

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
EVALUATION, DESIGN ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
FIRE MUSEUM HVAC
CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

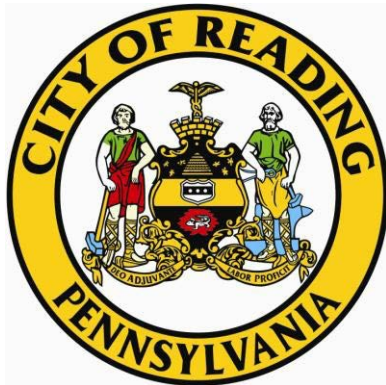


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Project Understanding:

The City of Reading (City) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals and/or consulting firms to supply assistance to the City's Public Works Department with technical specification preparation, project/program development/implementation and general engineering.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

An electronic proposal, inclusive of all requested information and supporting documents, shall be submitted via the PennBid Program (pennbid.procurement.com). Proposals shall be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing time on July 19, 2022.

Proposals received via PennBid after the hour specified will not be considered.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

There will be a mandatory pre-proposal meeting for this project on June 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PROPOSER'S CLARIFICATION

By submitting a proposal, the proposer certifies that the RFP has been fully read and that the proposer understands the proposal method and has full knowledge of the scope, nature and quality of work to be performed.

To ensure fair consideration for all proposers, the City prohibits communication to or with any department director, division manager or employee during the submission process with the exception of those questions relative to interpretation of specifications or the proposal process. No interpretations of the meaning of the RFP documents will be made to any bidder orally.

Every request for such interpretation shall be submitted via the PennBid Program (pennbid.procurement.com) to be given consideration must be sent in prior to June 30, 2022. Any and all such interpretation will be in the form of an Addendum to the Contract Documents and will be issued via PennBid to all prospective proposers no later than July 8, 2022.

INSURANCE

The Successful Proposer, at the time of execution of the contract, shall also furnish the City with insurance certificates of adequate limits, as later indicated, to protect the City of Reading, its agents, and employees, from any litigation involving Worker's Compensation, Public Liability and Property Damage, involved in the work. All subcontractors must also furnish copies of their liability insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance certificates to the City. No subcontractor will be allowed to perform any work under this contract by the City unless such certificates are submitted to and approved by the City beforehand.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

The status of the Proposer in the work to be performed is that of any independent Proposer and as such, he shall properly safeguard against any and all injury or damage to the public, to public and private property, materials and things, and as such he alone shall be responsible for any and all damage, loss or injury to persons or property that may arise, or be incurred, in or during the conduct or progress of said work without regard to whether or not the Proposer, sub-contractors, agents, or employees have been negligent, and the Proposer shall keep the City free and discharged of and from any and all responsibility

and liability therefore of any sort or kind. The Proposer shall assume all responsibility for risks or casualties of every description, for any or all damage, loss or injury to persons or property arising out of the nature of the work from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen or unusual difficulty, including all legal defense costs incurred by the City. The Proposer shall assume and be liable for all blame and loss of whatsoever nature by reason of neglect or violation of any Federal, State, County or Local laws, regulations, or ordinances; the Proposer shall indemnify and save harmless the City from all suits or actions at law of any kind whatsoever in connection with this work and shall if required by the City, produce evidence of settlement of any such action before final payment shall be made by the City. Proposer's Liability Insurance Certificate shall include the save harmless clause and shall be filed with the City.

The Proposer shall maintain such insurance as will protect the proposer from claims under worker's compensation acts and from claims for damages because of bodily injury, including death, and property damage, which may arise from and during operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by himself, by any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Proposer's liability insurance shall be in the names of the Proposer and the City as their respective interests may appear. Each policy and Certificate of Insurance shall contain an endorsement naming the City of Reading as additionally insured. Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the City.

The minimum amount of liability insurance to be maintained by the Contractor during the life of the contract shall be as follows:

Comprehensive General Liability – for bodily injury and property damage – including any liability normally covered by a general liability policy with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate.

Professional Liability – in minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish to the City a certificate of insurance evidencing all required coverage in at least the limits required herein, **naming the City of Reading, its elected officials, agents, and employees as additional insureds under the Comprehensive General Liability coverage**, and providing that no policies may be modified or cancelled without thirty (30) days advance written notice to the City. Such certificate shall be issued to: **City of Reading, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601**. All policies shall be in effect with companies holding an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or better and shall be licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Such companies shall also be acceptable to the City.

Please forward a certificate of insurance verifying these insurance requirements.

