



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – 4601 EOI

4601 EOI – Multi-Family Water Meter Installations

Expressions of Interest will be received at the Information Counter, Main Floor, Richmond City Hall, addressed to the Purchasing Section, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1, until

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 3:00PM local time.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1. The City of Richmond (the City) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Contractors interested and capable of performing water meter installations for multi-family complexes.
- 1.2. This EOI is aimed at encouraging businesses with the required level of experience and expertise to submit a response.

2.0 Background

- 2.1. The City has a Multi-Family Water Meter Program. Existing multi-family complexes are able to request the installation of a water meter. Since the program was launched in 2010, 56 multi-family complexes have requested water meters to be installed.
- 2.2. The services of a professional Contractor are required to perform plumbing and possible site restoration. Site restoration work may include backfill and compaction, asphalt paving, concrete curb and sidewalk, and landscaping. The value of the work may vary between \$1,000 to \$80,000 per meter installation.
- 2.3. Meter sizes typically range from 1-inch to 8-inch, to be installed for either domestic-only or combined domestic/fire services.
- 2.4. City to supply Neptune water meters and strainers, if applicable. Neptune T-10 meters are used for sizes 2-inch and below; Neptune TRU/FLO compound meters are used for sizes greater than 2-inch on domestic-only services; Neptune HP Protectus III fire service meters are used on all combined services.
- 2.5. Various metering strategies may be implemented, as determined by the City. Some examples include:
 - A. Master meter installed on-site, near the property line, downstream of the supply valve.
 - B. Master meter installed off-site, near the property line, upstream of the supply valve (e.g. on sidewalk, driveway, or City boulevard).
 - C. Private water main re-plumbed, and master meter installed on-site.
 - D. Meters installed at each building connection from the private main.
 - E. Master meter installed in building mechanical room. Existing plumbing may need to be modified in this case.
- 2.6. Engineering designs and plumbing permits, if applicable, will be provided by the City for all underground meter installations. The Contractor will be responsible for obtaining plumbing permit for any mechanical room installations.

3.0 Objectives

- 3.1. The objective of the EOI is to establish a list of qualified contractors to perform water meter installations for multi-family complexes on an as required basis. Once Contractors have been prequalified to perform the work, The City will invite the Contractors to provide quotes on various meter installations.

4.0 Definitions

- 4.1. Throughout this EOI the following definitions apply:

“Expression of Interest” means a statement of qualifications submitted in response to and according to the terms of this Request for Expressions of Interest;

“Respondent” means an individual or a company (vendor) that submits, or intends to submit, a Response;

“Response” or “Submission” means an Expression of Interest;

“RFQ” means Request for Quotation

5.0 Scope

- 5.1. Multi-family water meter installations may include either one (1) or both of the following:
 - A. Site excavation, installing new private water mains, modifying existing water mains, installing water meters along with underground meter chambers, backfill and site restoration.
 - B. Water meter installations in building mechanical rooms, which may involve modification of the existing pressure reducing valve (PRV) station.
- 5.2. Water meter installations may be located either on-site or within City right-of-ways. This will be determined by the City. If the meter is located on-site, installation work must comply with the BC Building/Plumbing Code. In general, installation work must comply with the Master Municipal Construction Documents (MMCD), City of Richmond Engineering Design Specifications and City of Richmond Supplementary Specifications and Detailed Drawings.

6.0 Request for Quotations

- 6.1. Respondents, who are pre-qualified as a result of this EOI process, will be invited to submit quotations, on an as required basis.

7.0 Qualification Criteria

- 7.1. Successful Respondents shall have previously and successfully completed projects of a similar size and complexity to the scope of work described in this EOI.

8.0 Submission Details

- 8.1. Respondents are requested to submit three (3) copies of their Expression of Interest marked “4601EOI – Contractor for Multi-Family Water Meter Installations” to the Purchasing Division, Information Counter, Main Floor, Richmond City Hall located at 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1. Submissions will be received on or before:

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 3:00PM local time

- 8.2. Submissions will be evaluated at the discretion of the City based upon the information contained in the submissions. Questions relating to this EOI may be directed by email to purchasing@richmond.ca. The deadline for inquiries is **Tuesday, Friday, September 2, 2011 12:00pm**. Addendums to the EOI will be posted on BC Bid (<http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/open.dll/welcome?language=En>) and the City’s website (<http://www.richmond.ca/busdev/tenders.htm>). It is the sole responsibility of each Respondent to check these sites on a regular basis for amendments, addendums, or questions related to this EOI.
- 8.3. Note: Any submission will not necessarily be accepted. Respondents are advised they have no claim for compensation in the preparation of their submissions and that by submitting an EOI, each Respondent shall be deemed to have agreed that it has no claim. All submissions received by the City shall be subject to the *Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act* of British Columbia.

