

RFP for O & M of Water, Sewer, Streets and Drainage Systems by Privatization Contractors

Questions from Pre-proposal Conference held on May 25, 2011.

1. Who is on the selection committee?

Answer: Information not available.

2. Can winning bidder hire current City of Gulfport employees?

Answer: Employees may be hired prior to contract start date of 10-01-11, cannot hire after that date. Unless winning bid is SWWC (due to their current contract obligations).

3. Proposal states June 2011 start date, is that accurate?

Answer: Contract start date will be October 1, 2011.

4. When will the call center and city works bridge be complete?

Answer: Starting 10-01-2011

5. When will last addendum be sent out?

Answer: Cannot send addendum within 48 hours of bid opening unless extending bid opening for at least 5 days.

6. When does clock begin ticking on service request?

Answer: Time begins on the date the service call is received at which time the service request is created.

7. Is the assistant water and sewer crew leader an essential position?

Answer: Contractor should submit what positions are considered by them to be essential.

8. What is the minimum pay rate?

Answer: Contractor decision.

9. Does contractor need to develop an emergency plan?

Answer: Yes, in addition to the City of Gulfport's emergency plan.

10. Is training held local? (i.e., "weapons of mass destruction")

Answer: It is the contractor's responsibility to train personnel.

11. How should the contractor handle weekend work?

Answer: Contractor shall present as part of his plan, how he intends to staff his organization for weekend and overtime work.

12. Does contractor have option not to renew contract?

Answer: See contract.

13. What is the term of the contract?

Answer: The contract is for a 2 year period with the option of 4 additional years upon approval from the incoming Mayor and City Council.

14. Are there any water and/or sewer plants in contract?

Answer: No.

15. Where is landfill and who oversees?

Answer: The City of Gulfport owns the landfill on Canal Road to be operated by the Contractor.

16. Does the city have a preventive maintenance program requirement for lift stations?

Answer: Yes, see attachment.

17. How many times will the contractor be required to check the lift stations?

Answer: See attachment.

18. How many employees does SWWC currently have?

Answer: Approximately 140 employees.

19. How is inventory managed?

Answer: Contractor responsibility.

20. Should the funding information be in the legal notice?

Answer: Section 3 funding information is included on all legal notices for City of Gulfport. There could be work done that is funded through CDBG which requires this notification.

21. In order to accurately determine the auto liability insurance costs, we need to have the schedule of all vehicles and equipment

Answer: Information was provided in RFP, mileage and replacement value not available.

22. Request a history of said penalties / fines against current contractor in the past two years.

Answer: Information is available through a public records request or through the Annual Performance Report that is submitted to City Council.

23. Are all easements available to clean ditches in drainage maintenance plan?

Answer: No, easements along Turkey Creek, Flat Branch, Brickyard Bayou and Fritz Creek basins are not available. The Engineering Department is responsible for providing easements necessary to complete requirements under the contract.