliary engine with a 2 year warranty.

Q 6. A tool box is recommended, drivers side. To hold triangle kit, grease gun, fill hose and hydrant wrench plus any other tools needed.

A: Via an amendment, the City will change the solicitation to require a right hand side (curb side) tool box.

Q 7. Recommend adding for safety, a 12-volt DC backup system to assist in lowering/raising all sweepers functions i.e. brooms, vacuum head and hopper/door. In case the auxiliary engine shuts down, operator can raise broom and head before driving back to the shop.

A: Via an amendment, the City will amend the solicitation to require a 12-volt DC backup system or equivalent to allow for lowering/raising of all sweeper functions in the event of auxiliary engine shuts down.

Q 8. Regarding the arrow board, recommend going to a 3' x 5' DOT arrow board. Why so big a requirement, 6' x 3'? Never seen that requirement before. We just delivered 3 units to MD DOT and State Highway plus Delaware DOT. All with 3' x 5' or smaller.

A: Via an amendment, the City will amend the solicitation to require a minimum size of 3' x 5' DOT arrow board.

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