9.0 Format Requirements

- 9.1. Responses submitted shall consist of:

I. Title Page (1 page)

- a. The title page should identify the EOI number identified on the cover page of these pre-qualification documents, Closing Time (as specified in section 9.1), Respondent’s name, address, telephone number fax number, email address and contact person’s name.
- b. Table of Contents/Index

II. Corporate Experience:

- a. Describe the type of company (for example: corporation, partnership, sole proprietor) and if a joint venture, clearly state this and state who the joint venture parties are and identify who is acting as the lead.
- b. Describe the company/entity size, depth and annual sales volume (in dollars).
- c. Provide client references, where possible.
- d. Provide a history of litigation or claims made against the Respondent during the three (3) years immediately prior to the Closing Time.

III. Corporate Capability:

- a. Describe capability (financial, experience and workload capacity) to undertake the role of Contractor.
- b. Provide resumes of proposed key personnel.
- c. Provide a letter from a bonding company confirming the Respondent's binding capability and provide a certificate of existing commercial general liability insurance.

IV. Completed and Current Projects:

- a. List three (3) relevant projects, name of client, value of the projects, company personnel involved and client/owner references with contact names and telephone numbers.
- b. Describe capacity to undertake this project and describe any other projects that the Respondent has scheduled during the anticipated time frame.

V. Outline of Services to be Provided:

- a. Provide a brief discussion of your methodology and approach to providing the requirements of the .
- b. Provide a Project Timeline.

- c. Provide a list of sub-contractors that are intended to be used to perform any part of the work, and identify their respective expertise and intended responsibilities.

10.0 Review of Submissions

- 10.1. The City of Richmond will review the Expressions of Interest submitted to determine whether, in the City of Richmond's opinion, the Respondent has demonstrated that it has the required experience and qualifications to fulfill the obligations of the services identified in this EOI.

11.0 Inquiries

- 11.1. City of Richmond, in its sole discretion and without having any duty or obligation to do so, may conduct any inquiries or investigations, including but not limited to contacting references, to verify the statements, documents, and information submitted in connection with the Proposal and may seek clarification from the Respondent's bankers and clients regarding any financial and experience issues.
- 11.2. Subsequent to the receipt and review of responses the City reserves the right to issue a RFP for all or any part of the requirement described herein or to negotiate with any Respondent or with any number of Respondents concurrently for the purpose of entering into an agreement or to cancel this process in its entirety.

12.0 Non-Conforming Submissions

- 12.1. Submissions which fail to conform to the Format Requirements or which fail to conform to any other requirement of these Documents may be rejected by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these Documents. The City may at its sole discretion elect to retain for consideration Proposals which deviate either materially from the format requirements set out in hereto or which otherwise fail to conform to any other requirement of these EOI's except the requirement of delivery of the Proposal prior to Closing Time.

13.0 Notifications and Request for Quotation Process

- 13.1. Following the Closing Time, the City of Richmond will only notify those Respondents who are selected as being pre-qualified. These Respondents will be invited to submit quotations under a separate process, on an as required basis.
- 13.2. The City will not approve any change in the structure or formation of a short listed Respondent.
- 13.3. The City of Richmond may unilaterally take the following actions, and shall not be liable for any such actions:

- a. amend the scope and description of the services to be procured under any RFP process as described in this EOI, and the qualifications that may be required to meet those requirements. In such event, proposals may be invited from those Respondents who meet the resulting amended requirements;
 - b. reject or accept any or all Submissions;
 - c. cancel the EOI process at any time and reject all Responses; or
 - d. cancel the EOI process
- 13.4. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any submission is in no way whatsoever, an offer to enter into an agreement and a submission by any Respondent does not in any way whatsoever create a binding agreement. The Respondent acknowledges that the City of Richmond has no contractual obligations whatsoever arising out of the EOI process.
- 13.5. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the pre-qualification of a Contractor pursuant to this EOI is only a preliminary step in the City of Richmond's procurement process. Each successful Respondent will be evaluated further under any subsequent RFQ (if required) evaluation process.

