



ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE FOR FY2016-004

DATE: April 14, 2015
TO: ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD
FROM: LYN MAJESKI, ACCOUNTING DIVISION MANAGER
BID FOR: BACKFLOW PREVENTER TESTING

This addendum forms a part of and modifies the bid specifications for the above item currently scheduled to open April 16, 2015 at 11:30 A.m. (local time) at the City of Oak Ridge, Central Services Complex, 100 Woodbury Lane, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

ITEM 1 – Comments and Questions received from Potential Bidders

1. A. In regards to Page 1- of the Specifications page, # 4 we would like some more clarification.

The person who personally signs the bid offer and who owns and/or personally manages the test operations must be State certified by Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC), for Testing and Evaluation of Backflow Prevention Assemblies, for the past 10 consecutive years. It is not required that every single tester in the company to be State certified in testing for 10 years although it may be a factor in the awarding of the bid.

B. #4 says a contractor has to be a state certified tester for minimum of 10 years. I need some clarification if we have an employee that has been a tester over 10 years that had his own company but closed it to come to work for us does that work?

No, the employee who has worked 10 years as a certified tester does not meet the Specification requirement unless that employee is the supervisor for all the testers in the company and he is signing the bid form himself.

C. Or do we add up all the testers we have and that would give us more than 10 years?

No, you do not total all the years that the testers have been certified to meet the 10 year requirement.

D. Our parent company has been in business for over 12 years as a contractor in the State of Tennessee. Is that what you need?

Again, what matters is that the person signing the bid form and who personally supervises or manages the company has been state certified by TDEC (for Testing and Evaluation of Backflow Prevention Assemblies) for the past 10 consecutive years.

2. Can you tell me how many (if any) of the 1650 backflow preventers identified in the Invitation to Bid are on Fire Protection/Suppression Systems?

We have 335 backflow preventers on fire suppression systems.

3. A. I mainly have a question about the attached “bid bond” form. Starting on the line that says “as Principal, and the _____, of _____ a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of TN.” What is supposed to go on the blank lines?

Depending on your company, the first blank may state owner, president, vice-president, etc. The second blank would be the name of your company.

B. Also, down below where the signature lines are, who is the “principal” that is supposed to sign. Is that me?

Whoever is authorized to sign – usually an officer of the company.

C. Plus, who is supposed to sign the line that says “surety”?

The company who is issuing the bond and providing the financial guarantee to the City of Oak Ridge.

******* Acknowledge receipt of this addendum with your Bid *******