

November 30, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IFB #Y18-158-PD
Testing and Repair of Backflow Prevention Assemblies
TERM CONTRACT

ADDENDUM NO.1

To all bidders:

The above Invitation for Bids is changed as follows:

1. Changed to Read: Sealed bid offers in an **original** and **three (3) copies** for furnishing the above will be accepted up to **2:00 PM (local time), Thursday, December 7, 2017**, in the Procurement Division, Internal Operations Centre II, 400 E. South Street, 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL 32801.

2. Question: Is each Backflow Tech required to have a Backflow Gauge assigned to them? We have 2 gauges and 4 BF Techs that work as a 2 man crew.

Answer: The gauges used must be certified and reported on the test form. If the crew works as two men crews, one certified gauge is fine for the 2 man crew.

3. Question: We are confused on the repair and maintenance cirt, on page 25 under General it says All Personal shall have one, and then on pg 14 (E) it says at least one personal have the cert.

Answer: All personnel performing testing must be registered with Orange County building dept and have a current testing certification. All personnel that are performance maintenance must have the repair certification and be registered with Orange county building dept. For the bid documents the contractor must provide credentials and a certificate for at least one person in their company to prove the trained staff are currently employed by their company.

4. Question: Our firm all ready has 2 contracts with Orange County so a lot of the information you require is in your system (Contractors License, Liability Ins, Auto Ins, B/F Certification , gauge certification, Background checks, Drug screening etc..) Can we just resubmit the information you already have with the Bid?

Answer: You must provide separate copies of the required documents for this bid. You cannot assume that the county already has current documents.

5. Question: If we had to replace a non repairable Backflow are you requiring it to be Lead Free?

Answer: This contract is for testing and repair not for replacement. All devices and materials supplied shall be lead free whether a new installation or a replacement or repair.

6. Question: Who is responsible for cleaning out around the Backflow so the Test/repair can be completed? If you say to notify the owner when we do the Door Hangers trip 2 weeks before the test to, then we see a few issues- If nobody answers the Door or dose not remove the obstruction it will still be there at the time of the test. This will create return trips to an area that has been completed. Or are we responsible to remove all obstructions to complete the Test/Repair.

Answer: The contractor is required to clean out what they need without destruction of the customer's property to complete the test and/or repair. The customer will not be expected to do that. If the device cannot be reached for testing it shall be reported to Orange County CCC section and we will assist in working with the customer. Return trips may be necessary from time to time.

7. What percentage of testable devices to be tested are below grade?

Answer: 25%

8. Question: What are approximate proportions or quantities of the most commonly installed BFPA models? This is to help estimate parts and repair costs. (Wilkins 975 XL / Wilkins 950XL / Watts 009M2QT / Watts 009M3QT / Watts 007M1QT etc...).

Answer:

- ***51% Wilkins***
- ***45 % Watts***
- ***4% other manufacturers including Apollo, Ames, Flomatic etc,***

9. Question: Approximately what percentage of devices will be inside fenced backyards?

Answer: Approximately 5%

10. Question: Re. page 27 #A: How will the contractor be compensated for working on devices that cannot be repaired? At the meeting we understood that a Test and Repair may be invoiced for this. Please confirm as this is unusual. In our experience we get repair compensation for successful repairs only, and only a test compensation for a repair that did not lead to a final passing test.

Answer: The contractor will be compensated for acceptable repairs and retest. If the contractor feels that a device is damaged beyond repair, the contractor will report it to Orange County who will field validate the information through a field visit and compensate the contractor for the test.

11. Question: Please confirm that the test repair forms will be admissible in .PDF format.

Answer: Yes the form may be submitted as a pdf.

12. Question: Please confirm that for the situations where the backflow devices cannot be found at the location expected, the contractor will not be given any compensation.

Answer: The County will compensate the contractor only passing tests and test and repair not for hunting for the backflow preventer. Orange County will provide the most up to date survey information that we have on file for the location of the device.

13. Question: Re. page 28 # I: Where does the liability of the Contractor end? What is the distance from the meter or the backflow device where the contractor's liability ends?

Answer: The contractor shall be careful and prevent any damage to the customer's plumbing system. Damages to the plumbing system caused by the contractor are the contractor's responsibility. The contractor must provide the required liability insurance as required in the bid documents. Since they will be connecting backflow preventers to the customer side of the meter, they are responsible for any damages they make to customer plumbing, Orange County will own the backflow preventer once installed or replaced from the union nearest to the backflow preventer on both sides.

14. Question: Re. page 28 # I: When does the liability of the contractor end? What is the duration of the liability for damage to customer's property or plumbing?

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15. Question: Re. page 27 second paragraph, and page 29 # 2C: Please clarify. On page 27 it is said the contractor shall notify customers of scheduled testing; on page 29, it is said that the County will notify customers. Which is it, or is it both?

Answer: As stated in the invitation for bids documents, the contractor and the county will notify customers before any work is done in their property. It is intended that the county will notify customers by area approximately 30 days prior to the start of work. The contractor will notify the residents approximately 2 weeks prior to start of work in their subdivision and then leave a door hanger when the work is completed.

16. All other specifications, terms and conditions remain the same.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

- a. The bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum by completing the applicable section in the solicitation or by completion of the acknowledgement information on the addendum. Either form of acknowledgement must be completed and returned not later than the date and time for receipt of the bid.

- b. Receipt acknowledged by:

Authorized Signer

Date Signed

Title

Name of Bidder