14.0 Information Disclaimer

- 14.1. The City of Richmond and its directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and advisors are not liable or responsible for any oral, verbal or written information, or any advice, or any errors or omissions, which may be contained in this EOI or otherwise provided to the Respondent or Contractor pursuant to this EOI.
- 14.2. The Respondent shall conduct its own independent investigations and interpretations and shall not rely on the City of Richmond with respect to information, advice, or documentation provided by the City of Richmond. The information contained in this EOI is provisional and will be superseded by the RFP and/or other agreement documents.
- 14.3. The City of Richmond makes no representation, warranty, or undertaking of with respect to this EOI and the City of Richmond and its directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and advisors, shall not be liable or responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information in this EOI or any other written or oral information made available to any interested person or its advisors, and any liability however arising, is expressly disclaimed by the City of Richmond.

15.0 Modification of Terms

- 15.1. The City reserves the right to modify the terms of this EOI at any time at its sole discretion. This includes the right to cancel this EOI at any time without liability to any Respondent.

16.0 Ownership of Submissions

- 16.1. All documents submitted to the City, including Expressions of Interest, and any drawings, plans and models (as applicable), become the property of the City and will not be returned to Respondents. They will be received and held in confidence by the City, subject to the provisions of Section 15.0.

17.0 Right to Not Accept Any Expression of Interest

- 17.1. The City reserves the right to not accept any Expression of Interest and is not bound to enter into an agreement with any Respondent or issue a Request for Quotation. In the event that no Expression of Interest is selected, the City will declare the EOI terminated, in which case the City reserves the right to enter into negotiations with any party, regardless of whether or not such party previously participated in the EOI.

18.0 No Commissions

- 18.1. The City will not pay any commission to any Respondent or any agent acting on behalf the Respondent in connection with any transaction arising from the EOI. Any agent working with or for an interested party is assumed to be compensated by the Respondent.

19.0 Use of this Request for Expressions of Interest

- 19.1. This document, or any portion thereof, may not be used by others for any purpose other than for the submission of Expressions of Interest.

20.0 Confidentiality, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

- 20.1. All submitted Expression of Interests shall become the property of the City of Richmond. The City reserves the right to release information to the public about the Expression of Interests received and any agreement(s) entered into. As the property of the City, Expression of Interests will be considered government records, which are public documents and subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* of British Columbia. However, any commercial information that could cause potential economic harm to a Respondent's business interests should be identified as such.
- 20.2. Information pertaining to the Site obtained by the Respondent as a result of participation in this EOI is confidential and must not be disclosed without written authorization from the City.

21.0 No Claim for Compensation of Expenses

- 21.1. The City is not liable to pay such costs and expenses or to reimburse or compensate a Respondent under any circumstances.
- 21.2. As such, Respondents are advised they are responsible for bearing all costs of preparing and submitting an EOI and any subsequent discussions with the City. Respondents shall have no claim for compensation in the preparation of their submissions and by submitting an EOI, each Respondent shall be deemed to have agreed that it has no claim.

22.0 Conflict of Interest

- 22.1. Respondents are responsible for ensuring that any and all conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest are disclosed in their Submission. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest may result in the rejection of the Expression of Interest.

23.0 No Solicitation

- 23.1. If any directors, employees, officers, agents, consultants, or representatives, or other representative of a Respondent makes any representation or solicitation offering a personal benefit to any officer, employee, agent, consultant, or elected official of the City, concerning the Respondent's Expression of Interest, the City reserves the right to reject the Respondent's Response to this Request for Expression of Interest.

24.0 No Lobbying

- 24.1. From the date on which this EOI is issued until the EOI process is terminated, Respondents (including any directors, employees, officers, agents, consultants, or representatives) should not communicate with the City, directly or indirectly, about the EOI except via the designated Contact Person in Section 9.

25.0 Publicity

- 25.1. Respondents must not issue any news release or other public announcement that discloses details of this Request for Expression of Interest, or the Respondent's Response to this EOI, without the prior written consent of the City.