

Following are the answers to questions we've received. **Proposals are due no later than Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11AM.** Proposals must be delivered to:

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Monroe County Water Authority

475 Norris Drive, Rochester, NY 14610

**via delivery service (such as UPS or FedEx) with instructions to Deliver to Bid Box located at Employee Entrance, Door #19.** Proposers have sole responsibility to contact the Procurement Officer to confirm receipt of the Proposal. US Mail and hand delivery are not an acceptable means to deliver to this location. Proposals sent via US Postal Service will be returned, unopened.

1. **For this proposal, we have bid work for MCWA before but using your bid packets, I understand that this is a proposal we put together detailing our company and something we are creating and putting together to show how we would approach this project along with our qualifications, I just wanted to be sure that I do not need to pick up any official packet to have our proposal considered or put on the "bidders list" per se? *The packets are for purchasing a commodity. This request is for a proposal of a service. There is no packet, we are requesting a proposal of how you would perform the service.***
2. **Is there an estimated budget for this proposal?** We have not set a budget.
3. **Will you be requiring a bid bond to be submitted with this proposal, or is it just insurance you would want if we were to be awarded this contract?** *No bid bond is necessary but insurance will be necessary if awarded.*
4. **I saw that delivery service is requested, so you would prefer that over it being dropped off to the bid box by an employee of the company?** *All submissions must be trackable, please see section 3.1.A "Proposals must be delivered to the address below via delivery service (such as UPS or FedEx) with instructions to Deliver to Bid Box located at Employee Entrance, Door #19."*
5. **Is the hydrant lead valve in scope as part of the inspection?** *Not at this time however please see section 2.2.2 "Each hydrant will be inspected per the below procedure, which is subject to minor modifications as needed. Any significant subsequent modifications may be requested at fees to be agreed upon."*
6. **Generally prevailing wage does not apply to this type of work because its not construction/repair work. Are you wanting us to use prevailing wage anyway?** Yes.
7. **Do you require a 2-man crew to perform this work?** No.
8. **What months are we able to do this work because of freezing temperatures?** *Proposal should not be based on months but should be based on temperature. Please see section 1.6 "Inspections to occur*



16. Will MCWA also supply gaskets for the caps when needed? Yes If not, what should we figure for number of hydrants needing them? *N/A*
17. Is there a form that will be provided for inspector to fill out for each hydrant? Is this available so we can figure amount of time needed to do so? *Not at this time, that will be developed after award.*
18. Will there be compensation for labor time lost in the cases where hydrants are leaking or will not shut off related to a defect in the hydrant assembly? *No* Where the inspector would need to wait for a MCWA representative to be on site? Once it's discovered and reported, this could be timely not knowing response time which could vary by case.
19. Under additional details #14 the electronic portable device that may be provided to document work. Will the MCWA want a video of the inspection or just pertinent images? *Pertinent Images*
20. Will MCWA provide contractor with lists and addresses (possibly GPS) of each of the 27,000 hydrants to be inspected? *The winning bidder will be given adequate data to complete the work.*
21. Will MCWA provide contractor with a starting point and ending point for hydrant inspection, or is that at the contractor's discretion as long as all are completed in the time frame allotted? *They will be grouped by town; exact routing will be determined by awarded contractor.*
22. Will any town, county or state work permits be required? *No*
23. If we are able to park within the shoulder of the road with 4-way/strobe beacon lights would contractor need to have any additional traffic control or flaggers? *Please see section "2.2.2 Minimum Requirements of Service" – Bullet #16 "Inspectors will operate contractor vehicles that are clearly marked and identified and each inspector will wear compliant safety vest and comply with all State, County and Federal Traffic Regulations."*
24. Is 27,000 hydrants a fixed count, or an estimate that may increase/decrease? *Estimate*
25. How many hydrants are public vs. private, and are inspection requirements different? At this time, they are public only.

26. **Will MCWA provide a GPS list/map of hydrant locations before awarding?** *The winning bidder will be given adequate data to complete the work.*
27. **Are hydrants grouped by zone/route, or is routing left to the contractor?** *They will be grouped by town; exact routing will be determined by awarded contractor.*
28. **Are there out-of-service, seasonal, or inaccessible hydrants included in the count?** *No*
29. **Is flow testing required on every hydrant or only operational checks?** *No flow testing, just operational*
30. **What constitutes a pass vs. fail hydrant?** *The ask is to inspect and report deficiencies.*
31. **Is this contract inspection only, or are minor repairs (lubrication, cap replacement, chains, bolts) expected?** *Nozzle gaskets replacement as necessary, nozzle lubrication on all, supplies to be provided by MCWA.*
32. **If repairs are required: Who will be doing the service?** *MCWA*
33. **Is the 13,500 hydrants in year one a hard minimum or a target?** *Minimum*
34. **Are there penalties for falling behind schedule?** *Required to complete 13,500 the first year.*
35. **Are inspections allowed outside 7:00–3:30 with approval?** *No*
36. **Are weekend or overtime inspections ever permitted?** *No*

37. **How are weather delays handled and documented?** *Winning vendor is required to complete 13,500 the first year.*
38. **Will MCWA provide right-of-entry for hydrants on private property?** *N/A*
39. **Are there required certifications?** *MCWA requested clarification on this question that was not received by the deadline.*
40. **How are uninspectable hydrants billed?** *They are not.*
41. **What is the payment schedule (monthly, milestone-based)?** *Monthly payment with prompt accurate monthly invoicing*
42. **What are the insurance requirements?** *Insurance will be required when awarded.*