All subcontractors performing work under this contract must furnish to the City a copy of their Certificate of Insurance for Workers' Compensation and liability for bodily injury and property damage.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this Contract, the Proposer agrees as follows:

The Proposer will not discriminate against any employees or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Proposer will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices which may be provided by the City setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The Proposer will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Proposer, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

In the event of the Proposer's noncompliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole, or in part and the Proposer may be declared ineligible for further City contracts.

The Proposer will include the provisions of these paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted.

EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS PROHIBITED

No person who, at the time, is serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed on the work covered by this Contract.

ALTERATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS

This contract will be under the direct supervision of the City or its authorized representatives. Any alterations or modifications of the work performed under this contract shall be made only by written agreement between the Proposer and the City authorized representatives and shall be made prior to commencement of the altered or modified work. No claims for extra work or materials shall be allowed unless covered by written agreement.

SUBCONTRACTS

The Proposer will not be allowed to subcontract work under this contract unless written approval is granted by the City. The Subproposer, as approved, shall be bound by the conditions of the contract between the City and the Proposer. The authorization of a Subproposer is to perform in accordance with all terms of the contract and Specifications. All required notices, work orders, directives, and requests for emergency services will be directed to the Proposer. All directions given to the Subproposer in the field shall bind the Proposer as if the notice had been given directly to the Proposer.

RIGHT TO AUDIT RECORDS

The City shall be entitled to audit the books and records of a proposer or any sub-proposer to the extent that such books and records relate to the performance of such contract or sub-contract. Such books and records shall be maintained by the proposer for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the prime contract and by the sub-proposer for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the sub-contract unless a shorter period is otherwise authorized in writing.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

During the term of the resulting contract, the successful proposer may not release any information related to the services or performance of services under the contract, nor publish any report or documents relating to the City, the account or performance of services under the agreement without prior

written consent of the City; and shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from all liability which may be incurred by reason of dissemination, publication and distribution, or circulation, in any manner whatsoever, of any information, data, documents, or material pertaining to the City, the account or the contract by the proposer or its agents or employees.

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX

The City of Reading imposes a Business Privilege License at \$55.00 per calendar year. In addition, a Business Privilege Tax is imposed at the service rate of 2-1/4 mills upon the gross receipts attributable to business conducted within the City of Reading.

PERMITS/LICENSES

The Proposer shall, at its expense, pay all fees and procure all necessary licenses and permits needed to conduct the work required under the terms of this contract. The Proposer shall give any and all necessary formal notices required in conjunction with the lawful prosecution of the work of this contract.

OBSERVANCE OF LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

The Proposer at all times during the term of this contract shall observe and abide by all Federal, State, and Local laws which in any way affect the conduct of the work and shall comply with all decrees and orders of courts of competent jurisdiction. The Proposer shall comply fully and completely with any and all applicable State and Federal statutes, rules and regulations as they relate to hiring, wages, and any other applicable conditions of employment.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Proposers may revise or withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the due date and time within PennBid. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days following the formal opening and receipt of proposals by the City of Reading

PROPOSAL REJECTION

The City of Reading reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept or reject any part of any proposal. It also reserves the right to waive any technical defects or minor irregularities, which in its discretion, is in the best interest of the City.

EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The successful Proposer shall, within ten (10) calendar days after mailing of contract documents by the City to the Principal, enter into contract with the City.

The contract, when executed, shall be deemed to include the entire agreement between the parties; the Proposer shall not base any claim for modification of the contract upon any prior representation or promise made by the representatives or the City, or other persons. All attachments are considered as part of this document.

CONTRACT TERMINATION

The City shall have the right to terminate a contract or a part thereof before the work is completed in the event:

- A. Previous unknown circumstances arise making it desirable in the public interest to void the contract.
- B. The proposer is not adequately complying with the specifications.
- C. The proposer refuses, neglects, or fails to supply properly trained or skilled supervisory personal and/or workers or proper equipment.
- D. The proposer in the judgment of the City is unnecessarily or willfully delaying the performance and completion of the work.
- E. The proposer refuses to proceed with work when and as directed by the City.
- F. The proposer abandons the work.

Qualifications:

Each firm is requested to designate and name a qualified representative who shall be the contact with the designated City representative. This representative shall oversee all activities regarding the subject matter of this RFP if he/she or his/her firm is selected.

The desired experience and technical requirements for the submission are detailed below in the Technical Specifications. The successful firm shall be responsible for personnel, supplies, equipment, and local travel cost. The successful firm may bill the City for actual costs for additional tasks requested and authorized in writing by the City.

General scope of work:

The City of Reading (City) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals and/or consulting firms to provide the City's Public Works Department with evaluation of the Fire Museum HVAC system, design engineering services, technical specification preparation, and construction management services. The evaluation will consider all aspects of the HVAC system to include:

- Full review of Heat and Cooling systems
- Recommendation on alternative systems to current Steam System
- Design Engineering of replacement systems where necessary
- Zoned thermostatic control
- Automatic operating control- alternate heating or cooling as necessary
- 100% duct cleaning, replacement, or new where necessary
- O&M manual to include future maintenance schedule documents
- Energy Efficiency
- User Friendly
- Covid-19 or contagion prevention
- Code Compliance

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract pursuant to this bid. According to the Pennsylvania Antibid-Rigging Act, 73 P.S. 1611 et seq., governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with proposals.

This Non-Collusion affidavit must be executed by the member, officer, or employee of the proposer who is authorized to legally bind the proposer.

Bid/Proposal rigging and other efforts to restrain competition, and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of proposals are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the Affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that each statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the proposer with responsibilities for the preparation, approval, or submission of the bid.

In the case of a proposal submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the proposal documents, and an Affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.

The term "complementary bid/proposal" as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the RFP process, and includes the knowing submission of proposals higher than the proposal of another firm, any intentionally high or noncompetitive proposal, and any form of proposal submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.

Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions will result in disqualification of the proposal.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of _____

County of _____

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

He/She is _____ of the Proposer that has
(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent)
submitted the attached Proposal;

He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal;

Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal;

Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers; partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Contract for which the attached Proposal is submitted or to refrain from submitting in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication of conference with any other Proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or of any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Proposal price or the Proposal price of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Reading or any person interested in the proposed Contract;

The price or prices quoted in the attached Proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit; and,

Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents or parties in interest, have any interest, present or prospective, that can be reasonably construed to result in a conflict of interest between them and the City of Reading, which the Proposer will be required to perform.

I state that _____ understands
(Name of Firm)

and acknowledges that the above representations are material and important, and will be relied on by the City of Reading in awarding the Contract(s) for which this Bid is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this Affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the City of Reading of the true facts relating to the submission of bids for this Contract.

(Name and Company Position)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE
ME THIS _____ DAY
OF _____, 20__

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The undersigned shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

BIDDER

TITLE

**PROVIDER'S CERTIFICATION OF NON-INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CITY OF
READING**

Provider hereby certifies and represents that Provider and Provider's parent company(ies) and subsidiary(ies) are not currently indebted to the City of Reading (the "City"), and will not at any time during the term of this Contract (including any extensions or renewals thereof) be indebted to the City, for or on account of any delinquent taxes, liens, judgments, fees or other debts for which no written agreement or payment plan satisfactory to the City has been established. In addition to any other rights or remedies available to the City at law or in equity, Provider acknowledges that any breach or failure to conform to this certification may, at the option of the City, result in the withholding of payments otherwise due to Provider and, if such breach or failure is not resolved to the City's satisfaction within a reasonable time frame specified by the City in writing, may result in the offset of any such indebtedness against said payments and/or the termination of this Contract for default (in which case Provider shall be liable for all excess costs and other damages resulting from the termination).

Name of Provider

By: _____ Authorized
Signatory

Title: _____ President or
Vice President

Attest: _____

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT & HOLD HARMLESS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the undersigned has entered into a contract with the CITY OF READING, dated _____, 20 __, providing for the _____
_____ City of Reading, Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the award of said contract to the undersigned, _____, as well as in further consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in hand paid to the said _____ by the City of Reading, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said _____ agrees to indemnify and save harmless the CITY OF READING, its officers, agents, servants, and employees against any and all loss, damage, costs and expenses which the said CITY may hereafter suffer, incur, be put to or pay by reason of any bodily injury (including death) or damage to property arising out of any act or omission in performance of the work undertaken under the aforesaid contract.

EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

(Title)

STIPULATION AGAINST LIENS

WHEREAS, _____, hereinafter called the CONTRACTOR, has entered into a CONTRACT, dated _____, 20____, with _____ hereinafter called the CITY, to provide materials and perform labor necessary for the manufacture and furnishing of the: as set forth in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS as prepared by the City of Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the said parties, as part of the said CONTRACT, and for the consideration therein set forth, that neither the undersigned CONTRACTOR, any SUBCONTRACTOR or material man, nor any other person furnishing labor or materials to the said CONTRACTOR under this CONTRACT shall file a lien, commonly called a mechanic's lien, for WORK done or materials furnished for the above manufacture.

This stipulation is made and shall be filed with the Berks County Prothonotary within ten (10) days after execution, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1402 of the Mechanics Lien Law of 1963 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in such case provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the signature of their proper officers to be affixed thereto on this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

(SEAL)

(CITY OF READING)

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST:

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

(SEAL)

(CONTRACTOR)

ATTEST:

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

BY: _____ TITLE: _____